

SEN. MORSE EASY WINNER IN PRIMARY; LATOURETTE LEADS DEMOCRATIC RIVAL

The Weather

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The News-Review

Hill Gets Republican Nod For County Judge; Commissioner Beckley Wins Over Two Rivals

Geddes, Hubbard Chosen By G.O.P. For Legislature

Carl C. Hill for county judge, Lynn V. Beckley for county commissioner and Paul Geddes and Russell Hubbard for the two state representative positions were candidate winners in Friday's primary election. All are Republicans. The Democrats had no competitive positions.

Douglas county also voted in favor of Wayne L. Morse for U.S. senator, Republican; for Louis A. Wood, Democrat, same office; for David C. Shaw for U.S. representative and Austin Flegel for governor, both Democrats, and for Walter L. Tooze for supreme court justice.

Returns from 58 of the county's 61 precincts received by 1:30 a.m. today showed the following results:

Hill of Days Creek, 2716 votes, won over C. W. (Turk) Manning of Oakland, with 1792 for county judge.

Beckley polled 2019 votes for a substantial lead over Guy McGee, Myrtle Creek, with 1648 votes. A. O. (Hap) Helvey, Roseburg, trailed with 1213 for county commissioner.

Geddes of Roseburg, incumbent, led the Republican state representative nomination vote, receiving 3385 ballots. Hubbard, of Sutherlin and Reedsport, was also nominated with 2224 votes. Harry L. Goodman, Drain, received 1531 votes.

Douglas county's vote in the state contested offices follows: for Morse 2497; for Dave Hoover 1818; for John McBride, 443 on the Republican ticket for U.S. Senator; for Louis A. Wood, 1725 and Howard Latourette, 1321, Democrats, for U.S. senator. Shaw held a slim margin with 1621 votes over Walter A. Swanson with 1373. Both are Democrats.

Flegel, Tooze Favored

Austin Flegel held a commanding lead as the Democratic nominee for governor, polling 1761 votes, compared with 745 for Lew Wallace and 620 for Walter Pearson.

The judicial ballot gave Walter L. Tooze 3790 votes, compared with 2709 for Robert G. MacGuire.

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Bullet-Torn Flag Features Display

Recognition of Armed Forces day here in Roseburg is being celebrated today by a variety of activities, including parades, flights of fighter planes, window displays and equipment exhibits.

But of all the flags flying before local business houses, the Sewing Machine Center claims the flag of distinction.

It is a flag earned in the Spanish American war by an uncle of Mrs. W. H. Klatt of the Sewing Machine Center. The flag has only 45 stars — one for each of the 45 states in the Union at that time.

Although Mrs. Klatt's uncle collected at least one of the bullets sent his way during the battle, she continued to carry the flag. The old flag bears holes which Mrs. Klatt says were made by bullets — not moths.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOR a week we've been reading vague and speculative tuff about U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie's visit with Uncle Joe in Moscow. He finally comes through with something definite. After talking for an hour and a half with Stalin, he tells reporters:

"The Generalissimo is as healthy and lively as he was in 1946. All these rumors about his health are lies and false. Maybe they are wishful thinking on the part of some people."

ABOUT the only comment I can think of is that his remarks were PASSED BY THE RUSSIAN CENSOR. That must mean that the Kremlin wants the world to believe that Stalin is as husky and tough as ever.

THIS one is from Washington: "American officials expressed hope today that a \$125,000,000 credit

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Cooperation In Election Returns Much Appreciated

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Editor News-Review

The News-Review is very grateful for cooperation and courtesies connected with the unofficial tabulation of primary election returns Friday night.

Despite many new election precincts and workers, returns came in rapidly and smoothly, due to the fine cooperation of scores of helpers.

Special mention is due County Clerk Roy Agee and Sheriff O. T. Carter and their deputies for excellent assistance. The News-Review also wants to thank the election boards in the various precincts who were so prompt in reporting their returns, even though personal inconvenience was involved in some instances.

A great deal of credit and appreciation is due the numerous telephone operators who through city exchanges, rural lines, long distance, etc., set up connections through which messages were received from all sections of the county.

Each worker on the tabulation crew joins the News-Review management in thanks to Attorney and Mrs. Dexter Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Don Helliwell for the mid-night feast, which has become an election night institution. For many years Attorney and Mrs. Rice have spread a delicious lunch for hungry and weary workers. In recent years they have been assisted by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Helliwell.

To all those mentioned specifically, and to all others who contributed to the speedy handling of the unofficial tabulation, the News-Review management is grateful.

Date Set For Bids On Grade School

Bids on Roseburg's new west side grade school will be received June 9, and, if the low bid is satisfactory, construction may begin the following week. School Supt. Paul S. Elliott said today.

The elementary structure, referred to as the "new Fullerton grade school," will provide facilities for west side pupils. The present Fullerton school is to be taken over as part of an expanded campus type senior high school. Voters approved the move in a special election April 17.

The new grade school plans call for bids on a 19-room building, with alternate bids on 15 and 17 rooms. It will be located on a site immediately west of Coates addition.

Elliott said the school district will begin road grading for an entrance road to the property Monday. He said that if a satisfactory bid on the building is received, the successful bidder will be urged to begin actual construction the following week so that the school can be put into operation during the coming school year.

High School Girl Slain In Battle With Knife User

CHICAGO, May 20 — (AP) — A pretty 16-year-old high school girl was slain early today in a battle with a knife-wielding assailant.

She was attacked in front of her south side home as she returned from a church social program. Slashed and brutally beaten, the girl was found lying in a pool of blood on the front steps by her brother who heard her screams. The girl, Patricia Swartz, died 40 minutes later in a hospital.

Police said she had been stabbed nine times — on the face, wrist and right side.

Police said the junior student attempted to fight off her assailant. They said in her hands she clutched a few strands of dark hair, and underneath her finger nails were found pieces of skin.

Physicians at the hospital said her skull was fractured. They said she was not raped.

Camas Valley Firm Buys O. & C. Timber In Douglas

Taylor & Staley of Camas Valley were successful low bidders on a parcel of O. & C. saw timber located in Douglas county.

The sale was part of sealed bid sales conducted at the Portland office of the bureau of land management which disposed of three 2,878,000 feet of public domain and O. & C. saw timber at a total of \$25,521 — 1½ percent above the appraised value.

County Road Fund Plan Beaten In Lane County

EUGENE, May 20 — (AP) — Lane county voters gave a thumping defeat to a proposal to raise \$1,250,000 to improve county roads.

Measures approved will raise \$150,000 for a county-wide system of garbage dumping sites, and provide for operation of a juvenile detention home.

Scores Killed Or Injured By Ammunition Explosion

Catastrophe Strikes Two New Jersey Cities During Job Of Loading At Waterfront

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., May 20 — (AP) — Possibly 29 persons were dead and at least 312 injured in this blast-shocked city today after 600 tons of ammunition exploded last night with a thunderous explosion heard in three states. The number of injured was announced by the American Red Cross.

In the wreckage of this waterfront city, 21 miles southwest of New York, it appeared to have snowed glass.

Assistant Fire Chief Thomas Conroy said seven boxcars with 600 tons of explosives were being loaded into four barges at the Pennsylvania railroad dock when the blast let go at 6:25 p.m.

Today South Amboy counted its damage as running into the millions of dollars.

Between 20 and 25 men were working on a dock when the explosion sent a jagged flame into the sky last night.

They still were missing today. Three miles across the Raritan river in Perth Amboy, mayor James J. Flynn estimated that 300 persons were injured by flying glass in that city of 48,000. Hundreds of windows were smashed in the Perth Amboy business district.

Army troops, marines and coast guardsmen converged on the stricken city. Physicians and nurses sped from points as distant as New York city.

Mines Still Menace

Marine Capt. William Geftman, in charge of marines at the scene, said hundreds of anti-personnel mines were strewn through the area by the explosion. Squads of demolition experts were probing the waterfront area today.

A sound truck parolled the city, a horse voice warning residents: "Do not handle any suspicious objects; notify state police at city hall."

Officials said damage to homes and stores alone would run to more than \$1,000,000.

The munitions were destined for overseas shipment.

Mayor John B. Leonard proclaimed a state of emergency and state police ringed off the city. Leonard said 3,000 of the 4,000 homes in South Amboy were damaged.

This was the second munitions blast in the South Amboy area. On Oct. 4, 1918, a series of TNT explosions rocked nearby Morgan, destroying a munitions plant two-and-a-half miles from the site of last night's disaster. Sixty-three were killed in that Morgan explosion.

Just 10 days ago, the coast guard had ordered extra precautions on the loading of explosives at South Amboy because the docks there are "too close to thickly populated sections."

Sutherlin Dates School Bond Vote

A proposal for a new \$105,000 bond issue for construction of additional school facilities will be voted upon May 24 by residents of Sutherlin.

Spokesmen for the school board of District 130-C (Sutherlin) said the building program includes construction of four standard classrooms, a basement room and additional plumbing facilities for the present grade school. Sited for the present high school is a new gymnasium, to be constructed adjoining the school building.

Although the bond issue is termed fairly small to finance such a program, the school board indicated its purpose is to complete as much physical construction as possible. The board is attempting to secure essential elements needed immediately and, at the same time, provide buildings of a permanent nature. Normal beautification and trim will have to wait until more funds are available, the board said.

Need for the proposed construction was stressed by the board which said an anticipated increase of 125 first grade pupils will tax the already overloaded elementary school. Construction of the new gym will aid in furthering a proper physical education program, now hampered by lack of facilities. If the measure is approved, the board hopes to begin construction in July.

Money-Raising Measures Approved At Medford

MEDFORD, May 20 — (AP) — Medford voters overwhelmingly approved three money-raising measures yesterday. They were a \$2,800,000 water department bond issue, a four-mill fire department maintenance and personnel tax levy, and a \$125,000 fire department improvement bond issue.

Slayer Of His Father Acquitted; Back To Marines

PONTIAC, Mich., May 20 — (AP) — Cleared in the family-secret slaying of his father, 28-year-old Carson James was ready today to report back to duty with the U.S. marines.

A circuit court jury of 11 women and one man decided yesterday that the marine sergeant shot his father, 32-year-old Stanley James, in self defense on Thanksgiving day, 1947.

Carson admitted killing the elder James, described by trial defense witnesses as "brutal," "quarrelsome," and an "abusive tyrant." The son had been charged with murder.

He and a brother buried the body in a cove on their mother's farm, and the whole family of nine kept the slaying a secret until a married sister disclosed it while talking in her sleep.

Cheers rose in the crowded Oakland county courtroom when the verdict was announced. The jury deliberated five and a half hours.

The family, as well as neighbors and acquaintances, testified that Stanley James had mistreated his wife and children for years.

Carson testified that he and his father quarreled the night before the slaying when he announced he planned to divorce his wife, Cynthia. He said both she and his father admitted to him they had illicit sexual relations. She later denied this. A divorce followed, however.

The quarrel continued the next morning, Carson testified, and the father started after a gun. The son said he fired in self-defense.

Two Walla Walla Fugitives Nabbed

WALLA WALLA, May 20 — (AP) — Three inmates scaled the state prison wall last night on a board ripped from a boxing ring.

Two were recaptured after they fled in a flurry of gunfire from wall guards. The third fugitive was still at large today after an all-night search of the area. He is Felix Kolakowski, 31, serving a 30-year term for the 1947 holdup of a Seattle gun shop.

He was last seen cutting through the state game farm across the highway from the prison, just outside the city limits.

The recaptured pair were Arthur Saint Peter, serving a term for burglary in King county, and Antonio Gua, who was convicted of a statutory offense in Yakima county. They were nabbed as they dashed across the prison grounds lawn outside the wall.

Both of them have been involved in previous escape attempts. Saint Peter has escaped from the prison twice. He also nearly got away from the King county jail two years ago. Warden John Cranor said Saint Peter had injured guards with smuggled weapons in both his previous prison escape tries.

The Warden said yesterday's break came at about the time the inmates were being shifted to their cell blocks for counting.

M'Ninnville Mayor Loses To Write-In Opponent

McMINNVILLE, May 20 — (AP) — McMinnville's mayor for 17 years, R. H. Windishar, was defeated by a write-in candidate in yesterday's election.

The winner was Dr. W. H. Barendrick, 68-year-old retired physician, who opened his campaign only two weeks ago. Dr. Barendrick won both the Republican and Democratic nominations by decisive margins. Mayor Windishar ran as a Republican.

Roustabout Facing Probe In Circus Catastrophe

COLUMBUS, O., May 20 — (AP) — A self-styled roustabout with ringling Bros. Circus at the time of the disastrous 1944 fire at Hartford, Conn., will be examined by a psychiatrist next week.

He is Robert D. Segee, 21, of nearby Circleville who was charged yesterday with arson and attempted arson in recent fires near Circleville. He was bound over to the grand jury on \$5,000 bond on each count.

Segee in his statements has neither denied nor admitted setting the Ringling Bros. circus fire which cost 158 lives, Cline said.

Flegel Probable Democratic Nominee For Governor; Tooze, Maguire Chosen For Court Race

PORTLAND, May 20 — (AP) — State Sen. Austin W. Flegel widened his lead today in the race to decide who will be Governor Douglas McKay's Democratic opponent next November.

Sen. Wayne Morse defeated Dave Hoover easily to win Republican renomination, so the Democratic race for governor remained the major undecided contest today.

Flegel, a Portland lawyer and industrialist who served during one session of the State Senate, held a 3,000-vote lead over Lew Wallace, Portland insurance man and former state senator whom Governor McKay defeated 271,295 to 226,958 in the 1948 general election.

What surprised the political experts was the fact that state treasurer Walter J. Pearson, also a Portland insurance man, was running third. Pearson staged the most vigorous campaign of the three, and favored bigger old age pensions, a soldiers' bonus and lower taxes.

All three of the Democrats supported President Truman's policies.

Latourette Leads Wood

While Morse was heavily favored to win reelection next fall, his Democratic opponent might not be known until the last votes are counted. Howard Latourette, Portland, former Democratic national committeeman, was leading Dr. Louis A. Wood, retired University of Oregon economics professor, by about 1,000 votes.

Morse, accused by dairyman Hoover of voting more often with the Democrats than with the Republicans, promised today he would keep on voting "independently upon issues as I see them."

With the Democrats holding the lead in registered voters for the first time, they are confident they can upset the GOP stranglehold on the state. Oregon, which hasn't elected a Democratic senator since 1914, was the only state to go Republican in the 1948 presidential election.

Morse's victory was a resounding thumping for the conservatives who tried to unseat him. The issues were the same as six years ago when Morse unseated former U.S. Sen. Rufus C. Holman, 73, to 60,456. But this time, his victory margin was almost 2 to 1.

Congressional Lineup

Oregon's four congressmen, all Republicans, won renomination. In the three-man race for the state supreme court, the winners were Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooze and Robert F. Maguire. They will run off in the fall. State Sen. Austin Dunn of Baker was eliminated, running a poor third.

Here is the way the congressional races shaped up:

First District: Rep. Walter Norblad, Astoria, unopposed for Republican renomination. His Democratic opponent will be Roy R. Hewitt, Salem senator, who gave a severe beating to L. T. Ward, Philomath publisher.

Second District: Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, unopposed for Republican renomination. The Democratic race was undecided, with state Sen. Vernon Bull, La Grande railroad man, holding a small edge over Hugh Bowman, Fondut, former state American Legion commander, Benjamin C. Karske, Bend, was a bad third.

Third District: Rep. Homer D. Angell, with more than double the combined vote of his two opponents, won Republican renomination. Former U. S. district attorney Carl C. Donaghy had a 2,900-vote lead over former state Rep. Phil Dreyer for the Democratic nomination. H. H. Stallard trailed. All are from Portland.

Fourth District: Rep. Harris Ellsworth had no opposition in Republican primary. The leader in the Democratic contest is David C. Shaw, Gold Beach, former assistant general counsel for the National Labor Relations board. He had a slim margin over Walter A. Swanson, Eugene farm store operator.

Two Officials Defeated In Hood River Election

HOOD RIVER, May 20 — (AP) — District attorney Teunis J. Wyers was defeated yesterday after eight years in office.

Kenneth M. Abraham defeated him by a 3-to-1 margin for the Republican nomination. It means Abraham's election, since there are no Democratic candidates.

County Commissioner Waldo Arens, a Democrat, also was beaten. The winner was George W. Krieger, who will meet Republican Harris Higgins in the fall.

Valuable Pooch

SHEPPERTON, England — (AP) — Tom Leonard has offered a 50 pound (\$140) reward for the return of his poodle dog, who disappeared wearing his wife's ruby earrings.

"My wife wasn't too keen on wearing them," he said, "but they looked fine on the dog."

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Thirty years with a nagging wife may give a husband ulcers, heart disease or arthritis, a Boston psychiatrist says. Any man living with such a female of the species that long deserves all three.

COUNTY WINNERS On G. O. P. TICKET



REP. PAUL E. GEDDES Renominated



RUSSELL J. HUBBARD Geddes' Running Mate



CARL C. HILL Choice For County Judge



LYNN V. BECKLEY Commissioner Gets Nod

PARTY CHOICES IN OREGON PRIMARY



SEN. WAYNE MORSE Renominated



HOWARD LATOURETTE Demo Choice For Senate



AUSTIN F. FLEGEL Demo Choice For Governor



WALTER L. TOOZE For Supreme Court



ROBERT F. MAGUIRE Faces Runoff With Tooze