

## Rotund Passenger Fails in Lawsuit Against Airline

Tulsa, Okla.—(U.P.)—A rotund Claremore man found no immediate relief in court in his complaint that he was injured \$47,500 worth because Continental Airlines safety belt wouldn't go around his middle.

W. A. Preston sued the airlines for that amount. He said he suffered neck and shoulder injuries when the plane landed because the safety belt was too short to reach around his midsection.

Since the 1949 accident, Preston said in his complaint, his weight has dropped from 320 to 200 pounds.

The Preston's case was thrown out of court by U.S. District Judge William R. Wallace Tuesday. The judge said the plaintiff made a reference to the airline's insurance company which would prejudice the jury.

## American Battle Casualties Higher

Washington—(U.P.)—The Defense Department has reported that known American battle casualties in Korea now total 107,965, an increase of 299 over last week's summary.

The total figure includes casualties from the beginning of the war through last Friday. It does not include all casualties through that date since it requires one to three weeks to notify the next of kin and casualty figures are not released until next of kin have been notified.

The new summary listed 18,980 deaths, 76,675 wounded, 9,795 missing, 1,134 captured, 1,381 previously missing but returned to military service.

## Commodity Prices For Farmers Increase

Washington—(U.P.)—Sharp increases in prices of cabbage, tomatoes and onions led a rise of two-thirds of one per cent during the month ended April 15 in prices received by farmers for their commodities.

The Agricultural Department also reported slightly higher prices for cotton, corn, potatoes, eggs, lamb, sheep and beef. Prices dropped slightly for dairy products, hogs, veal calves, chickens and small grains.

It was the first overall gain in three months.

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## Attorneys Report Opening of Firm For Law Practice

Edward B. Hanley Jr. and Bruce J. Manley, Medford attorneys, today announced the formation of a law firm to be known as Hanley and Manley for the general practice of law with offices in the Leverette building.

Attorneys Hanley and Manley are at present counsel for the Moisture Conservation League, Inc., whose members are circulating an initiative petition for abolition of cloud-seeding.

Although members of Hanley's family were among early settlers of the Rogue valley, he has practiced law in Seattle for several years and only recently returned to the family home on Ross lane.

**Harvard Graduate**  
Hanley is a graduate of Harvard college, 1927, and Harvard Law school, 1930. He is a member of the American Bar association, the American Judicature society, and a patron of the International Bar association.

He is also a member of the Washington State Bar association and the Oregon State Bar association, and a member of the bar of the supreme court of the United States, of the circuit court of appeals of the ninth circuit, of the United States district court of the western district of Washington, northern division, and of the United States district court for the state of Oregon, the board of immigration appeals, and the federal communications commission.

Hanley is a member of the Young Men's Republican club of Seattle, the Scott Law Club of Harvard, the Harvard club of Seattle, the Arctic club of Seattle, and the University club of Medford. He is also a member of the Eureka Lodge No. 20, A. F. and A. M. of Seattle, and is counsel for the Grand Order Eyes of Philippines. Hanley was a staff sergeant in the United States signal corps from 1942 to 1945.

**Here Two Years**  
Hanley has lived in the Rogue valley for more than two years. Before coming to Medford, he practiced law in Houston, Tex. He holds BA and MA degrees from the University of Michigan and an LLB degree from South Texas College of Law. He is a member of the Texas State Bar association and the Oregon State Bar association.

He is a member of the bar of the United States district court for the southern district of Texas. Prior to his practice of law, Manley was a deputy clerk in that court.

Manley is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Talisman Lodge No. 31, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 2093 of Medford.

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## Petition Would Limit Milk-Pricing Powers

Salem—(U.P.)—Preliminary petitions were on file with the State Election Bureau Thursday to limit the state's milk-pricing power to fixing minimum producer prices.

The initiative measure would remove the authority of the state to control retail and wholesale prices.

The measure would also do away with the law authorizing producer quotas and pooling of producer returns. Any dairyman meeting sanitation requirements could produce grade A milk.

The measure now up for signatures would drastically curb the milk-control powers of the state.

**Arguments Told**  
One of the arguments against the quota system was that a man might have a herd producing the highest quality milk, but if he did not have a quota he could not sell it as grade A but had to take a grade B price. Opponents of the quota system said distributors would buy this grade A milk as grade B and

sell it as grade A, thus reaping more than a just share of the cost to the consumer.

Sponsors of the initiative measure said it was prompted "by consistent ignoring of the consumer" by the Legislature and the milk control administration.

**Would Reopen Market**  
The preliminary petitions were filed by the affiliated milk committee of which Mrs. Frank S. Taylor, Portland, is chairman.

Mrs. Taylor said the measure would reopen the market in Oregon to free competition.

If sponsors obtain 26,286 signatures of registered voters by July 3, the initiative measure will be voted on at the November general election.

## Portland Employers Add 1,500 Workers

Salem—(U.P.)—Portland area employers added 1,500 workers last month to bring employment up to 160,700 or 700 more than a year ago, the State Employment Compensation Commission said.

Most of the added workers were in lumber, metals and retail trade. The Portland area includes Clark county in Washington and Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties in Oregon.

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## Former Bootleggers File For Sheriff in Oklahoma

Muskogee, Okla.—(U.P.)—Candidates for Muskogee county sheriff Thursday included: Jess Crossland, 48, who was arrested some 50 times for bootlegging between 1945 and 1948, but has reformed; "I haven't sold a pint in four years."

Ex-sheriff Eddie Briggs, who was ousted from the office in 1949 when he was convicted of conspiring to wholesale liquor without a federal stamp.

Fred "Slim" Payne, former Muskogee county liquor kingpin, who was convicted with Briggs in 1949.

And incumbent Sheriff R. T. Sybert.  
Payne said he filed to keep Briggs from winning. When Payne and Briggs were convicted, Payne got a five-month sentence. The ex-sheriff drew only 90 days.

"If Briggs runs for sheriff 100 times," said Payne, "I'll run against him every time."  
Oklahoma is dry.

## No Five-Star Rank

Washington—(U.P.)—Administration officials have announced that President Truman has no present intention of promoting Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway to the five-star rank of General of the Army when he becomes Allied commander in Europe.

Ridgway is now a four-star general. His deputy commander in Europe will be Viscount Montgomery, a field marshal. This rank is the British equivalent of the American rank of a five-star general.



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## Walnut, Sycamore Spraying Advised

Walnut and Sycamore blight spray applications are now in order, according to C. B. Cordy, county horticulturalist.

"The exact timing for the walnut trees will vary with bud development," he said, "but most are now suitable." Recommended applications for the walnut blight are one pound of yellow copper oxide to each 100 gallons or two pounds of copper-A to 100 gallons. He recommended the use of a spreader depositor with either materials, and a repeat spraying in 10 days time.

The spray for Sycamore blight should also be put on now, Cordy said, when the little leaves are unfolding. "Copper-A or any other fixed copper compound would be suitable," he pointed out, "with a strong mixture of four pounds to each 100 gallons."

Both spray applications should be applied by a power sprayer he said, as a hand-type could not complete the job effectively.

**GO FOR ICE CREAM**  
Fort Knox, Ky.—(U.P.)—Soldiers at Fort Knox go for ice cream in a big way. During a three-month period \$337,032 was spent for ice cream and milk, making it the second highest item on the post's list of food expenditures.

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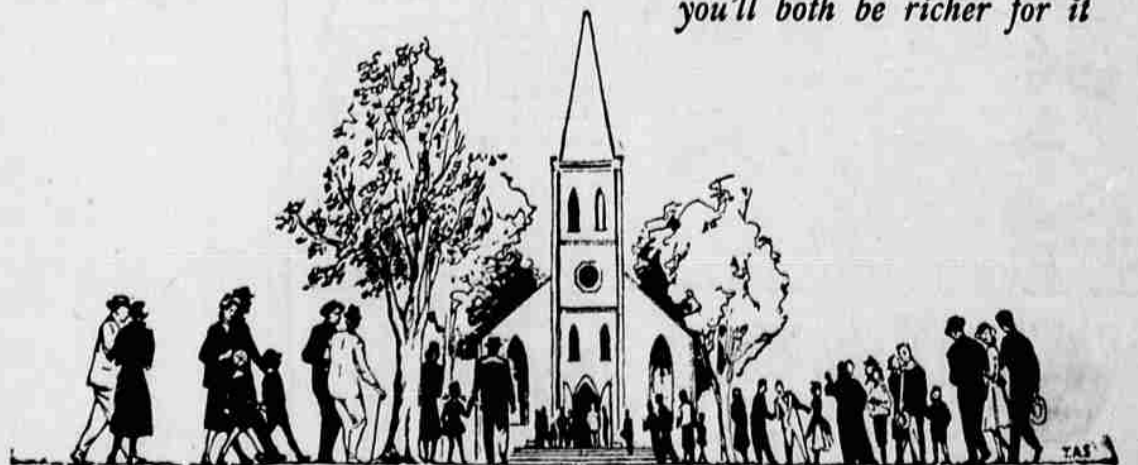
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