

Incumbent Mayor Wins Seattle Vote

SEATTLE — (AP) — With a margin of 70,542 over 54,249, incumbent Mayor William F. Devin swept the polls last night to defeat Washington state's Lieutenant Governor Victor A. Meyers for the position of mayor of Seattle.

Early last evening, as 525 of the city's 656 precincts had reported in and the unofficial count had given Devin a lead of nearly 14,000 votes, Meyers conceded the election.

The lieutenant governor, who bobbed into politics 13 years ago from a spot as dance band leader, will continue in his position as state executive at Olympia.

The election also resulted in a victory for four incumbent councilmen, James Scavotto, Bob Jones, William L. (Bill) Norton and Robert H. Harlin.

Other issues which passed in

Hollywood Radio Station Squelches Erotic Jive

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Radio station KMPC announced Tuesday that it has banned a new erotic type of hot jive music, called "Be-Bop," on grounds that it contributes to juvenile delinquency.

Musical Director Ted Steele said the action was taken because of a recent rise in popularity of the new music style.

"Hot jive, usually emphasizing suggestive lyrics, is a degenerative type of music that arouses degenerate instincts and emotions," he said.

He said that after young listeners hear such songs they talk about "going to get a shot in the arm, and so on."

yesterday's balloting included the ten million public school building program; the Seattle city charter revision proposition, a new \$5-500,000 public safety building and the city sewer bond proposition.

The two related referendum No. 1 and initiative No. 1 items giving the nod to firemen's and policemen's \$30-a-month salary increase and city firemen's 48-hour week were voted in by a large margin.



MARY HAS THREE LAMBS — Unlike Mary of the nursery rhyme, one-year-old Mary Morden (above) has triplet lambs as playmates at the farm of her father, H. W. Morden, Jr., Toronto, Canada, where the little fellows were born recently.

Soviet Union Said Extending Railroad Systems at Top Speed

By EDDIE GILMORE
MOSCOW — (AP) — The railways were one of the tremendous handicaps of old Russia. An observer once described pre-Soviet trains as "splintered matchboxes drawn by battered semoivars over two ribbons of rust." Saddled with a railway system which drew forth such comment, the Bolsheviks have gone a long way. But they are going much farther.

New lines have been built during the war. Others have been completed in recent months and plans are announced almost weekly about new projects. In 1937 the USSR had 53,000 miles of railway compared with 236,000 in the United States. That figure of 53,000 has been considerably upped in the last nine years.

Sweeping projects are under way in distant Kazakhstan, larg-

est of the Soviet republics except old Russia itself, abundantly rich in grains, minerals and fuels. Kazakhstan occupies a vast portion of the southeastern section of the Soviet Union, extending from the eastern border at the corners of Mongolia and Sinkiang almost to the Volga below Stalingrad, and encompassing the northeastern shore of the Caspian Sea.

New Routes
A new line is to be laid between Semipalatinsk and Kulunda, which will considerably shorten the road from southern Kazakhstan to Pavlodarsk, connecting the Alma Ata region on the Chinese frontier with the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Another great line will be the Moynai Alma Ata—a span of rails which will run from Moynai around the western shore of Lake Balkhash, connecting the Trans-Siberian at Shu, and shortening by four times the way of Karaganda coal and metals to the large cities and towns of southern Kazakhstan.

The Far East has come in for, and will come in for, more railway systems. By October of last year Soviet engineers had got into operation the east-line across the top of maritime territory running from Sre Dne Tambovskoe on the western bank of the Amur 50 miles north of Komsomolsk.

In Far East
Traffic between Harbin (Peking) and Vladivostok began Oct. 29, and service began Dec. 1 on an important southern line of the Chinese National Railway between Harbin and Mukden (Shenyang).

The other important link to this system between Harbin and Chita on the Trans-Siberian was ready for business Nov. 15, 1945.

One of the most ambitious of the new undertakings scheduled for immediate work is the electrification of that part of the Trans-Siberian lying between Omsk and Novosibirsk. This 390-mile stretch carries some of the heaviest traffic of the Trans-Siberian.

Railroad construction during the war was not confined solely to the southeast, for considerable trackage was laid in the White Sea-Barents area.

On Aug. 8, 1945, the Russians announced the opening of a lengthy stretch between the North Pechora River near where it pours into the Barents Sea, southwestward across northern Dvina, below Archangel to the town of Samodol on the Archangel-Moscow trunk. This is a stretch through heavily forested country which in wintertime looks like the original Merry Christmas card.



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OUR CITIZENS IN SERVICE

JAY YOCKEY

Jay Yockey, seaman 1-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Yockey, Santa Clara, was home recently on a short leave. His parents took him back to Olympia at the end of his leave, where he rejoined his ship, the Hollandia CVE 97. They returned to Eugene by the coast highway.

CPL. R. W. CHELLIS
Cpl. R. Weldon Chellis returned to the United States recently from Tokyo aboard the USS Sea Fiddler. He spent nearly two years in New Guinea and Tokyo as a radio operator.

DISCHARGED
Lt. (jg) Brock Dixon and Ens. Myron D. Spady, both of Eugene, were discharged from the Navy recently at Chicago.

LT. E. E. PRESSMAN
Lt. Elmer C. Pressman, Eugene, was discharged from the Navy at Seattle on March 8.

FFC. G. E. WELTCH
Pfc. George E. Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Welch, Route 5, Eugene, has been released by the army for discharge. He entered the army in December, 1944, and received basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Fort Benning, Ga.

He was assigned to the parachute infantry, and is entitled to wear the parachute badge and good conduct medal besides the victory medal and American theater ribbon. He was assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was classified as a rifleman and mail clerk.

SGT. W. A. BUNDRANT
After 30 months of service, Sgt. William A. Bundrant, whose wife lives in Eugene, has been discharged from the army at Fort McPherson, Ga.

During his term of service he worked as an airplane and engine mechanic.

JIM KNIGHT

Jim Knight, mailman 3-c, is visiting with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Parker, Eugene, en route to a naval separation center for discharge.

For the past 33 months of his 30 overseas in the Admiralty Islands. Months of service Knight has been. He is a graduate of Springfield High School, and plans to enter the University of Oregon next fall as a freshman. He will make his home with his aunt and uncle.

LT. (jg) RUTH
Lt. (jg) Robert H. Ruth, of Eugene, has been released to inactive duty with the navy after serving 32 months. He participated in the Bismark Island and Philippine campaigns.

Lieutenant Ruth's last duty was instructor in navigation and seamanship at Rensselaer Polytechnic, at Troy, New York. He plans to enter the field of forestry.

DISCHARGES Standing Med
The following Lane County men have been discharged recently from the army and navy at Fort Lewis and Bremerton, Wash.:

Navy—Joseph Leo Brown, seaman 1-c, James Michael Burns, seaman 3-c, Dewyne Omlid, storekeeper 2-c, Emerson F. Liddell, electrician mate 1-c, Glen M. Hanks, signalman 2-c, William L. Phelps, seaman 1-c, Harold Chester Coe, Jr., radioman 3-c, James E. Neuschwander, radio technician 1-c, Dwight Nichols, radioman 3-c, all of Eugene; Warren E. Witzel, fire controlman 2-c, Drain; Marvin A. DuMont, seaman 1-c, Oakridge; Ralph W. Duncan, radioman 2-c, Lebanon; Charles F. Richey, aviation painter 3-c, Springfield.

Army—Cpl. Alton R. Johnson, Pvt. Frank L. Morrison, Cpl. Oscar W. Stelzer, Sgt. Harvey K. Mold, T-5 Henry Mortenson, T-Sgt. Ernest L. Cesmer, all of Eugene; Pfc. James A. McDonald, Pfc. Edgar W. Hunt, Drain; T-4 Lawrence W. Thompson, Springfield; Pfc. William A. Hawks, Vida.

BOYD PETERSON
Boyd E. Peterson, who is training in a naval V-5 unit at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., was home on a 16-day leave recently, visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peterson, 62 25th Ave. E. Eugene.

He left last week to resume his studies at Dartmouth.

NAVY DISCHARGES
Discharged from the navy recently at Seattle were Lt. Lester F. Beck and Lt. E. F. Holmes, both of Eugene.

Idaho Tests Place New Weed Killer In Farm Arsenal

By BILL JOHNSTON

SPOKANE — (AP) — The new hormone weed killer, 2,4-D, is earning a place in the arsenal of Idaho west farmers waging their continuous war against weeds.

Tests by the University of Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station and others indicate some possibilities and limitations of the new weapon.

L. C. Erickson, associate agronomist at the Idaho station, tested 2,4-D in 142 trial plots in 13 Idaho counties. He found that the weed killer knocked down 99 per cent of the dandelion and sow thistle with almost no recovery by the weeds. However, the "knockdown" became progressively lower and the recovery steadily worse as 2,4-D was arrayed against wild morning glory, Canada thistle, whitetop and ground cherry.

Sterilizes Soil
Tests have shown that 2,4-D sterilizes soil to varying extents and causes some injury to crops. Studies are under way to determine

what concentrations should be used under various conditions to provide maximum weed control with minimum damage to crops and soil.

Strong points of 2,4-D include its ability to knock down many weeds and stop seeding in most cases, a feature which may make it especially valuable against small patches of weeds in fields and roadside concentrations.

In addition, the new killer seems to work best under moist conditions. Control men speculate that it may prove a valuable ally against weeds in low, seepy areas and in irrigated fields, but these conjectures have not been tested fully.

Cost Too High
Erickson estimates that cost of 2,4-D must be reduced until treatment can be provided at \$5 per acre before it will be economical for widespread use.

The tests so far have shown that the new weapon is no substitute for such weed standbys as clean cultivation, chlorates, borax and carbon bisulphide, but the experts agree it promises to supplement them effectively.

Roosevelt Says Political Parties Must Reorganize

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — The nation's future will depend on individual leadership until both the Democratic and Republican parties are reorganized, according to James Roosevelt.

Roosevelt, eldest son of the late president, spoke at a meeting Sunday night of the Philadelphia chapter of the Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. He is national political director of ICASP.

Pointing out that southern Democrats and Republicans "work hand in hand" and progressive and liberal Republicans "often join" with liberal Democrats, Roosevelt said the time must come "when the fundamental re-alignment of the parties must be accomplished."

Boeing Stratocruisers To Go on East-West Run

ST. PAUL, Minn. — (AP) — A fifteen-million dollar contract for the purchase of a fleet of ten double-deck Boeing stratocruisers, capable of carrying from 75 to 105 passengers, was signed by Northwest Airlines today.

Announcement that the new luxury liners will make possible seven-hour coast-to-coast non-stop flights was made by Croll Hunter, St. Paul, vice president and general manager of the company.

The stratocruisers, developed from the B-29 Superfortress, have a cruising speed of 300 to 350 miles an hour. They will operate between the Pacific Northwest terminals of Seattle-Tacoma, and Portland, and the Eastern seaboard cities of New York and Newark.

TEACHERS' BONUS
MANKATO, Minn. — (AP) — The teacher shortage has forced the Mankato Board of Education to use its ingenuity to attract instructors. Now whenever a teacher accepts a contract, the board gives her a pair of nylon stockings.

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