

Car Sideswipes Truck During Rain Storm

A car, said to have been driven by Joseph Smith, of Cherokee, sideswiped a large transport truck Wednesday night near Clyde during the rain. Highway Patrolman Cpl. E. W. Jones said no one was injured, and that there was a dense fog at the time. The car suffered damages of about \$75. The truck was not damaged.

Baby Seal Likes Life In Apartment House

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A baby seal named Alexander was "adopted" by Jan Stuzart and cried like a baby when she tried to put him back in the ocean. Miss Stuzart rescued him from two small boys who found him on the bay shore, and took him to her apartment. She fed him from a bottle. When she tried later to put him back in the ocean he flopped ashore or followed her along the street, crying pitifully, so now he is back in the apartment. Between meals Alexander transports himself with a beach ball in the bathtub.

Meet The Candidates

ROBERT A. TAFT Seeker of GOP Presidential Nomination

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WASHINGTON—When Bob and Martha Taft were campaigning recently in Bloomington, Ill., Mrs. Taft received a vacuum cleaner as a gift.

The administration will quake in its boots when it sees Bob and his coming back to Washington with this, she quipped.

Her senator-husband got up and made a carefully studied speech demanding heavy cuts in federal spending and taxes. He too was applauded.

That's a glimpse of the six-foot, 200-pound former Cincinnati lawyer who seeks the Republican presidential nomination.

Martha Taft, necessarily, is part of the picture, because when he campaigns, she battles right along with him, speech for speech. Both, seemingly, are untiring on the vote-trail. Martha's now-famous wit comes like "to err is Truman" balance the heavy array of facts delivered bluntly by the senator.

When Taft first came to Washington in 1938, one home state paper in Ohio started off its story: "Martha and Bob Taft were elected to the Senate yesterday."

Now a leading Republican figure, it is only 10 years ago that Taft still was tagged "the son of the late president."

He has gained tremendously in stature in the last decade.

After being his state's "favorite son" candidate for President in 1936, strictly a local political maneuver, Taft stepped out in 1940 to make a serious bid for the job. He wound up second to Wendell L. Willkie.

In '44, when another Ohioan, John Bricker, won the number two spot on the ballot with Thomas E. Dewey, Taft as chairman of the resolutions committee helped draft the Republican platform. He was now a power in party councils.

Hard work, intelligence and a vast capacity for absorbing facts are credited with bringing Taft to the fore in the Senate in 1945 as chairman of the GOP minority steering committee.

The next year's Republican victory put him in a key position. He became chairman of the party's Senate policy committee on domestic issues.

He put his name on the Taft-Hartley labor law, and is willing to stake his political fortune on that act. He believes it is a good one, giving labor responsibilities as well as privileges.

Taft is English and Scotch-Irish by descent. The first Taft came from England around 1680, settling in Massachusetts.

The senator's grandfather moved to Cincinnati 100 years ago this year. His father, William Howard Taft, became the 27th president of the United States in 1908.

Robert A. Taft was born in a Victorian Cincinnati home with colored glass windows and scroll-trimmed porches.

He was a shy, quiet and studious boy who liked chess and books. He went to public school in Cincinnati and later stepped off to the Taft School in Watertown, Conn., founded by his uncle Horace. Here he began a saga in scholarship. He finished first in his class and later was first at Yale and at Harvard law school.

He edited the Harvard Law Review and was a Phi Beta Kappa. He passed the Ohio bar examination with highest honors in the state.

Taft's grandfather, father and four sons all attended Yale. His son Horace, 22, is now a junior there, and William Howard III, 32, teaches a Yale English class. Lloyd, 25, is a reporter for the Cincinnati Times-Star, owned by members of the Taft family, including the senator. Young Bob, 31, is practicing law in Cincinnati.

Three of the sons were in service. The other had a civilian assignment in military intelligence. There are six grandchildren. Martha Taft told an audience recently they call their grandpa "pop."

Martha Taft attended Rosemary Hall in Connecticut and the Sorbonne in Paris. The Tafts were married when they were both 24. They are 58 now.

As a Cincinnati lawyer, Taft handled complicated corporation cases and others and built up the largest practice in the city.

Turned down when he twice volunteered for service in the first World War because of eyesight (he's farsighted), he became assistant counsel for the U. S. Food Administration and later counsel for the American Relief Administration. He spent a year in Europe. He worked closely with Herbert Hoover and later led the Hoover bandwagon in Ohio in 1928.

A desire for tax reform led Taft into state politics. He served in the Ohio legislature for eight years to 1932, including one term as speaker of the house.

Taft is not a hail-fellow-well-met, as our politicians go. He's not



ROBERT A. TAFT

a poser or backslapper. He's not too good at remembering names. His austere dignity seems to rebel against the gold-fish-bowl life we demand of our leading citizens.

Taft is friendly and most human in small groups. He is candid and not hesitant about giving his opinion after he's carefully studied the problem. He is blunt and clear in debate. His voice is flat and somewhat sarcastic, especially over the radio.

Taft walks fast and talks deliberately. Invariably, he is calm and self-controlled.

Taft's adherence to principles has sometimes made him a lone wolf. He was widely criticized, for example, for declaring that the Nuremberg trials violated fundamental principles of American law and that the hanging of the 11 Nazi big shots would be "a blot on the American record."

The Tafts mix in Washington social life but they're not "regulars" at all the parties. Taft works too hard for that. Almost invariably he takes home from the office a big oversize brief case that carries 50 pounds of reading matter.

He plays some golf—shot an 85 first time out this year. He likes fishing and, when he can, goes up every summer to the Taft summer place in Canada. He takes setting-up exercises faithfully every morning.

He does not smoke but likes an occasional martini or highball. He's an Episcopalian and is a member of Christ Church in Cincinnati.

In Cincinnati he and his family have a 40-acre estate that was an old farm when they moved out in 1924. The fashionable Indian Hill section has grown up around it.

Marshall Parton On Naval World Cruise

Marshall Parton, Quartermaster 3rd Class, is among those participating in the world-cruise of the airplane carrier Valley Forge.

Parton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parton of Clyde.

The ship upon which he is serving is the latest Essex-class carrier. The voyage was first planned as a Pacific cruise, but has been extended as a goodwill tour of the world in a westerly direction. The ship is scheduled to return to San Diego, Calif., in mid-June, via the Panama Canal.

Parton will have seen the shores of Australia, China, Singapore, Ceylon, Saudi Arabia, Norway, and England when he gets back to the United States.



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Graduation Exercises At Canton High Tonight

Graduation exercises for Canton high school will be held tonight in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Theme of the final event will be "Youth and Contemporary Problems."

Students speaking at tonight's formalities will be Etta Mae Smith, Welcome; Martha Robinson, "Can This Be America?"; Louis Stephens, "Youth and Education"; Betty Lee Reno, "Youth and School Problems"; Arnold Robinson, "Youth and Government."

The American Legion award will be presented tonight by A. J. Reno, Principal W. L. Rikard will present the diplomas.

The list of graduating students at Canton high is as follows:

Patsy Lee Allen, Mary Melretta Allen, Geneva Ruth Anderson, Barbara Ann Cabe, Emily Dawson Barrett, Charlotte Rose Cooper, Opal Naomi Carver, Dixie Eulene Davis, Elizabeth Ann Devlin, Mary Martha Enstey, Martha Jean Devlin, Betty Jean Ford, Alma Hamlett, Elizabeth Henry Hannah, Martha Lee Haynie, Ann Ellen Howell, Betty Ann Jones, Peggy Ann Keener, Evelyn Elizabeth King, Dorothy Maxine Mann, Berlyn McGee, Peggy Ann Morgan, Mildred Juleen Overman, Frances Louise Parham, Judith Ann Patton, Josephine Paxton, Thomasine Paxton, Grace Ann Ramsey, Betty Lee Reno, Betty Jane Rice, Jackie Bernell Robinson, Margaret Glenn Robinson, Martha Elizabeth Robinson, Althea Mae Scholl, Anna Laura Sherrill, Joyce Marie Sherrill, Betty Ann Snyder, Tula Rose Sparks.

Also, Anne Kate Stimmitt, Bettie Jane Tatham, Nancy Jo Suttles, Nettie Jean Tatham, Amanda Angelene Trull, Betty Sue Whitted, Rena Nix Whitted, Mary Catherine Wood, Zelma Faye Woodruff, Nelson Clontz, Ray Lee Cody, David Deas, George Richard Fish, Louis Edwin Gates, Jr., Ernest Eugene Hendrix, Reeves J. Hipps, Jimmy Howard, Kenneth Earl Hannah, Daniel Michael Kelly, Wilburn J. Lowe, Charles C. Lowery, Lewis Rayvon Mabry, Lindy A. McGowan, Kenneth L. Mackey, Clyde Lee Miller, Rufus Lloyd Morgan, James W. Rector, G. Arnold Robinson, Thomas Leisher Robertson, Paul C. Setzer, Paul Eugene Smathers, J. Z. Smathers, Rob Glenn Smathers, Stuart Smathers, Louis M. Stephens, Ted J. Styles, Alonzo Jackson Waters, Cecil Young.

Summer School—Wayne Morrow Lottin, Martha Eugene Bishop, Herbert K. Watts, Robert V. Cable, Mack J. Stiles.

PRINCIPALS TOLD OFF

CHICAGO (UP)—Superintendent of Schools Herald C. Hunt called together his newly-appointed school principals for instructions. Hunt told them their first lesson was "to get to work early, stay at it late and give the job your very best."

"MARTIANS" RAID EARTH

THOY, N. Y. (UP)—Vandals who stole \$600 worth of scientific equipment from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute observatory left a calling card near the 12-inch telescope. The scrap of paper was signed: "Men from Mars."

NOT TOO OLD TO LEARN

SCHUYLERVILLE, N. Y. (UP)—Mrs. W. Elmer Shaver, 59, a grandmother, will be graduated from Schuylerville Central high school this spring. With an average grade of 87 per cent, she stands sixth in her class.

don't DO that!



DON'T LINGER... After you say goodnight, don't stand at the door for a half hour.

MELBOURNE, Australia (UP)—

A sudden worm shortage has hit here, but no one minds much except Harligan, the zoo's lone platypus. Harligan eats nearly a quarter of his own weight in worms every day. The zoo is offering a shilling a pound for wrigglers.

ALBION, Ind. (UP)—

Grade and high school pupils here enjoyed a three-day vacation because their school rooms were too warm. An inexperienced janitor turned

the wrong valve of the school's steam heating plant. It resulted in temperatures above the 90-degree mark.

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