



**HEADS DELEGATION**—Illustrious Potentate Clifford A. Mott of Ben Ali Temple, Sacramento, Calif., will be guest of honor at Hillah Temple's Spring ceremonial at Medford Saturday, May 26. Potentate Mott heads a 400-man delegation from Sacramento including Ben Ali's uniformed units. A special train will arrive in Medford at 5 p.m., Friday, with the California delegation.

## Outcome of Florida Democratic Primary Claimed Hard To Predict

Miami —U.P.— Florida politicians say the primary battle between Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver next Tuesday is the hardest to predict of any in which the two Democratic presidential candidates have met.

It is also one of the most important. Florida and the California primary a week later are the last two in which Stevenson and Kefauver are pitted directly against each other.

Both have campaigned hard here and a sweep of most of the state's 28 votes to the Chicago convention would be a significant victory for either man.

The Republicans also hold their presidential preference primary Tuesday but the state of delegates pledged to President Eisenhower will get only token opposition from a partial slate pledged to Sen. William Knowland—without his permission.

Despite Stevenson's and Kefauver's personal appearances, a small turnout of voters is forecast—little more than one-half of the 850,000 who voted three weeks ago in the Democratic primary for governor.

The apathy of voters probably results from a letdown after an unusually heated governor's race and the lack of local and state races or issues to get the voters to the polls.

A big unknown factor—and one of great concern to the Stevenson forces—is the large number of Republicans who are registered as Democrats in Florida. They helped carry the state for President Eisenhower in 1952.

**Defeat Due To GOP Help**

Stevenson feels his defeat by Kefauver in Minnesota last March was due largely to some 125,000 Republicans voting against him in the Democratic primary.

Both men have made four ex-

tended tours of the state already and will stump right up to election eve. But they have not been far apart in most issues, throwing their main broadsides at the Republicans.

Kefauver attacked Stevenson on two fronts Wednesday in Florida. Kefauver denounced as "scurrilous" and "vicious" statements made about him by a Stevenson Florida delegate-candidate, former Gov. Millard F. Caldwell. Kefauver said he was "surprised" Stevenson did not repudiate the statement.

**Read From Editorial**

Caldwell, in introducing Stevenson at a Tallahassee appearance, read from an editorial in the Richmond, Va., News-Leader which called Kefauver an "integrationist . . . a far-left liberal . . . a sychophant for the Negro and union vote."

Stevenson replied, "I am not responsible for what Governor Caldwell said about Sen. Kefauver and certainly I am not responsible for what the Richmond newspaper said."

**Baccalaureate Set At Southern Oregon**

Ashland — The Rev. B. J. Holland, of the Ashland Presbyterian church, will conduct baccalaureate services at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Presbyterian church for graduating seniors at Southern Oregon college.

The Rev. Richard Jones of Medford will be in charge of the invocation and benediction at commencement exercises starting at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Butler Memorial Band shell in Lithia park, according to college officials.

About 200 seniors are expected to receive diplomas.

## Truman Uses Another Phrase But No One Voices Disagreement

Rome —U.P.— Former President Harry S. Truman, under fire over one peppery phrase, used another one today. This time, no one disagreed.

There was considerable disagreement Tuesday when the term "squirrel head" crept into a conversation about the World War II landings at Salerno.

**Smile With Remark**

Mr. Truman apparently was referring to that furor today when he gave newsmen a knowing look and commented, "It's a hell of a world."

But a benign smile accompanied Mr. Truman's remark. Both he and the newsmen accompanying him appeared hopeful that the Tuesday incident over "squirrel-headed generals" had been forgotten.

He added later that he was enjoying his European tour "very much."

American Charge d'Affaires John D. Nernigan met Mr. Truman on his return here. But it was a very quiet reception compared to the mob scene when he first arrived from Genoa last Friday.

**Keeping Cool Head**

He dined last night with his cousin, Brig. Gen. Louis Truman, and other top officers of NATO's southern command in Naples.

Earlier in the day he appeared to be more silent while touring Pompeii than he was at Salerno but he did not lose his sense of humor.

A guide showed Mr. Truman a cold water basin where ancient Romans stuck their heads while taking steam baths.

"Ah, keeping a cool head—that's a good idea," he said.

Looking at a loaf of bread carbonized by volcanic ash which fell on Pompeii in the year 79 A.D., Mr. Truman promptly thought of his newlywed daughter.

"I ought to send a piece of that to Margaret," he quipped.

## In the Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

A house of representatives committee in Washington approves a boost in postal rates. First class mail, now three cents an ounce, would go up to four cents. Air mail, now six cents an ounce, would rise to seven cents.

The post office department estimates that the increases would cost the average letter writing family an additional 10 to 15 cents per month—or \$1.20 to \$1.80 per year.

**PRETTY rugged, you say?**

Wait a minute.

The post office department is presently running into the red at the rate of about a half billion dollars per year. Each billion dollars of federal taxation costs each individual American about \$6. (It used to be about \$7, but our population is growing like the proverbial jimson weed, so the PER CAPITA cost is coming down.)

So—

You see—

The present postal deficit, which is made up out of taxes, costs each individual American about \$3.

**THAT is to say:**

The proposed hike in postal rates will cost the average American family about \$1.80 per year. The average American family is composed of 3.4 PERSONS. So the increase would cost each person about 60 cents per year.

Paying for the present half billion dollar postal deficit out of taxes costs each person about three dollars.

Viewed from that angle, the proposed increase in postal rates looks like a bargain.

**A**NOTHER tax note:

The senate finance committee voted approval this morning of 14.4 billion dollars in new taxes over a 16-year period, to help pay for a vast new road-building program.

14.4 BILLION dollars!

WOW!!!

**A** GAIN, let's wait a minute.

The proposal is to spend 14.4 billion dollars over a period of 16 years. That is at the rate of about 900 million dollars per year. That would amount to a little better than \$5 per person per year. If it resulted in more modern highways—including a lot of four-lane roads where now there are only two lanes—I think it would be worth the \$5 to me.

**B**UT THAT isn't the point I want to make. The point is this:

The Hoover Commission tells us—and has been telling us for years—that if we would get more common business horse sense into the conduct of our sprawling federal government we could save several BILLION dollars a year.

Not by cutting down on social security. Not by cutting out reclamation and irrigation and such. Not by reducing our expenditures for national defense to the danger point. Just by eliminating the waste and the monkey-shines and getting down to business principles in the everyday conduct of our governmental affairs.

Think of the highways we could build with several billion dollars per year.

## President May Meet Texas Politicians

Washington —(U.P.— President Eisenhower will delay his departure from Waco, Tex., Friday after delivering a major foreign policy address there in order to "meet some people," possibly Texas political leaders.

Assistant White House Press Secretary Murray Snyder, in response to questions, said Wednesday he had no details on whom the President will see. But in response to questions he left open the possibility that the President may meet Texas politicians.

Among the Texas political leaders scheduled to be in Waco Friday are Gov. Allan Shivers, GOP National Committeeman Jack Porter, and Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Oveta Culp Hobby.

## Billy Rose To Wed Joyce Matthews

New York —(U.P.— Broadway producer Billy Rose, 56, a 36-year-old actress Joyce Matthews obtained a marriage license Wednesday but declined to disclose their wedding plans.

The pint sized Rose has been married twice. He was divorced from the late Fanny Brice in 1940 and from Olympic swimming star Eleanor Holm in 1954.

Miss Matthews slashed her wrists in Rose's apartment atop his Ziegfeld Theater during his court wrangle with Miss Holm over their divorce.

The thrice-married blonde actress and Rose have been friends for seven years. Miss Matthews was divorced once from Gonzales Gomez in 1940, and twice from comedian Milton Berle in 1948 and 1950.

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## Miss Bringmann Is RR Queen Candidate

Rogue River — Miss Irene Bringmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bringmann, West Evans Creek rd., Rogue River, was chosen at a recent election in Rogue River High school to represent Rogue River at the 1956 Gladiolus Festival in August in Grants Pass. She was chosen in an election by the senior boys.

Miss Bringmann is salutatorian of her class.

Five princesses were chosen from Grants Pass High school. They are Vickie Vannice, Beverly Pernel, Karen Njaa, Jean Hannum, and Phyllis Hyatt.

The Illinois Valley candidate for the role of Gladiolus queen is

## Glenn Linn Elected Shrine Club Head

Glenn L. Linn was elected president of the Jackson county Shrine club at an annual election recently.

Other officers elected included William Schei, vice-president and Dick Nagel, secretary-treasurer.

Retiring president Woody Morris was presented a framed plaque in appreciation for services to the club.

The Harmonaires furnished entertainment for the meeting.

Darlene Wheeler, Active club queen contest chairman is Charles Telfer of Grants Pass.



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