

Registration For May 21 Primary Slow

Voter registration in Marion County continues slow and County Clerk Henry Mattson says the coming May 21 primary may see a "lower than usual" number of voters at the polls.

No figures on registration were available yet this weekend but Mattson said that judging from past election experiences many potential voters have yet to register.

Registration books will close April 20, until after the election. This, said Mattson, gives his office a month in which to assign voters to proper precincts in the file and to determine how many ballots to have printed and how to rotate candidate's names on the ballots.

Those desiring to register may do so at the clerk's office in the temporary courthouse in the School Administration Office building on North High street or with the 47 deputy registrars scattered over the county in most communities.

Location of the latter may be had from community or town officials or from the county clerk's office.

The rule on registration seems to be, if you voted in either the 1952 primary or general election you need not register unless you've moved out of your precinct or "have not registered here before."

Both Republican and Democratic political organizations are working on programs designed to get citizens to register to vote.

The Marion County Republican Central Committee is conducting a non-partisan, non-political campaign. Letters were mailed this weekend to all Republican county precinct committeemen urging them to contact all residents in their precincts, regardless of party, and to encourage all eligible voters to register.

The Marion County Democratic Club said it is launching a program in Marion County towns designed to encourage registration.

Police Work Pays Off Man In Happiness

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Clifford Cochran, 24, says there's a wrong way to look at money. He is a Charleston patrolman because he likes the work. He took a \$500 a month cut in wages to come back to the force after a brief absence.

Cochran has wanted to be a policeman as long as he can remember. When he was in grade school, the friendly cop on the beat was Dewey Williams, present chief of police here. Williams was the youngster's hero.

In September, 1951, Cochran took the oath as a patrolman. Soon thereafter he was married. The \$290 a month a patrolman makes didn't go very far.

"When a chance came to grab a high-paying job, I didn't think twice—I grabbed," Cochran says. He became a boilermaker at Marietta, Ohio. His pay jumped from \$290 to \$800 a month—and more with overtime.

"But I wasn't happy," he says. I learned there that money isn't everything.

He talked it over with his wife and, although they now had a month-old son—another mouth to feed, she agreed he should rejoin the bluecoats.

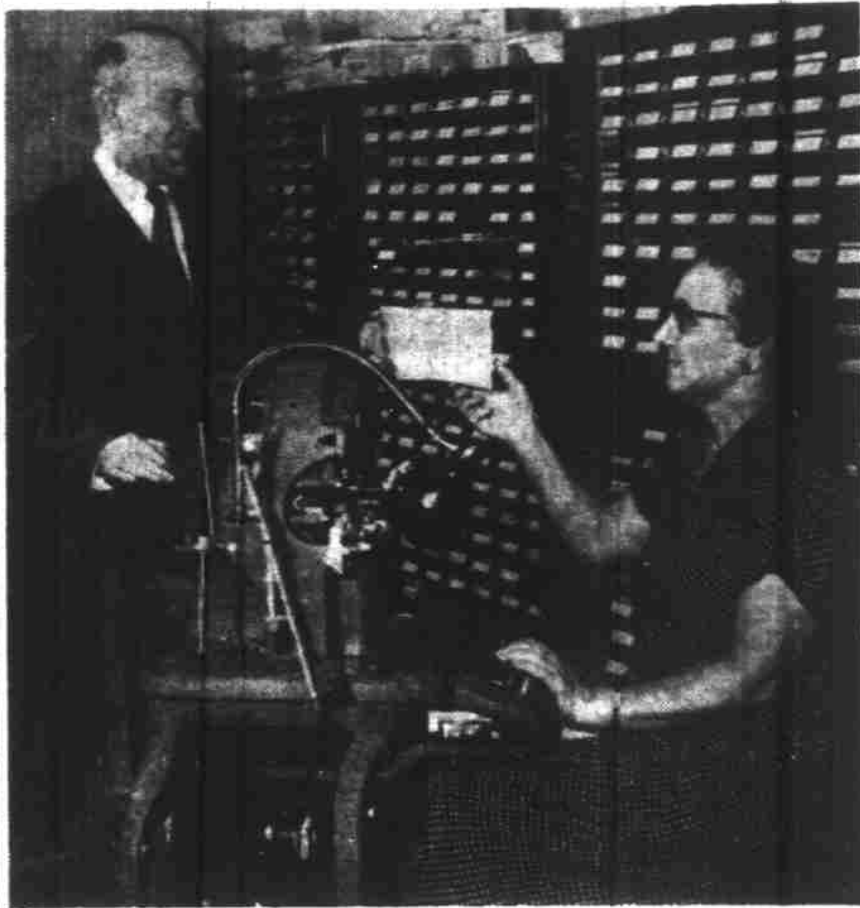
Seven months after leaving, Cochran came back. For the first time since he left, he says, he was a happy man.

FBI to Transfer Portland Agent

PORTLAND (AP)—A new FBI agent will take charge of the Portland FBI office in about three weeks. He is Joseph F. Santoianna, who now is at the Houston FBI office.

It succeeds George Burton, who will go to Houston. Burton was assistant at Seattle and had charge of the Denver office before coming here in 1952.

Voter Rolls Being Updated



Pre-election activity and hustle takes over in the Marion County Clerk's office these days as voters register and voter files are prepared for the May 21 ballot. County Clerk Henry Mattson is shown (above) handing registration cards to Mrs. Gladys White, deputy in charge of elections for the county clerk, to be run through the addressograph machine. Files in background contain name plates of registered voters. (Statesman Photo.)

Water Outlook In Northeast Oregon Good

LA GRANDE (AP)—The water runoff will be smaller than usual, but most of Northeastern Oregon is expected to have enough irrigation water in the coming six months.

Forecasters said here Friday that a few areas might have shortages, because of lack of snow on lower elevations. The amount of snow higher up is about normal.

No flooding is expected in the spring runoff. Of the principal streams the Burnt River and the Grande Ronde River have the least satisfactory outlook. The Burnt is expected to carry only 60 per cent of its normal volume this year, and the Grande Ronde about 63 per cent.

Of the others, Catherine Creek is expected to be about 90 per cent of normal, Bear Creek 97 per cent, Lostine River 90 per cent and Hurricane Creek 94 per cent.

Man Dies in Truck Wreck

MADRAS, Ore. (AP)—A lumber truck crashed off Highway 26 near Warm Springs Saturday, and rolled to the bottom of a canyon, killing Eugene W. Warden, Portland.

The driver, J. E. Hudson of Brightwood, was injured critically, Redmond.

Both were trapped in the cab of the loaded lumber truck, which was headed east. A following driver said the brakes appeared to fail. He said he saw smoke issue from underneath the truck, which built up speed until it went off the road two miles west of Warm Springs.

34 Multnomah Schools to Join in Anti-Polio Test

PORTLAND (AP)—Thirty-four schools in Multnomah County will take part in polio vaccine tests, expected to start here April 19.

Dr. Sydney F. Hansen, county health officer, said second-grade students in the schools, which include public, private and parochial institutions, would be inoculated. Parents must request the test for each child participating.

There are about 2,000 children in the second grade in the 34 schools.

To a steelman, a spy is not a man engaged in espionage but a steel bar selected at random for inspection.

B47 Stratojets Get Increased Takeoff Power

SEATTLE (AP)—B47 Stratojets now being delivered to the Air Force have been given increased takeoff power, their makers, the Boeing Airplane Co. announced Saturday.

The additional power will enable the big swept-wing 100-ton ships to operate from shorter fields or lift maximum loads from existing runways, Boeing said.

A new collar-type rocket rack, which has positions for 33 units

of 1,000 pounds of thrust each, 15 more than previously, and a water injection system in the six jet engines give the added power, engineers explained.

The rocket rack also can be dropped after its power is expended, instead of becoming so much dead weight as before, they said. The new water injection system consists of spraying a mixture of water and alcohol into the combustion chambers of the six jet en-

gines, increasing the velocity of the jet gases, they added.

Test flights of the 600-mile-an-hour plane with the new features, have been made both at the Edwards Air Force Base in California and at Wichita, Kan.

A Boeing spokesman said that only under extreme conditions would both new systems have to be used simultaneously, but added:

"If needed, the added power is there at the flick of a switch."

Mine Income Shows Drop

SPOKANE (AP)—Pend Oreille Mines Co., big lead-zinc producer of the Metaline district, reported a net income of \$185,337 for 1953 in its annual report Saturday.

It said income before depreciation and depletion was \$620,822, compared with \$1,686,831 for the previous year.

Low metal prices held income down last year despite a 40 per

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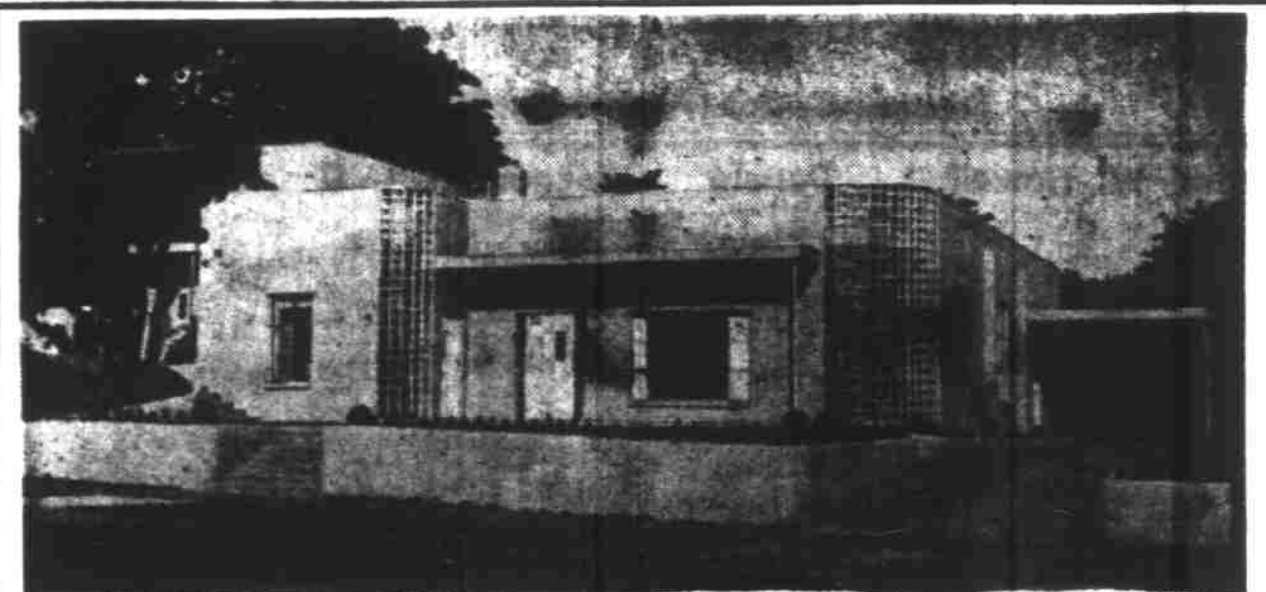
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