

Vote Due Today On Air Academy

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. — A bill authorizing creation of an Air Force academy overcame opposition Wednesday and was considered certain to pass Thursday on a roll call vote.

The measure would let the secretary of the Air Force choose the site for the "West Point of the Air." Texas sites favored in the past include one between Grapevine and Denton, Randolph Field and a site near Denison.

There was no concerted opposition to the bill Wednesday.

Backers of the measure beat down an attempt by Representative Davis of Wisconsin, to trim the authorized initial outlay on the academy to \$10,000,000 instead of \$26,000,000 as contained in the bill.

Air Force Secretary Talbott has estimated total cost of the academy, which would be similar to West Point and Annapolis, might run as high as \$175,000,000.

Davis, chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee which would consider any request for funds to build the academy, complained that appropriations were being authorized without Congress knowing specific construction plans.

He said this procedure has proved wasteful, and served notice his subcommittee will allot no funds until it finds out "what we are building, where, and what it's going to cost."

Representative Lucas of Grapevine, who with Representative

Wilson of Dallas is a strong backer of the Denton County site, told his colleagues that an Air Force academy is needed to provide officers trained to cope with radar, guided missiles, jet and rocket propulsion and other technical equipment.

"It is especially appropriate that Congress should create an institution to train Air Force officers on the 50th anniversary of powered flight," said Lucas.

"Notwithstanding the excellent instruction at West Point and Annapolis, it is evident that the Air Force needs an academy of its own to provide much more highly technical training," he added. "None of us wants the Air Force to be a stepchild to the other services, but that is the case now."

Lucas pointed out that Air Force officers, despite the technical nature of their tasks, stand lowest of all the services in academic training. He blamed this on the fact that fewer Air Force officers returned to civilian life and went to college under the GI bill of rights than officers from the other services.



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SHE'LL WALK DOWN AISLE—Actress Susan Ball, whose right leg was amputated between the knee and hip a week ago Tuesday, poses for her first picture since the operation at a sanitarium where she is recovering. She told interviewers that she and Actor Dick Long, shown with her, plan to wed when she learns to walk on an artificial leg. "I want a big wedding," said Susan, "and I want to walk down the aisle."

Credit Education Week Inspired in Fort Worth

Retail Credit Education Week, to be observed May 9-15 throughout North America, stemmed from a suggestion made by a Fort Worth credit manager, it was learned Wednesday.

L. S. Crowder of St. Louis, general manager-treasurer of the National Retail Credit Association, told a luncheon meeting of the Fort Worth Retail Credit Managers Association at Hotel Texas Wednesday that the idea came from John R. Clark, credit manager for Monnig's.

Crowder expects 1954 retail sales to be within 5 per cent of the 1954 volume. He said that \$25,000,000,000 in consumer sav-

ings is fairly certain to stimulate buying.

He thinks that the consumer debt, more than \$28,000,000,000 as of Dec. 31, 1953, is reasonable, based on consumers' income of \$246,000,000,000 after taxes, and increased prices of all types of merchandise.

Crowder had praise for Howard Chilton, manager, and other members of the staff of the Fort Worth Retail Merchants Association and Credit Bureau of Greater Fort Worth, for rapid strides made in operations of the bureau. Chilton is president of the Associated Credit Bureaus of America.

Police to Talk To Young Author Of Blood Note'

Probation authorities faced a novel, new problem Wednesday in the case of a 15-year-old boy who wrote an extortion note in his own blood to a neighbor woman.

What motivated the ominous prank they hope to find out in a conference with the youth at 3 p. m. Thursday.

The boy, who admitted to police he slashed his forearm to get blood for the note, has been released to his mother awaiting the conference.

The note was delivered Saturday afternoon to Mrs. Ruth Trent of 2101 Ave. B. It warned her she had three days to get out of

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was \$13,932.22 with a tax owed of \$2,292.34.

The second count alleged that in 1949 the Wardlaws filed a joint return showing an adjusted gross income of \$5,100 with a tax due of \$581. As Wardlaw's withholding tax that year came to \$571.20 on his county salary, he paid a tax of \$9.80.

The indictment further alleged

Morriss of San Antonio said Wardlaw reported only his salary during the two-year period and did not report income from private practice and split fees with other lawyers because he had a "meager legal education and took the bar examination three times before he passed."

The attorney said Wardlaw had never willfully evaded taxes.

U. S. Attorney Floore told the

Jury Acquits Upshur Sheriff Of Negligence

GILMER, Jan. 20 (AP).—Sheriff Oread Watson of Upshur County was acquitted Wednesday on a charge that he negligently let a prisoner escape from jail.

The escaped prisoner was brought in Tuesday and testified for the sheriff.

"If I'd even thought the sheriff would be indicted I never would have left," Joe Lawrence Miller, 28, returned prisoner, told the court.

Miller, a trusty at the jail, walked off on the evening of Nov. 7. He said he had been in Boyd, Fort Worth and Decatur. He was under a two-year sentence for burglary and was awaiting transfer to the state prison.

The sheriff had charged "politics" in the charge against him.

Driver Fails to Stop After Hitting Woman

A 32-year-old Negro Sunday school teacher on her way to a church meeting was struck by