

Record Voter Registration Expected in County

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One of the busiest pre-primary campaigns in Oregon political history is expected to produce record registrations in Marion County poll books before they are closed April 17.

Plans are almost complete by the Marion County clerk's office and deputized registrars for handling the rush of citizens desiring to cast ballots at the May 18 Primary election.

Last registration count in the county listed a total of 40,278 voters, but registrations since that count in July 1955 and the late pre-primary activity are expected to swell the total above the record 50,448 on the books for the 1952 presidential election.

Special Hours
Special Courthouse hours and supermarket registration booths are planned for convenience of voters desiring to register. In addition to the regular hours Monday through Friday at the Courthouse, the county clerk's office will remain open until 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—April 13, 14, 16, 17—just before the deadline.

Registration committee members of the League of Women Voters will man booths Friday, April 6 at Meier and Frank store, Saturday, April 7 at Western Security Bank and First National Bank, and Monday, April 9 at Sears Store in the Capitol Shopping Center. The committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alice Armstrong has already been deputized by County Clerk Henry Mattson for the project.

In County Areas
Some 50 deputized registrars are also spotted out in the county areas, including all towns and larger communities. The city of Salem and organized labor are considering a plan to staff registration booths also at Salem fire stations.

While a recent school bond election in the Salem School District served to spread out the registration problem, registrars expect a rushing business during the next month both because of the heightened interest in the election and the regulations of new voting laws. Under the new law all voters are required to sign the poll book before they are issued a ballot which is a certification that they reside in the precinct at the address listed in their registration. In the past many voters have returned to old polling places after moving to new precincts rather than reregister.

Close Watch
Close poll watching is expected by members of both political parties to challenge voters who they have reason to believe are incorrectly registered.

Persons who change residence after the registration is closed are eligible to cast ballots in their former precincts. Those citizens

who will become eligible to vote by residence or reaching voting age after the registration deadline are required to register between March 19 and April 17. March 19 is also the earliest

date requests for absentee ballots can be accepted from persons who will be away at the time of election, or who live more than 15 miles from any polling place or are unable physically to go to a

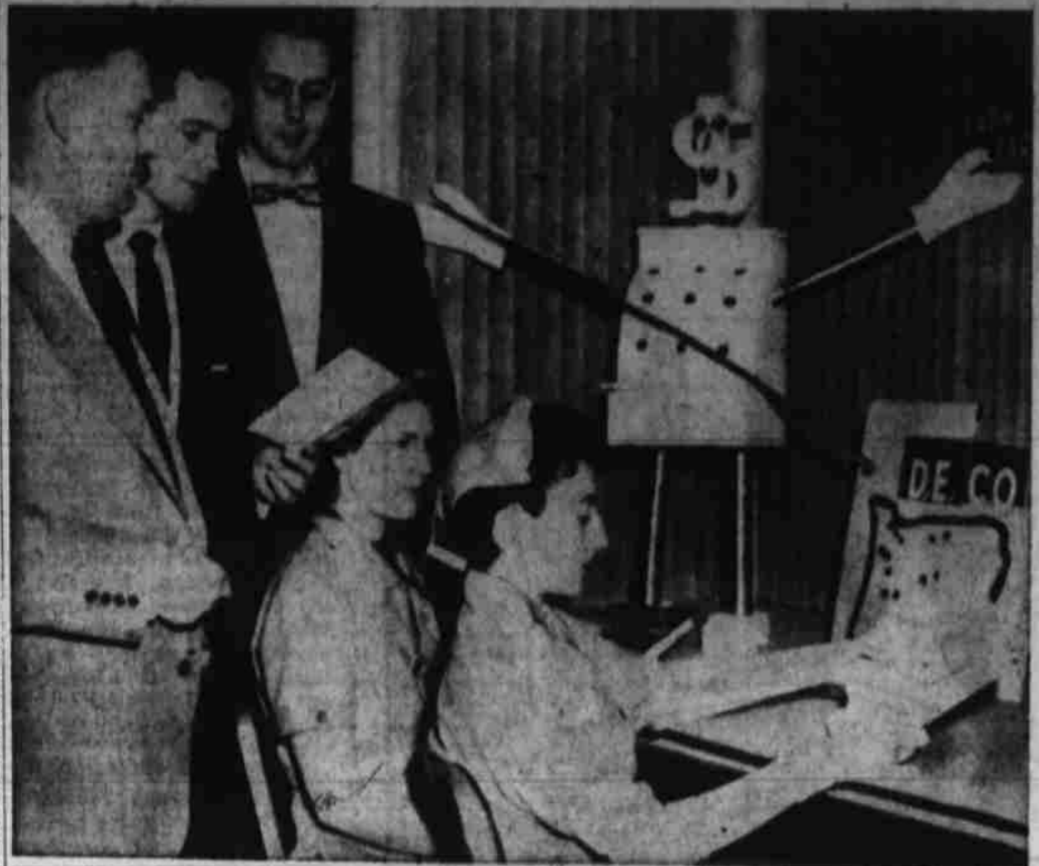
polling place. Absentee ballots must be received by the Marion County clerk or city recorder not later than May 12.

Until a new count of registered voters is completed after April 17, the totals of the two major parties won't be known but if past standards prevail the Republicans will hold a 5 to 3 margin. At the last registered voter count July 28 last year 24,884 Republicans were on the books as compared to 14,973 Democrats.

Republicans Machine
At the 1954 general election 29,926 Republicans were registered and 18,793 Democrats with the Republicans showing a two-to-one edge inside the city of Salem. The primary registration was almost identical with 29,681 Republicans and 18,154 Democrats.

Republicans counted 30,402 for the 1952 general election when President Eisenhower was elected while Democrats had 19,430. In Salem the score was 14,018 for the Republicans and 7,464 for the Democrats, outside the city it was 16,384 and 11,966 respectively.

Leaders of State Education Unit



First annual convention of Distributive Education Clubs of Oregon wound up here Saturday, choosing new officers and naming four delegates to the national convention next month in St. Louis. General chairman for the sessions was J. Maurice Adams, coordinator of distributive education for South Salem High. Left to right are Adams, Steve Little of South Salem who is outgoing state president, Robert Fry of South Salem, vice president, Sharon Fletchall, Dallas, parliamentarian, and Delores Dukes, Klamath Falls, new president. Little, Fry, Miss Fletchall and Ed Bryant, also of South High will attend national convention which runs from April 25 to May 2. (Statesman Photo)

Prizes, Banquet Conclude Annual Meet Of Oregon Distributive Education Clubs

Annual three-day convention of the Distributive Education Clubs of Oregon concluded Saturday night at the Hotel Senator with a banquet and awarding of a number of prizes.

The prizes went to winners in various club-sponsored contests.

Prize winners included:

Bob Fletcher, Dallas, first, and Delores Dukes, Klamath Falls, second, in public speaking; Vicki Brockman, Klamath Falls, first, Nancy Hopson, also of Klamath Falls, second, and Adeline Lunn, Dallas, third, essay; Joy Holsdorf, Dallas, club activity manual; Sharon Guthrie, Klamath Falls, fashion design manual, Dallas, first, and Klamath Falls, second, demonstration sales team; Lowell Doelke, Milwaukie, first, and Dor-

tha McMillan, Pendleton, second, merchandise manual; Klamath Falls, display project; Elda Runyon, Klamath Falls, first, Margaret Huxtable, South Salem, second, and Ron Manchias, Dallas, third, job interview; and Dallas, first, Klamath Falls, second, and Franklin High School, Portland, third, window judging team.

In a general session earlier in the day a number of ranking educational officials and other persons were introduced as special guests and reports heard from committees.

The guests included Clyde Humphries, program specialist for distributive education in the U. S. Office of Education; Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction; Oscar Paulson, state director of vocational education;

Colleen Simper, Newport, state president of Future Homemakers of America; Ralph Morgan, state supervisor of agricultural education; Mrs. Bertha Kohlhaugen, supervisor of homemaking for the State Department of Education; and Jack Pringle, Seattle, national vice president of the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

L. Y. Eaton, state supervisor of distributive education, presented the awards to prize winners.

TALKS PLANNED

VIENNA, Austria (U) — Bucharest Radio said Saturday Romania and Greece will hold high level talks in Bucharest the end of March on a number of problems. The Communist radio gave no details.

O&C Timber Tracts Sold

PORTLAND (U) — Thirteen tracts of O&C timber and five tracts of public domain stumpage were sold last month for \$967,038, the Bureau of Land Management reported here Friday.

The sale included 19,738,000 board feet of O&C timber which brought \$851,705, and 4,074,000 board feet of public domain timber that brought \$115,333.

Catholic Group Plans Probe of Desegregation

NEW ORLEANS (U) — Thirty Roman Catholic laymen Saturday reported formation of an organization to investigate "the problem of compulsory integration" and learn whether Communists have infiltrated anti-segregation movements.

The organization, the Assn. of Catholic Laymen is headed by Atty. Emile A. Wagner, a critic of integration proposals in Catholic schools.

Wagner said the all-white group felt that "compulsory integration at this time would be detrimental to both races. It is a problem that needs a great deal more study." He said the organization aims for 25,000 members in the metropolitan New Orleans area.

Yugoslavia Flood Victims Rescued

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (U) — Yugoslav army troops Saturday rescued the populace of three villages inundated by floodwaters from the Danube River sweeping down from Hungary.

Yugoslav officials said 30 air force planes succeeded in breaking the icecaps on the Danube with bombs, lessening the threat of greater floods.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars
To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1	Duty	31	May	61	Unsettled
APR	2	Duty	32	June	62	Secure
MAY	3	Sabbath	33	Endeavor	63	The
JUN	4	Do	34	And	64	Recess
JUL	5	Things	35	Simulated	65	In
AUG	6	Be	36	Narrow	66	A
SEPT	7	Sermon	37	Make	67	Along
OCT	8	Renew	38	Helpful	68	Support
NOV	9	Things	39	For	69	Better
DEC	10	Old	40	Be	70	Air
JAN	11	Connections	41	In	71	Again
FEB	12	Could	42	People	72	Help
MAR	13	You're	43	Energy	73	Take
APR	14	In	44	Today	74	Confident
MAY	15	Ask	45	A	75	Can
JUN	16	Moderation	46	Use	76	Encouraging
JUL	17	Too	47	Romance	77	Matter
AUG	18	God's	48	With	78	Week
SEPT	19	Prove	49	May	79	Accomplish
OCT	20	Help	50	Be	80	Early
NOV	21	Mentally	51	Be	81	People
DEC	22	Conserve	52	Hasty	82	Be
JAN	23	Ambition	53	Of	83	To
FEB	24	Friendliness	54	Be	84	Today
MAR	25	Hidden	55	And	85	Action
APR	26	Sure	56	Doing	86	Adventure
MAY	27	In	57	Of	87	Now
JUN	28	Rules	58	Am	88	Pressure
JUL	29	Don't	59	In	89	Objectives
AUG	30	Imagining	60	With	90	Immediately
SEPT	31	6-17-76			3/18	Neutral
OCT	2	2-4-83-26				

Con in Cross Country Race, Keeps Going

PARKHURST, Isle of Wight (U) — Cedric Edwards, 23, a prisoner at the Camp Hill jail, took part in a cross country race Saturday but failed to complete the course. Instead, he put on extra speed

HONKERS DISLIKED

MANILA (U) — Mayor Arsenio Lacson is getting tough with auto horn blowers. He asked the city council for a law providing a fine of 200 pesos (\$100) or six months in jail for offenders.

and disappeared into the depths of Parkhurst forest.

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