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Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutter

Oregon Prominent In Election Year Suspense

It's an election year, all right, and nowhere is it more obvious than in the excitement and speculation marking Salem activities this week.

The rush for candidacy filings occurred at the Captiol Building on Tuesday (March 19). With head-on races for each legislative seat now a campaign reality and challenge, suspense builds as many candidates hold off until most filing decisions are known before commiting themselves to what they believe will be their best races or positions.

But even as state and local contests are firming up, there is increasing talk here about the next important date in Oregon politics. That also is this week, March 22, and it is the last day when persons listed as Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates in Oregon's Preferential Primary election may file to remove their names from the ballots.

Speculation increasingly is building up our state as a crucial one in this year's American exercise of choosing a President. The Oregon primary, some say, will accurately tab the two parties' nominees and may well prove decisive in who will occupy the White House for the next four years.

Certainly national eyes have been turning toward Oregon's early primary election and its requirement for commitment, during the fast-breaking events of the last month. Network television, wire services and national syndicate reporters are planning extensive coverage of the Oregon primary if events firm up the way many now are predicting.

Significant among the last month's events was Michigan Gov. George Romney's withdrawal from the Republican race, leaving the way open for New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to challenge Richard Nixon for the Presidential nomination on that ticket.

This he can do now merely by neglecting to file an affidavit of non-candidacy in Oregon. Both Rockefeller and Nixon were announced for the primary ballot earlier this month by Secretary of State Clay Myers, as were California Gov. Ronald Reagan and Illinois Sen. Charles Percy, Republicans.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

On the Democratic ticket, voters will choose among President Johnson, New York Sen. Robert Kennedy, Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy and Independent George Wallace--unless any formally withdraws.

On this roster, too, expectations are fluctuating as a result of significant events of the last few weeks. Foremost among these was the nation's first primary election, in New Hampshire, where Sen. McCarthy's strong showing against the incumbent President prompted Sen. Kennedy to reassess his position on running for President this year. At this writing, Kennedy had not filed to withdraw from the Oregon race.

Oregon, then, could well become a major battleground for both parties' nominees--between Nixon and Rockefeller and between the President and Kennedy.

Campaigning can make a big difference. Oregonians have a reputation for favoring candidates who visit the state and make an effort to meet the voters. The 1964 Rockefeller theme of "He Cared Enough to Come to Oregon" undoubtedly helped him win over Barry Goldwater in our state's primary election that year.

The New York governor has a solid core of supporters in Oregon, many of whom were circulating draft petitions urging him to run even before Romney's withdrawal. The brother of our late President may have widespread appeal, his his forces are not well organized on a statewide basis.

Both will have some catching up to do if they realistically expect to capture Oregon's vote. President Johnson's apparent campaign strategy probably will not allow him to visit Oregon personally, but he is the incumbent and has donned the mantle of "wartime" leadership from which Americans may be reluctant to turn. Nixon, who has built party support here for some time and who has been well organized for many months, kicked off his full-blown campaign with a family appearance in Portland Friday.

It is generally agreed that Rockefeller's and Kennedy's chances will suffer if they do not run in Oregon. And for this reason, right now, our state enjoys a position of national prominence--as was intended when our legislature pioneered Oregon's Presidential Preferential Primary system.

Spring vacation... I don't think even the kids enjoyed it this year, and parents prob'ly even less seeing as how rain kept the younguns confined to the inside instead of the outside. And because of the rain, three of ours... plus me... came down with flu and colds... which kept things around the ol' homestead kinda jumpin'. It was the same way last year if I remember right. Too bad the vacation couldn't be changed a week one way or the other. School supt. Al Johnson said I'd have to take it up with the State Dept. of Ed., tho, so I may as well ferget it.

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There is at last some real activity about to begin on the awaited breakwater project. F.L. Somers, whose construction firm was low bidder, told Rotarians Tuesday that preliminary work was now being done on the quarry site and that construction would probably get underway about the last of May. And that's good news. When you add this project to the Fish Hatchery, Sewer System, Marine Lab, City Hall Addition, Bonneville Power Line Survey and the Highway Improvement, it makes fer a substantial list of beneficial projects fer the area... and all of them coming within a year. Seems to me this should lift some spirits and put some smiles on the faces of the local citizenry.

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Jaycees couldn't be stopped with their basketball loss to Rotary-Lions a while back so they've issued another challenge... for which all the big details will be told later. The last game, by the way, netted an even $20 for the Little League baseball program. Proceeds of the next game will be fer the same cause.

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Curry county's first Historical Expo opens this Sunday, March 24, at the fair ground in Gold Beach... an event that everybody should visit. Besides the thousands of items on display there will also be several special programs... from Indian dances to ship wrecks to old-time logging. Siskiyou-West is sponsoring the exhibit which runs for eight big days.

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Beings as how the big political battles are fast approaching ... here's some info just issued by the Oregon State Bar that explains how come politicians can get away with a little name-callin'.

"Like sap in springtime, vituperation rises in the spring of election years. As election day nears, political candidates face a swelling tide of insult and innuendo. One gets the impression that in the political arena anything goes.

Such an impression does, in fact, have some basis. The law of defamation (libel and slander) puts the candidate in a special category. It allows others to attack him in ways forbidden if he were just a private citizen. Criticism nourishes democracy.

The law says it is better that a candidate suffer some abuse than that political debate be stifled.

Of course, such defamation can not be unlimited. Politicians don't lose all their civil rights by running for office. If the attacker knows the accusation is false and he hurls it in malice, the candidate can collect damages in court.

But he has no redress if the accusation is made in good faith, even though false.

For instance:

A candidate for governor, described bluntly as "not qualified" for the office, was held to have no grounds for complaint. Right or wrong, said the court, the charge was an honest opinion, given in this case in sincere effort to enlighten the public.

All in all, a candidate without a thick skin may suffer real anguish. When the brickbats are flying, he must find comfort in recalling that Washington was called "treacherous", Jefferson a "robber", and Lincoln a "baboon". Their reputations have all survived.

And so has our Republic."

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The PTA is sponsoring a rummage sale on April 4-5, at the Co-op building. Anybody having items they might donate may call 332-4551, 332-4113, or 332-2882 to have them picked up.

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And while you're thinking about items you no longer need ... don't ferget the up-coming chamber of commerce auction. Just give the little ol' donut maker Dale Bartlett a call and he'll tell you what to do with all your un-wanted goodies.

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And finally... word received from postmaster Norm Baker from Palm Desert, Calif., is that he is recuperating well enough that he expects to return home around the first of April.

SUNDOWN at Camp Easter Seal, Oregon's only summer camp specially designed for the physically handicapped, finds the youngsters in wheelchairs and on crutches gathered round for the lowering of the flag. Campers come from all parts of the state to the site on North lake of Ten Mile lake, near Reedsport.

Planning Said To Be Need On Oregon Coast

Secretary of State Clay Myers called for a "unified approach" to economic development on Oregon's coast, instead of the present uncoordinated "piecemeal" method.

Myers told a luncheon audience at the Third Urban Rural Conference in Tillamook last Friday that without an overall plan, Oregon's coast could end up looking like a "300-mile-long Coney Island."

Theme of the Oregon Coast Looks Ahead conference was "Land Use Planning For The Future." The meeting was sponsored by Oregon State University, Oregon Coast Association, Coastal Chambers of Commerce, and the League of Women Voters of Astoria and Coos Bay.

Robert Holmes, former governor of Oregon, the keynote speaker, pointed out the urgent need for planning to meet the needs and demands of our rapidly increasing population. Oregon must act before time runs out, asserted Holmes.

Zoning is merely one means of implementing planning, said Lloyd Anderson of Cornwell, Howland, Hayes and Merrifield (CH2M), consulting engineers from Portland. He explained types of land use planning and zoning.

Peoples views and reactions must be the final authority for planning and zoning emphasized W. J. Kvarsten, director, Council of Governments, Salem. He termed this "advocacy" planning. When the people understand about advocate planning it is up to the elected officials to implement the decision of the people.

Problems of urban sprawl, loss of agricultural land, reductions in property values were discussed and illustrated by Ted Sidor, OSU extension specialist in resource development. He indicated that information and education are essential before people can make their own decisions on planning.

The Secretary of State warned that as the overdue economic development occurs, "the public's historic right to free access to, and enjoyment of, Oregon's beaches must not be curtailed one iota."

Myers said that the multiple use concept has to be an integral part of any long-range plan for the coast.

"How can we make an intelligent decision on the Nestucca sandspit in relation to all the other sandspits up and down the coast?" he asked.

Myers repeated his proposal that a single state agency may be needed to coordinate development and insure orderly growth on the coast.

He said such an agency's primary task would be to find a "proper balance between individual property rights and our historic public rights to the beaches."

Five Curry County residents, Doug DeVoe, Vern Peterson, Don Buffington, Howard Hauschildt, and Walt Schroeder, attended the conference.

William J. Correll

Funeral services were held at Jost Funeral Home, Lebanon, Tuesday, March 12, for William L. Correll, born at Mt. Vernon, Wash., Jan. 28, 1905, and lived many years in Port Orford before moving to Lebanon.

He was an employee of the U. S. Plywood mill, member of the First Christian Church, Crawfoot Grange, and Plywood and Veneer worker's local 2554.

Surviving are his widow, May, of Lebanon, a step-daughter, Deleina Ward of Seattle; two sisters, Mrs. Violet Axley of Redmond, Wash., Mrs. Lylia Stabbe of Winston; and three grandchildren.

'Kiss Me Kate' Opens Friday

"Kiss Me Kate," the Little Theatre on the Bay's latest production, will open Friday, March 22, at the old Liberty Theatre in North Bend.

Two plays in one, or a play within a play, gives a chance to some members of the cast to display acting talent in two roles on the same evening. While playing modern roles they also double as leading characters in Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."

Succeeding performances will be given on March 23, 29, 30 and April 4, 5, and 6 at 8 p.m. Sunday family matinees will be at 6 p.m. on March 24 and 31. All seats will be reserved. Tickets can be purchased at The Hub, Jensen's Music in Pony Village, and at the Little Theatre box office.

Myrtle Point Paper Sold

Announcement was made last week by E. F. Hall, Jr. of the sale of the Myrtle Point Herald and Herald Press to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holman, Jr. of Florence. Owner of the Siuslaw News of Florence and the Creswell Chronicle, Holmans have purchased the Herald from Hall, who has owned and operated the establishment for the past eight years.

Father of five children, Holman and his wife, Marjorie, will remain in Florence where he operates the Suislaw News and the offset press which prints seven area newspapers weekly.

The Halls have not yet announced their future plans but expect to remain in Myrtle Point to manage the Herald for Holman until a publisher is named.

First published on Dec. 3, 1889, the Myrtle Point Herald is one of the oldest newspapers in Coos County and has changed ownership 19 times in its 79 years of operation. It was owned the longest by the Halls who have kept it in the family for 20 years. Brothers, G. W. Hall and E. F. Hall, Sr. purchased G. W. Hall's interest and operated the Herald in a partnership with his father until the latter's death in 1961.

Notable changes in the paper during the younger Hall's ownership include the conversion from letter press to offset and the designing of a new masthead.

The Myrtle Point Herald received its name of March 28, 1928, from George E. Hamilton who owned the paper at that time. Hamilton changed the name of the paper from Southern Coos County American. Prior to that, it had been called the Myrtle Point Enterprise and the West Oregonian.

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