

# Marshall Both Military, Civilian Leader

(Editor's note: This is the first of three articles on Gen. George C. Marshall, dead now after a long life of much service, some glory and a share of controversy.)

by ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Outside a Carolina cottage on the last day of 1938 an Army band played some marching tunes for the aged general.

It was his birthday. There had been 77 before this. There would be no more.

George Catlett Marshall first heard the brass bands and cadence drums sound out those lively airs when he was a shavetail lieutenant of infantry, wearing a broadbrimmed Army campaign hat, no medals on his chest.

That was before three wars, two cabinet posts, fame—and a brief flurry of controversy in later life.

When the Army band came to Pinehurst from Ft. Bragg to play a birthday serenade, illness and age already were heavy upon the general.

But the 78th birthday was a time for memories and a talk with a few old friends.

A time to look back, to remember Uniontown, Pa., where he was born in 1880; schooling at Virginia Military Institute; the humid heat of Army duty in the Philippines; the dust of Oklahoma's Fort Reno; slow promotion for junior officers; until World War I came and with it assignment to Gen. John J. Pershing's headquarters for the American Expeditionary Staff.

That was Marshall's strong point—staff work. He began ascending, obscurely at first, a captain, a major, a lieutenant colonel. A five-year tour after the war as aide to "Black Jack" Pershing, that personification of the precise, cold, aloof commander. Some of Pershing's characteristics rubbed off on Marshall.

He developed two personalities. As an officer, he cleaved closely to the code. He was severe, smiled little, kept to himself, expected instant response when he pushed a buzzer, an immediate answer when he asked a question.

At some point early in his military career he adopted the military practice of addressing subordinates, both in and out of the military, by their last names. He made perhaps no more than a dozen exceptions, and these in the case of very old and very close associates.

Until the day of Dwight D. Eisenhower's inauguration as president, Marshall addressed him only as "Eisenhower," never "Ike."

Marshall's official aloofness may have been something of a protective device, as well as too literal acceptance of military custom. He dreaded that some acquaintance, close or casual, might ask him to use influence of office to grant a favor. So, in a way, he avoided people. When he entered his office in the morning he passed through the reception room at almost a run, left in the same way.

It was a different Marshall at home. There he was a kindly and gentle man who talked through the evening hours with his wife about the family, friends, books, gardening.

He attended dutifully the dinners and cocktail parties required of a general of the Army, of a secretary of state, of a secretary of defense, of an official missionary abroad of the president of the United States.

He may not have liked glittering social events, but he was a diplomat. He could listen attentively and speak the noncommittal words required of him.

Essentially, Marshall was a staff officer, not a combat leader.

His talents showed enough to focus Washington attention on him while he was an almost unknown brigadier general on duty in Illinois in the mid-1930's.

Former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson recalls that he was instrumental in having Marshall assigned to War Department headquarters when Johnson was an assistant secretary of war.

The bright young brigadier, who appeared to know how to get things done fast even in the maze of military red tape, began to move up rapidly. He was chief of the War Plans Division, deputy chief of staff, acting chief, then chief of staff in 1939—when war already had come to Europe and

when Marshall's staff ability had brought the attention and support of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

World War II broke for the United States on a Sunday morning. Marshall was horseback riding. There were some who seemed surprised, and even shocked, that the Army chief of staff should have been horseback riding at a moment when the enemy struck Pearl Harbor. But there were many others, in high and low places, at home and overseas, for whom war came with stunning suddenness.

As Army chief of staff, Marshall was in a preeminent position in the war councils, a senior

member of the American military chiefs of staff, member of the combined chiefs of staff, essentially an Anglo-American organization.

The prominent part which Marshall had in those wartime councils later was to become a subject for some senatorial critics of the general. So too did these critics make charges about his actions as a diplomat, after he left the Army chief's post.

Marshall had difficulty in trying to step out of active life, retire to a home in Leesburg, Va., and a winter cottage at Pinehurst, N. C.

New matters kept bobbing up. When he stepped down in No-

vember 1945 as Army chief of staff he and Mrs. Marshall packed up and made ready to move to the quiet life of a small Southern town. They didn't go. Instead, Marshall accepted President Harry Truman's request that he go to China with the personal rank of ambassador.

That assignment lasted until 1947. How about retirement then? No.

He became secretary of state the month in which he finished the ambassadorial job.

The Marshalls scaled down their retirement plan, the general accepting the presidency of the American Red Cross for two years.

Retire then? No. Truman named Marshall secretary of defense and he took over on Sept. 12, 1950.

He had on his hands his third war. The Korean conflict had been under way three months. It was going badly.

Involved were questions not merely of tactics for defeating an enemy but of broad international policy. How hard could the limited war be pushed without bringing in the Soviet Union and precipitating a third world war—with nuclear weapons?

It took a tough-minded man to stand the strain of questions like that.

## News Carriers Counteract Juvenile Delinquency Scare

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—The nation's 700,000 newspaper carrier boys are a bright, glowing statistic against the often dreary juvenile delinquency picture: fewer than one in 200 carriers gets his name on the police blotter.

This is a figure from FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, himself a one-time newspaper boy. It's one of the International Circulation Managers Assn. cites with more than casual pride.

The circulation men are calling

the matter to public attention as part of the Oct. 17 observance of Newspaper Boy Day. This is the 20th year the association has sponsored the day in the United States, Canada and 20 other countries.

Jack Estes, secretary-treasurer of the ICMA, says the earnings of these junior business men who deliver newspapers to your door amount to \$2,600,000,000 a year.

Thousands pay their way through college from their profits. Estes and his staff estimate the newspapers, seeking to encourage further studies by high school graduates, distribute \$500,000 a year in scholarships.

Circulation managers, as well as authorities concerned with juvenile problems, consider it self-evident that a newspaper route keeps a boy too busy for idle mischief, teaches responsibility, self-reliance, poise in dealing with the public and the benefits of free enterprise.

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay of the United States Air Force, another former newspaper boy, said in connection with this year's observance of Newspaper Boy Day:

"Newspaper boys have become a tradition in our American way of life, and have established their position as reliable and contributing members of the society of this nation.

"At an early age they assume responsibility for supplying their fellow Americans with vital information on the news of the world. Furthermore, they acquire constructive work habits early in life, and in so doing become members of that valuable group of Americans who are not afraid to work."

Reports to the International Circulation Managers Assn. show more and more newspapers, in position to choose from applicants for delivery routes, are accepting only boys whose grades in school rank them above average.

"Generally," says Estes, "the preference is for boys to start on the job at around 13—old enough that they're ready for some responsibility but still young enough not to spend all their time thinking about which girl they want to ask for a date."

As evidence of what the training may mean, the circulation men have found that a list of former newspaper boys in nearly any

town or city is apt to read like a local who's who.

It's the same story at the national level. Among the ex-newspaper boys cited at random by the ICMA are Herbert C. Hoover, Joseph W. Martin, Albert B. (Happy) Chandler, Thomas E. Dewey, Maurice J. Tobin, Earl Warren, Walt Disney, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Harold Lloyd, Fred M. Vinson, Thomas C. Clark, Roy W. Howard, Frank E. Gannett, William O. Douglas, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, Benjamin F. Fairless and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Heart Attack In Class Fatal

MACDOEL — William Copeland, 56, former principal of the Macdoel grade school and teacher for the last two years in a school near San Jose, died Thursday, apparently from a heart attack while teaching a class.

He also taught at Happy Camp for two years after leaving Macdoel.

Mrs. Copeland, who also taught here, is teaching in the San Jose school system.

Funeral services will be held at Anardarko, Oklahoma.

## Committeeman Job Inviting

PORTLAND (AP) — Another possible candidate for Oregon Republican National Committeeman threw his hat in the ring Friday.

He is Don Chapman of Portland. Chapman said he probably would seek the office if the incumbent, Robert T. Mautz, decides not to run for reelection.

Two other possible candidates are former Gov. Elmo Smith of Albany and Rep. Walter Norblad. Both said they might make a try for the job if Mautz doesn't want it.

## Attorney Seeks Democrat Post

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland attorney Berkeley Lent, who has been toying with the idea of running for Democratic State Central Committee Chairman, made up his mind Friday and decided to seek the office.

Other announced candidates are Dan Poling of Salem and State Sen. Robert W. Straub of Eugene. The new chairman will be chosen at a committee meeting in Portland Oct. 21. The vacancy was created by the death of David C. Epps earlier this year.

## GIVES POLARIS REPORT

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — (UPI) — Rear Adm. W. F. Raborn told the American Rocket Society Thursday night that at least 40 to 50 test shots are needed before the Polaris missile will be operational. Raborn said he believed the Polaris, a submarine-launched ballistic missile, may be the key to discouraging surprise attacks.



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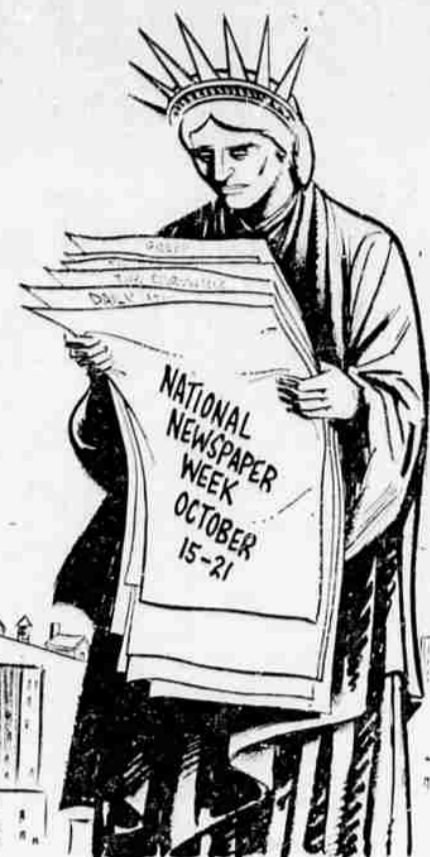
## Trumpeter Swan Numbers Decline

PORTLAND (AP) — The number of trumpeter swans in the United States declined 54 to only 681 in the past year.

The Department of Interior reported the figure Friday after the Fish and Wildlife Service had completed its autumn survey.

The government has been attempting to save the big birds from extinction for the past 30 years. Most of the swans, which weigh as much as 25 pounds and have an eight-foot wing spread, were killed off during the 19th century.

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## BLM Timber Sale Brings High Bidding

There was heavy competition for three tracts of timber offered for oral auction sale by the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management. The bidding brought the selling price of 13,928,000 board feet of timber to \$510,057.

Chiloquin Timber Company of Klamath Falls was high bidder for two tracts located near Buck Lake in western Klamath County. Their total bid for the 8,236,000 board feet included in the two tracts was \$342,651.75, or an average of \$41.60 per thousand board feet for all species. The bids for individual species included \$30.10 per thousand board feet for Doug-

las fir, \$65 per thousand for ponderosa pine, \$61.25 per thousand for sugar pine and \$23.95 per thousand for white fir. Five other operators qualified to bid on each tract.

K & C Timber Company of Wolf Creek made the highest offer of the three bidders competing for a tract containing 5,592,000 board feet in Elk Valley Creek in southwestern Douglas County. They bid \$33 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir and \$167,385.65 for the tract.

The next sale by the Medford District of the bureau will feature small salvage sales, according to John Carnegie, district sales officer. The sale will consist of one

green sale of 4,226,000 board feet located near Lincoln and six salvage sales with a total volume of 567,000 board feet. One of these small sales is located near Prospect in northeast Jackson County and the other five are in Wolf Creek-Cow Creek area of northern Josephine and southern Douglas counties.

Additional information regarding these proposed sales may be secured at the district office of the bureau in Medford, according to Carnegie.

## Charge Filed In Junk Theft

A 25-year-old millworker who conducts a junk business on the side has been charged with stealing iron from a railroad.

Melvin Roy Bonner of Crescent will enter a plea to the petty larceny charge at 9:30 a.m. Monday before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor.

Police said Bonner, a Gilchrist mill employe, was accused of stealing about 250 tie plates from Klamath Northern Railway, a branch between the SP line and Gilchrist. Bonner was released on \$250 bail, pending his next court appearance.

## GRANGE NEWS

TULELAKE — Election of officers was held at the regular meeting of the grange last Thursday. Most of the officers were reelected for the coming year.

Those who will serve this year are master, Clarence Moore; doorkeeper, Paul Tschirky; secretary, Mrs. Herman Street; treasurer, Herman Street; chaplain, Della Fraley; lecturer, Fanny Ryckman; Pomona, Mrs. John Bailey; flora, Bea Schweitzer; ceres, Mrs. Clarence Moore; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Elmer Scott; assistant steward, Cecil Moore; overseer, Walter Meshke; home ec chairman, Mrs. Howard Moore.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 29. At this meeting, representatives of the starch factory, and Cliff Jenkins, manager of the Tulelake Growers Association, will give brief talks.

Officers will be installed Wednesday evening, November 4. An installing team from Dorris will be present.

## Elks Collect Hides For Vets

For the first time this year, BPOElks will join other Elks lodges in the western states in a "Hides For Veterans" program. Hides are collected by the local lodges and sent to a tannery where the Oregon State Elks Association assumes responsibility. Final distribution is to occupational therapy departments of Veterans Hospitals throughout the country.

Cecil Fitzgerald, chairman, in announcing plans for the local lodge participation, said hides may be taken to the South Sixth Street Oxygen Sales, 2525 South Sixth, operated by Walter Badorek.

All Elks and others interested are asked to cooperate.

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