



FIVE GENERATIONS—Mrs. Sarah Blevins Wing and her great-granddaughter, Desiree Lee McGee, represents five generations which will be present when Mrs. Wing celebrates her 103rd birthday in Ashland tomorrow. The baby was four days old when the picture was taken. Born March 2, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond McGee Jr., 474 Lit Way dr., Ashland. Mrs. McGee is the former Donna Lee Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byers of Medford. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McGee, 317 North Main st., and the great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGee, 327 Morton st., Ashland. —(Memory Lane photo)

Mrs. Sarah Wing To Observe 103rd Birthday Tomorrow

Ashland—Mrs. Sarah Blevins Wing, whose parents came to Oregon in a covered wagon in 1843 with the famous Applegate party, will celebrate her 103rd birthday tomorrow.

The alert, erect little woman was born in the Tualatin valley in a log cabin March 10, 1853, and except for a few years before the turn of the century has lived in Ashland, where she moved in 1901.

Mrs. Wing keeps abreast of world affairs today, reading current periodicals and newspapers. She also watches television, although she admits that TV has slowed up her tanning and neighborhood calling considerably.

Attends Church
She attends church in Phoenix, where her grandson, the Rev. Everett McGee, is pastor. She also accompanies her family on shopping expeditions.

She still has vivid memories of early pioneer days of Oregon, which did not become a state until she was almost six years old. Her memories include friendship with native Indians of the territory, and firsthand acquaintance with the rigors of the frontier.

Later, as the bride of C. C. Wing, she recalls the hardships of ranching during the 1870's in northern California, a silver mining venture in Utah, and other adventures in the west when it still was a new and isolated region.

The family moved to California while she was still young. Later she lived in Idaho, and returned to Oregon with her husband and children in 1901.

Since 1916, when her husband died, she has lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGee.

Five generations will join the birthday celebration this year, including the latest addition to the family—Desiree Lee McGee, great great granddaughter of Mrs. Wing born to Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond McGee Jr., 474 Lit Way dr., Ashland, March 2.

Out of town relatives who plan to be present include Roy Wing, Mrs. Wing's son who lives in Oakland, Calif., and R. V. McGee, her grandson living in Menlo Park, Calif.

Beside her son and daughter, Mrs. Wing has four grandsons, 13 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. Mrs. Wing's other great grandchild, Russell Morrison, was born almost a year ago to Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Morrison of Redwood City, Calif.

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Ohio Solon Calls For Action If Vote Deal Report True

Deal Said Proposed For Farm Bill Votes

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said today he doesn't think he did any "lobbying" for Senate approval of the administration's flexible farm price supports.

He said he visited with senators prior to yesterday's showdown vote "only when invited" to do so.

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-O.) has called for impeachment of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson if it is true as alleged that Benson tried to make a deal on farm bill votes with three Democratic senators.

Hays told the House yesterday a recent New York Times story reported that Benson told the senators he would try to raise government supports on cotton if they voted against mandatory 90 per cent price supports.

Very Strong Penalties
"If this is true, it is a violation of the U.S. code which carries very strong penalties," Hays said. "If true this is certainly grounds for impeachment," he later told the United Press.

Republican House Leader Joseph Martin Jr. asked Hays to name the senators. Hays said House rules forbade him to do so.

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Demos Smarting Under Defeat in Drive for Rigid Price Supports

Washington—(U.P.)—Democrats smarting under Senate defeat of their drive to restore rigid farm price props said today they will win the decisive vote on the farm issue in the presidential election.

The Senate yesterday voted 54 to 41 to knock out of its omnibus farm aid bill a Democratic provision restoring rigid 90 per cent price supports on cotton, corn, peanuts and rice.

Forty-one Republicans and 13 Democrats defeated the provision. Thirty-five Democrats and six Midwest farm belt Republicans voted for it.

Victory-flushed administration forces predicted they will cap their triumph with defeat of a Democratic provision to put 90 per cent supports on millable wheat.

The Senate today voted to increase corn acreage from 43,000,000 to 51,000,000 acres this year.

The amount of the acreage was a compromise reached after about eight hours of involved, complicated debate which started late yesterday.

The Democrats denounced the Republican victory and the Republican farm program in general.

Chairman Allen J. Ellender of the Senate Agriculture committee called defeat of rigid supports and continuance of the administration's flexible support program a "disaster" for the price-squeezed farmer.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) predicted President Eisenhower and other GOP candidates will suffer at the polls in November. Other Democrats agreed.

The White House said Mr. Eisenhower was "delighted" with defeat of rigid supports.

Petitions Expected To Be Circulated for Joining 3 Districts

The Medford school board this morning approved circulation of petitions by residents of three school districts for consolidation with the Medford district.

Petitions for consolidation of Oak Grove and West Side districts with Medford were expected to start circulating immediately, according to Medford School Superintendent Leonard Mayfield.

The Medford board this morning agreed that consolidation appears to be the only method whereby school districts may join without jeopardizing bonding authority and by which social security and retirement rights for employees may be protected, Mayfield said.

Annexation Considered
Previously, the board considered annexation, which Mayfield said at first seemed a more feasible method. Additional studies showed, however, that more problems would arise from annexation than consolidation.

He noted that annexation is a new system, and has not yet been attempted in large districts. Petitions for consolidation will be filed with the county boundary board, which will then set an election date in all three districts. The ballot will include the date consolidation is to become effective.

School officials anticipated that consolidation may become effective at the start of the next fiscal year, July 1. Boards in Oak Grove and West Side as well as Medford have recommended an early election in order to assist budget committees drawing up next year's budget.

Progress Seen In Averting Arab War
Jerusalem—(U.P.)—The U.N. truce supervisor said today he believed he had made some progress in averting an Israeli-Arab war, but massed crowds in Cairo shouted today for the "annihilation of Israel."

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, head of the truce supervisory group, flew back to Israel from three days of high level talks in Cairo on the increased tension along the Egyptian-Israeli border.

Burns said his conversations with Maj. Gen. Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian minister of defense and chief of staff for the combined Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi Arabian armies and with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi "indicated progress." He said he would discuss the same questions with Israel and then consult with U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

But there were shouts of war even as Burns left by plane for Israel.

Water Resources Suggestions Forwarded
Salem—(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton today forwarded tentative recommendations of the water resources advisory committee of the council of state governments to Gov. Elmo Smith and interested state officials for comment.

The recommendations came out of the meeting of the water committee in Chicago, Feb. 14. Basic recommendations were that the states expand their present programs or establish programs of collecting, analyzing and evaluating data on the amount and quality of ground and surface water available, their rates of use and amounts being used for various purposes.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 497.84, up 5.48; 20 railroads 165.99, up 1.75; 15 utilities 67.06, up 0.33, and 65 stocks 176.61, up 1.74. Sales today were about 3,430,000 shares compared with 2,500,000 yesterday.

Portland—(U.P.)—Mayor Fred Peterson has filed for reelection.



O. H. BENGTSON
Seeks Judge's Post

Medford Attorney Seeks District Court Judge Post

O. H. Bengtson, Medford attorney and former member of the state house of representatives, today announced he will be a candidate for the non-partisan post of district judge.

He served in the 1945 and 1947 legislative sessions as a Republican. A native of Colorado, he has practiced law in Oregon since 1931. He is a graduate of Colorado seminary and the University of Denver law school.

He was manager of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association for five years prior to 1951. He is a member of the Kiwanis club and several fraternal orders in which he has held office.

Visits Foreign Courts
Last year he visited England and Sweden, studying the law courts.

His legislative interests were largely in regard to state institutions, obtaining Camp White for Veterans Administration use, and improvement of other state custodial institutions.

Bengtson is a former captain of the Jackson County Sheriff's posse. He is the father of three children.

The incumbent district judge is Rawles Moore, who has held the post for several years and has filed for reelection.

Extra Time Granted For Lobby Probe

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate today formally gave its special committee an extra three weeks to wrap up its investigation of an oil lobbyist's rejected \$2500 campaign contribution to Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.).

The extension will give the special four-man committee time to study possible law violations and draft a report on the incident. The matter stirred up a turmoil during Senate debate on the controversial natural gas bill.

In the wake of the controversy in the Senate passed the bill, but President Eisenhower vetoed it. He criticized "arrogant" tactics used to advance the measure.

Hospital Fire Results In 'Bucket Brigade' Today

A hastily-former volunteer "bucket brigade" took the place of the elevator at Sacred Heart hospital this morning when use of the lift was halted by an electrical blaze, causing a general fire alarm.

A wire which furnishes electricity for lights for the elevator was caught fire, according to hospital and fire department reports.

California Oregon Power company men as well as firemen were called to the scene and for a time all electricity was turned out at the hospital, it was said.

A direct wire was strung from an outside pole to permit surgery on two patients to go ahead. The patients were being prepared for surgery in the x-ray room when the fire was discovered.

The fire came just before lunchtime at the hospital with more than 80 patients waiting for their meals. A call for volunteers was sent out. Public health nurses, members of Providence guild of the hospital and a few others, including doctors, responded. They formed a brigade on the stairways, passing up ladders. Patients were served on schedule.

Sister Helen Yvonne, in charge of the nursery, had all babies placed in the arms of their mothers.

City firemen received the alarm about 10:30 a.m. and dispatched the aerial ladder apparatus, a pumper truck and a chemical truck. The truck sent from the east side station arrived about three minutes ahead of trucks from the main fire hall.

The elevator was back in working order at noon without lights or bell. Operation of the car was not hindered without these facilities, a hospital spokesman said.

Two trucks on their way back from the hospital about 12:20 p.m. were routed to the Bartlett st. Safeway store where the starter apparatus of a fluorescent light fixture apparently overheated causing fire on the ceiling around the fixture to catch fire. Firemen said they removed about four feet of ceiling.

Cabinet Member Considers Filing; Healy Switches

Trip Follows Talk With Eisenhower

Portland—(U.P.)—Interior Secretary Douglas McKay announced today he will seek the Republican senatorial nomination in Oregon's May primary to run against Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) in the November general election.

Morse, the only Democrat to file for the nomination, said in Washington that "I would love" a political fight with McKay.

Portland—(U.P.)—Interior Secretary Douglas McKay was in Oregon today and speculation immediately arose that he may enter the Senate race to oppose Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

McKay would not give a definite statement.

He said he and Mrs. McKay planned to drive to Salem this afternoon. He said if he files, he will do it personally at the secretary of state's office.

McKay was conferring with Republican party officials. Previously he has said he did not intend to enter the Senate race but some observers felt that a conference with President Eisenhower yesterday might have changed his mind.

Deadline for filing for the May 18 Oregon primary election is 5 p.m. today.

The late Gov. Paul Patterson announced his candidacy for the GOP senatorial nomination only a few days before his death. McKay was governor of Oregon before Patterson.

Salem—(U.P.)—William E. Healy, former assistant secretary of state, today switched back into the race for nomination as secretary of state on the GOP ticket and Bruce Williams, Salem attorney, withdrew from the first district congressional race.

The move left Congressman Walter Norblad with only one opponent—W. F. Cook of Silverton—for the Republican nomination for representative from the first district.

Williams' brief statement said: "I have given the matter serious consideration and feel that with Congressman Norblad back in the race for reelection, I should take myself out of the race."

Healy, who originally announced his candidacy for secretary of state and switched to Congress after Norblad had declared himself for governor, declared that he had been a loyal supporter of Norblad's and did not want to oppose him.

State Sen. Mark Hatfield has also filed for the Republican nomination for secretary of state.

Chicago—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson refused again today to enter the Oregon primary election in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Stevenson declined in a telegram to Alfred Corbett, co-chairman of the Stevenson for President committee in Oregon.

"In fairness to the Democratic party," Stevenson said in his wire, "I should participate in primaries only to the extent that I can make them genuine opportunities to express my views on public policy."