

J. T. Eads, Medford's Grand Old Man Continues Active Life at Age of 88

**Takes Entire Care
Of Big Apartment;
Enjoys Traveling**

By Elsie Hagdale.

Though J. T. Eads of 121 Crater Lake avenue will be 88 years old January 10, he is not old. Absolutely not!

He recently returned from a motor trip to San Francisco and Berkeley, Calif., and was greatly impressed with the magnificent buildings, beautiful homes and artistic landscapes. The rich black soil in the orchards there, reminded him of the splendid soil on his father's Iowa farm many years ago, he declared.

Mr. Eads has traveled in many states, but the recent trip was the first he had taken so far down in California. He enjoys traveling, and is quick to grasp the important details of anything which really interests him. "Yes," mused Mr. Eads, "California is mighty fine, but even so, it doesn't look as good to me as Oregon. Especially the fertile valley around Medford, which attracted me to Oregon 38 years ago."

Thirty-eight years ago, Mr. Eads, together with his wife and three sons and two daughters, moved here from Minneapolis, Kansas, in which vicinity he had been actively engaged in farming for many years. Mr. Eads mentioned an incident that occurred there which almost cost him his life. While engaged in cleaning out a well, the air became stale, and he lost consciousness. But for the fact that his wife missed him, and going to the well, discovered his plight, and pulled him out, he probably wouldn't be enjoying life now. He always tested the air in the wells which he cleaned afterwards.

Soon after arrival in Medford, Mr. Eads opened a second hand store on Fir street. He was in this business about twelve years, at which time he sold his business to his son, Clarence, who is still running a similar business on Fir street at this time. He also has another son, George, owner of the Eads Transfer company in Medford. Another son, Everett, passed away last April. Two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Johnston, and Mrs. Leland Holbrook, live in Medford.

Mr. Eads says that when they came to Medford, the town was quite small, population and size being similar to Central Point as it is today. He has greatly enjoyed watching the growth of the town.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. Eads purchased the house that he now owns, turning it into an apartment house. The house has five apartments, including his own, and since the death of his wife, two years ago, he lives alone, assuming the entire responsibility of care of the apartment house. There is noted for its harmonious atmosphere. He has the



J. T. Eads, of 121 Crater Lake avenue, although nearing the 88th milestone in life's journey, attends to all details of his apartment house, raises a large garden each year and enjoys splendid health.

knack of picking out desirable tenants from his applicants.

Mr. Eads, unlike most elderly folks, dislikes talking about the past but gets great enjoyment out of discussing his plans for the future. Early next spring, he is planning on building an addition to his house. This addition will give him another apartment for rental purposes.

Recently when his roof sprung a leak, he took his trusty ladder and proceeded to repair it. Height has never affected him in any way. During the past summer, he picked cherries from the top of his 18-foot ladder, and thought nothing of it. This was in no way unusual for him, as he is accustomed to picking fruit. Each year he raises a large garden, doing all the work himself, including the spading. He also keeps chickens, which he delights in caring for. During September he built a garage for one of his tenants, and he is always making handy little cupboards and gadgets for the house.

Scarcely a day passes that he doesn't walk to town. He visits with his son's customers, and besides he has spent too many years in business to be satisfied sitting at home.

He has the distinction of being one of the charter members of the Free Methodist church, and is an active member at the present time.

He is a friend to everyone, and prefers to give his charity donations personally instead of through the medium of organizations. His friends say he is noted for his honesty, and that his word is as good as his bond. He attributes his splendid health and upright physique to the fact that he has never taken intoxicating liquors or smoked. He has always worked hard, still enjoys his meat,

NEW TYPE POLICE SLOWLY REPLACING FLATFOOT VARIETY

**Trained Men Are Gradually
Weeding Out Arrogant,
Unthinking Cops, Says
Officer School Pioneer.**

By Otto Janissen

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UP)—The days of the "flatfoot"—the arrogant, unthinking police officer who regards himself as "the law"—are limited, believes Harvey Walker, Ohio State university police science professor and director of Ohio's pioneer police school.

It will take at least another generation of policemen—30 or 40 years—before he can be displaced by the intelligent, well-trained officer, but the change is bound to come, Walker said.

The youthful professor recently completed a three-month survey of the Toledo police department and recommended sweeping changes in administration. Despite resentment of many of the members of the force against the idea of a college professor "coming in and trying to show us how to run the department," three-fourths of Walker's recommendations have been adopted. The change from the old to the new type officer must be accomplished first, by re-educating, as far as possible, the older men, and second, by putting recruits through a rigorous training, Walker asserted.

The first step is designed to make the best of existing conditions and can be abandoned as soon as the infiltration of new blood is complete. Walker pointed out that it would be impracticable as well as unjust to fire the "old school" officers wholesale.

"It can't be done in a rush," Walker said. "We've got to grow out of the present conditions."

To accomplish the change, Walker recommends the establishment of a network of police schools in the various states where recruits would undergo intensive training for a minimum of 10 weeks, as in England.

For at least a year following "graduation," the rookies would be placed under the supervision of experienced men and would return to the school at some time for a post graduate course.

Walker recommends the minimum age for recruits be fixed at 21 years, and the maximum 30 years. They would have to score at least 105 on the army alpha test, which is slightly higher than the average score for the population as a whole.

Urges Higher Pay
Walker thinks police work eventually can be brought to such a level that young men will regard it as a life profession. He believes, however, that salaries will have to be brought up to an average of about \$2,400 a year to attract good men.

Along with the "new" policemen will come several other important changes, Walker believes, including a lowering of the present standard

of one police officer for each 1,000 population, universal use of two-way radio, and almost complete motorization of the force.

In regard to the latter, Walker contends that foot patrol is practically obsolete.

"The only reason we have foot policemen now is that people expect it," he said. "Criminals no longer move about on foot and there's no reason why the police should."

Studied English System

Walker spent a year in England studying the civil service, including the police system. He praised the English training system and found that the rights of individuals were stressed in training recruits.

"The third degree is not used in England and the police don't even permit arrested persons to talk before they warn them that anything they say might be used in evidence against them," Walker said.

"The third degree, in my opinion, is a confession of weakness on the part of the police," Walker said. "If they can't get a confession without bullying, it indicates they don't know how to get it."

He also noted that no English policeman carries a revolver unless he is in pursuit of a dangerous criminal. In that case he must obtain special permission to carry the weapon.

Walker said the English reason that if police carry arms criminals would resort to the same practice.

Strict Ban on Firearms
"Carrying arms without a license is a serious offense in England," he said. "And using arms in committing a crime is even more serious—and they enforce the law, too."

Walker said the comparative ease in obtaining guns in the United States would make it unfeasible for American policemen to go unarmed.

But he asserted police in this country were "inclined to be too free in the use of weapons."

"There isn't much excuse for killing fleeing criminals," Walker said. "If they can't hit a man in the leg and stop him there's something seriously wrong."

Walker listed the New York City, Milwaukee and Berkeley, Cal., police departments as probably the best in the United States.

In his study of department reorganization, Walker said he found that many policemen seem to think it their "inherent right not to work a full eight hours a day."

Another handicap, he said, was the strong political connections in many departments.

Show Political Alerness
"It's hard to show many of the police officers that politics won't do them any good any more in overruling demotions and preventing disciplinary measures," Walker said.

"But politics won't help them where the organization is good, especially under the city manager form of government."

Walker's police school, conducted at Ohio State university, was one of the first schools of this type in

the country. It was established in 1934 at the request of police and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Four schools have been conducted so far, each lasting about five and a half days. Officers have been sent from departments in 10 states and 172 men have been graduated since the school opened.

Each "student" pays \$25, which includes his board, room and tuition.

Students Keep Notes

Note books must be kept of everything that is said. They are graded at the end of the course.

The course is intensive, lasting from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. each day. Courses include criminal law, investigation in arson, probation and parole, crime prevention, treatment of offenders, insanity in crime, competency in criminal identification, automobile theft investigation, scientific crime detection, use of the detector, fingerprinting, photography, medical science in police work, traffic investigation, and numerous other subjects.

Experts are called in to conduct the various courses. The class is taken on trips to penal institutions, police broadcasting stations and other places of police interest.

Walker says those who attend the school feel their work is "a profession, not merely a job." Many high police officials attend the school. Many of the students score exceptionally high grades on the various standard intelligence tests, he said.

BID COE GOODBYE AT JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 3.—(Spt.)—Representatives of each high school class vied good-byes to Prof. M. E. Coe during Tuesday afternoon assembly. Norma Jean Arnold spoke for the freshmen, Maudie Leroy for the sophomores, Harold White for the juniors and Marcella Mitchell for the seniors.

As a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the students, Mr. Coe was given a gladstone bag by the freshmen, sophomores and juniors. The seniors presented a fine leather briefcase.

Prof. Coe, who resigned as school

superintendent here to accept a similar post at Lebanon, left Tuesday night for his new duties. He will be succeeded by Prof. A. L. Beck, former junior high school principal at Coquille, who with Mrs. Beck has rented the Charles Blitch home here.

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