

Capitol Memo

# New Supreme Court Justice Experienced In Several Fields

By DOUGLAS GRIPP  
Salem - UPI - Cowboy, mill worker, newspaperman, lawyer, circuit judge.

This is the path followed by Oregon's newest and youngest Supreme Court justice, Alfred T. (Ted) Goodwin.

Goodwin, 36, tapped for the high court last week by Gov. Mark Hatfield, is as much at home today in somber black robes as he was at breaking horses 20 years ago in Crook county. He rolled his own cigarettes and to this day wears suspenders.

The crew-cut justice still shaves with a straight razor, a technique he picked up during World War II.

**Newspaper Writer**  
Goodwin wrote general news and politics for the Eugene Register-Guard in 1946 while completing his journalism degree at the University of Oregon. Summers were spent back on the ranches of his youth or at a sawmill in Springfield. He worked full-time for the paper after graduation and became its city editor before entering law school in 1948.

Goodwin was in private law practice and just 31 when Gov. Paul Patterson appointed him Lane county circuit judge.

His reputation as a brilliant legal mind and his circuit record prompted Hatfield to elevate him still further. Supporters say he may sit on the U. S. Supreme court bench eventually.

But he's still a simple man, and says he still rolls his own - at rodeo time.

**Parking Saga Ends**  
Speaking of justices, a special parking saga involving them has ended in Salem.

Some time ago, the space reserved on state land for Oregon Supreme Court members to park their cars was torn up by construction. The jurists then found problems finding parking spots on the street nearby.

The state appealed to the city and city officials responded by establishing temporary reserved parking slots to the side of the Supreme Court building for the duration of the construction.

A number of persons ignored the justice-only signs and cars were towed away or ticketed.

The construction work is over and the signs came down this week. With it also came an admonition from District Judge E. O. Stadter Jr. that the reserved parking was probably illegal all the while.

# Many Republicans Said Not Interested In Civil Rights

By YVONNE FRANKLIN  
Mail Tribune Washington Bureau

Washington - Congressman Charles O. Porter contends that many Republicans are not interested in the civil rights issue, and Rep. Walter Norblad, in reply to the charge, said it is the truth.

"One of the Republicans told me that it was conscious party policy to show that the Democrats couldn't pass civil rights legislation," charged Porter last week. "If we had their votes we could get any vote through."

He further charged that the zeal Republican publicly display for civil rights was just a political "gimmick" and that in reality the Republican congressmen, excepting a sincere few, were indifferent to a bill.

Congressman Norblad, Oregon's only Republican, didn't challenge the contention.

"I never saw so much indifference in the Republican cloakroom over a bill before. Most men couldn't care less," Norblad said.

"It isn't an issue in my district," he continued. "We only have a handful of Negroes. Nobody writes me. I haven't got one letter on this, and Congress has been working on it five weeks."

When asked if there was truth in Porter's charge that the coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats was blocking an effective bill, and endangering passage of any civil rights bill at all, Norblad said, "It is possible that there is some of this."

Porter will be satisfied if a civil rights bill, strengthening the voting rights of Negroes, is passed.

"Even this is quite a revolutionary step. I will feel good if we pass a good registrar plan. We now have national attention focused on the problem. If the legislation proves cumbersome and doesn't work well, we can put some more teeth in it right away. Time is running out," Porter said.

"The referee or registrar plan may be revolutionary, but it isn't as though there will be a great change overnight. These people aren't ready to spring into action down there and flood the polling places," he continued.

"I was glad to see the young people taking action with their sit down strikes. They have to help themselves. Fundamentally, we don't have to help the Negro as much as he has to help himself," Porter went on. "A lot of people think progress is being made - very slowly - but we are defining the problem - talking about it. Heretofore the South has had an advantage because the issue wasn't as discussed as it is now."

When asked if there was any truth that Northern Democrats might be also giving lip service to the civil rights issue, Porter replied:

"Well, we have our problem in the North, but the difference is that we are ashamed of it, and are trying to do something about it. Whereas the Southerners defend it as their way of life. In Oregon we have FEPC laws. Negroes are allowed to eat in restaurants. Public housing is integrated and so on."

"The ones who are really pushing civil rights are the Northern and Western Democrats, because it is fundamental to our beliefs. Unfortunately, we do not have control in our party councils. We are in the majority, but our party leaders decree that we never meet - because the Southern leaders never want the civil rights issue discussed. It will tear the party apart," they say.

Rep. Edith Green is optimistic that a civil rights bill will be enacted.

"I do think we are closer this year to a meaningful civil rights bill than ever before. There is reason to be more optimistic than in times past," she said.

"The voting rights section of the civil rights bill before us is to me the most important part of the whole civil rights proposal. If everyone had a right to vote, then the other injustices that occur in a given area should be eliminated. Any improvement in other areas would be temporary unless you have the right to elect state representatives who will truly be speaking in your behalf. I want as strong a bill as we can get," Mrs. Green said.

**TRAIN KILLS THREE**  
Plant City, Fla. - UPI - Mrs. Linda June Williams, a 19-year-old mother of three, was killed along with two of her children Tuesday when her car was hit by a freight train at a country crossing near her home.



**NEW LOOK**-The Belle E. Warner building, which includes the Clock restaurant on Main st. and two other recently-remodeled business locations on Bartlett st. in Medford, recently took on a new appearance with the addition of a permanent fiberglass "awning" that extends over the entire sidewalk, offering protection from rain and sun to passerby. Occupying the new business sites will be

Medford Flower shop and the Red Mitten, which will deal in Oregon-made knit goods as well as yawns and materials. The firm, opening April 1, will also handle knitting machines and offer instruction in their use. The Medford Flower shop will move to its new location about May 20, according to owner Clark Thomas. The Clock restaurant has been in the location there since 1952.

## Captain Says Sub Near Argentina

Navy Capt. Ray M. Pitts, son of Mrs. Estelle Pitts and a brother of Mrs. Jack C. Peterson, both of Gold Hill, was quoted in a recent UPI news story concerning the submarine scare off the Argentine coast last month.

Capt. Pitts, who was in charge of a Navy expert submarine team sent to the area, said he thinks there actually was a foreign U-boat prowling around Golfo Nuevo.

He described his impressions at an interview at the Pentagon following his return from Argentina. Eight members of his 13-man crew were

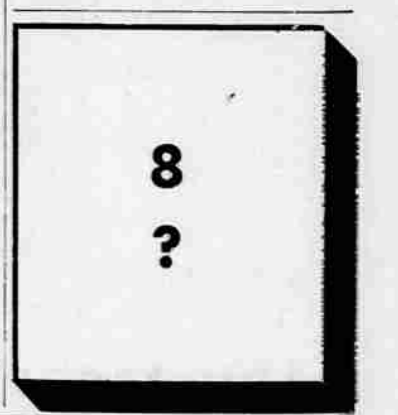
killed in the collision Feb. 25 between a U.S. Navy plane and a Brazilian airliner over Rio de Janeiro.

Pitts did not take the flight because he had been asked to speak to the Argentine War college at the time, his sister reported.

The officer, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, is assistant director of the Navy's undersea warfare division.

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