BUTTON UP YOUR OVERCOATS:

Unheated Stoves Until Oct. 15 Tenants' Bane

During the recent cold spell, when the smog hung heavy and the sun refused to shine, the date Oct. 15 suddenly became a prominent one on many calendars.

Occupants of apartments and projects where central heating systems are employed gathered their overcoats about them, ran shivering to the telephone to ask the project manager or the landlord.

"Where's the d—d heat!"

Into their shaking receivers came the chilly reply:

"Sorry We can't give you no heat until Oct. 15."

Wha'sa Matter With the Man?

"What, no heat until Oct. 15? What holiday is that?" query our troubled tenants.

"It's not a holiday — that's the law," drones the landlord and hangs up.

Your skeptical tenants immediately resort to the old cure-all. They dial the city editor:

"Hello, what's this I hear about Oct. 15 and the dwelling house heat? Is it true what the landlords say?"

The city editor beckons her aeslave and your correspondent goes on the trail of an elusive law which he doubts exists.

"Jack Frost" Agreement

The trail leads, by devious ways, to the local police station and there I learn that by agreement of rent officials and landlords all over the city, Oct. 15 is the day winter heating begins.

But don't despair yet, tenants. In the event of a protracted cold spell, if enough tenants make requests for house heat to the area police station, the pesky "no heat until Oct. 15" law can be circumvented.

Korean Casualty

Cpl. St. Paul Whitmire, 28, husband of Mrs. Virginia Whitmire of 5501 Grant St., N.E., was among those listed on the casualty list of the Korean war released Saturday by the Defense Department. Whitmire, member of the 24th Infantry Regiment, was wounded Sept. 17, according to his wife.

Two Elected to Office on GOP Central Body

Mrs. Margaret G. Hawkins was for elected permanent secretary, and William J. Reid elected assistant treasurer of the State Central Committee of the Republican State Convention held Saturday at Lord Baltimore Hotel.

"Victory in November" was the keynote of the convention, one of the most enthusiastic and harmonious the Maryland GOP has seen in years.

John L. Berry, insurance executive, received a tremendous ovation from the gathering when he made the seconding speech for Theodore R. McKeldin, GOP Gubernatorial candidate.

The nomination of John Marshall H. Douglas, 14th; Donald Boyce, 10th; Charles F. Woodland, 17th; Edgar M. Douglass, 18th; Samuel Bryant, 21st; and James R. Parker, 22nd Ward.

Callaway on Hand

Very much in evidence at the meeting was Marse Callaway, real estate executive and old line Republican leader.

Mrs. Hawkins, a veteran party worker, lives at 1532 Druid Hill Ave. Her son, Gregory Hawkins, is an attorney.

The new assistant treasurer, Mr. Reid, is superintendent for a local insurance company. Active in civic and religious circles, he has been organist at Faith Baptist Church for 17 years.

for the United States Senate was seconded by Dr. James White, Baltimore dentist.

Dr. White described Mr. Butler as "a family man, a Christian and an ex-soldier, all of which carry a great amount of respect."

The convention delegates applauded loudly when Dr. White, speaking without notes, said Mr. Butler "bears a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, minus the beard."

The platform adopted at the convention assailed the extravagance of the present State regime and promised better things. The GOP pronouncement went into detail with regard to the Lane-imposed sales tax and pledged concrete reductions without impairing State services.

2 Added to Committee

Two additional colored persons were added to the State Central Committee, bringing the total number to 16. The new members are Augustus D. Knox and Samuel Bryant.

Among ward executives attending the convention were:

John Watkins, Fifth Ward; Calvin Anderson, Seventh Ward; William J. Turks, 14th Ward; George

Mrs. Terrell Here for Talk on Peace

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell will deliver the main address at a public meeting given by the Maryland Committee for Peace, Friday (tonight) at 8:30 p.m. at the Nazarene Baptist Church, Hartford Ave. and Biddle St.

Mrs. Terrell, who is the honorary president of the National Association of Colored Women, and a distinguished fighter for peace, will speak on "How We Can Prevent World War III."

Report on Trek to UN

Included on the agenda for the meeting will be a report by the Rev. Levi Miller on the results of the historic delegation to the American and Soviet Missions to the United Nations.

The meeting will close with a discussion on how people can work effectively for peace through support of proposals for negotiation of United States and Soviet Union differences.

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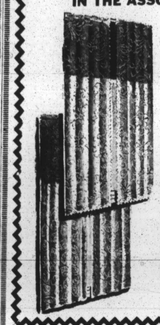

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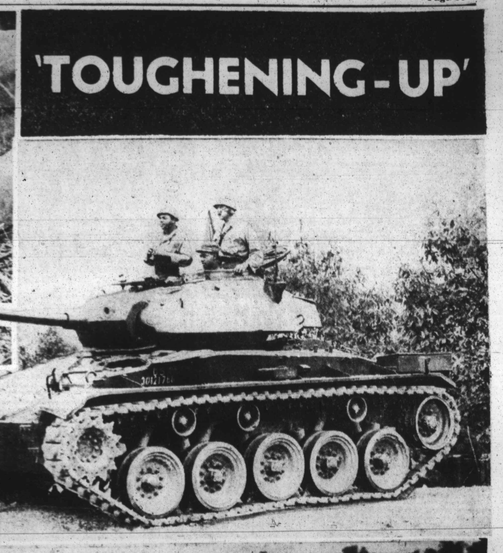
'TOUGHENING-UP'

Men are trained to squirm under barbed wire while lying on backs, so they can see how to manuever. Unidentified recruit strains to keep from getting snagged by wire. Tankers at right, fire 76mm shells over infiltration course. Standing from left to right are Cpl. Knoxie Wibers of Davidson, N.C., and Sgt. F/c George Smith of Lawton, Ohio. Seated is Sgt. Calvin Spencer of Maxton, N.C.



Separating the Men From the Boys

By BIDDY WOOD

There used to be a saying around Army posts that there are three things that separate the "men from the boys." They were a 30-mile hike with full field packs, the obstacle course and the infiltration course.

Stacked up side by side, the hike is the more tiresome, the obstacle course is the most trying, and the infiltration course is a combination of both, with an added adjective—dangerous.

Simulate Battle Conditions

One Army definition of infiltrate is: "To move troops into or near hostile territory."

The Army infiltration course is designed to place the men under conditions as similar as possible to actual battlefield situations.

As the men worm out of the long trench, with their rifles cradled in their arms, they are greeted with the staccato beat of water-cooled machine guns.

GI's Told to Keep Cool

The infiltration course normally comes in the sixth week of training for recruits. During the training period, the recruits are oriented on how toact under combat conditions.

They are told to keep cool under fire, never to bunch up and advised as to the best ways to protect themselves against bursting shells.

When they move out of the trenches onto the course, they are on their own. As a safety measure to acquaint the men with the course, they first go through what is known as a "dry run."

First Not Under Fire

On this run, the men are expected to carry out those instructions received during the training period, but they are not subjected to any fire.

Completing this, they turn around and crawl back for the "wet run," where they are faced with the machine gun fire and bursting shells, the latter not lethal, but plenty loud.

Enclosed by wire, half pound charges of TNT are set off whenever a group of the men bunch up.

Vets, Recruits Get Experience

Down at Fort Meade, the Third Battalion of the Third Armored Cavalry, recently sent recruits from Companies G, I, H and the assault gun crew through the course.

Also going over the course were "old" soldiers, veterans of World War II, who took it as a conditioner.

Many of the recruits were boys ranging in age from 17 to 20 years. It had rained hard the night before and the recruits dug their noses into the mud in this first taste of what to expect "over there."

Course Betters Nerves

As the men finished the "battle indoctrination course," whether they belonged to the "old" or "new" soldier classification, they were all rather tired fellows.

The main difference noted was among a group of squirming recruits in the 17-18 year-old bracket. They were bunched together when one of the terrific charges of TNT exploded to a background of the talking machine guns and the whistling tank shells.

His face covered with mud and water from the explosion, a 17-year-old recruit from Alabama looked around at his grime-covered buddies. He seemed to say: "Home was never like this."

But they are not trying to establish home-like conditions on the Meade training fields. Many of these recruits are replacements who may soon have supporting roles in the big show.

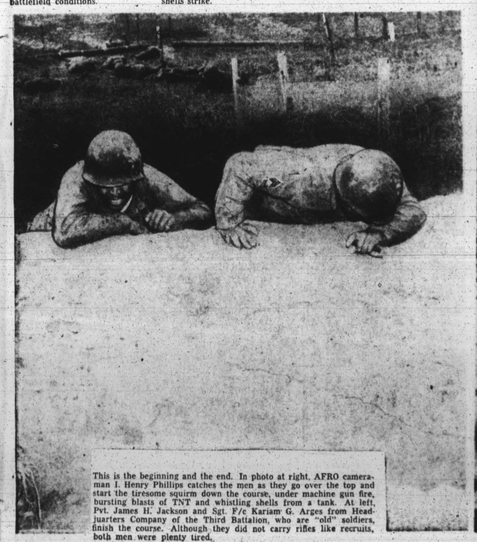
Four 30 caliber water-cooled heavy machine guns spit rapid fire six feet above the heads of the men. Every fifth bullet fired from guns is a tracer, that lights up so that gunners can tell where the slugs are hitting. Meant to assimulate battlefield conditions, the infiltration course still is set up with safety measures. Boards holding machine guns make them stationery to keep bullets from going astray. Working machine gun No. 1 are Cpls. Wilbert Watkins and Howard Parsons of Philadelphia.

Recruit Plan Gets Tough

With the continuance of war in Korea and the foreboding tenseness of the international situation, Gen. Mark W. Clark has ordered a ruits training in the field.

"toughening-up" program for re-

The infiltration couse in one of the toughest ordeals new soldiers face in Army training programs, being set up very much like actual battlefield conditions.



Enclosed in wire, TNT explodes and rocks area. This represents bursting shells. Soldiers are supposed to lie with faces down when shells strike.

This is the beginning and the end. In photo at right, AFRO cameraman I. Henry Phillips catches the men as they go over the top and start the tiresome squirm down the course, under machine gun fire, bursting blasts of TNT and whistling shells from a tank. At left, Pvt. James H. Jackson and Sgt. F/c Kariam G. Arges from Headquarters Company of the Third Battalion, who are "old" soldiers, finish the course. Although they did not carry rifles like recruits, both men were plenty tired.