

Senatorial Tradition Follows Young Taft

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 Cincinnati, Ohio (UPI)—It is rather unusual for a freshman representative to be called "senator" in protocol-conscious Washington. But it happens all the time to Rep. Robert Taft Jr.

That any Taft in Congress is almost automatically labeled "Senator" is indicative of the power and prestige, perhaps greatness, of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio who last sat in the Senate chamber a decade ago.

Sen. Taft, the most eminent Republican legislator of his time, died of cancer 10 years ago—on July 31, 1953. He left behind a great political legend, a large and already successful family and legions of admirers.

Rep. Taft, 46, serving his first term as congressman at large from Ohio, is the son of the late senator. "Personal friends and dis-

tant admirers of my father approach me almost daily in Washington and call me "Senator," says Rep. Taft. "Many of them have the idea that he represented their position. They're sometimes correct and sometimes not. "Often they expect me to vote the way my father did. Although I share many of his ideas, I have to be honest about my own political position. I suppose it's something I'll live with all my life."

Although widely known as "Mr. Republican," the late senator was usually identified with the party's conservative wing. As a result of that work, the younger Taft says his support has been sought by those backing Sen. Barry Goldwater for the Republican presidential nomination.

But Taft, his own political future uncertain, has thus far refused to endorse any potential candidate. He has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential running mate for New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, but the party's wide-open race for the top spot on the ticket has left that trial balloon suspended.

Regarded as a more likely possibility for Taft is a 1964 race of the U. S. Senate. To successfully follow his father's footsteps in the Senate, Taft would have to defeat almost-certain opposition in the GOP primary and then unseat Democratic Sen. Stephen Young.

Not Committed To date, Taft has refused to commit himself to anything but completion of his present term in Congress. Although the best known, Robert Jr. is only one of four sons of the late senator. The eldest, William Howard III, foreign service officer, a member of the Science Advisory council to the secretary of state, recently completed assignments in Mozambique and Ireland.



FAMILY REUNION—Here is the Ohio Taft family, part of the family tree which is eight generations old and several thousand members strong. This family portrait was made in 1921. Front row (L-R) are Mrs. Charles Phelps Taft, with her daughter, Eleanor; Mrs. William Howard Taft, with grandson, Robert, Jr.; William Howard Taft, with grandson, William Howard III; and Mrs. Robert Taft. Back row (L-R) are: Frederick J. Manning; his wife, former Helen Taft; Robert, Maria, Horace and Charles Phelps Taft. (UPI)

Forest Soils Conference Scheduled in Corvallis

Corvallis — Foresters and forest soils scientists from throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico will be at Oregon State university Aug. 26 to 31 for the second North American Forest Soils Conference.

The first such conference was held five years ago in Michigan. Joining with the university in sponsoring the conference are the Soil Science Society of America and the Society of American Foresters. Oregon's Gov. Mark O. Hatfield will be speaker for the Aug. 27 banquet.

The conferences are organized periodically to review and discuss recent research contributions in forest soils, soil classification and surveys, and the use and application of soils information in various phases of forest land management.

Research papers will cover such topics as seasonal pattern of nutrient absorption by forest trees, movement of elements through the forest floor, nitrogen accretion in forest soils, soil physical properties related to erosion hazard, the influence of individual soil and physiographic factors on the growth of Douglas-fir, and drainage patterns and their significance to soil and water management of mountain lands.

Area Horses Place First in Yreka Event

Flash and Vee Vee Reed, horses owned by Ralph Carrell, Butte Falls highway, took first places in the filly and mare classes at the first annual Yreka Horse show recently.

The Carrells, who operate a quarter horse ranch in Eagle Point, also plan to show several quarter horses at the 42nd annual Josephine County fair, Aug. 24.

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