

Vote Survey Gives Ike, Nixon Third of Total

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A partial count of the local Negro vote showed a higher percentage of Republican leaning than was generally expected going into the November election. Although the Democrats by far held the lead, nearly 33 per cent or 1,636 votes were recorded on the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket.

Unofficial breakdown of the 5,068 votes from 19 precincts in and around the Williams avenue district shows that slightly more than 67 per cent of those casting votes on either of the two major national tickets chose Adlai E. Stevenson and John H. Spark-

man, Democratic candidates for president and vice-president of the United States.

It is estimated that slightly less than 150 voters cast their lot with Vincent Halliman and Charlotte Bass, national Progressive candidates.

Some Fail To Vote

The area represented here stretches, roughly, from the river to N. E. 8th avenue and from Oregon street to Skidmore street. The vote count of the precincts within this district represents, by far, the bulk of the Negro balloting.

There were 4,563 registered

Democrats and 2,316 Republicans in these precincts, and an estimated 200 who registered Progressive. Of those registering either Democratic or Republican, 3,526 were male and 3,353 were female.

Almost 25 per cent of the registered Democrats either failed to vote or did not vote the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket in the general election. A corresponding 29 per cent of the registered Republicans failed in the same way.

On the local scene, Herman C. Plummer, Democratic candidate for the state legislature received only 2,750 of an estimated 5,168

possible votes. This is considerably less than was expected.

Peterson Gets Vote

Non-partisan mayoral candidates Dorothy Lee and Fred Peterson received 2,243 and 2,925 votes respectively, indicating that Lee enjoyed more favor from this group than was expected.

It is estimated that 100 more voters voted for local candidates and measures than voted for national candidates, although as a rule the case is vice versa because voters are apt to know more about national candidates, their press coverage being the more preponderate.

On the whole these partial vote

statistics compare proportionately to tabulations recorded in other major cities among predominantly Negro districts.

Stevenson collected an average 75 per cent of total recorded votes in a survey conducted by Jet magazine. Stevenson was generally stronger in the East, particularly in Brooklyn. In Chicago, major city of Stevenson's home state, the governor polled about 75 per cent of the recorded Negro vote.

In Los Angeles, only western city surveyed by Jet, Stevenson polled 78 per cent of the vote in those precincts dominated by Negro voters.

Rolanda Fielder Dies Unexpectedly

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 22, for Rolanda Fielder, 6, 4528 N. Vancouver avenue, at the Colonial mortuary. Rolanda died Wednesday, following complications during a tonsilectomy at Emanuel hospital. According to Mrs. Walter Fielder, mother, death was caused by a physical anti-reaction to oxygen.

Born here October 4, 1946, Rolanda was a first grade pupil at



MISS ROLANDA FIELDER

Boise elementary school. She was the identical twin of a sister, Renay.

Both Rolanda and Renay were well known to Portlanders because of their tap dancing skill.

Survivors include: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fielder, mother and father; Mrs. Viola Fielder, grandmother; Phyllis Anita, sister; Renay, sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cox, aunt and uncle, all of Portland.

The body was interred at Rose City cemetery.

Urban League Roster Increases

Bob Fritsch, membership chairman of the Portland Urban league, reported at the monthly meeting of the league at the Parish hall last week that 81 new members have been added to the league since the October meeting.

Mark Smith said that a December program of the league may be recorded and played back on the air some time during that month. Future Smith plans for Urban league programs call for

a possible original league program concerning the community. Smith said that talked of subjects for the proposed program include the Portland housing situation.

Speaking to a crowded hall at the meeting, executive secretary of the league Edwin C. Berry said, "Segregation is evil, it begets our land and it is as equally evil if Negroes do it."

A film, "To Live Together," was shown at the beginning of the meeting.

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Otto Rutherford Re-elected To Top NAACP Position

At the November 16 meeting of the NAACP held at the Williams avenue YWCA, officers were elected for the coming year. Re-elected to the post of president of the Portland chapter was Otto Rutherford.

Other elected officers included: Mrs. Lorna Marple, vice president; U. H. Leverett, second vice president; Mrs. Otto Rutherford, secretary; and Herman Plummer, treasurer.

Elected to the Executive Board were: Rev. Sherman Burgoyne; Rev. J. Harold Jones; Rev. Mayo Roberts; Rev. J. M. Boyd; Rev. O. B. Williams; Mrs. Lyllia Phillips; Mrs. Rachel Barno; Mr. Robert Fritsch; Edgar Williams; Mrs. Daisy Williams; Mrs. Elizabeth Carden; Thomas Vickers; Mrs. Jesse Johnson; Mrs. Anna Mae Lee; William Mitchell; Miss Ruth Haefner; J. C. Dancey; U. G. Plummer; Oliver E. Smith; Mrs. Victoria Jackson; Mrs. Lorene Bannister; Charles Williams; Mrs. Marie Smith; Raymond Wilson; Lawrence Campbell; Jack Martin; E. W. Smith; Monroe Sweetland; and Randolph Spencer. The latter two were nominated by petition from the floor.

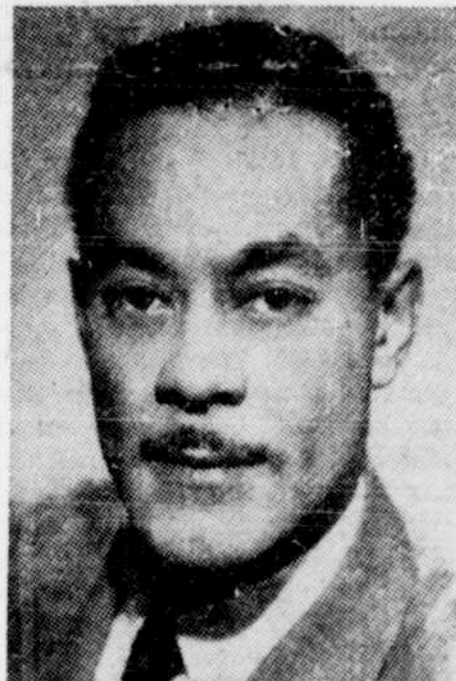
Schrunk Guest Speaker

Guest speaker at the meeting was Terry Schrunk, sheriff of Multnomah county. Sheriff Schrunk emphasized that local government can be no better than the citizens who take an interest in it.

One of the flaws noted in Oregon's civil service by Schrunk was the imperfect inequality in the treatment of citizens. He stated that the law must be applied equally to all, rich as to the poor, but unfortunately this does not always happen in our community.

The Portland branch of the NAACP went on record—in line with the National organization—not to support the National Com-

mittee for the Defense of Negro Leadership. According to the NAACP, this group has frequently leaned toward Communist thought in its literature.



OTTO RUTHERFORD Retains NAACP Position

Last Rites Held For Wm. Pertillo

Funeral services were held on Monday for William "Bill" Pertillo, 62, of 442 N. E. Thompson street. He died November 19 at his home. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Burial was at the Willamette National cemetery.

Born in Grandburg, Texas, March 4, 1890, Pertillo was a veteran of World War I and had worked as a red cap at the Union Station in Portland since the early thirties.

He is survived by his wife, Estelle I., of Portland and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pertillo of Buckinridge, Texas.

JACKSON SELLS STATION

Cliff Jackson, owner of the Union 76 service station at 262 N. Broadway, sold recently to Fred Thomas and Hilbert O. Phillips. Jackson has been in business at this location since September, 1950.

Under the new management the station will be known as the Fred and Hop Union service.

Racial Prejudice Stalls Home Sale

A Japanese couple recently attempted to purchase a home in the University of Portland district and encountered strong opposition from neighbors of that residential community, according to a resident of the district.

The resident, Mrs. Homer Dum, 4917 N. Willamette boulevard, reported that the Japanese couple applied to buy the land through a real estate agent and asked to inquire among the neighbors as to any opposition to their purchasing the home.

The real estate agent offered to canvas the entire neighborhood for them, but their first stop, at the home next door to the house for sale, caused an immediate circulation of petitions to forestall and prevent the Japanese purchase.

The first offer made by the Japanese couple was turned down and a second offer was also refused on the grounds that another family had offered a higher price. At present there is a "sold" sign on the structure.

The home sits directly across from the University of Portland and the owner is said to be out of town and not interested in the skin color of the new occupants of his former home, only interested in selling the home to the highest bidder.

U.S. Court Admits U. G. Plummer

Ulysses G. Plummer, Portland attorney, was admitted to the United States District Court November 17. His admittance marked the first time that a Negro had reached this position in Oregon.

Attorney Plummer now has the right to practice in all Federal Courts in the state of Oregon.

Formerly an attorney in Kansas City, Missouri, Plummer came to Portland in 1947 and was admitted to the bar here in May, 1948.

He is a graduate of Blackstone College of Law in Chicago, Ill. In Kansas City he was an assistant District Attorney for six years. He practiced law in that city for 11 years.

Plummer lives at 3975 N. E. Mallory avenue, is married and has three children. He has a law office in the Loyalty building.

Council Rejects Apollo Transfer

An appeal by Bennie Hamilton, manager of the Apollo cab company to sell to any of the city's other cab companies through a sealed bid was turned down by the city council recently, filed and given no further consideration.

Hamilton is seeking to sell his business due to the fact that two of his partners are anxious to pull out of the concern. He first put his cabs on the streets in the winter of 1950 and has been operating continually since that time.

According to Mayor-elect Fred Peterson, Hamilton sought to sell to another cab company on sealed bids and have the Apollo cab permits issued to the purchaser.

Peterson said that the code provides that Public Utilities issue permits and that is the authority.

Mayor Lee said she thinks it is the job of those interested in purchasing the cab company to come in and make application as individuals.

The mayor told the council that there was a need for a cab company on the East side and thought it wrong for West side cabs to pick up in the East district and not have an office in that area.

According to the city council, Hamilton thinks that they should remove existing zones on the East side if they want to protect his business.

Currently Hamilton has two — his original number — Apollo cabs on the streets.

FORMER PORTLANDER DIES

Mrs. Mary M. Duncan, 4024 N. E. 15th avenue, received news, Monday, of the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Duncan at Jackson, Michigan.

The deceased was the mother of the late Clem E. Duncan and Mrs. Winnie Davis and the grandmother of the late Eugene P. Carr; all of Portland.

Mother Duncan formerly resided in Portland with her daughter.

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