

495,909 Sign For Primary Vote May 19

Registration of Oregon voters for the 1944 primary election, May 19, totals 495,909, of which 260,785 are republicans and 229,305 are democrats, Dave O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, announced Tuesday.

This registration is based on reports received from all of the 38 Oregon counties.

The republican margin over the democrats is 31,840, compared with a lead of 17,919 in the 1942 primary election.

At the 1942 primary election there were 527,084 registered voters, including 269,232 republicans and 251,313 democrats. The all-high for a primary was 538,100 in 1940.

Registrations for this year's primary election, other than republicans and democrats, included 2,959 independents, 341 socialists, 425 prohibitionists and 2994 miscellaneous.

Only six counties showed a gain in registration for the 1944 primary election when compared with the 1942 primary. These included Multnomah which increased from 168,067 to 175,341, Clatsop from 12,645 to 12,761, Crook from 3128 to 3161, Washington from 20,978 to 22,012, Union from 8242 to 8275, and Grant from 3777 to 3917.

Total registrations for the 1944 and 1942 primary elections follow:

Republicans	260,785	269,232
Democrats	229,305	251,313
Independents	2,959	2,460
Socialists	341	419
Prohibitionists	425	205
All others	2,994	3,464
Totals	495,909	527,084

Smith Explains Pension Plan To Jaycees

Elsworth Smith of the city fire department explained the proposed firemen's pension system that will come up for vote May 19 at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Salem Junior chamber of commerce at the Golden Pheasant Tuesday noon.

Firemen do not come under civil service and therefore do not have plans for a retirement income, Smith pointed out. As a result, a bill has been set up providing a retirement fund for members of the department when they reach a certain age. Part of the money for this pension fund would come from the city treasury and part from payments made by members of the department, the speaker said.

Judd Davis, newly-elected state vice-president of the Jaycees, and Pat Crossland, president of the local chapter, gave reports on the state conference held at Eugene last Sunday and Monday.

The group decided to look into the possibilities of holding one evening meeting a month on the first Tuesday.

State Plumbers To Meet Here

Problems of the plumbing industry—wartime and postwar—will be discussed at a two-day convention of the Oregon State association of Master Plumbers, at the Marion hotel May 12 and 13.

Walter R. Ransom, 1245 Cheeketa street, is chairman of the convention committee.

Officers of the Oregon State association of Master Plumbers include J. R. Widmer, Portland, president; T.J.B. Williams, Gladstone, vice-president; C. C. McCoy, Portland, treasurer, and E. W. Honstein, Portland, secretary.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bruder.

Joe Ragsdale, S 2/c, US NAVY, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ragsdale, is spending a 15-day leave at his home. He has been in the service two months and is stationed at Farragut.

Charles Pewelson, QM 2/c, US NAVY, is home on leave. He has been in the British East Indies, Panama, and saw action in the Pacific and Atlantic. He will return to the east coast.

Mrs. Edwin M. Roten has received word from her husband, Cpl. Edwin M. Roten that he is now in New Guinea. He has been stationed at Brisbane, Australia, for ten months. He entered the service January 19, 1943 and received his basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. His last furlough was in June, 1943, when he was married to Florence Shepherd. Cpl. Roten recently sent his wife souvenirs from Australia, a ring made from Australian coins and a serving tray made of mahogany and gumwood inlays. The wood has been processed in various ways to bring out the different colors and grains. In the center of the tray is a map of Australia and on the sides a kangaroo and an ostrich.

When citizens of Salem, Ore., lost George K. Richardson, 36, one of their top radio repairmen to the marine corps, Salem's loss became Guadalcanal's gain, according to a dispatch by Sgt. Francis H. Barr, a marine corps combat correspondent.

A former radio repairman, St. Sgt. George K. Richardson is serving in that same capacity here. He has repaired 50 radios in the past month. His wife, Mrs. Rose Clara Richardson, resides at 1770 North Summer street, Salem.

Million Goes Every Month For China Aid

One million Chinese dollars are being sent monthly to aid in relieving dire famine conditions in Kwantung province, by United China Relief, a member agency of the National War Fund, according to a report received Monday by Charles A. Sprague, president of the Oregon War Chest.

Relief funds, which were contributed by those who gave to Marion County War Chest have made possible establishment of relief camps and orphanages and congee kitchens, which in the afflicted Toishan area, are feeding ten thousand people daily.

Relief funds, Sprague said, are also making it possible to aid farmers through grants of seeds and farm equipment. Cholera has not broken out generally in the area.

Completely adequate and effective relief programs can not be carried out, however, while the Japanese maintain control of transportation areas.

Luman F. Ney, CWS, was recently promoted to the rank of major, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Sadie Ney.

Major Ney is a graduate of Salem high school and Willamette University, and was a Statesman carrier for several years while attending school. He had almost completed his work for his doctor's degree at the University of Illinois when he was called into the service nearly three years ago.

Mrs. Ney recently returned from a 10 months' visit with her son and his family at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Md.

MILL CITY — St. Sgt. Martin Jepsen arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Jepsen Thursday on a two weeks' furlough from Camp Roberts, Calif.

Pvt. Gordon Bruder returned to Camp Roberts after a three weeks' furlough at the home of

1000 Liberty Ships May Be Kept Ready

WASHINGTON, May 9—(AP)—Under a plan being studied by maritime commission officials 1,000 Liberty ships would be placed in a postwar reserve for use in case of another war.

Five hundred would be kept ready to man; fuel and sail. The machinery of the others would be packed in grease but they could be readied quickly.

The plan is regarded by the commission's postwar planning committee as a starting point toward disposition of the Liberties, which the committee considers primarily war-useful vessels.

Another 1000 Liberties would have to be disposed of otherwise. That figure is based on 2,700 scheduled to have been put in service by the end of this year, and 500 or more to be lost or hopelessly damaged by the end of the war.

A considerable market for the 10-knot vessels is expected on trade routes which cannot support faster and more expensive ships.

Lincoln School Play Announced

LINCOLN—Mrs. Roy W. Hammer, teacher of Lincoln school and the five eighth grade graduates, have arranged a play for May 22, at the schoolhouse, to which school patrons are invited.

The play entitled, "Commencement at Lincoln School," has in its cast, Genevieve Ashford, valedictorian; Dolores Merrick, salutatorian; Beulah Kirkendall, historian; Alfred Williams, lawyer; Albert Williams, prophet.

Joseph Wills, county school superintendent, will present the diplomas.

Employment Office To Furnish Laborers

PORTLAND, May 9—(AP)—Oregon and lower Columbia river districts in Washington will be supplied with laborers from a newly established employment office here.

The office was set up by the Oregon State college extension service. Heavy requests have been received for milkers, tractor operators, general farm workers and women ranch cooks.

Tent City Planned For Cherry Pickers

THE DALLES, May 9—(AP)—A tent city of 250 units will be set up here to house a part of the 3000 migratory workers expected for the cherry harvest, county agent said today.

Mobile Blood Unit Gets 8140 Pints in 57 Trips to Salem

Forty eight hundred people have given 8140 pints of blood to the Red Cross mobile unit in its 57 trips to Salem since April 27, 1943. Lynn McLaughlin told the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday noon. The 57 trips to Salem include three to the state penitentiary and the 4800 donors were only four-fifths from Salem since 20

Neuner Says Law Correct

That part of the state titling law, providing a maximum 10 per cent assessment against the state forestry department, is not double taxation and is constitutional, Attorney General George Neuner held in an opinion here Tuesday.

Neuner, state forester, previously charged that the titling assessment is not fair for the reason that owners of lands patrolled by his department, also have to pay for the latter service on an acreage basis. Neuner held that the titling assessment is authorized under the police powers of the state.

Funds derived from the titling assessment against various state activities are used for general expenses of the state.

The opinion was asked by George Aiken, state budget director.

Lake Labish Girl Wins Sardi Orchid

LAKE LABISH — Beth Sellwood, whose body has been crippled by illness but whose mind remains active in the interests of others, this week received by air express an orchid from Hollywood Sardi's Breakfast club in recognition of her selection as the good neighbor for one day's radio program.

Organizer of the Oregon Chin-Up club, Miss Sellwood has been the moving agent behind the organization, which is dedicated to finding avenues of service for physically handicapped persons.

Farm Home Pictures To Be Shown at Keizer

KEIZER — Tom B. Schnebly, superintendent of the Kiwanis' Farm Home near Corvallis, will show colored motion pictures at a meeting of the Keizer Farmers Union in Neighbor's hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Several children from the home will offer a short program of vocal and instrumental music following the movies, which in turn will be preceded by a business meeting of the union.

Gov. Snell Authorizes Humphries' Extradition

Gov. Earl Snell Tuesday authorized the extradition of L. C. Humphries, alias Albert Smith, who is wanted at the Talaferro county road camp in Georgia, from where he escaped. The fugitive is being held at Pendleton.

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Supreme Court Will Consider Jap Question

WASHINGTON, May 9—(AP)—The supreme court today cleared the way for broad consideration of the problem of Japanese-American citizens who were removed from the west coast area and sent to detention camps under military orders shortly after the outbreak of the war.

It agreed to hear the appeal of Hitsujo Endo of Sacramento, Calif. for release from a war relocation authority camp in Modoc county, Calif.

Arguments on her appeal will be heard next fall, along with another case challenging the constitutionality of the evacuation orders under which the Japanese-Americans were removed from the coast. The latter case was filed by Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu, taken from San Leandro, Calif., to a WRA center at Topaz, Utah.

In other actions today, the court:

Refused to budge from its stand that negroes have a right to vote in Texas democratic primary elections. Without comment, the court declined to reconsider its 8 to 1 decision of April 3 that a man cannot be barred from participating in the selection of "his rulers" because of his color.

Held 7 to 2 that states may require out-of-state corporations to obtain certificates of authority to do business in the state without

5 More Valley Dams on Slate

WASHINGTON, May 9—(AP)—A \$20,000,000 project for construction of five more dams on Oregon's Willamette river basin is included in the \$810,000,000 flood control bill which passed the house today.

A seven-dam network, projected by the army engineers, would tie up the already completed Cottage Grove and Fern Ridge dams with new projects at Detroit, Dorena, and three other sites not yet definitely selected.

The flood control bill also authorized \$143,000 of work in the Coquille river basin, \$23,000 in the Nehalem river basin, and \$118,000 in the Alkali canyon works at Arlington.

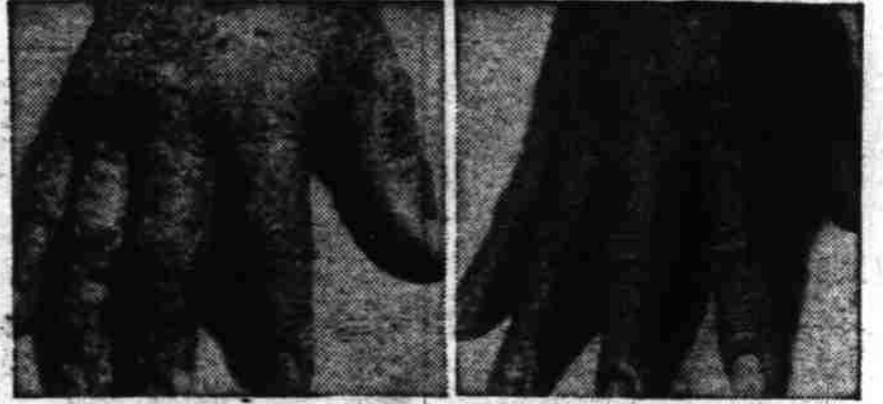
Baptists Observe 100th Anniversary in Oregon

PORTLAND, May 9—(AP)—The 100th anniversary of the Baptist church in Oregon was observed at the opening of the Oregon convention here today. The convolve will continue through Thursday when a business session will be held.

Rev. H. P. Sconce, Roseburg, told delegates "a realization of God is our greatest need at this time."

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Ordinarily we'd make quite a fuss over such an event as the 75th anniversary of America's first transcontinental railroad—of which Southern Pacific is a part. We'd have a "Diamond Jubilee," with ceremonies, celebrations, banquets and all the trimming.

But in May, 1944, Southern Pacific people will have little time to honor the men who built the first railroad across America and drove its last spike home on May 10, 1869. We're too busy keeping the war trains rolling on our 15,000 miles of line.

The historic line that rounded the northern end of Great Salt Lake to Promontory, where the Golden Spike was driven, was replaced by the Lucin Cut-off. The old rails have long since been torn up and sent to war.

But if it were possible to send a message back through the corridors of Time, we would send the grateful thanks of a railroad at war to those determined men who conquered the Sierra 75 years ago...

...to Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins, Charles Crocker and Collis P. Huntington, the "Big Four" who pooled

their slender resources, convinced Congress that California must be linked by rail with the other United States, and pushed the railroad through in spite of heart-breaking obstacles.

...to the thousands of Chinese workmen who helped lift the line over the Sierra Nevada with nothing but wheelbarrows, picks and shovels, and black powder... who hung from the cliffs in baskets and chipped the road-bed out of solid granite. They helped build a railroad that helps China now.

...to the eight indomitable Irishmen who, on April 28, 1869, laid ten miles and 56 feet of track in a single day—a record that has never been equalled.

The railroad they built is now a vital link in America's supply lines for the war against Japan. The railroad men and women who "keep 'em rolling" today salute the men who accomplished so much with so little, 75 years ago.

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