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The Presidium is legally the only body having jurisdiction in such matters. Asked about this, Oswald refused to say anything because he was afriad "it would be distorted in the newspapers."

Oswald arrived home five weeks ago after spending three years in the Marine Corps. He served 14 months in Japan near Tokyo as a radar technician.

His sister-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Oswald, quoted him as saying he wanted to travel a lot and talked of going to Cuba. His I'm through." brother called him a "young man in search of adventure."

'No Friends.'

In addition to R. L., young Pic, 27, with the Air Force in citizenship. Japan. R. L. also served a hitch with the Marines. All three served in Japan.

An acquaintance, Mrs. James E. Taylor, said Oswald was a

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A dispatch from Moscow described Oswald as being a slender, good-looking youth, dressed in an Ivy League-type button-down shirt with round collar, a sports jacket, and slacks.

Here Last Month.

Oswald created a stir at the U. S. embassy in Moscow when he put in an appearance there. He walked in, placed his passport on the consul's desk, and said:

"I have made up my mind.

It was then he was advised to wait awhile to see if the Soviets would accept his citizenship application before he went Oswald has a halfbrother, John so far as to renounce his U.S.

> His father died before he was born. After he visited Fort Worth last month, he went on to New Orleans. His brother thought he went to work for a shipping firm.



'Stupid Thing'

Texan Wants To Be Soviet

Moscow. (AP) - An ex-Marine from Texas told the U. S. Embassy Saturday he has applied for Soviet citizenship.

"I have made up my mind, I'm through," said Lee Harvey Oswald,

20, of Fort Worth, slapping his passport on the desk.

The Embassy suggested he withhold signing papers renouncing his U. S. citizenship until he is sure the Soviet Union will accept him.

Oswald's decision on this suggestion was not known. He has been staying at the Metropole Hotel, but he was unavailable when reporters tried to get in touch with him.

Oswald is the third American in recent months to apply for Soviet citizenship upon arriving in Moscow.

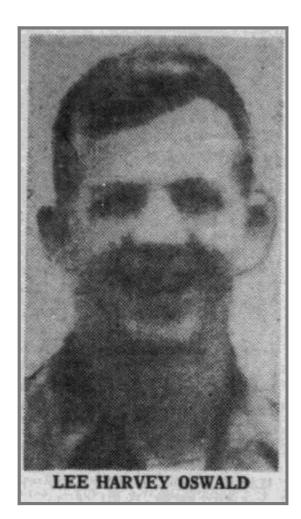
Nicholas Petrulli of Valley Stream, N. Y., filed a renunciation form, then changed his mind and decided to keep his U.S. citizenship. Robert Webster of Cleveland, Ohio, completed formalities for taking Soviet citizenship 10 days

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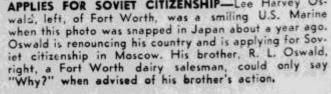
FACES IN THE NEWS



APPLIES FOR SOVIET CITIZENSHIP - Lee Harvey Oswald (left), of Fort Worth, Texas, was a smiling U. S. Marine when this photo was supped in Japan about a year ago. Oswald is renouncing his country and is applying for Soviet citizenship in Moscow. His brother, R. L. Oswald (right), a Fort Worth dairy salesman, could only say "Why?" when advised of his brother's action.









Waxahaxie Daily Light - November 3rd 1959

Ex-Resident 'Fed Up' in Russia; May Be Back

vey Oswald of Fort Worth, who denounced his American citizenship to become a Russian, was reported Friday to be en route home

The 22-year-old Oswald turned in his American passport Oct. 31, 1959, at the embassy in Moscow. saying he would "never return to the United States for any reason.

Later he told American newspapermen that leaving the United time, went to Moscow about five he enlisted in the Marines.

Former U. S. Marine Lee Har- States "was just like getting out of prison.

> Oswald's sister - in - law, Mrs. R. L. Oswald of 7313 Davenport, said her husband had received frequent letters from his brother indicating he was anxious to return to this country.

She said she and members of the family hadn't learned that Lee was en route home

weeks after his discharge from the Marine Corps. He had served three years with the Marines.

His appearance at the American embassy in Moscow came as a shock to his mother and brother. He had left here after his discharge from the Marines telling his family he was going to New Orleans in search for a Job.

The brother said the younger Oswald's mother, Mrs. Mar-Guerite Oswald of Boyd, could High School and Arlington Heights Oswald, who was 20 at the High School about a year before

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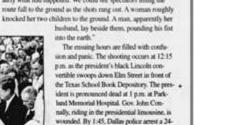
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Fort Worth Star-Telegram - November 24th 1963

LEE HARVEY OSWALD-The accused slayer of President John F. Kennedy lived here and attended Ridglea West Elementary School, Stripling Junior High and Arlington Heights High School before leaving to join the Marines. MARGUERITE OSWALD—Lee Harvey Oswald's mother, a figure in world news ever since 1963, still makes her home here in the Arlington Heights area.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram - April 18th 1999

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TALES OF OLD WESTSIDE

Teacher recalls famous students

BY BILL FAIRLEY

The late author Tommy Thompson was a student of Beaulah Bratton, who taught English and journalism at Stripling Junior High School from the 1940s to the 1970s. He once complained that she made him "work too darned

But after the writer acheived fame in 1976 with his best-selling non-fiction crime book, Blood and Money. Thompson gave B.B., as he called her, a lot of credit for his success.

Bratton, an energetic, active, red-haired octogenarian who fires words at you as fast as an Uzi machine gun spits out bullets, has taught four Bass sons, five Leonard children, Tarrant County District Attorney Tim Curry and hundreds of others, most of whom she remembers

After graduating from North Texas State University and attending the University of Texas and Texas Wesleyan University, Bratton began her teaching career in a three-room Benrook elementary schoolhouse. That far west side community then boasted only 50 residents. She taught there 10 years.

She was teaching in Benbrook in 1935 when Eleanor Roosevelt complimented her on her

everyday apparel during the first lady's visit to the Benbrook school.

"A Roosevelt son, Elhott, and his wife at the time, the former Ruth Googins of Fort Worth, then lived on some acreage near Benbrook called Dutch Branch," Bratton said. "Mrs. Roosevelt was visiting them and it was arranged for her to come to our school one day. We prepared a program in her honor and the teachers were advised to really dress up and look our best for the occasion.

"I had a beautiful black dress I had bought for Sunday church wear and for the Stock Show. I bought a new pair of high-heeled shoes, too, Mrs. Roosevelt was to visit our school on a Monday. I was dressed in my new finery, but she didn't show up.

Someone advised us that she would be at our school on Tuesday. Again, I wore my new dress and shoes. No show.

"On Wednesday, I wore my usual old school smock, its huge pockets bulging with chalk, erasers, pencils and notes. I also wore my old, comfortable flat-heel shoes.

"Naturally, Mrs. Roosevelt and Ruth showed up that day. They were in golfing clothes. When they came to my classroom, my students gave them a rhythm band demonstraon, which we had rehearsed for the occasion. Mrs. Roosevelt applauded them, said a few kind words to them, then turned to me. She said, 'I love your beautiful smock with its bright greens and yellows. They remind me of the wonderful Texas prairies."

In 1940, while teaching English at Stripling,

Beaulah was asked to supervise the school newspaper, the Hornet Herald.

In a short time, the Herald was named the best junior high school newspaper in Texas three times. Later, while still under her supervision, it won many other state and national

In the mid-'40s, the Herald won the Gold Key award from the Columbia University School of Journalism, an award that had previously been bestowed on Eleanor Roosevelt for her nationally syndicated column, "My Day.

After President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas in 1963, Bratton was asked to do research on Lee Harvey Oswald's family for The New York Times.

'That was Tommy Thompson's doing." Beaulah said, "because I had made him work so hard when he was my student.

Widowed, Beaulah Bratton still lives in her Arlington Heights home. She is active at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church. Her only daughter is married to former Tarrant County Judge and state Rep. Howard Green. She and another Texas teacher wrote a book a few years ago on the state's educational sys-

"I think I can still write a pretty good news story lead," she said.



Bill Fairley has been a west side resident for about six decades. He grew up in Arlington Heights. These are his memories.

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