

Few Mississippians Still Remember Tishomingo State

Jackson, Miss.—(U.P.)—Few persons even in this area remember "the great state of Tishomingo."

The "state" existed 100 years ago in the northeast corner of Mississippi and many official documents bore that seal, while residents proudly referred to their area as a state. Thriving Jacinto was the Tishomingo county seat when the county was the largest in Mississippi, with a total area of 1,286 square miles, 72 square miles larger

than Rhode Island. Today the fragments of Tishomingo go to make up three counties — Tishomingo, Alcorn and Prentiss. The only reminder of Jacinto's former greatness is the decaying old red-brick two-story courthouse, which is now used by the congregation of the Methodist church.

Jacinto was recognized as the most prosperous and fastest-growing city of northeast Mississippi in the 1840s and '50s and its only recognized rival in the area was the bustling port of Eastport, Tenn., on the Tennessee river.

Jacinto originally was known as Cincinnati after another community on the banks of the Ohio, the residents decided two "great" cities with the same name would prove confusing. Along about that time the Texas fight for independence had enured the public fancy, so when the battle of San Jacinto was fought and won by the pioneers, the Mississippi town's name was changed.

In time, residents in the county's outer perimeter began to complain that slow travel made it a day's journey to Jacinto in the geographic center of the county. The "state" was split into three counties.

Today the once prosperous community of Jacinto contains fewer than 100 persons and its former rival, Eastport, is not even on the map. The community is almost inaccessible in bad weather. Two small general stores make up the bulk of the business district.

Nevertheless, Jacintoans still are proud of their community



HIKING THROUGH DESERT at Yucca Flat, Nev., top figures in America's atomic program check test site before new blast. From left: Gordon Dean, chairman, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission; Carroll Tyler, atomic test manager; Brigadier General Kenneth Fields, director, division of military applications and Dr. A. G. Graves, AEC scientific director. (International Soundphoto)

Science at Work

Philadelphia —(U.P.)— Sooner or later, it appears that everything will be made of plastics. The newest marvels in plastics were on parade here at the national plastics exposition. Three of the top developments included a new foam substance that is

and its past and believe the former town still has a future. They have hopes that the old courthouse some day may become a state shrine.

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Freedom Can Slip Away, Legislator Tells Rotarians

A sober warning that freedom can slip away from the people of America, unless the widely prevailing negligence, carelessness and indifference of citizens are replaced with a sense of responsibility at election time, was voiced in an address here Tuesday by State Senator Howard Belton. The veteran legislator from Canby spoke at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Medford Rotary club at the Jackson hotel.

In discussing "You and Your Government," Senator Belton said that it is time to be more critical of government, with one dollar of every three earned by the taxpayer going to the cost of government. There are two philosophies, one that government is the servant of the people, the other that the people are the slaves of government, he pointed out. We have ignored the teaching of history, the speaker warned, and the existing feeling of hopelessness should be replaced with active interest in government and greater exercise of voting franchise.

Security Seen Object
Recently, security has seemed to become the prime objective of government, Senator Belton told Rotarians; the deep freezes and mink coats should cease to be the targets of jokes, they are instead an indication of real tragedy. We have a real responsibility to 40 million youths and to a half-million young men now fighting in the hills of Korea, he said, and it is high time to understand that freedom can exist only in a moral atmosphere; that Christianity does have a place in politics. Americans can do something about the present deplorable situation if they will exercise the right of the ballot, he concluded.

Senator Belton was introduced by Rotary program chairman John Niedermeyer.

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Two Rogue Forest Officers Retired After Long Service

The retirement of two fire control officers from service in the Rogue River National forest, each with more than 25 years experience in the district was announced Tuesday by the Medford office.

Retiring are James B. Winningham and John F. Henshaw. Winningham started his career in the Forest service on the Applegate ranger district. He received his first assignment in 1922. For the last several years he has been fire crew foreman at Star Ranger station. He is married, and the couple has a ranch near Eagle Point where they plan to move soon.

Henshaw entered the Forest service in 1923, and in recent years has served as ranger district assistant at Butte Falls. He is married and the couple will remain at their home in Butte Falls.

A dinner party was held in Medford last Sunday to honor the two men and their families.

Montreal is one of the great ports of the world, even though ice closes it from December to April. It is second only to New York in North American port facilities.

Newsman Must Fight For Right to Know, La Prensa Editor Says

New York—(U.P.)—Newspaper men must fight for every man's right to know what is going on in his world, Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz said Wednesday.

The self-exiled editor of the Buenos Aires newspaper La Prensa addressed the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. He was presented with a plaque expressing the association's gratitude "for his magnificent fight for a democratic free press."

La Prensa was suppressed by the Argentine government more than a year ago. The plaque con-

tained the text of a resolution adopted by the association last year voicing shock at the suppression of "one of the great newspapers of the world."

Britain is awarding 15 scholarships this year to young students for study of production technology and management in U. S. universities, technological institutes and industrial undertakings.

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