

## Valley Area Boosts Voter Registration

Steady growth in voter registration, characterized by lessening of the republican lead, is true not only for Marion county but for the mid-Willamette valley as a whole, according to records of State Elections Chief David O'Hara.

This county's democrats made one of the smallest gains on the republican advantage shown by any valley county. Benton county had a reverse movement, with more republicans than democrats added to the rolls.

In the four years since the 1948 general election, the mid-valley counties which had reported by yesterday showed these gains:

Benton — Republicans up 2,125 to 8,261; democrats up 1,884 to 5,487; total up 3,931 to 14,084.

Linn — Republicans up 2,087 to 10,936; democrats up 4,143 to 12,655; total up 5,908 to 23,320.

Marion — Republicans up 6,753 to 27,924; democrats up 6,849 to 19,303; total up 12,784 to 47,759.

Polk — Republicans up 1,371 to 6,275; democrats up 1,610 to 5,030; total up 3,029 to 11,452.

Though the increase since the last non-presidential general election, in 1946, has been tremendous most counties' registrations have shown only a 3 to 5 per cent gain since last May's primary, said O'Hara.

After the intense campaign of 1944, Oregon's total voter sign-up slipped from 602,013 to 593,542 in 1946. It was back up to 694,635 in November, 1948, to 711,719 last May, and O'Hara predicts approximately 735,000 are on the list for the coming ballot.

By today he will have completed mailing most of the record 750,000 voter's pamphlets, with others to go to those on late lists from the counties. Twenty-one of the state's 36 counties had reported their figures by Wednesday.

**ATTACK FATAL TO HUNTER**  
KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 18—(P)—A retired Roseburg minister, the Rev. S. B. Fowler, 77, died today of a heart attack while hunting pheasants with a party in the Lorraina area.

## Truman Returns to Washington After Trip



WASHINGTON, Oct. 18—Treasury Secretary John Snyder (right) and Secretary of State Dean Acheson (center) share a joke with President Truman at nearby Andrews Military airfield as they greeted the chief executive on his return from his Pacific talk with Gen. Douglas MacArthur. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

## Open Bridge Ties Up Traffic

PORTLAND, Oct. 18—(P)—The Burnside bridge over the Willamette stuck open today for the second time in five days, snarling downtown traffic for two hours.

The bridge had been opened on both occasions for the British motor ship, Alcione Hope.

Traffic was tied up for more than an hour Friday when the bridge couldn't be closed because of electrical trouble for more than an hour. The Alcione Hope was

bound upstream at the time. Today the bridge opened for the vessel, headed downstream. It was again electrical trouble that kept it from closing.

## McKay to Attend Defense Parley

Gov. Douglas McKay will be in Seattle today to confer with Governors Earl Warren of California and Arthur B. Langlie of Washington in connection with civilian defense plans involving the three states.

Governor McKay indicated he would return to his desk here early Friday.

## W. E. Howard Pleads Guilty

William E. Howard, 22, of 417 S. 12th st., Wednesday was ordered held for grand jury action on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Howard pleaded guilty in Marion county district court to the charge, which involves a worthless check passed at a Salem service station. He was held in the county jail on \$1,000 bail.

In another check case, preliminary hearing was set for October 23 for Donald L. Landers, 21, Scotts Mills, also charged with obtaining money by false pretenses. Landers also was held on \$1,000 bail.

## Bargain Cow Tops World's Butterfat Mark

LANGLOIS, Ore., Oct. 18—(P)—Five new world's records were set October 12 by a bargain price cow.

Opal Crystal Lady, an 8-year-old Jersey, in 365 days produced 1,237 pounds of butterfat in 23,725 pounds of milk. That is a record for twice a day milking, 95 pounds over the old butterfat record set last April by a Holstein in the Mt. Angel, Ore., herd of C. J. Berning.

At the same time she became the first cow of any breed ever to complete three consecutive 1,000-pound butterfat lactation periods.

While setting these records, she established three new Jersey breed records for pounds of milk and for butterfat production for both two and three times daily milking.

Confirms Record  
Floyd B. Wolberg, professor in the Oregon State college dairy department, confirmed the record-setting pace of the cow that was bought as a heifer in a package deal with six other animals for a total price of \$875. The records, he said, were approved by the American Jersey-cattle club, Columbus, O.

How much is 1,237 pounds of butterfat in 23,725 pounds of milk from an 8-year-old cow? The average cow, Wolberg said, produces 209 pounds of butterfat in 5,239 pounds of milk each year and goes to the butcher as a 5-year-old.

24-Year-Old Farmer  
Opal Crystal Lady is owned by a 24-year-old Curry county dairy farmer, Ralph E. Cope II, a 10-year 4-H club member and 1944 national 4-H dairy production winner.

His herd records show a 655-pound average butterfat production annually from 36 cows over a four-year period.

The new champion, in addition to upsetting another Oregon cow in butterfat production, erased a 22-year-old Jersey milk production record held by Abigail of Hillsdale, owned by J. T. Carpenter, Bardwell's Ferry, Mass., and the three-time-daily Jersey butterfat record of 1,223 pounds set last year at the Victory Jersey Farm, Tullia, Tex., by Orland Signal Volunteer Sable. Three milkings daily are not the usual

## Final Rites Held For Clarence Kays

Final rites for Clarence Kays, 71, former Salem resident, were held last week at Grants Pass where he died October 9.

Kays was born at Buena Vista and lived in Dallas, Salem and Klamath Falls before moving to Grants Pass. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son, a sister and four step-daughters.

## Drainage Ditch Project Due in Keizer Area

Digging of ditches for drainage along North River road, along the Keizer section, is to begin today, Marion county court said Wednesday. County highway department crews will do the work.

Tile is to be laid for some 414 feet along the road, on both sides. The tile is being provided by abutting property owners, while the county agreed to provide the labor and install catch basins.

The tile will lead to an open ditch and natural drainage north of the school.

## Portland Imports Nurses as Polio Cases Increase

PORTLAND, Oct. 18—(P)—Nurses were being imported here as the number of polio cases under treatment here reached 80 today.

Red Cross officials said three more nurses are needed. One arrived yesterday from Pittsburgh and one came earlier from California.

Sixty-nine cases are in Good Samaritan hospital, six in isolation hospital and five at Holladay Park hospital.

The health bureau said the number of cases reported this year total 84.

practice and are designed to push for a record.

Opal is "just ordinary in most every way—not a fast milker, not a slow one," Cope said. She got ordinary care until a record was in sight and then she was first to the milking machine and visitors were told to walk on tip-toe as they passed the milking parlor.

## M. Sgt. Smith 14-Year Vet, To Re-enlist

A Salem veteran of 14 years is getting his discharge in Portland this week—but not for long. M. Sgt. Hugh M. Smith, in charge of the army and air force recruiting station here, is getting out only to re-enlist immediately for an indefinite term, expected to carry him at least to the 20-year retirement work.

The in-and-out procedures were slated for Wednesday or today at Portland recruiting station. Smith has had 14 years' service in the army, federalized national guard and air force. An aerial engineer, he was in Alaska during World War II and served with the air transport command. He was in Japan for two years prior to becoming a recruiter; two years ago.

He came to Salem in late 1948 and has commanded the station for about eight months. Smith and his wife reside at 1830 N. Cottage st. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Smith, live at Monmouth.

## OSC to House Gun Collection

A collection of 65 guns bequeathed to the state by Donegan Reeder Wiggins will be housed at Oregon state college, the state board of control decided Tuesday.

Wiggins, a national authority on firearms and an employe for many years in the secretary of state's office, died July 25 in Salem. He kept a collection of more than 300 guns, dating from the 18th century to the present day.

## Fairview Home to Put Hospital in Use

The new 56-bed hospital at Fairview home will be fully occupied this week, Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent, announced Wednesday. The hospital cost approximately \$150,000 and replaces one that burned two years ago.

## Angell Raps Credit Curbs

PORTLAND, Oct. 18—(P)—Rep. Homer Angell (R-Ore.) said today he considers credit controls on automobile purchases "a serious mistake which could lead to wrecking the present economy."

Speaking to the Portland Automobile Dealers association, Angell said, "We need such materials as steel, rubber and gasoline for re-mobilization, but it is a serious mistake to disrupt one vital sector of our business life in obtaining them."

He blamed the administration for new credit curbs, declaring that congress had given the president discretionary powers.

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