

GOP Chiefs Convinced Ike to Run

Associated Press Poll Finds Big Majority of Republican Leaders Counting on Re-Election Try

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
This last week before the presidential election year begins was marked by a poll Wednesday which found a heavy majority of Republican leaders saying they believe President Eisenhower will run again.

The Associated Press asked 134 Republican governors, state chairmen, national committeemen and national committee women: "Do you believe Eisenhower will run again?"

This was the result of the poll:

Yes, he will run again—77.
Yes, if he was sufficiently

recovered from his heart attack—19.
No—17.
The remaining 21 said they didn't know one way or other, or had no comment.

There was no hint of what Eisenhower's decision might be as he flew to Key West, Fla., for the warm weather recuperation his doctors have ordered.

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The Associated Press poll also asked Republican leaders who might be most likely to win the Republican presidential nomination if Eisenhower does not run.

Most of those polled ignored the "if not" problem.

However, 10 said they thought Vice President Nixon had the best chance.

Others mentioned included: Sen. Knowland of California, Chief Justice Warren,

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, Rep. Martin of Massachusetts, Sen. Dikens of Illinois, Sen. Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Gov. Herter of Massachusetts, Gov. Strat-

ton of Illinois, former Gov. Dewey of New York, Harold Stassen, a presidential aide, and Henry Cabot Lodge, ambassador to the United Na-

Rare 'Silver' Collies Born to Salem Dog



Mrs. Roy Mileta, 225 Kenwood Ave., was very surprised and chagrined—when her pedigreed collie dog "Dawn" gave birth to these 10 black pups recently. Her fears were soon relieved, however, by a veterinarian who discovered a "Silver" collie four generations back in Dawn's ancestry, and assured Mrs. Mileta that the black pups would soon become very beautiful and rare "Silver" collies. Mrs. Mileta's two-year-old son David is shown playing with the pups while Dawn looks on at right. (Statesman Photo.)

Tax Flow Plugged, Schools, City Claim

Blame Dime Error in County Books

By ROBERT E. GANGWARE
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem city and school district officials were breathing down the county's neck this week over a matter of several hundred thousand dollars.

"Every day we have to wait further for the tax turnover," said City Treasurer Howard Brandvoed, "it's costing the city a lot of money."

"And it's now blamed on a 10-cent error in the county books, which is ridiculous," put in Salem Mayor Robert F. White.

Actually, final bookkeeping errors were declared put to right Wednesday afternoon by Marion County's chief deputy tax collector, Howard T. Evans.

Books Must Balance

He said he couldn't release the new property tax receipts until his books balanced, according to state law. Now that they balance, the money goes to County Treasurer Sam Butler today and should be available for distribution to cities, school districts and other subdivisions.

The concern of City of Salem and Salem School District has been brought on by the fact that both have had to borrow money to pay their bills while awaiting the tax turnover. They must pay 3 per cent interest on the money borrowed, and in the city's present case, this amounts to \$147 each week.

Distribution Directed

State law directs distribution every month of the tax money received from taxpayers in the previous month. A newer law also authorizes the county to estimate receipts and advance a tentative distribution upon request.

Salem School District for the first time this year did get an advance payment of \$300,000 on Dec. 7. The city hasn't sought an advance, but Mayor White conferred with county commissioners Wednesday over speeding up the regular distribution.

Begin July 1

The city has had to borrow \$255,000 on which 3 per cent interest will be charged. That's because the city budget year begins July 1 and summertime engineering and other work cost a lot of money before tax turnover time.

The Salem school district borrowed \$175,000 to pay its bills but repaid the loan when it got an advance from the county this month. Now it will have to borrow again if tax money is not apportioned in time to meet the Jan. 5 payday, reported Connell C. Ward, school district business manager.

Could Invest Funds

Ward said if all tax money were received promptly the school district could invest some of it in short-term government securities that would pay 2 per cent interest to the district. "So actually the usual delays in getting tax money from the county is costing us over \$5,000," he added.

But both Ward and city officials said they realized the county has had a job organizing its tax-collecting machinery to keep pace with greater number of political subdivisions and with bigger tax collections in recent years.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Changes in the unemployment compensation laws enacted by the 1955 Legislative Assembly will become effective with the first of January, 1956. First, the coverage requirement is lowered to employers of two or more persons. Previously the law applied only to those who employed four or more persons.

Second, the tax applies to the first \$3600 of income instead of \$3000. This will bring a considerable increase in receipts to the fund. In this state the payroll tax is paid by the employer.

Third, the tax rates will be increased. The average will be about 1.34 per cent on payrolls, while the present average is around 1.17 per cent. Experience rating is retained.

The reason for these increases in taxes is that the fund has been running at a deficit. This year the deficit will amount to about \$5,000,000. Also the last Legislature raised the compensation allowance to a maximum of \$35 a week from \$25 a week. The length of time the unemployment pay can be drawn remains at 26 weeks. However, qualification standards were raised. Now to draw unemployment compensation a worker must have a showing of \$700 in wages in (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Tree-Carving Youth Faces Federal Count

DENVER — Because he carved his initials in a giant redwood tree in California, David J. Wilson, 18-year-old freshman at University of Colorado, faces federal charges.

Wilson, whose home is at Boulder, came here with his father Tuesday to accept a summons for trial and to ask that the trial be transferred from California to Denver.

Wilson said the tree in which he placed his initials in Yosemite National Park last July bears thousands of sets of initials dating back to the last century.

The student related that while he and several other boys were at the park, a ranger caught him carving on the Wawona tunnel tree.

Wilson said he has received two letters from Gene Otello, a park commissioner, one suggesting \$100 bail and the second \$50 bail, and suggesting that the bail could be forfeited to satisfy the charges. Wilson said he had no money.

DULLES 'QUITS' DIPLOMACY

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Dulles abandoned diplomatic dignity for a few moments Wednesday and, right there in front of everybody, blew up a big red balloon. He did it for the March of Dimes.



Comet Flies Atlantic to End World-Encircling Test Hop

(Picture on wirephoto page)
LONDON — The giant Comet III, Britain's hope for jet supremacy in the air, whistled from Montreal to London Wednesday in 6 hours 18 minutes—the first nonstop Atlantic crossing by a passenger jet airliner.

The gleaming cigar-shaped Comet sped the 3,350 statute miles at an average speed of 548 miles an hour and landed at London airport before cheering crowds.

The Atlantic flight was the last leg of a 30,000 mile round-the-world test trip to prove to the world that the Comets—plagued by disaster in the past—are back in business.

"This flight has vindicated our faith in British jets," said Sir

Stewart Top Star in Poll By Exhibitors

HOLLYWOOD — Drawing James Stewart has displaced brawling John Wayne as the movies' boxoffice king and newcomer Grace Kelly is the surprise runner-up.

Wayne dropped to third place in the annual poll of exhibitors announced Wednesday by the Motion Picture Herald, a trade publication.

Others, in order, in the top ten: William Holden, Gary Cooper, Marlon Brando, Martin and Lewis, Humphrey Bogart, June Allyson and Clark Gable.

Missing is Marilyn Monroe, ranked fifth last year.

Back in the top ten for the first time in several years is Gable, whose pictures have started clicking again.

Wayne, the action hero, headed the list in 1950 and 1951 as well as last year.

Disaster Status May Be Asked for South Oregon

Gov. Paul Patterson advised President Eisenhower Wednesday that he probably would ask the President to declare flooded Southern Oregon as a disaster area. This would make the area eligible for federal help.

In a telegram to the President, Gov. Patterson said more than 1,600 homes, farms and small businesses have suffered damage, while there also have been major losses in public property.

"We are certain," the governor wired, "losses will exceed the available funds of the state and its political subdivisions."

"This message is sent to you as advance information that I probably will very soon send you another message requesting that you declare these counties a disaster area in order to make available to Oregon federal funds."

Giant Cleanup Job Follows Receding Floods in State

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Oregon rivers were expected to continue to fall Thursday as authorities speeded rehabilitation from one of the worst floods in years.

More below-freezing temperatures and continued dry weather were forecast. A low of 10 degrees was predicted for Klamath Falls for the second straight morning.

There has been no estimate of statewide damage from the floods and storms of last week and Sunday and Monday. But at Medford Mrs. O. A. Eden, vice chairman of the Jackson County Red Cross disaster committee, said Rogue River flooding caused about a half-million dollars damage to homes and businesses in the county.

Earlier the Jackson County engineer estimated that the county's roads may have suffered a quarter-million dollars' damage.

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Aldermen Print Paper; Delivery By Garbagemen

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — This town now has its own newspaper. The College Park News, it's published by the mayor and the town council.

The idea is to tell citizens what the town government is doing. The paper comes out when there's something doing. It's delivered by the garbagemen.

REDS SHELL QUEMOY

TAIPEI, Formosa — A heavy Chinese Red shell of Quemoey and six days of air raid alarms in the Matsus Wednesday underscored mounting tension in Formosa Strait.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	33	28	00
Portland	37	30	00
Baker	30	15	00
Medford	34	25	00
North Bend	41	31	trace
Roseburg	37	30	00
San Francisco	49	38	trace
Los Angeles	59	49	00
Chicago	43	27	00
New York	31	18	00
Williams River	13	00	00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem):
Mostly fair today, tonight and Friday with considerable fog Friday morning. Continued cool with high today near 54 and low tonight near 28.
Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 35.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Year	Last Year	Normal
28.46	15.27	17.41

Two Speeders Get Revenge; Cop Fined as Litterbug

EL CAJON, Calif. — A policeman was convicted Tuesday of littering the highway with carbon papers from two speeding tickets he had written.

The complaining witnesses were, naturally, the two motorcyclists who got the tickets.

Fined \$25 with \$15 of it suspended was Officer R. B. Pressing. He had tickled L. H. Harris, 29, of San Diego, and Leslie Moore, 22, of El Cajon for speeding.

Pressing pleaded innocent but the carbon papers were submitted in evidence. Municipal Judge Fenton Garfield found the officer guilty.

Harris and Moore already had paid fines of \$11 each for speeding.

Jobless Man Admits Knife Slaying of Girl

SAN FRANCISCO — A young girl was slain Wednesday in San Francisco's second butcher knife killing in two days.

Within minutes after her body was found, a young man was captured at a bus depot while washing blood from his hands, police said.

Homicide Inspector Al Nelder said James Reese, 23, an unemployed janitor, admitted the knife-mutilation slaying of 13-year-old Elizabeth Simpson.

Reese, on parole from San Quentin Prison since May after serving part of a 5-year sentence for burglary, has worked until recently in a San Francisco department store.

Georgia Ann Barrett, 19, a divorcee, was knifed fatally in her apartment Monday morning.

Six hours earlier a man entered another apartment house and slashed Mrs. Betty Luke, 27, and her daughter, Mary Ellen, 11. They were badly cut but their screams frightened the attacker away.

Nelder said Reese gave no reason for killing the girl.

Policemen found the girl's nude and mutilated body in Reese's room. Patrolmen checked the Greyhound bus station on a hunch. They said they found Reese in the men's washroom trying to remove blood from his hands.

Coroner Henry Turkel said the child had been raped and then slain.

City Planner Turns Down Reappointment

Vern D. McMullen turned down Wednesday a chance for reappointment to membership in Salem Planning Commission.

McMullen gave as his reason that he felt "more can be accomplished" by concentrating on his duties with the Marion County Planning Commission.

But Mayor Robert F. White, who appoints the city commission, said he was tempted to blame the City Council's lack of support of the planning group as the reason behind McMullen's action.

Series of Reversals

The mayor said the Council's approval of a special building permit for Englewood Evangelical United Brethren Church Tuesday was one of a series of reversals the commission has been handed this year by the City Council.

The mayor described McMullen as a conscientious, hard-working member of the zoning group and said he had already asked him to serve another term. Two planning commission members whose four-year terms expire this month are McMullen and Stuart H. Compton.

County Commission

McMullen has served since 1952. He is president of Salem Title Co. In his letter to the mayor, dated Dec. 28, he wrote: "I ask not to be considered for reappointment. . . . I feel more can be accomplished should I devote the time now spent on city affairs to those duties incident to my membership in the Marion County Planning Commission."

Mayor White, himself a former Planning Commission president, has nearly always supported the recommendations of the planning body. He was one of a losing minority of three on the Council to back up the planners this week in their refusal to waive the rules so the Englewood church could build a Sunday School addition to the property lines at the rear of the church property.

Salem Notes Rainless Day

Salem for the first day in two weeks recorded no rain Wednesday. The Weather Bureau at McNary Field reported early this morning.

Continued fair weather is forecast for today and Friday but the temperature will be on the chilly side. High today is expected to range near 38 with a low tonight of 26.

Icy roads were reported Wednesday night at Detroit, Sunset Summit, Astoria and Tillamook. Chains were needed at Government Camp and Timberline, the State Highway Department said.

Bulgain Sees Turning Point

MOSCOW — Premier Bulganin told the Soviet Union's parliament Thursday that "this year will go down in history as a definite turning point in the relaxation of world tensions."

Addressing a joint session of the Supreme Soviet's two houses, Bulganin declared that much of "this relaxation is due to the efforts of the Soviet Union, which has worked for achievement of international security and confidence and cultural relations among nations."

"Nobody can deny," he asserted, "that the efforts made by the Soviet Union have been crowned with great success."

First Candidacy For '56 Primary Filed With State

The first candidacy for the May 18, 1956, primary election in Oregon was filed with the secretary of state Wednesday.

The candidate is P. M. de Laubenfels, Corvallis Democrat, who is running for state representative from Benton County.

He ran for the same office two years ago, but was defeated by Rep. Wayne R. Giesy, Monroe Republican.

Mayor Will Toss Hat in Ring Again

R. F. White Bows to Pressure, Agrees to Seek Second Term

The 1956 political season opened on the Salem scene Wednesday with an announcement by Mayor Robert F. White that he would run for reelection.

He qualified his announcement somewhat, but he made it clear that he had definitely changed his mind since he had declared three months ago he would retire from city government at the end of his term next year.

Urged to Run

Since that statement, the mayor has been pressed by business and civic leaders to run for a second term, particularly because of such important upcoming city problems as hiring a new city manager and winning public support for enlarging the city water system's capacity and other improvements.

White was elected mayor in 1954 after service to the city since 1949 as Planning and Zoning Commission member and president and as city alderman from Ward 7. He is a partner in the D. A. White & Sons and the Jenks-White seed companies.



Robert F. White, Salem mayor who announced Wednesday he would run for reelection.

Approval for Can Company Tract Received

Final authority for purchase of a Salem industrial tract by American Can Co. came to Salem Wednesday from the nationwide manufacturing concern.

"And work on an access road will be started immediately because American Can hopes to get in production here by this summer," stated G. F. Chambers, president of Cascade Meats, Inc., which sold the land and agreed to provide the road.

Chambers expected to go over road plans with American Can engineers this week in Salem, then arrange to have the road graded and rocked this winter so construction of the new factory can begin.

He said he hadn't decided yet whether to pay the city for putting in the road or to hire a private contractor.

The road will be 1,850 feet long, extending from the end of McDonald street near the meat plant in North Salem, to and alongside the 10.78-acre site purchased by American Can.

Cascade's attorney, John Heltzel, received a telegram Wednesday from American Can's attorney at Portland to proceed to exercise the option. Selling price was \$5,000 an acre, for a total of \$53,900.

Earlier announcement from the can company and real estate handlers indicated a \$2,500,000 plant would be built, with normal employment of at least 100 persons and peak employment up to 400.

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School Bids Exceed Plans At Silverton

SILVERTON — All bids received for a proposed addition to Silverton Union High School were higher than the district can afford, but school board members will meet with the low bidder, Robert D. Morrow of Salem, in an effort to pare the cost to fit the budget.

Dr. Howard Balderstone, district superintendent, announced following bid opening Wednesday night.

Low bid was \$237,000, not including a girls gymnasium nor floor covering, he said, while the board hopes to keep the cost close to the \$195,000 it now has invested in bonds. Plans for the wing call for several classrooms and a home economics division.

Doctor Dammasch Still 'Critical'

PORTLAND — Dr. F. H. Dammasch, physician and veteran legislator, remained in critical condition at a hospital here Wednesday.

He suffered a stroke Monday.

FLOOD TOLL REACHES 39

SAN FRANCISCO — The known death toll from the California floods rose to 39 Wednesday night as construction crews moved into flooded areas and waded into the huge task of shoring up weakened levees, rebuilding bridges and repairing damaged business districts.

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