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What New Hampshire Showed

Ask a dozen people what the New Hampshire primary showed and you'll get these two answers:

(a) It was a stinging rebuke to the war policies of Lyndon Johnson.

(b) It virtually assured the Republican presidential nomination for Richard Nixon.

But we think there was another even more important result. The professional politicians certainly won't agree but we think New Hampshire showed that Richard Nixon can never be elected president.

Our reasoning really is very simple.

There is existent today a tremendous resentment toward our involvement in Viet-Nam. As far as Viet-Nam is concerned, Nixon and Johnson are two peas in a pod. Both favor war and more war, endless killing.

And when it comes to choosing between two hawks, the incumbent hawk is certain to win. People will

not turn against Johnson if they are satisfied that the war should be continued.

Secondly, Nixon's Republican party is, numerically, the minority party. He cannot win without a major crossover of Democratic voters. But his feeling on the war not only will negate any sizable number of Democratic crossovers but it may very well cause massive Republican defections from the Nixon camp.

Richard Nixon cannot be elected president on a "me, too" platform. The Republican party, whatever the candidate, cannot win if it rides Lyndon Johnson's coat-tails to Viet-Nam.

New Hampshire demonstrated conclusively that the people are fed up with the war. Unless the Republicans recognize this and come up with a candidate and a program to end the war, they're digging their own grave . . . much deeper than four years ago.

Bobby Kennedy Comes to Town

Bobby Kennedy brought his presidential campaign to Oregon this week and (a) he left no doubt that he's in to stay (b) left no doubt about his coming back.

Kennedy obviously is aiming head-on at the Oregon and California primaries. These are two he wants.

His choice of Edith Green to co-chairman his campaign in Oregon was excellent. There is probably no more respected person in politics—either party—in Oregon today. He has other very capable people working for him.

But in the final analysis, it's going to be Kennedy who'll decide the issue. People warm up to him because of his brother, but they're a bit restive about the "arrogance", the "ruthlessness" he's said to have.

We saw him twice in Portland early

this week and saw absolutely nothing of either. What we saw was a rather small Irishman with an infectious grin, a ready sense of humor, a bit of temper, and a keen, quick mind.

His Democratic opponent for the anti-Johnson vote, Gene McCarthy, still hasn't made his big pitch here and he most assuredly will. But it takes no great prescience to predict that Kennedy is going to get a lot of votes here in Oregon.

The audiences we saw weren't all youngsters, there were a lot of older people. His appeal isn't limited to the young or the underprivileged. It's possible that he might even make a Gresham appearance—efforts are being made to land him as speaker for the annual banquet of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce. Then you can judge for yourself.

The High Cost of Campaigning

Is the high cost of campaigning making politics strictly a rich man's game?

On the national level, you find virtually all of the candidates—Johnson, Kennedy, Nixon, Rockefeller, Reagan, Percy—are independently wealthy. The lone exception would be Gene McCarthy of Minnesota.

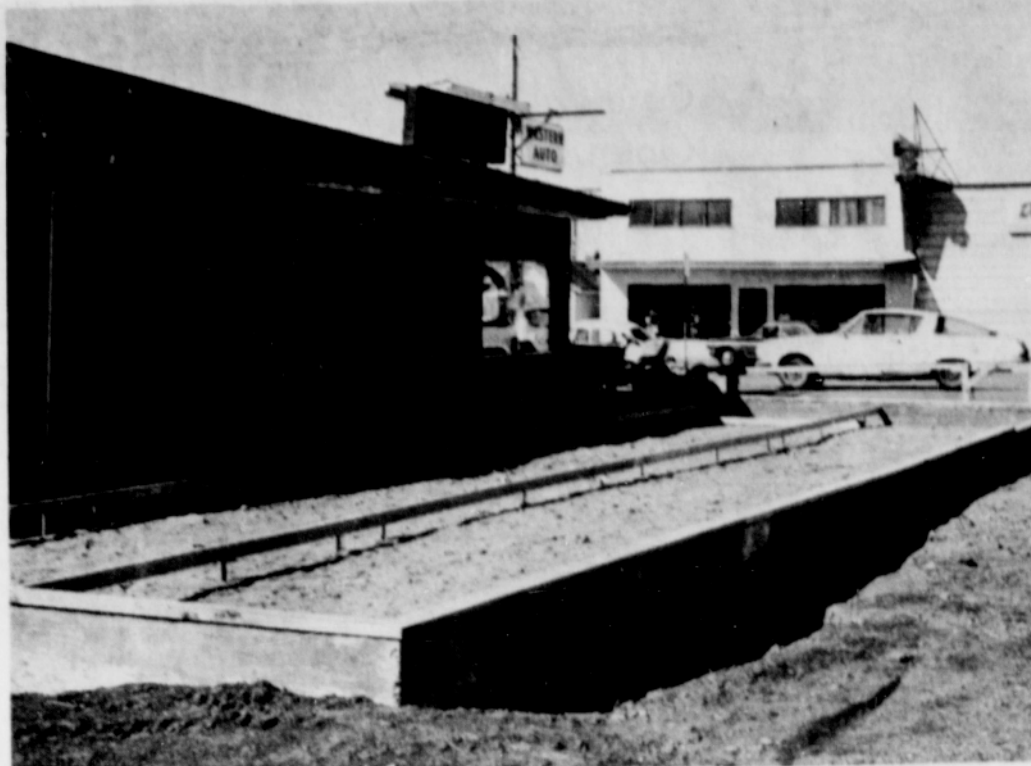
And right here on the local level, we had a perfect example last week when Ross Morgan's candidacy for secretary of state became a fiscal casualty. Morgan simply couldn't get enough money to mount the necessary statewide campaign.

He needed perhaps \$30,000 for a minimal statewide effort, had about

half of that. The tab for a statewide campaign for both primary and general election would run from \$75,000 to \$100,000. This is a lot of money for a job which pays \$19,000 per year.

Television, of course, is the biggest culprit. Television advertising is so enormously expensive that only the most affluent of candidates can get the saturation they feel necessary.

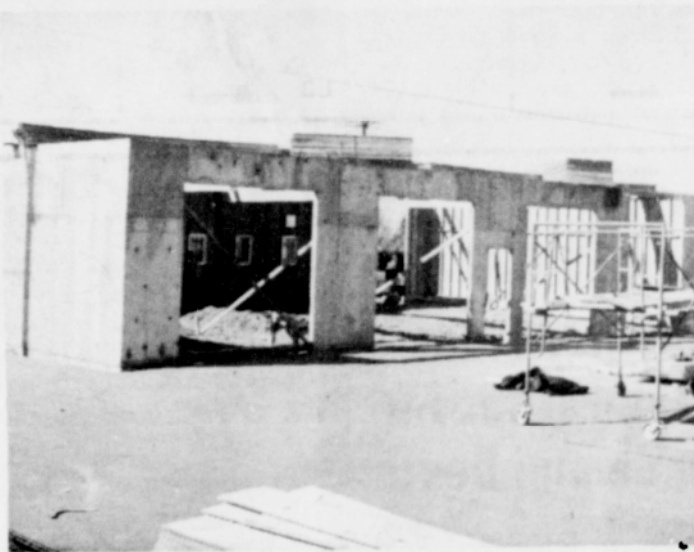
We always have approached federal financing of political campaigns with a great deal of reservation. But if qualified, competent candidates can't compete any other way it eventually may become necessary.



BUSINESS MIGHT not be exactly booming -- but it couldn't be bad as witnessed by the fact that three Sandy business firms are enlarging their quarters, in order to take care of their customers. WESTERN AUTO is adding onto present building to make room for an expanded line of merchandise. Completion is looked for in May. (Post photo)



MT. HOOD Cleaners and Laundry is enlarging its plant and will also provide more and better service for "Do-it-yourself" launderers. Completion date is June 1. (Post photo)



GLOS FORD is enlarging office space and adding to service facilities. Completion is due this spring. (Post photo)

Entries Due April 30 For Grange Sew Contest

Entries are being accepted in the 1968 Grange Cotton Sewing Contest. Garments must be completed by April 30. The contest is open to Grange members and non-members who are sponsored by a Grange member. Prizes will be awarded. Additional information may be obtained from Beaula Roll, 16940 SE McKinley, Portland, 97236, phone: 665-6545.

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, but 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 on 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.

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.

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New Names For Streets

A number of streets in the southeast part of Gresham will be re-named--more properly, re-numbered--within the coming months.

Streets running east and west will be changed to numbers in connection with the city's street signing program. The latter, underway for several years, has been completed in all but the southeast portion of town.

About 50 changes are involved, according to City Manager Bob McWilliams. Starting from Powell, streets will be numbered from 1 on up.

S. E. Kenny will become S.E. 2nd, S. E. Metzger will become S. E. 5th etc.

The Post Office Dept. has been contacted and has given its assent to the changes. A formal ordinance will be presented at a coming council meeting.

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Vote in Sight On Mt. View Water District

An election on formation of the proposed Mountain View Water District has been recommended by the Columbia Region Association of Governments to the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners.

In a letter to the Commissioners dated March 18, Homer C. Chandler, CRAG executive director, said his group had concluded their hearings on the matter. Chandler stated that the election recommendation was based on information received during the course of the hearings.

It was, the director said, the conclusion of the Executive Committee to let the residents of the area determine for themselves if they wish to assume the responsibilities of developing a water system.

Clarence Eri, president of the proposed district, said he expects the commissioners to name the election date shortly, probably for early May.

PGE Franchise Fee Now Ready

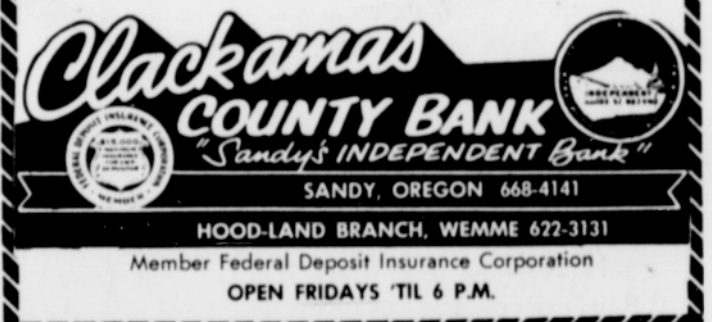
Portland General Electric company will issue a check for \$4,112 to the city of Sandy before April 1 as a franchise fee for conducting business within the city during 1967.

Base for the Sandy payment was \$137,095 which represents gross sales of electricity within the city, less a small percentage for uncollectible accounts. The fee represents 3 per cent of the adjusted gross.



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SALEM SCENE

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 occurs at the Capitol 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 committing 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 states 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.

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.

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