

Write-In Battle Slated Today in Massachusetts

Gen. Eisenhower's boosters predicted Monday night that the battle of write-in ballots in Massachusetts Tuesday will put the general hot on the heels of Sen. Taft in the race for delegates to the Republican National Convention.

The election is important not only as a "popularity" test between the two front-running GOP candidates but also as it affects their strength in terms of delegates who will nominate the Republican standard bearer 10 weeks from now.

City Contracts Delayed by Policy Question

(Council news also on Page 1.) Bids of 13,360 tons of asphaltic concrete for city paving work were awarded without action by Salem City Council Monday night after one of two bidders questioned the city's contract award policy.

City Manager J. L. Franzen had recommended that two of four items be awarded to Central Paving Co. of Independence and the other two items to Warren North-west, Inc. He said this arrangement would give the city the best prices all around.

But Arthur Woods of the Central Paving Co. said his firm was low on total combined bid. He maintained that wording of the call for bids gave no indication that the contract might be split by items. His company operates a plant at Keizer.

To Check Call or Bids
Mayor Alfred Loucks appointed Aldermen Thomas Armstrong and James Nicholson as a committee to recheck bids with the city manager and present total figures as well as item figures at the May 12 meeting.

Walling Sand & Gravel Co. was awarded a contract for base rock, on its low bid.

Study of several delayed bills revising the city's licensing structure has been delayed by work on the city budget, reported the city manager. He said he and City Treasurer Paul Hauser would have a report on the bills ready after their study in the coming weeks.

Several traffic and parking matters were before the Council. Two-hour parking limit was approved for North High Street between Marion and Union Streets, and study of a similar restriction was asked of the city manager for the block of Court Street between Church and Cottage Streets. All-day parking is now allowed in both places.

Parking Prohibited
Parking was prohibited on the west side of Imperial Drive near the D Street intersection. Study was ordered on a suggestion from C. G. Lammers, 1825 N. Summer St., that a new sign on North Summer Street at Madison Street be erected to indicate "left turn from left lane only."

A cross-walk marking was approved for Lee Street at Ford Street near a public playground. Possible change of location of the Howard Street stop sign on a hill near Leslie School was referred to the Traffic Safety Commission.

Officials Appointed
For the May 23 annexation election in Bluff Avenue area north of Salem, these election officials were appointed: Judges, Anna Massa and Blanche Andrews; clerks, Annabelle Sterret, Pearl McClain and Eileen Hilton.

A bill was introduced to allow second hand dealers to operate on Sundays. Alderman David O'Hara said the request stemmed principally from dealers' wishes to serve out-of-town customers for antiques.

New street paving projects approved are Hansen Avenue from Ben Vista to Crest View Drive; Doughton Street from Hansen to Ben Vista Drive; Hansen Avenue from Doughton to Ben Vista.

Offer of a \$20 settlement was made to A. L. McCafferty, 700 Kingwood Dr., for damage to three trees which he claimed was the result of a city crew burning weeds nearby.

\$2,500 Suit Cites Attack by Dogs

Damages of \$2,500 for injuries allegedly sustained by an 8-year-old Salem boy when attacked by dogs last month are sought in a suit filed Monday in Marion County Circuit Court.

The suit was filed by Earl Givens as guardian for Kenneth Givens, who was allegedly attacked March 27 at 4420 Sunnyview Ave. by four dogs owned by Chris and Marge Hamilton, the defendants.

State Employees, Supervisors Back Pay Increase Proposal

Hearty approval for the Civil Service Commission's proposal for pay increases for most state employees was voiced Monday by both state employees and department heads at separate meetings.

Some 300 civil service employees at an evening meeting in the Capitol building heard their representatives from practically every civil service classification express need for adjustments.

Both meetings expressed a discord within the ranks of clerk-typist II and clerk-stenographer II. Representatives at the meeting for this group emphasized that "increases in subordinate groups actually was allowing pay increases equivalent to supervisory jobs." Recommendations had already been made for increases in both classes I and III. The Oregon State Employees Association voiced special interest in this inequity and need for adjustment.

Based on Survey
These two meetings were in accord with the commission's proposal, based on a recent survey of comparable jobs in private industry. However, both employees and department heads expressed that some departments' personnel might be thrown out of balance by lack of uniformity, as in the clerk-typist and clerk-stenographer classes.

Representatives from the Oregon State Hospital and Fairview Home expressed a desire for a 40-hour week instead of the proposed raise. "Of course, the raise would be nice, too," one hinted. The present rates are on the basis of a 48-hour week.

"Something Haywire"
Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of Fairview Home, said at the noon meeting that the proposal had at last begun to establish "a proper relationship between starting and supervisory positions." He declared, however, that "something is haywire" in the economic system rather than the survey when a laborer II starts at more pay than a practical nurse I (\$210 and \$201 per month).

A proposed salary schedule, recommended to be made retroactive to March 1, 1952, was read by Forrest V. Stewart, executive secretary of the Oregon State Employees Association at the beginning of the evening meeting. Proposals in most instances were paralleled to the recommendations made at the department heads meeting in the afternoon. Proposals listed in the opening letter were as follows:

Asks Salary Rates
The classifications of Clerk II, Clerk Typist II, and Clerk Stenographer II be increased at least one step in the salary range. The classification of Statistician I be increased from the present rate of \$272-\$336 to \$296-\$364. Statistician II be increased from the proposed rate of \$322-\$394 to \$336-\$410. Statistician III be increased from the proposed rate of \$379-\$459 to \$394-\$477. These adjustments in Statistician classifications, it was proposed, would keep the three groups in line with the series to which they are geared.

It was asked in this letter that Field Examiner I be adjusted upward two steps instead of one step. It was requested that Custodial Worker be increased one step in the range or be provided a night differential equivalent to one step, or both. A desire that hourly rate employees be boosted ten cents instead of the proposed six cent raise was expressed. This "would be much more realistic," the letter from the Employees Association stated.

To 40-Hour Week
Hospital Aides asked for a shift to a 40-hour week at the proposed rates (\$193) or a raise to \$229 for a 48-hour week. Houseparents asked for a shift to a 40-hour week at the proposed rate (\$210) or a raise

to \$239 for a 48-hour week. Also upward adjustments in Engineering Aide I and II were asked. The Association further recommended that "the Commission give serious consideration to a cost of living adjustment for all classified state employees." At the afternoon meeting of the department heads, James Clinton, civil service director, explained that such a raise "strictly for cost of living increases was out of the question." This was explained as being due to a lack of finances and that the commission's schedule was tempered by the state's estimated ability to pay without further legislative appropriations. The boost is to average about \$12 per month.

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Real Estate Men Hear C. H. Sill
About 125 real estate operators from Marion, Polk, Linn and Benton counties attended the third annual real estate clinic in Salem Monday at the Marion Hotel.

Charles H. Sill, lecturer at the University of Michigan, spoke to the afternoon and evening meetings on sales and promotion of real estate. The clinic was sponsored by the State Real Estate Commission in cooperation with the Salem Board of Realtors.

TRAIN HITS ELEPHANTS
NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—A railroad train collided Monday with three elephants browsing on the tracks between Nairobi and Mombasa. Two of the elephants were killed and the engine was damaged.

'Grassman of Year' Contest To Continue

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Oregon is again going to have a "Grass in Gold" contest, and will select a grassman of the year for the second time, James Coon, Grasslands committee chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, announced Monday.

The contest, which was held in 1951 for the first time, drew much attention a year ago with Walter Lierman of Independence finally winning the Oregon title, losing out to Idaho's selection in the finals. However, Lierman received a number of substantial prizes in winning the state award.

A \$1,500 irrigation system will be presented to the regional grassman, with the R. M. Wade & Co. of Portland making the presentation. The regional winner is selected among the three finalists representing Oregon, Washington and Idaho. A \$500 cash award offered by the United States National Bank of Portland will be given to the Oregon winner this year.

Copies of the 1952 scorecard and rules and regulations have been sent to county agents throughout Oregon, as well as to local chambers of commerce. No changes have been made in the scorecard or rules from those of a year ago. The 1000-point scorecard is divided into: 400 points for land usage; 350 points for the types of grasses and legumes used and how managed; 150 points for livestock; and 100 points for the operator as a community leader.

As in the 1951 contest, winners will be picked in county contests by local judging committees as determined by various local groups taking part. Any farm or ranch operator in the state is eligible to enter his county contest, and should contact his county agent or local chamber of commerce for details, Coon stated.

The object of the contest Coon reported Monday, is to select and give recognition to the accomplishments of operators who have done outstanding work in grasslands development, with the hope

that such recognition will encourage others to improve their own pasture and range land through better seeding and management practices.

In sponsoring the contest, Coon pointed out that it is not the Portland Chamber's purpose to advise operators on methods or techniques which should be used. This, he said, is the function of the extension service and the federal agencies concerned with the development and protection of grasslands.

Carrier Limps Home; Death Toll Still 176

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 27,100-ton aircraft carrier Wasp limped home Monday night with 61 survivors from the minesweeper Hobson, which it cut in two in a mid-Atlantic collision Saturday night. Missing—and apparently lost—were 176 other members of the Hobson's crew.

It was one of the most peaceful disasters in American Naval history. Capt. B. C. McCaffree, commander of the Wasp, said the 1,600-ton Hobson broke in two and sank four minutes after it came under the cliff-like bow of the carrier during night maneuvers on an inky sea.

Ships and aircraft searched for survivors until sundown Sunday. "About 10:20 p.m., the Wasp with destroyers Rodman and Hobson turned into the wind to recover aircraft," Capt. McCaffree reported to Atlantic Fleet Headquarters at Norfolk, Va., Monday. "At 10:26 p.m. the Hobson crossed the bow of the Wasp from port to starboard and was struck amidships on her starboard side. The Hobson rolled on her port side and her keel dug deep into the Wasp's bow."

McCaffree radioed that eight small boats were launched immediately from the Wasp for rescue operations and that life jackets, rafts, floats, nets and lines were thrown over the side to the men in the water.

Apparently the Hobson's skipper, Lt. Com. W. J. Tierney of

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Philadelphia, went down with his ship. No one was injured aboard the Wasp.

Sewage Plant to Start Work May 10

Salem's million dollar sewage treatment plant will go into operation May 10.

Open house at 10 a. m. that day will enable Salem citizens to examine the operations, Mayor Al-

fred Loucks said Monday night. Long under construction, the plant is being completed with the final work of putting steel covers on the two huge digester tanks which are a landmark of the plant site on North River Road near city limits.

CLASH IN INDONESIA
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A delayed report from Semarang Monday said 50 persons were killed last Thursday in a clash between Indonesian troops and bandits on the North Coast.

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