

# BROWNELL OFFERS 8-POINT PROGRAM FOR REPUBLICANS

Indianapolis, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Republican National Chairman Herbert Brownell, Jr., today submitted to the G. O. P. national committee an eight-point proposal for strengthening party organization as a step toward returning to national power in the 1946 and 1948 elections.

Riding with his proposal also appeared to be Brownell's own prospects for continuing as national chairman.

Brownell reportedly would like to continue his present unsalaried full-time status. Some committeemen, however, want to make it a full-time paid job. Some also fear that Brownell's continuance would give an undue advantage for the 1948 presidential nomination to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who picked Brownell to run his unsuccessful 1944 campaign.

### Eight Points

In offering his program, Brownell predicted that if carried out intelligently it would win for the Republican party in the 1946 congressional elections. He proposed:

1. A national organization to function full-time with an enlarged staff instead of operating only at campaign time.
2. Close working relations with Republican leaders in congress.
3. Establishing at national headquarters a research staff "to show the fallacies of New Deal doctrines and help prepare affirmative legislative proposals," an investigative staff to help "ferret out waste, extravagance and bungling of New Deal agencies," and a publicity staff to publicize "the reasons why the Republican party should be

## Wedding Bells for Major Bong



(Acme Telephoto)

Home from the Pacific after setting American Air Force record of 4 enemy planes shot down, Maj. Richard Bong, 24, joins his fiancée, Marie-José Vattendahl, 21, at her home in Superior, Wis., as they anticipate two big personal events—her graduation from State Teacher's college on Jan. 26 and their wedding on Feb. 10.

## FLYING CROSS IS GIVEN GOLD HILL MAN IN ENGLAND

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—The Distinguished Flying Cross has recently been awarded to Staff Sergeant Thomas A. Robinson, Jr., 27, of Gold Hill, Ore., tail turret gunner on the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress "Kisses of Dolores."

Sgt. Robinson received the award for "extraordinary achievement while serving as tail turret gunner on many high altitude heavy bombardment attacks over Germany."

The airman has flown over thirty combat missions. Among them have been several attacks on oil refineries at Ludwigs-haven, chemical plants at Misburg, marshalling yards at Hamburg, and ordnance depots in Berlin.

According to the flyer, the bombing attack on oil refineries at Merseburg, Germany has been his roughest mission. "We had just finished our bomb run when we ran into heavy flak. One burst hit our number three engine and the pilot had to feather it. We had fifty flak holes in our plane when we landed."

Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sgt. Robinson holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Robinson, Sr., of Gold Hill, and prior to entering the Army Air Forces in August, 1938, he was employed by the Beaver Portland Cement company.

### Prospect

Prospect, Jan. 22—Four inches of snow fell at Prospect, Jan. 17, but melted to about half during the afternoon. The storm resumed the morning of Jan. 18 and added another couple of inches of snow.

Honoring Mrs. Howard Mather on her birthday, Jan. 10, a group of friends gave her a party. A birthday luncheon, brought by the guests, was enjoyed at noon. Mrs. Mather received many gifts. Attending were Mrs. Mather, Mrs. Paul Snook, Mrs. Joe Dobbyn, Mrs. Chas. B. Broomfield, Mrs. Archie McKillop, Mrs. Lawrence Conger and Mrs. Frankie S. Jantzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ditsworth gave a birthday dinner, Jan. 14, celebrating the 81st birthday anniversary of Mrs. Ditsworth's father, Jack Vaughn. Place cards were arranged for Mr. Vaughn, also Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker from Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn and son, Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ditsworth and Mrs. Carl Richardson from the Laurelhurst district, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ditsworth and sons, Norman and Wayne (the latter two being the only great-grandchildren of the guest of honor) and Mr. and Mrs. Ditsworth.

Joe Phipps, who has been seriously ill with heart trouble, is recovering and able to be up, but still confined to the house.

Mrs. Jerry Nygren took her son and daughter to Medford, Jan. 17, for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dobbyn returned recently from Eureka,



Mrs. Emma Jones, McAllen, Texas, founder and National Commander of The Navy Mothers Club of America, receives an orchid corsage from Electrician's Mate, first class, Robert E. Whaley of Los Angeles when the two met for the first time recently in Houston, Texas. Whaley attended the Southwestern premiere there of Cecil B. DeMille's new Technicolor production for Paramount Pictures, "The Story of Dr. Wassell," which stars Gary Cooper as Commander Corydon M. Wassell, (MC) USNR. He is one of the real-life characters depicted in the movie and was one of 42 wounded U. S. Navy men shepherded out of Java by Dr. Wassell in 1942, just a jump ahead of the invading Japs. For this deed Dr. Wassell, former Arkansas country doctor, won the Navy Cross and a fire-side chat radio tribute from President Roosevelt. Mrs. Jones' 580 Navy Mothers Clubs, including the local Navy Mothers Club, are taking an active part in a nationwide salute to the American doctor at war which is inspired by Commander Wassell's own heroism which is dramatically brought to the attention of the public in "The Story of Dr. Wassell."

## ECUADOR MAD AT TENNESSEE SOLON

Quito, Ecuador, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Sen. Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee should be in the Tokyo diet or in the German reichstag instead of the United States senate, National Assemblyman N. Parra said today, commenting on the Tennessee's announcement that he will propose that the United States buy or lease Ecuador's Galapagos Islands.

Other assemblymen also strongly criticized him on the floor and the assembly approved a motion to call Foreign Minister Ponce Enriquez to report on the present state of negotiations with the United States concerning United States' bases in the Galapagos Islands and on the Ecuadorian mainland.

Prospect Parent-Teacher association will meet in the school cafeteria, Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 2:30 p. m. After the business meeting the students of Mr. Jaros' room will present a program, followed by refreshments served by the mothers of the eighth grade pupils.

### Amateur Theatrical Group Selects Play

"Deadlier Than the Male," a new three-act play by Pete Williams, has been selected as the first play to be presented by Medford's new amateur theater group, according to the president, Mrs. Garland Jones. Mrs. Jones states that arrangements for presenting the play were made with Samuel French of New York.

Rehearsals have started on the play, which has a large cast of feminine characters. Mrs. Neil Collins is the director and Mrs. Don Moore is serving as her assistant. It is planned to present the production the last week of February or early in March and all receipts will be given to the American Red Cross.

WEATHER—Northern California—Clear today and tonight; some high cloudiness Tuesday; but with frost in valleys.

## HEARING DUE ON TRUCK ACT SOON

Salem, Ore., Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Only one controversial measure has come before the Oregon legislature so far this session, but another is expected to be brought onto the floor following a hearing of the "big truck" bill next Wednesday and Thursday.

The proposal to investigate the Oregon liquor commission purchase with Washington of two Kentucky distilleries in 1943 passed both houses of the Oregon legislature last week.

Washington legislature has also voted to investigate the distillery purchase.

## JAP TOLL YANKEE SEAMAN MOUNTS

Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Japanese flyers probably took a higher toll of merchant seamen's lives in the 10 weeks following the American landing on Leyte in the Philippines than in any other Pacific operations, the war shipping administration said today.

But the Japs—"Willing to take any risk to send large cargo vessels to the bottom"—paid the heavy price of 107 planes for their suicidal attacks which, the WSA said, is a record for merchant men in any war theater.

### AIR LINES MOVE

Los Angeles, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Pinched for space, five major airlines now operating at the Lockheed air terminal near Burbank plan to move to the municipal airport near Inglewood within three months, spokesmen for the companies said today.

## POPULAR VOTE TOTALS GIVEN IN TABULATION

Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—South Trimble, clerk of the house has issued a tabulation of the November election returns giving President Roosevelt 25,602,505 popular votes and Gov. Thomas A. Dewey 22,006,278.

A total of 48,025,684 votes were cast for presidential candidates, according to Trimble's compilation of returns provided by state officials. Socialist Norman Thomas led minor party candidates with 80,518 votes. The prohibition party candidate received 74,758 votes and the socialist-labor candidate 45,338 votes. A total of 216,289 votes were scattered.

### TENNIS MEETS SET

New York, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—The U. S. Lawn Tennis association voted today to continue its wartime tournament schedule in 1945, re-elected Holcombe Ward of New York president, and named Pauline Betz and Sgt. Frankie Parker as the top ranking players.

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Often this will give you the strange feeling that it has happened before—particularly if, as a youngster, you were a Boy Scout. Not long ago some Scoutmaster was teaching you, as an elder comrade, those things that make for survival. He, too, was teaching you self-reliance.

Certainly Scout training—with its emphasis on self-reliance—has saved countless soldier lives. Certainly its shoulder-to-shoulder teachings have made better fighting men of millions. So we'd like to say a word of thanks to those men who have made Scout training possible. We'd like to say it as a company which includes in its make-up the parents of many, many boys now on some front.

We mean the store-keepers and school-teachers, insurance men and others who have given hour on hour and month on month as Scoutmasters and Troop Committeemen. About them you hear little. Yet every parent of a service man is in their debt. The whole country owes them much. They've taught our boys to be men. For this we have an unbeatable secret weapon—American manhood.

## RUM FUND SHARE \$884 FOR COUNTY

Salem, Ore., Jan. 22—(U.P.)—A total of \$215,965.26 was distributed to counties and cities of the state as their share of Oregon's 1944 liquor revenues, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported today. The distribution for the final quarter of the year amounted to \$56,749.68.

In 1943 the total was \$205,920.73 and in 1942 it was \$175,240.17.

Jackson county received \$844.05, Medford \$587.50 and Ashland \$247.06.

## LITTLE LIGHT ON KLAMATH MURDER

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Apparently nothing was discovered Saturday by Archie O. Davig, when he was questioned about possessing a gun which is said to have been used in the slaying of John R. Ewing.

Davig brought the gun to Sheriff Lloyd Low several days after Ewing's bullet-riddled body was found on the highway south of Klamath Falls, with the explanation that he had loaned his car to his friend, Ewing, and that Davig had found the gun in the car after the shooting.

## Pilots Pry Bomb Out Of Plane To Avert Crash Dive

Seventh AAF Base in the Marianas, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Crew members of a 7th AAF Liberator today told how they used machine gun barrels as crowbars to pry loose a half-ton bomb which smashed into their aircraft from another American bomber.

The bomb toppled from the open bomb bay of a Liberator above, crashed through the top of the bomber's fuselage with terrific impact and lodged in the waist, they said.

The pilot, Lt. Robert L. Strong, East Farms, Wash., felt the shock as the controls locked, and only the combined pulling strength of Strong and Co-pilot Lt. Thomas B. Engram, Johnson City, Ill., saved the bomber from a crash dive.

CROSSING FIRE FATAL—Merced, Calif., Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Three men died in Merced hospital today of burns received when a Southern Pacific freight train struck a truck loaded with fuel oil near Chochilla last night, scattering flaming oil over the locomotive and setting fire to the truck.

## Son Of Gold Hill Woman Awarded Medal For Wound

With 168th General Hospital, France—Cpl. Troy Oris Swindler, husband of Mrs. Erma Fae Swindler, box 71, Lathrop, Mo., recently was awarded the purple heart medal for wounds received in action.

Cpl. Swindler was wounded near St. Vith on Dec. 16, while hauling ammunition to his field artillery battalion shelling the German defenses in that area. He lost several teeth from a piece of shrapnel, that finally lodged in his jaw. Now convalescing, he soon will rejoin his unit.

Cpl. Swindler attended Lathrop high school and worked as a truck driver for the Everett and Clark Construction company before entering the army in November, 1943. A brother, N. C. Swindler, is a navy seaman first class, stationed at San Francisco, Cal.

His mother, Mrs. Edith Thompson, lives at Box 646, Gold Hill, Ore.

## Medford Gunner Is Awarded Air Medal For Bomb Missions

An 8th Air Force Bomber Station, England—T/Sgt. Russell R. Graham, 21-year-old gunner on an 8th air force B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the air medal for "meritorious achievement" during heavy bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial targets and in support of allied ground forces.

The award was presented by Col. Charles B. Dougher of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., commanding officer of the 94th bomber group.

The flyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Graham of route No. 1, box 547, Medford, Ore. Previous to entering the army air forces he was a student.

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