

Jesse James Was Killed on Day Schroeder Arrived at St. Joseph

George Schroeder, Sr., 81, came to the United States from Germany in 1882. He arrived at St. Joseph, Mo., on the day Jesse James was killed. He saw the outlaw's body exhibited in the market square.

At 18 he came to Omaha, went to work for a real estate firm of which his uncle, Louis Schroeder, was a member. Young Schroeder helped to lay out Brown Park Addition in South Omaha and two other additions near Vinton Street.

Those were the days of the boom, when a lot in a cornfield sold for five thousand dollars. The biggest deal Mr. Schroeder ever made then or afterward was the sale of his uncle's corner at Sixteenth and Leavenworth Streets for 30 thousand dollars.

He made a five hundred dollar commission, which would have been three times that much at the present 5 per cent commission rates.

Present prices can't compare with boom prices, Mr. Schroeder will tell you. Promoters took prospects out to their additions behind four-mile-a-minute horses. No thriving addition was more than 10 minutes from the real estate office.

Then came the panic. There were no real estate sales. No money. Little to eat. The rich people who wore high hats and went about in coaches, would be glad to borrow a dollar. And a dollar went a long way, said Mr. Schroeder.

The real estate business didn't really begin to come back until 1900. Building and loan associations helped make this a city of home owners, said Mr. Schroeder. They have helped build as many as sell hundreds of homes.



George Schroeder, Sr., at 81 he buys lots for post-war home sites.

Now he is buying lots for his son, Jesse L. Schroeder, head of the firm, to build houses on.

Mr. Schroeder works every day, has always been well. Once 40 years ago, he got sick and went to a doctor. For five years the patient carried around the medicine the doctor prescribed for him for \$4. Then the box broke and he discovered the contents to be aspirin.

"So I got me a whisky doctor and I've been taking his medicine. I've been well ever since," Mr. Schroeder said.



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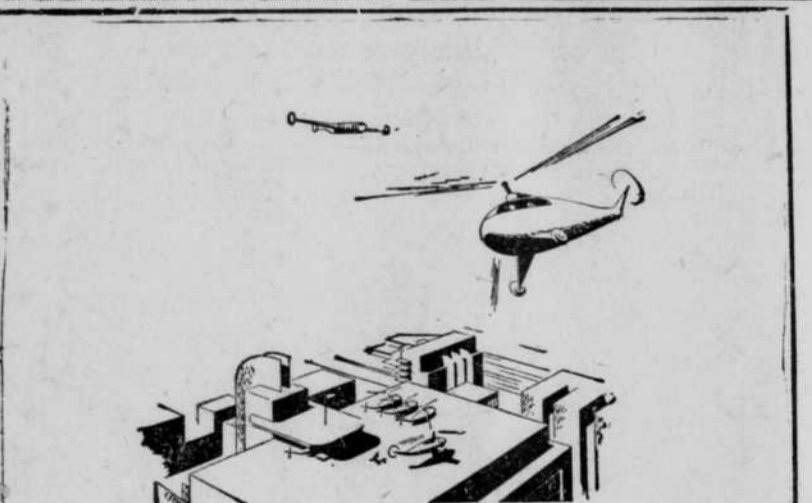
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Veterans' Administration

Gen. Omar Bradley, new boss of the Veterans' Administration succeeding General Hines, has moved with military dispatch in reorganizing the administration to provide better and more efficient service in behalf of the stream of veterans now being discharged from the services.

One of the most important changes made by General Bradley is a complete decentralization of all veterans facilities under the supervision of 13 branch offices. Obviously routine decisions can be made more promptly and more intelligently in a vast organization such as the Veterans' Administration if they are not forced through a bottleneck in Washington.

Another change, one which had long been a subject for discussion, and oftentimes of criticism, was the medical service. The general now has separated and elevated the medical division to a higher status under command of Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley. Under this new arrangement, the new "surgeon general" will report direct to General Bradley.

The Veterans' Administration is combing the government agencies and other channels for help and likely will emerge in the postwar era as one of the largest if not the largest governmental agency, handling as it will the affairs of some 12 million discharged veterans at one time or another. The administration has recently been the object of both congressional and private investigation as to conditions within the organization, conditions at Veterans' hospitals, treatment of patients, the tremendous shortage of physicians and nurses and other help and no doubt, it will be General Bradley's policy to eliminate immediately all situations which led to these investigations.

Questions and Answers

Q. I was discharged on February 24, 1943 by reason of "Sec. II, A.R. 615-360 and CDD." Will you explain the meaning of this. I will soon be 42 years of age. Is there any way I can volunteer for service in the occupational forces?—S. Rogersville, Tenn.

A. This means that you were discharged under section 2 of the code governing discharge of veterans and "CDD" means a certificate of medical disability. In other words, you were discharged for a medical disability of some sort. The nature of your disability should be stated on your discharge. Yes, if you can pass the physical, the army is accepting volunteers for the occupational forces.

Q. How many points does a father of four children have who has been in service since last October 24 and across since July?—Mrs. R. B. Ulrichsville, Ohio.

A. The army point rationing system as of September 2 gives 1 point per month for time in service, 1 point per month for time overseas, 12 points for each child under 18 years with a maximum of three, and 5 points for each decoration or battle star. If your husband has no decorations or battle stars, he would have about 51 points. At this time 80 points are necessary for discharge, although the army has announced discharge for 70 points by October 1, 80 points by November 1 and elimination of the point system later in the winter.

Q. I am writing in regard to a soldier killed in Germany who made his insurance to a lady who raised him. After his death, his own mother came and claims she should get his insurance. Which one is entitled to the insurance?—Mrs. T. G., Water Valley, Miss.

A. If the soldier named the lady who raised him as beneficiary in his insurance, she is entitled to it and will get it notwithstanding the mother's claims.

Q.—My brother left high school recently to join the navy. Is my mother entitled to an allotment or allowance from the government if he allows the required \$5? E. W., Rogersville, Tenn.

A.—Yes, providing your brother listed his mother as a dependent when he enlisted or was inducted into the service.

Q. If a member of the regular marine corps extends his enlistment while overseas and the extension has one more year before expiration, will he have to remain overseas until the expiration, if he has been overseas 20 months?—Mrs. W. D., West Memphis, Ark.

A. Not necessarily. The marine corps has set up a rotation for return to this country after 18 months service overseas. Extension of his enlistment would have no bearing upon the time he spent overseas. The chances are this marine will return soon for duty in the states.

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Seeks Quarter-Billion Dollars For USO and Needy Abroad

Rallying to the slogan—"Be Generous in Victory"—community war funds affiliated with the National War Fund in some 10,000 cities and towns throughout the United States will inaugurate this week the third and final appeal on behalf of war-related causes and established home-front health and welfare services with a combined objective of \$250,000,000.

Co-operating in this final victory appeal, it is expected that more than 43,000 individual committees numbering many thousands of volunteer workers will solicit contributions from more than 40 million Americans. Despite termination of the shooting war, all of the organizations participating in the appeal are still called upon to provide vital and essential services for men and women in our armed forces, merchant seamen, prisoners of war not yet repatriated, and homeless and hungry war victims among our allies.

Foremost among the war-born organizations whose essential functions carry over into the post-shooting era is the USO (United Service Organizations) whose myriad services military authorities have characterized as an indispensable adjunct for sustaining the morale of army and navy personnel. Familiar as the "home away from home" for servicemen, and women since their entry into the armed forces, USO clubs, canteens, lounges and mobile services are still regarded as essential in sustaining the spirit and promoting the happiness of G. I. Joes and Janes who must continue on duty in posts throughout the Western hemisphere. USO clubs at debarkation ports, separation centers and in proximity to army and navy hospitals are still charged with the responsibility for letting this personnel know that they are not "forgotten men"—or women.

Revising its program to conform to changing needs, USO now provides at some 500 clubs adjacent to military hospitals, special activities to interest ambulatory convalescents and to aid them in renewing contacts with civilian life. Especially trained hostesses render voluntary services in conducting programs designed to efface self-consciousness of casualties and make easier their resumption of normal activities.

Most distant, but regarded by military commanders as most important, USO camp shows, by order of the war department, continue to provide entertainment for the forces of occupation throughout the world. With actual combat at an end and with only routine duties to be performed, entertainment as an antidote for boredom that accompanies inactivity has been prescribed in increased dosage for occupation forces everywhere.

USO camp shows units, varying from two or four members to full-size companies which present duplicates of current Broadway smash hits—musicals, comedies and dramas—are troping the sea lanes from Hollywood to Honolulu, from Broadway to Berlin, and from Texas to Tokyo, and are keeping high the spirits of occupation troops. At debarkation ports, stars of stage, screen and radio participate in round-the-clock entertainment programs when returning troops are awaiting departure for home or separation centers.

A highly specialized and important function of USO camp shows is the entertainment provided for convalescents in army and navy hospitals and at USO clubs nearby. Programs designed to keep up the spirits of casualties and to permit audience participation are especially planned to bring happiness and diversion to these men.

For men of the merchant marine who for many months will be engaged in transporting supplies to occupation forces and in manning the ships returning thousands of our combat troops, United Seamen's service continues to maintain residence and recreation clubs and other facilities to provide comfort, care and diversion in ports throughout the world.

Many thousands of liberated prisoners of war awaiting transportation. These 20 percent of deliveries by midwives to Negro mothers may be compared with about 3 percent of deliveries by midwives to white mothers in the same area. In northern cities, less than 1 per cent of white and colored babies are delivered by midwives. It is apparent, therefore, that colored mothers in the south receive less adequate care at childbirth than do white mothers. Lacerations of the

Cancer In Negro Women

(by DR. JOHN E. MOSELEY) Assistant Radiologist at Mt. Sinai and Sydenham Hospitals, Chairman Harlem Committee, American Cancer Society.

Cancer of the uterus (womb) occurs about twice as frequently in colored women as in white women. This is, in fact, the critical point in our attack against cancer in Negroes. Not only do twice as many colored as white women have cancer of the uterus, but this disease attacks Negroes at an earlier age. It is common occurrence in cancer clinics to see young Negro women in their twenties with advanced cancer of the cervix (opening of the womb).

This difference between the two races, in the prevalence rate for cancer of the uterus, is not believed to be the result of any inherent or biological distinction. It is believed rather that those conditions which are predisposing to cancer are more frequent among Negro women. Most clinicians believe that cancer of the cervix is more likely to develop when tears and infections resulting from childbirth are not properly cared for.

Theureau of the Census reported in 1939 from a cancer survey conducted in the south, that midwives delivered about 20 percent of the births to colored mothers in southern cities of 10,000 or more popu-

tion from enemy concentration centers are provided by War Prisoners Aid of the YMCA with materials for diversion, recreation and education. Until the last prisoner is repatriated, this organization will stay on the job to help make less irksome the continuing period of idleness these men must endure until they are returned to their homes.

In the Allied nations millions of people who face continued hunger and suffering are being aided by the 15 American agencies for foreign relief whose appeals are included in this campaign.

Concerning the plight of civilian war victims, President Truman has said: "If we let Europe go cold and hungry, we may lose some of the foundations of order on which the hope for world peace must rest." On his visit to the United States after V-E Day, General Eisenhower told Americans: "Prosperous nations are not war hungry. But a hungry nation will always seek war if it has to in desperation."

As an indication of the far-reaching assistance afforded by National War Fund agencies, lives of thousands of Netherlands were saved by the prompt shipment to Holland of the first supplies of hydrolysates ever used in treatment of Europeans. This wonder drug was provided and employed by American Relief for Holland in a desperate effort to check death by starvation of Hollanders so emaciated by long deprivation that they were unable to normally assimilate food.

United China Relief, another War Fund agency, organized in this country China's first blood bank which was staffed with American-trained personnel equipped with American-donated blood plasma, and was flown into China to be used as a "university" for teaching Chinese medicine the technique of this life-giving medium.

First supplies of penicillin available for export from this country were obtained and shipped by American Relief for Norway for use in treatment of suffering Norwegians in that long enemy-occupied nation.

All of the National War Fund agencies for foreign relief are engaged in providing emergency aid to supplement the inadequate help which millions of nationals in the Allied nations are able to receive from existing sources. Food, clothing and medical supplies are being used in treatment of the suffering to allay the suffering that may result from another winter of want.

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womb, hence, are more common and the basis for the development of uterine cancer is thus laid down. Negro women suffer less from cancer of the breast than do white women. The prevalence rate for this type of cancer is 50 per cent higher in white women than in Negroes. Cancer of the breast occurs most often, although not exclusively, in women who have not had children. This is quite contrary to cancer of the womb which occurs far often in women who have had children than in those who have not. Since the birth rate is higher in Negroes than in whites, it is not difficult to understand the greater frequency of cancer of the breast in whites.

AT NAZI TRIALS Berlin, Germany—Representatives of the U. S., Great Britain and Russia who will form the tribunal for the trials of 24 top-rank Nazis charged with major crimes, are shown during their first meeting. Left to right—Francis Biddle, U. S. Lord Justice Lawrence, Britain, and Major General Nikitchenko, U. S.S.R.

Cancer of the stomach, colon and other organs, is less frequent in women than in cancer of the breast and womb. These two latter forms are among the most curable types of cancer. Approximately 75% of cases of cancer of the breast could be cured if women would consult a physician as soon as any lump in the breast is noted, and about 75% of cases of cancer of the womb could be cured if an immediate investigation of any abnormal bleeding were made. Each year, in the United States, approximately 30,000 persons are cured of cancer. Because approximately one out of every nine colored women above the age of 30 will eventually develop some form of cancer, it is of great concern to them to familiarize themselves with the early signs of this disease. Free information centers have been established by the American Cancer Society throughout the country. Those interested should write to the American Cancer Society, 336 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, for a list of such centers.

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