

Ex-Congressmen Have Hard Time Getting High Caliber Positions

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Washington — Ex-congressmen are having a tough time of it in Washington these days trying to latch onto high caliber jobs in the Eisenhower administration.

Defeat at the polls has turned some of them into those beings they frequently lambast in their high-riding days in Congress — bureaucrats. And others are anxiously hoping to join the government's swivel-chair ranks.

But the Eisenhower administration, which has been stung a few times by its selection of ex-congressmen for high federal office, isn't exactly opening the back door and saying, "Come on in, boys, there's room enough for all."

Law Background
One congressman with a law background figured a legal post — maybe a judgeship — would be about right for his talents. But he couldn't even get an appointment with Attorney General Herbert Brownell.

Biggest Plum
Otherwise, the biggest plum to date has gone to Oregon's Harris Ellsworth, who has been appointed to the Civil Service commission, possibly to become its chairman. Dewey Short, who

was top Republican on the House Armed Services committee before his defeat in Missouri, may become assistant secretary of defense.

Appointing just the right congressman in just the right federal post is often figured to offer the administration solid advantages, especially in the good relations it is presumed he will have in dealing with his old colleagues in Congress. The administration figured it that way in appointing Wesley D'Ewart of Montana to become assistant secretary of interior.

The way this appointment backfires reveals the handicap of this philosophy about appointing ex-congressmen. All of them have public records which someone can take potshots at. In D'Ewart's case the barrage of opposition was so great the Senate never confirmed his appointment last year, and he had to bow out.

Under Fire
Another ex-congressman who became assistant secretary of defense is Robert Tripp Ross, who is now under fire for approving contracts between the military and his family's business. This has been a costly appointment, and he's on the way out.

One veteran congressman who got the brush off has gone to Florida to become a carpenter there in the winter. Summers he will carpenter in Maine. Another has gone home to open a law office in Waukesha, Wis., which

is the equivalent of going home to Pocatello, the one thing ex-members of Congress usually like least to do.

Man Killed Putting On License Plates
Portland — (U.P.) — A man died Saturday from injuries suffered Friday night when his parked car was struck by another while he was putting license plates on his vehicle.

The victim was Clarence Elston Cubbage, 32. His son, Clarence Eugene, 12, was hospitalized with scalp cuts.

Business Burglaries Reported Cracked
Portland — (U.P.) — Police Saturday announced the arrest of 10 suspects and appeared confident their crackdown had solved much of the rash of business burglaries that have plagued the city for months.

Woman Named First Citizen of Salem
Salem — (U.P.) — Mrs. Bernard O. Agnes Schucking, 73, Friday night became the first woman in history to be named first citizen of Salem.

Editor Says Trivia Need in Newspapers

Eugene — (U.P.) — Hodding Carter, publisher and editor of the Delta Democrat-Times of Greenville, Miss., Saturday defended the publication of trivia in American news media as a demonstration of the dignity of the individual.

Carter spoke to Oregon newsmen as the 11th annual Eric W. Allen Memorial Lecturer at the Oregon Press conference on the University of Oregon campus here.

He said the reporting of trivia was never more needed than in a mechanistic world populated by mass anonymous man.

Prineville Man Dies Of Accident Injuries
Portland — (U.P.) — A 55-year-old Prineville man who was injured in a car-truck collision on the Mt. Hood Loop highway Monday died in a Portland hospital Thursday from injuries received in the crash.

Named to Group
Eugene — Among new members recently named to Student Union standing committees was Ben J. Trowbridge Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Trowbridge, 1625 East Main st., Medford.

Steals for Health
San Mateo, Calif. — (U.P.) — John T. Gravance, 6 foot, 200 pound warehouseman, was arrested on a charge of stealing 1,200 vitamin tablets. He explained they were needed "for my health."

Charles Woodrich to Speak At Meeting Here Monday

Charles Woodrich, Douglas county circuit judge, will discuss a proposed forestry camp for juveniles in Douglas county at a meeting of the Jackson county juvenile advisory council at 8 p.m. Monday.

The meeting, which will be in the circuit court room in the court house, is open to the public. Mrs. Kay Crowell, director of the Jackson county juvenile department, said.

Malin Man Seeks To Prove Ownership
Malin — (U.P.) — A 65-year-old Malin man sought Saturday to prove that four cabins he owns rest on his own property and the city is mistaken in its survey.

Suits Against Highway Commission to Start
Fossil, Ore. — (U.P.) — Trial of the first of nine suits stemming from the Mitchell Hood of last year is scheduled to open Tuesday. The nine suits are all directed at the State Highway commission.

Weather
By United Press
Northern California: Fair but considerable fog night and morning.

conditions in state juvenile schools, would attempt to rehabilitate delinquent juveniles.

There is a possibility Jackson county youths might attend the camp, Mrs. Crowell said. However, the county juvenile department would finance boarding of local youths.

Forestry camps are operated in some California counties, but Douglas county is the only one in Oregon which has done considerable research and proposed such a camp in the state.

Judge Woodrich was appointed in July, 1955, when juvenile court cases and probate work came under the jurisdiction of the Douglas county circuit court. He is one of the youngest circuit court judges in Oregon.



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