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Reduction of Sentence Just in McKeon Case

The dramatic court-martial of Sgt. Matthew McKeon is at last over.

He has been found guilty of unauthorized drinking in barracks and simple negligence that resulted in the death of six Marine recruits while on a night march last April.

He has been sentenced to nine months in prison at hard labor, reduction in rank to private, loss of \$50 pay per month for nine months and a bad conduct discharge.

The court-martial "jury," after finding him innocent of oppression charges and reducing the negligence charge from one of "culpable" negligence to "simple" negligence, threw the book at him on the charges of which he was found guilty.

The sentence appears to be too strict, but perhaps there were reasons for it.

The entire trial was enacted in a glare of publicity without precedent in recent military history. Public opinion was aroused. There were those who believed McKeon should have been set free and at the other extreme, many people who believed 10 years or more in prison would have been too light a sentence.

The court-martial board could hardly have escaped noticing the publicity the trial was given and must have realized

how much public opinion was aroused. Their job was, first and foremost, justice to McKeon, something even those who detest the military "system" must admit he received.

But there are degrees of justice and public opinion is not to be ignored.

The court-martial board operated under great pressure. They came out of it very well. Catering to that segment of the public which favored it, they gave the sergeant a tough sentence, realizing all the time that it would have to be reviewed by Navy Secretary Thomas and that it is a military custom for a reviewing authority to reduce practically every original sentence. The members of the court were "probably playing it safe from their own standpoint," as one newspaper has remarked.

Nevertheless, the Navy secretary has a tough decision to make.

It would seem just, however, that the secretary remove the bad conduct discharge from McKeon's sentence. The sergeant's sentence is severe enough without him having to carry the unnecessary stigma of a bad conduct discharge through life.

Attempts Made Before, Visiting Prof Says

China Reds Try New Alphabet

Communist China's current attempt to replace historic Chinese script with an alphabet is really nothing new, a top Far Eastern expert reports.

Long before the Communists seized control of the government, Chinese scholars had begun work on simplification of their language, according to Dr. Arthur W. Hummel, chief (emeritus) of the Division of Orientalia, Library of Congress.

Dr. Hummel commented on the Communist "linguistic revolution" in an interview here where he is serving as a distinguished visiting professor this summer.

The Communists, he said, are attempting a two, preliminary changes:

1. To limit the number of script characters used in writing Chinese; and 2. To simplify or streamline the old characters that are used, by eliminating some of their complex strokes.

"Both of these changes in the language doubtless will be helpful in simplifying it," Dr. Hummel stated, "but they are not new ideas introduced by the Communists. Chinese scholars have been working on them for forty years."

The Communist government evidently hopes to use an alphabet as far as it can by encouraging the people to write in the simple style of modern speech, he explained. The new alphabet would be like the one used in English, only with five new letters to fit the Chinese tongue, and no letter "V."

It is impossible for the Chinese language to do without some of the written characters, Dr. Hummel asserted, unless the present 420 sounds in the Peking dialect are greatly increased in number.

"Chinese is a language of monosyllables," he explained. "The word 'change,' for example, has perhaps one hundred possible meanings. As matters stand now you can only be certain of its meaning by looking at its written character."

"Moreover, eliminating the characters entirely will cut the Chinese people off from all their literature before 1917, unless it is translated into new form."

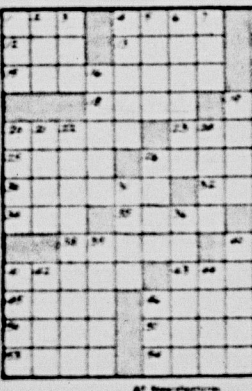
Except for novels and drama, all of China's literature up to about 1917, when the country's "Literary Revolution" began, was written in a terse telegraphic style and was meant to be read not spoken, Dr. Hummel explained.

The largest Chinese dictionary has some 49,000 characters, he said, although most of the characters are no longer used. They represent ideas rather than sounds. Chinese legend says they were first devised to represent objects in nature.

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5 Culture
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13 Danish intense
14 De alone
15 Dinner
17 Lacking speed
18 Fabricated
19 Put on cargo
20 Postpone
23 Viscous mud
25 Nobleman
26 Wallow
DOWN
27 New comb form
28 Taxify
32 Biblical mountain
34 Mass cape
35 Hazard
37 Expense
38 Abyss
40 Roundup
41 Remnants of fire
43 Cake foster courses
45 Casual appendage
46 Preparing
48 Speak imperfectly
51 Clift
52 By way of
53 Roman date
54 Poem
55 German compounder
DOWN
1 Divine being
2 Exit
3 Dance step
4 Cig
5 City division
6 Bear witness
7 Word of consent
8 Home of the silkworm
9 Flower
10 Drug plant
11 Ties
12 Small fish
13 Prevaricator
14 Dutch E. Indies
15 Garb by labor
16 The right to vote
17 Fail to hold liquid
18 Egyptian goddess
19 Comfort
20 Man's name
21 Ages
22 Fruit of the oak
23 Gave a pleasant look
24 Axis
25 Legion
26 King of the Huns
27 Littered
28 Restaurant
29 In favor of
30 Herb eve
31 Penpoint
32 Inland waterway



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Seven Lions Left From '51 Squad

With the retirement of half-backs Dock Walker and Bob Hoenes, seven members of Coach Buddy Parker's first Detroit Lions team (1951) still remain on the active roster.

In his five seasons at the helm, Parker won two World Championships, three Western Division titles and finished second once in the division race.

The seven key veterans, who enjoyed the rise in Lion fortunes during the first four seasons, were bitterly disappointed in the cellar finish a year ago and vow, "It won't happen again!"

Included in the group are quarterback Bobby Layne, obtained by the Lions in 1950 from the New York Bulldogs; tackle Lou Creekmur, obtained from the "frozen player pool" prior to the 1950 campaign; Donnie Dibble, the Lions' third draft choice in '51; Jim Doran, a top draft choice from Iowa State in '51; Jack Christiansen, sixth pick from Colorado A&M in '51; Leon Hart, the Lions' bonus choice in '50; and Jim Martin, obtained in a trade with Cleveland prior to the 1951 season.

Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE					
	W	L	Pct.	GR		W	L	Pct.	GR
New York	69	37	.651	—	Milwaukee	67	40	.608	—
Cleveland	60	44	.572	8	Brooklyn	61	43	.587	7
Boston	60	45	.571	8 1/2	Cincinnati	61	44	.581	7 1/2
Chicago	54	48	.529	13	St. Louis	52	57	.500	11
DETROIT	50	56	.472	19	Philadelphia	51	57	.493	11 1/2
Baltimore	47	58	.448	21 1/2	Pittsburgh	45	58	.437	17 1/2
Washington	43	62	.410	25 1/2	Chicago	43	59	.423	19
Kansas City	36	69	.343	32 1/2	New York	36	63	.364	24 1/2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
DETROIT 8, Kansas City 7
Chicago 7, Cleveland 6
Boston 7, Baltimore 2
New York 17, Washington 2

TODAY'S GAMES
Kansas City at DETROIT
Cleveland at Chicago
New York at Washington
Baltimore at Boston

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at DETROIT (N)
Cleveland at Kansas City (N)
Boston at Washington (N)
Baltimore at New York (N)

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Philadelphia 8, New York 3
Milwaukee 10, St. Louis 1, 3
Pittsburgh 8, Brooklyn 5
Cincinnati 8, Chicago 2

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New York at Pittsburgh (N)
Cincinnati at Milwaukee (N)
St. Louis at Chicago

'Duffy' Heads Indiana Convo

More than 250 coaches attended the Indiana High School Athletic Association's eighth annual Coaching School, closing a four-day stand on the Indiana campus today with a program built around Coach of the Year Hugh "Duffy" Daugherty, of Michigan State, and Eddie Hickey, St. Louis University's highly successful basketball coach.

The opening session featured Dal Sasso and Fitch, dealing with offensive and defensive line techniques and drills. Smith lectured on blocking in the afternoon and Daugherty took up the theory of the Michigan State offense which led the Spartans to a Rose Bowl victory last season.

New Big 10 Aid Plan Offered for Athletes

The hold new approach to financial aid to athletes taken by the Big 10 may develop into the best step yet in the college athletics "clean" effort.

Under the plan proposed last weekend by a special investigating committee, a national bureau (College Scholarship Service) would make independent evaluation of individual's need—combined with a financial report by the athlete's parents.

The report would go to the commissioner's office and be made available to the conference. Then, under proposed plan, no school in conference could financially aid a student beyond the amount set by the commissioner's office.

Maximum could be met in various ways, grants or part-time jobs. But this could not exceed the limitations.

Plan will be formally adopted by a committee headed by Coach MSU faculty representative and presented at annual Big 10 meeting in November.

McCoy said Tuesday he hoped the plan would do so much to affect the 1957-58 year.

Coy to Report Army Service

Spartan basketball star McCoy has been notified that he is being inducted into the United States Army on Aug. 10, 1950, and will be active in the 1950-51 season.

McCoy, who set a Spartan record for the season with an average of 20 points in three years, was called to active duty after he averaged 27.3 points per game in the second half of the conference season.

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All-Stars

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ride on the arms of Graham's replacements—veteran George Ratterman and former Kentucky great Vito "Babe" Parrilli.

Leading the line in front of Morrill will be two outstanding linemen well-known to Spartan fans. Purdue's tackles Joe Krupa and Dick Murley, who were instrumental in breaking



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State's 28-game win streak in 1949, 6-0, are slated to play both offense and defense for the All-Stars.

Pellegrini is also scheduled to play both ways.

Wisconsin's guard John Detrich is another probable starter to give the Big 10 five players in the starting lineup.

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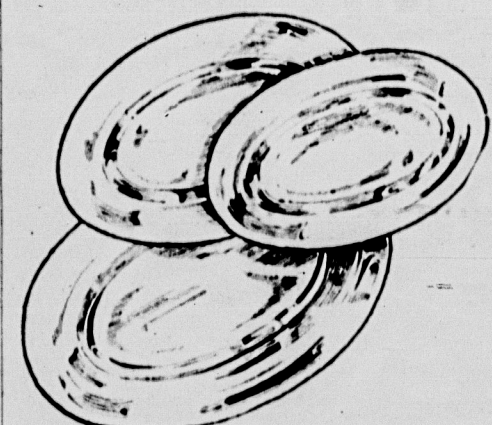
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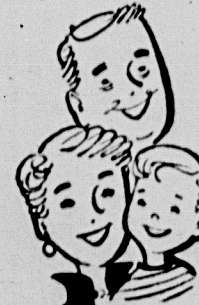


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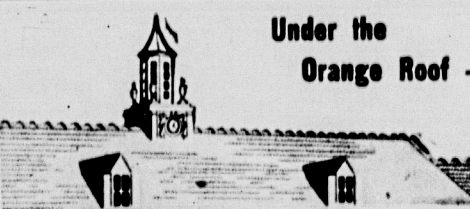


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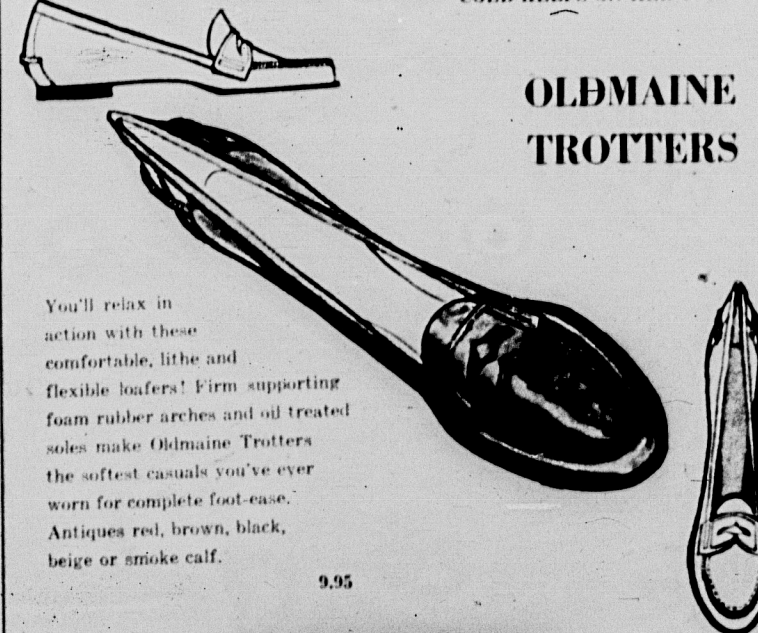
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