

# Taft Expected To Toss His Hat In Ring This Week

## Seen as Early Challenge to Dewey, Others

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.), is expected to jump-off next week as the first candidate in the race for the 1952 Republican presidential nomination.

If he does, he will be issuing an early challenge to such other groups as Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Sen. James H. Duff, (R. Pa.), who favor Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Harold E. Stassen, another potential rival.

An early Taft start might stir greater activity among the backers of Gen. Eisenhower, who has been politically silent thus far in his post as commander of the North Atlantic Treaty forces.

Mr. Taft has been encouraged to make his third bid for the nomination by signs of a pickup in strength in areas supporting other candidates at national convention time three years ago. Wisconsin, Indiana and the state of Washington have been conspicuous examples.

### Wisconsin Leads Drive

The first major break came last week when leaders of the Wisconsin GOP organization endorsed the Ohioan and invited him into their presidential primary. Mr. Stassen had the backing of the state organization in 1948 and won most of the delegates.

In Indiana, 86 Republican leaders endorsed Sen. Taft in a move that may put the 1952 delegation from that state in his camp. The Indiana delegation supported Dewey in 1948.

An indorsement from Washington has been promised to Mr. Taft with the majority of that state's 1948 convention delegates among the signers. Gov. Dewey won most of the 1948 delegates. Mr. Taft, also has been promised support in Kentucky and Minnesota.

### Taft Resting Up For Speeches Ahead

CINCINNATI, Oct. 13 (UP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft rested at home tonight for a heavy round of speechmaking in the week ahead—the week that may bring his formal bid for the 1952 presidential nomination.

It was only a matter of the right time to make the announcement, Mr. Taft said, but he wouldn't go any further.

"When will that time be," a reporter asked Mr. Taft, who is spending a quiet week-end at home with his ailing wife, Martha.

"Look," he replied, "when I'm ready to make the announcement, I'll make it."

Mr. Taft launches his speaking series this week with a talk to-morrow night before the retail food dealers here. But that's only the beginning, he said.

"I believe I have seven or eight speeches in that many days," he smiled.

On Monday night, he addresses the Michigan State Republican organization in Detroit, then returns to Washington.

## Girl Naturalist, 6, Gives Class Lecture on Snakes



"GET IN THERE, YOU"—Brooks makes the dry land terrapin "shut his little door." Wouldn't a professional lecturer envy fascinated attention like this?

By EMERSON TORREY  
THE SUBJECT was snakes. The lecturer was a 6-year-old Indianapolis naturalist, Brooks Minton.

Her rapt audience was her own first grade class at John Strange School.

As the other children's eyes bugged, Brooks lifted a writhing snake from its jar.

"This is a spreading viper or hog-nosed snake," she said.

The little girls—some boys, too—bit slow about shutting their little door.

"oooh" when Brooks wrapped the snake around her own neck.

"It puffs out its hood," she went on coolly, "and says 's-s-s.' But it is really very gentle."

The blue-eyed, brown-haired girl let the snake slither around her neck and shoulders. She didn't flinch a bit. And, sure enough, the snake didn't bite.

With only a little coaching from her teacher, Mrs. Dorothy McClain, Brooks also told about the dry land terrapin.

"WHEN 'DANGER' is near," she said, "he pulls his feet and tail in and shuts his little door."

"Get in there, you," Brooks exclaimed when the terrapin was a little slow about shutting his little door.

Brooks got her spreading viper—and her love of snakes—from her father, Dr. Sherman A. Minton, a physician at Indiana Uni-



WHO'S AFRAID?—Brooks knows the spreading viper, a native of Indiana, eats frogs and toads but never bites little girls.

versity Medical Center. He is an authority on snakes and keeps them at home, 6502 Caroline Ave.

It was one of Dr. Minton's rattlesnakes that gave birth to gun-tuplets at the State Fair recently. One of her grandfathers is

Elmer V. Rutherford, a science teacher at Technical High School. The other is U. S. Supreme Court Justice Sherman Minton.

Does Brooks want to be a scientist when she grows up? "I don't know yet," she says.

## Sheriff Slugged By Prisoner in Escape Attempt

BRAZIL, Ind., Oct. 13 (UP)—Clay County Sheriff Martin Slack suffered a black eye today when a prisoner about to be fingerprinted and photographed slugged him in an escape attempt.

Mr. Slack identified the prisoner as Anthony Caldronie, 33, New Orleans, La., held on charges of trying to steal a railroad section hand's dinner.

"When I brought him out to have him mugged for the state police he wheeled around and struck me in the right eye," Mr. Slack said.

"I knocked him down and out the door but he got away."

Caldronie was captured about 20 minutes later in a nearby weed patch. He was locked up into solitary.

"House Leaves Radio, TV Fight Up to Ball Clubs"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (UP)—House baseball investigators have decided to give the game a chance to find its own solution to disputes over radio and television broadcasting rights.

The House monopoly subcommittee, which will resume hearings Monday on whether organized baseball should be exempt from the anti-trust laws, will ignore the question of control of big league broadcasts in minor

## Liz To Confer With Nick On Divorce Settlement

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—Movie Star Elizabeth Taylor said today she is going to Houston, Tex., tomorrow to talk to Nicky Hilton about the final details of their divorce and not reconciliation.

"Far from a possible reconciliation, one of my motives is a final property settlement," she said.

She'll be accompanied by Nicky's younger brother, William, and his wife, Marilyn, who are bound for a vacation in Mexico.

Miss Taylor said she may accompany the couple to Mexico if she recovers from a sore throat.

She frowned at reports that an effort to mend her marriage was being made either by herself or William Hilton.

She added that an MGM studio representative had been in error when he described her as "emotionally upset" over an announce-

### Mayor Says Steel Lack Holds Up Bridge Project

Mayor Bayt said last night the only thing holding up work on a new Indiana Ave. bridge is the steel shortage.

He added that he had tried to help the contractor get the steel. The mayor said further that one of the first things he did after taking office was to go before the Works Board and ask for the bridge.

That was his reply to Republican criticism of the delay in building the bridge across Fall Creek. He spoke at a meeting of the Citizens' Committee for Mayor Bayt, which is backing him for election. The mayor is a Democrat.

## Suspect Accused Of 'Eating' Check

He swallowed the check but failed to cough up the evidence. That's what Roy A. Cole told police about one of the men who entered Cook's Grocery, 759 Massachusetts Ave., yesterday.

The men asked about cashing a check. The clerk called the store on which the check had been drawn, was told it had been stolen.

Then he called police.

While waiting for the police, Mr. Cole said, one of the men swallowed the evidence. Police charged with vagrancy Ernest Gossett, 33, of 531 N. West St., and Jimmie Lamar, 40, of 612 Blake St.

The clerk said Lamar swallowed the check.

### Uncle Says Don't Worry Over How to Figure Tax

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (UP)—Under the income tax increase expected to become law in a few days, most taxpayers will pay about two per cent more in income taxes on their total 1951 earnings. The full increase of about 11 1/2 per cent will be felt in 1952.

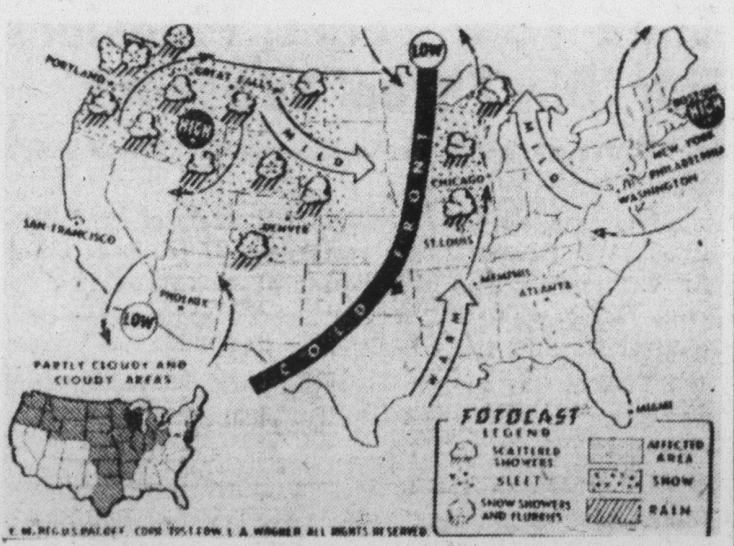
The reason your annual taxes will be increased by only about two per cent for all of 1951 is that the full increase of about 11 1/2 per cent will not become effective until Nov. 1—leaving one-sixth of this year. In 1952 and 1953 the full increase of 11 1/2 per cent will be due Uncle Sam.

Don't worry about computing your tax increase. The government will have forms to take care of that.

### Bandits Net \$125 At 2 Liquor Stores

Two Indianapolis liquor stores were held up two hours apart last night. The bandits escaped with a total of \$125.

Two men, 20 and 25, menaced Mike Muleff, proprietor of the Old Mike Liquor Store, 1043 N. Washington St., of \$75 two hours later.



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## Plan Course On Problems Of Elderly

The Indianapolis Church Federation is setting the pace for the Protestant churches of the country by giving a course on the problems of the elderly in its leadership school.

The school will be held on five consecutive Mondays at 7:30 p.m. beginning this week in the First Baptist Church.

For many years, the federation has offered courses in leadership for workers with all age groups of the Sunday school. But this year, a course dealing with the problems of old age and ways the church may brighten the lives of elderly men and women has been added to the curriculum.

Officials report that no church federation ever before presented such a course.

The National Council of Churches will observe the results of this course with interest, the federation said. In addition to the course regarding older folk, the Church Federation will present instruction for leadership in all departments of the church school and in the Christian bases of World order.

### Dr. Merkel to Speak

Dr. Russell S. Merkel of Indiana Central College will serve as instructor of the course on "The Church and Older Adults."

Dr. Merkel is chairman of the Church Federation Committee on Adult Work in the Department of Religious Education. Dr. Wendell C. Anderson, director of the division of gerontology and chronic diseases, Indiana State Board of Health, will give the opening lecture tomorrow night on "What It Means to Grow Old."

Dr. Don West, executive secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society, will give the lecture on "Christian Missions and World Order" Monday night.

The faculty for the usual leadership course will include the Rev. Oscar Holder, Prof. James B. Miller, Mrs. Richard Bymaster, Miss Bessie Myers, C. F. Messenger and Miss Catherine Carter.

The Rev. Joseph Johnston is dean; Mrs. Dorsey King, leadership training chairman and Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, federation executive secretary.

### Army Officer Killed In Franklin Crash

FRANKLIN, Oct. 13 (UP)—Second Lt. Herman J. Ottemad, 22, St. Louis, Mo., was killed today when a tractor-trailer crashed into a car involved in another accident minutes before on U. S. 31 north of here.

State police said Lt. Ottemad's car collided with one parked along the highway. Ottemad got out of his auto to check the damage and was injured fatally in the second collision, police said.

He was sprayed with gasoline from a bursting fuel tank and his clothing caught fire.



UNLIKELY STORY—Police were inclined to doubt the story of Julius E. (Red) Barnes, 53, of Pekin, Ill., who said he was picking up bricks for a new cesspool at the site of the old City Hall. Police suspect him of trying to make off with the building cornerstone which contains a 67-year-old bottle of choice whisky. Above, Sgt. George Harris, of the Pekin police department, hands Barnes a warrant charging drunk and disorderly conduct. The city council, meanwhile, has voted to crack open the cornerstone Tuesday to check on the whisky.

## Ensemble Music Society Reveals Season Programs

The Ensemble Music Society's forthcoming season will offer an unusually large number of novelties.

The season will open Nov. 14 with a concert in World War Memorial by the New Music String Quartet, whose program will include Five Pieces for String Quartet by the modern Italian composer Alfred Casella, besides works by Purcell, Haydn and a seldom-heard string quartet by Verdi.

The New York Quartet of three strings and piano, coming Jan. 9, 1952, will open their program with Max Reger's A minor Piano Quartet, continuing with Mozart's G minor Piano Quartet and ending with Schubert's "Forellen" Quintet, assisted by Philip Sklar on double bass.

Budapest Quartet Program

Even the Budapest String Quartet, whose programs here generally have followed conventional patterns, will present something of a novelty Feb. 20, 1952, in quartet transcriptions of four fugues from Bach's Art of the Fugue, besides Beethoven's B flat Quartet, Op. 130, and Schubert's G major Quartet, Op. 161.



FILM FUNNYMAN — Leon Errol, popular rubber-legged comedian, died in Hollywood Friday of a heart attack. He had been ill three weeks.

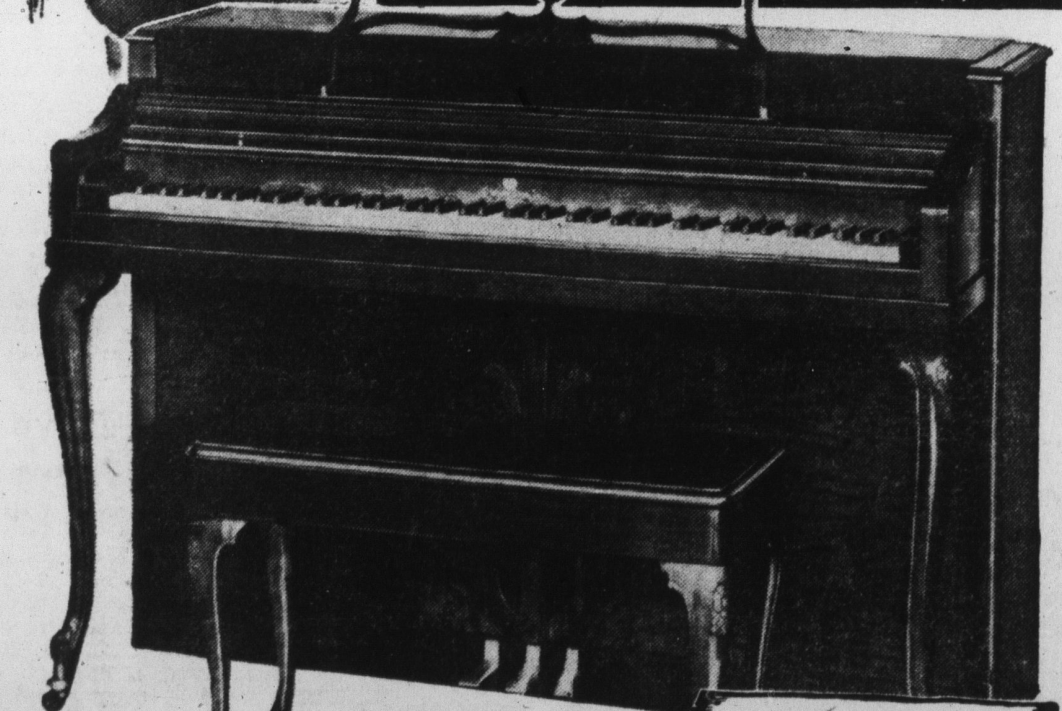
Least conventional of the season's programs will be that given Apr. 2, 1952, by the Reginald Kell Players. It will open with Beethoven's Clarinet Trio and continue with Mendelssohn's D minor Trio for Strings and Piano.

"Contrasts," by Bela Bartok, and a Suite, by Darius Milhaud, will be among the least orthodox compositions heard during the entire season. The Brahms Clarinet Trio will conclude the program.

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