

TAFT LEADS STASSEN IN OHIO G.O.P. RACE



"MAN AND WIFE" BOTH WOMEN—Vida Lorene Danner (left), 29, and Cora Devine (right), 29, are serving 29-day jail sentences in Fresno, Calif., following their appearance in Police Court on vagrancy charges. Testimony in court revealed the two had posed as man and wife for four and a half years. Devine, who posed as Carl Devine, the husband, looked the part in every respect, was employed as cook in local drive-in restaurant. The "wife" worked as a waitress in a local tavern. (NEA Telephoto)

Copco Will Build Air Landing Strip on Fish Creek Desert To Aid Project at Toketee Falls

A permit for construction of an air landing strip on Fish Creek Desert has been granted the California Oregon Power Co. It was announced today by M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest. Construction of the landing strip will be started in the near future, the work to be done cooperatively by Copco, the Forest Service and Briggs Logging Co.

Planned principally to facilitate work at Copco's Toketee Falls project, the field also will be available to the Forest Service for administrative and fire prevention and suppression work, and to the cooperating logging company, which is engaged in extensive logging operations in the Diamond Lake working circle. The strip will be located about

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Jewish army (Haganah) insists as this is written that Arab armies from Syria and Lebanon have invaded Northern Palestine. An AP reporter, after a tour of the border, says he found no signs of an attack.

The Arabs say there has been no invasion and will be none until the British get out on May 15.

ARAB refugees pouring out of Palestine are highly critical of Arab leadership. They say it looks like another case of "too little and too late." They add that the armies the Arab leaders have been talking about amount in size to no more than regiments or battalions.

The Jews, they say, have 60,000 or more trained troops, of whom 23,000 are World War II veterans. The implication is that a lot of bluffing might have been going on.

MEANWHILE, the British are preparing to GET OUT in

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Rehabilitation Services Of Veterans Hospital Here to Be Shown at Open House May 9

Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital will observe National Hospital Day with open house Sunday afternoon, May 9, from 1 to 4. Veterans of all wars and their friends are invited to visit this 600-bed institution and be shown the medical, therapeutic, recreational and dwelling facilities maintained there by the VA.

In keeping with the traditions of Hospital day, which marks the anniversary of Florence Nightingale, nurses and Red Cross Volunteer workers will serve as guides for visitors' tours, assisted by others among the staff of 300 at the Roseburg plant.

This is one of two neuropsychiatric hospitals operated in the Pacific Northwest by the VA exclusively for ex-service men and women. It treats mental and nervous ailments, primarily.

Nearly half of all patients now in the nation's hospitals suffer from neuropsychiatric afflictions, and veterans are not much different from other folks. They give way to nervous breakdowns and mental withdrawals from the pressures of modern living just as an overworked businessman or teacher might.

None Regarded Hopeless
No "NP" patient is regarded as entirely hopeless. Less than 15 per cent of those at Roseburg are in the "acutely disturbed" group. One patient was returned to his

family and job recently, recovered after eight years in a mental ward. Response to treatment may be slow—taking five months to several years for even the more favorable to recover.

Roseburg VA hospital uses Editor's Note: This description of activities at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital was prepared by the hospital staff, which has extended an invitation to the public to visit the hospital Sunday.

many of the latest treating methods to bring its patients back to normal interests and ambitions. Four staff psychiatrists—all doctors of medicine who specialize in mental disease—prescribe treatment and closely watch the patients' progress. Intensive treatment starts immediately in hopes of an early recovery.

The physical medicine service, (Continued on Page 3)

The Weather

Mostly cloudy this afternoon with rain; showers tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.

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Efforts to Avert Railway Strike Collapse

Seizure Won't Settle Issue, Unionist Says

Strikes Also Threaten Chrysler Corp., Transit System, Stock Yards

By The Associated Press
Two major strikes—rails and autos—hung over the nation's industry today. A third was threatening metropolitan transportation in New York City.

An additional threat appeared in the meat industry, where a strike against the Big Four packing houses has been in progress since March 16.

The rail situation was the most critical. Mediation efforts aimed at averting a strike next Tuesday collapsed yesterday. Approximately 100,000 members of the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen and the Switchmen's Union are involved. They are a minority of the nation's 1,250,000 rail employees.

In Washington government attorneys contended the president under a 1916 law, has power to seize the railroads. But David B. Robertson, head of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, said seizure will not settle the wage dispute—it will only irritate it.

The White House said it did not expect any important developments in the railroad crisis today.

The spokesman, presidential press secretary Ross, said he did not know whether the unions would be called to Washington for a conference.

The workers want a 30 per cent

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Sen. Glen Taylor Fined, Jail Term Suspended In Dixie 'Jim Crow' Case



SEN. GLEN TAYLOR
Tries to Crash Wrong Gate

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 5.—(AP)—The conviction of Sen. Glen Taylor (D-Idaho) for disorderly conduct here last night was headed for higher courts today as a test of the state's racial segregation laws.

The vice presidential candidate for Henry Wallace's third party was condemned by police judge Oliver Hall as a publicity-seeker, then fined \$50 and costs and given 180 days in jail.

Judge Hall, however, stayed the sentence and placed Taylor on six months probation. The defense immediately filed notice of appeal.

Taylor's attorneys contended that while the charge was disorderly conduct, the basic issue was whether segregation laws violated the right of free assembly.

Nesbitt Elmore, attorney for Taylor argued that police in denying Taylor a admittance to a church last Saturday through a door set aside for use by Negroes had violated Taylor's constitutional rights.

A scuffle between Sen. Taylor and policeman W. W. Casey resulted in the Senator's arrest. The prosecution contended that the case had no ramifications; it was simply a matter of whether Taylor was disorderly in seeking to force passage through the door. Taylor sought to enter the church to address a meeting of the Southern Negro Youth Conference.

Three Youths Found With Loot Jailed

REEDSFORD, Ore., May 5.—Three youths picked up Sunday night by Reedsford city officers and A. A. Eckhardt, deputy sheriff, were found to have more than \$1,000 worth of stolen goods in their possession and were taken to the county jail and remained action of the Douglas County Grand Jury Monday by Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright.

Direct charges filed against the boys linked them with the theft of three revolvers at the residence of Lloyd V. Weatherly on Highway 38, between Scottsburg and Elkton, and a box of mechanics' tools from the parked car of Astor J. Lacey, on the Loon Lake country road.

The three boys, all 17 years of age, have former police records, it is reported. All three were bound over to appear before the Douglas County Grand Jury with bonds fixed at \$1,000 each and were taken to the county jail at Roseburg by Deputy Sheriff Eckhardt Monday.

Minnesota Coin Plan Vetoed by President

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—President Truman vetoed yesterday a bill which would have authorized centennial coins in honor of Minnesota.

The measure would have permitted the coinage of up to 150,000 silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Minnesota's organization as a U. S. territory.

Recalling that he had vetoed a similar bill for Wisconsin last July, Mr. Truman said that if the nation were to commemorate such anniversaries it "would be starting down an endless path" of special coins.

Fine, Jail Term Meted As Drunken Driving Penalty

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—A convicted drunk driver was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a fine of \$250, Justice of the Peace reported. Paulsen was arrested by state police last week as he approached the Oak Street Bridge in his automobile in an allegedly erratic manner. Justice Hartfield said.

Suspect Fights Oakland Bank Theft Charge

PORTLAND, May 5.—(AP)—Sam Scribner went into the wind-up of his trial on a charge of robbing the Oakland bank with divided testimony of two confessed participants as to whether he was or was not along.

The 30-year-old Bakerfield, Calif., man, acting as his own attorney, yesterday won from Henry Clay Tollett the flat statement that Scribner did not take part in the robbery. Tollett has pleaded guilty. He also had on his side the testimony of E. G. Young of the E. G. Young & Company Bank, robbed of \$31,432 a year ago today, that while Scribner looked and talked like one of the robbers, the banker could not be "sure" he was the man.

On the scales against him was the story told by Joe Berry Bishop, confessed receiver of loot from the robbery. Bishop testified he drove Scribner and Tollett from Bakerfield to Eugene via Oakland, made arrangements to pick them up after the robbery and did so. Bishop said he drove the two men to near San Francisco, by way of Klamath Falls, and when they left, he found \$4,800 in currency in his car.

Scribner asked Bishop if he had been promised a light sentence in exchange for his testimony. Bishop said he and government attorneys had not discussed such a thing.

Peter J. Meaney, FBI agent, testified Bishop took a party of federal officers to the woods near Oakland where cancelled checks and papers missing from the bank were recovered from a hollow log.

The government closed its case after hearing details of the robbery from bank employees, and Bishop then called Tollett to the stand. After answering "yes" to Scribner's query: "Sam Scribner has never helped you rob nothing," is that right? Tollett said no government cross-examination was needed.

In the bank robbery but he refused to name him. He said that after the robbery he drove back

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Belgian Cabinet Quits In School Fund Dispute

BRUSSELS, May 5.—(AP)—Premier Paul-Henri Spaak announced the resignation of his coalition government tonight.

The cabinet had been in office since March, 1947. Differences over government subsidies for schools led to a governmental crisis.

The cabinet has eight socialists, nine liberals and two Catholics. Socialists' Minister of Education Huysmans' school subsidy plan has been under attack by the Catholics. They contend an unfairly large part of the funds would be allocated to state schools and that Catholic institutions would be neglected. A compromise granting more funds to Catholic schools aroused socialist opposition.

City's Need for Community Hospital Will Be Surveyed By Consultant, Dr. Hanford Says

Quoting figures to substantiate his claim that a new community hospital from 50 to 80 beds is essential to the city of Roseburg, Dr. Roy E. Hanford, chairman of the Douglas Community Hospital Committee, addressed the Kiwanis Club at its Tuesday noon luncheon meeting in the Umpqua Hotel.

In the course of his talk, Dr. Hanford revealed that the committee was planning to hire a hospital consultant to survey the needs of the city and make a report. This report would be the basis on which an architect would then be employed to draft plans and estimates for a building.

He stated further that an option has been secured on a five-acre tract in the Randolph Heights addition on South Main street. He said this was the best available site, but that the committee would consider other locations brought to their attention.

When all facts and figures are obtained, a fund raising campaign would be the next step, said Dr. Hanford. Two professional men who handled Portland's and Eugene's community chest drives and who have just completed a successful fund raising campaign at Caldwell, Ida., are being considered for the campaign here.

Dr. Hanford cited the rapid growth of the city, from about 4,000 in 1943 to the 7,500 in the

Gov. Dewey Offers To Replace Dog Killed By Bus on His Oregon Trip

SALEM, May 5.—(AP)—Thomas E. Dewey has offered to replace a small cocker spaniel dog run over and killed here yesterday by the bus in which the New York governor's party was traveling.

The dog dashed into the path of the bus at the outskirts of the city. The driver swerved the bus but was unable to avoid striking the animal.

Dewey later wired the owner, H. H. Henry, Salem, "I am deeply distressed that the bus in which I was riding this morning ran over your dog and I wish to express to you my profound regrets. Will you not let me send you a puppy which I hope grows in your affection and replaces your loss?"

Prejudice Claim Confronts Court

Plea of innocence to charges of gambling was made in Justice Court recently by Ellsworth P. Martin, one of eight men arrested in a local card room by city police in an anti-gambling raid last month. Justice of the Peace Hartfield reported.

When Martin entered his plea, he also filed an affidavit of prejudice asking that his place of trial be changed to the "next nearest Justice Court." Earlier affidavits of prejudice filed by the eight defendants asked for a similar change were denied by Hartfield.

In his affidavit Martin charged that Hartfield "has stated that I am a professional gambler and has set bail in the sum of \$500, which is the maximum penalty I could be fined under the law."

"That the fact that I have never been convicted of any crime and that this is the first offense with which I have been charged and in view of the above statement, and excessive bail set, I believe said justice of the peace to be so prejudiced against me, that I cannot expect an impartial trial before him."

Hartfield denied today ever stating that Martin is a "professional gambler." He did not say what action he would take on the affidavit. The seven other defendants have not yet entered pleas.

Traffic Collision Kills Two Ft. Lewis Soldiers

TACOMA, May 5.—(AP)—Two Fort Lewis soldiers were killed outright shortly before midnight last night when struck by an automobile as they crossed the road a half mile south of the Tacoma city limit. U. S. Highway 99.

The two, Pvt. Henry T. Turner and Melvin M. Finckson, both about 22, were struck by the automobile of Capt. Orland T. Howard of McChord Field, the housing patrol reported. Howard was not held.

RESEARCH TAX REPORTED

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—Collection under the state forest research tax totaled \$255,741 during the first nine months that the tax has been in effect, State Tax Commissioner Wallace S. Wharton said today.

The tax amounts to 5 cents a thousand feet on all timber harvested in the state.

C. of C. Urges Consultant For Planning Board

Employment of a planning consultant to work with the City Planning Commission in drafting a "master plan" for Roseburg was recommended by the directors of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce last night, and they offered to contribute \$500 toward engaging a consultant.

The Chamber of Commerce fund grant would be conditional upon a 2-to-1 matching by the city, said Harold J. Hickerson, Chamber Secretary-manager.

The recommendation and offer of financial assistance were made with a view toward helping the City Planning Commission perform a function for which the Chamber originally urged creation of that body. It was explained.

Since a "master plan" would necessarily include the planning of areas outside the corporate limits of Roseburg, the Chamber will also seek a matching grant from the County Court, Hickerson said.

A resolution of the planning consultant and offering a \$500 contribution by the Chamber will be prepared for presentation to the City Council, Hickerson said.

Directors of the Chamber envision a "master plan" for this city such as those prepared for Coos Bay, Eugene, and Salem in recent years. Street layouts would be studied and recommendations for future streets and vacation of unused roads would result.

The Chamber's recommendations will be presented to the City Council at its regular meeting May 17.

It was through efforts of the Chamber that the City Planning Commission was created last year. The commission has prepared a zoning map of the city, but because of lack of funds and lack of time on the part of individual members, no "master plan" has yet been started.

Safe Robbed At Page Lumber Co.

CITY police are investigating a safe punching which occurred late Monday night at the Page Lumber and Fuel Co. on E. 2nd Ave. S. Chief of Police Calvin Baird said. Papers in the safe were disturbed and \$700 was taken from a cash drawer in the office.

The police chief said entry to the establishment was made late Monday or early Tuesday by persons who lifted up the corrugated sheet metal siding from the building. The safe's robbery bore resemblance to a safe punching which occurred at the Oakland Feed Store last Thursday. In the latter affair, State Police Sgt. Lyle Garrell said, the safe punchers gained entry by prying loose the boards of the building. Sgt. Garrell refused to state how much money was taken at Oakland.

Swatting of Elephant Draws Court Admonition

NEW YORK, May 5.—(AP)—The question of how hard a trainer can crack an elephant without being cruel proved too much for a city magistrate yesterday.

"How am I to gauge the extent of the blows?" asked Magistrate William E. Ringel as he dismissed the case against Hector Schmidt, 45, a master trainer of 37 elephants for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Schmidt, who had been haled into court by an agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was admonished by the judge "to be more gentle in the future with animals."

Defending his treatment of the elephant, Schmidt said the animal was struck for punishment "as you punish a child if he doesn't obey you."

Bungling Thieves Hit Back at Funny Poem

BALTIMORE, May 5.—(AP)—A band of thieves apparently took it pretty hard when their victim twitted them for running off with a mere \$100 while missing a \$1,000 payroll.

Robert Weeks, president of the Walter nut shop, wrote a humorous poem about it. So last week they broke into his car and stole the manuscript of the poem. Yesterday they broke into the nut shop again and stole Weeks' fountain pen.

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Minnesotan's Showing Not Up to Forecast

Incomplete Count Gives Senator 15 of Contested Delegates, Opponent 8

By JACK BELL
COLUMBUS, O., May 5.—(AP)—Senator Robert C. Taft's lead today stood at 15-8 over Harold E. Stassen in Ohio's GOP presidential race.

As the counting progressed the vote indicated Taft might get a majority of Ohio's 23 contested presidential delegates.

Tabulation of votes from yesterday's Republican primary seemed to have carried the Ohio Senator's candidates to victory in 11 district delegate races, on the basis of substantially completed returns.

Unless the tabulations trend a-tune sharply, he appeared almost sure to capture the sole delegate-at-large post for which Stassen entered a candidate. This would give Taft 12, the majority which Stassen predicted in advance he would take away from the Senator.

Stassen apparently had elected six delegates and his candidates were leading in two other races, for a total of eight.

Returns from 7,663 of the state's 9,385 polling places in the state-wide contest gave: Ed D. Schor, Taft candidate, 268,200; and Carrington T. Marshall, Stassen supporter 242,426.

On the basis of the incomplete returns, Taft apparently had elected two delegates each in the Sixth (Farm) and Seventh (Springfield) districts, and Twenty-first (Coal Mine), and Twenty-second (Cleveland) districts. He was credited with electing one delegate in the Twenty-Second (Cleveland) district.

Stassen apparently won two delegate races each in the Third (Dayton) and nineteenth (Youngstown) districts. He was credited with electing one delegate in the Ninth (Toledo) and Fourteenth (Akron) districts.

The former Minnesota Governor's men led in one race in the Ninth and one in the Twentieth (Cleveland).

Although Stassen's chance to capture a majority of the delegation had almost faded out of the picture, he still had a chance to reach the 10 which most politicians said he would have to get to call his Ohio invasion a success.

Taft, fighting to keep alive his hopes to corral the Republican presidential nomination, demonstrated widespread strength in his home state.

Although he got the small end of the ballot in many of the industrial centers where Stassen had picked his field, he ran well in some of these sections.

The Ohio Senator already had said he would not quit the presidential race, even if he took a political lading from Stassen here, if he holds Stassen to less than 10 delegates, his friends said the Taft campaign will get a new impetus.

Dewey Greeted By Large Crowds

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 5.—(AP)—Playing to full houses along the way, Governor Thomas E. Dewey took his presidential caravan on the road again today in his tour of the Oregon Republic primary circuit.

Tonight, at the university town of Eugene, he delivers a major talk on American foreign policy. In it, he is expected to blueprint his ideas for peace— not the least being establishment of a "hard headed" foreign aid plan.

As the New York governor plays to the back roads and court-house steps, he is finding rural Oregon still bearing the imprint of a campaign predecessor, Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota. Stassen admittedly was riding a popularity wave generated by three previous visits to Oregon.

It is this wave which Dewey is out to shatter before the critical May 21 balloting on the Republican presidential preference. They are alone in the primary.

None the less, Oregon towns were hanging out the welcome sign for the Dewey show. Thousands filled halls or gathered at courthouse steps yesterday for his dozen or so speaking appearances.

Today, after an early morning appearance at Corvallis high school, Dewey goes to Lebanon, Sweet Home, Brownsville, Junction City and Eugene.

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

India's new governor general is Chakravarti Rajagopalachari. What a hummer of a name. This would be in an American college football lineup or on the label of a new insecticide.