

# Parties Wait Final Verdict

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do not rule out the possibility of an unprecedented 48 to 48 tie.

Such a result would leave the deciding vote on party line issues up to the vice-president—California's Gov. Earl Warren if Dewey wins, or Kentucky's Sen. Alben W. Barkley if Truman retains the White House.

In addition, 432 House seats, 32 governorships, hundreds of state and local offices and scores of referendum issues will be settled.

The last big guns of the campaign were fired Sunday by two members of that Congress: Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate's Republican Policy Committee, and Sen. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, Democratic national chairman.

In a radio debate, Taft said again that the Republican lawmakers had "restored liberty to the American people." And McGrath reiterated the Democratic charge that Congress had refused to tackle the problem of inflation.

The big hope of the States' Rights Democrats is to capture enough electoral votes to keep either Truman or Dewey from getting a majority. That would throw the contest into the House of Representatives, where each state would cast a single vote.

Attain Goal  
But Thurmond, the South Carolina governor who heads the States' Rights ticket, said at Houston, Tex., Saturday night that even if this fails "we shall have accomplished our most important objective."

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The car was operated by Arthur G. Ingham, Eugene. Junction City police said the boy ran out in the highway from between two parked cars. Ingham did not see the child until he hit him.

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# Polling Places In Springfield

SPRINGFIELD—Polling places open to registered voters Tuesday have been listed for the Springfield area. Voters will ballot on a \$96,000 bonds issue and will elect a mayor and three councilmen from nine candidates. Polling places are:

Precinct 1—Junior High School, Mill and D St.; Precinct 2—City Hall, Main St.; Precinct 3—Methodist Church, 6th and D St.; Precinct 4—Davis residence, 1033 N. 7th St.; Precinct 5—Church of God, 14th and D St.; Precinct 7—Church of Brethren, 21st and D St. Nicholas Gardens.

# Heavy Oregon Vote Expected

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accept as part of their responsibility to have no opponents. They are Justices Percy R. Kelly, James T. Brand and Harry H. Bell.

Of the 11 measures on the ballot, five have caused a lot of argument.

These would permit sale of liquor by the drink, pay \$500 bonuses to veterans, provide \$50 old age pensions, put a camp for delinquent boys at Timber in Washington County, and let the state take over private power projects at expiration of their licenses.

The other ballot measures would let taxing units vote new tax bases, provide \$10,000,000 in reforestation bonds, permit all voters to vote in school elections, reduce income taxes, prohibit salmon fishing in the Columbia River with fixed gear, and use about \$6,000,000 of the income tax surplus to wipe out the state deficit.

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# Annexations Up for Decision

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ity to the community in which they live.

3. What will be the costs of living in town as compared with the expense of suburban residence.

Dealing with the first point, the South Willamette Sanitary District was based on an original plan that sewer mains would be built in the area and would be hooked into the Eugene system near the city limits.

A consulting engineer was hired and returned a preliminary estimate, based on 1946 prices, indicating that approximately \$65,000 would be required for the basic installations contemplated by the sanitary district.

To finance this, the district then had an assessed valuation of approximately \$290,000 and accordingly under state law could raise up to about \$58,000. The additional amount needed to finance the proposed sewer system was to be collected in cash from the district's property owners.

Then, in the May elections, a large part of the sanitary district's valuation was perhaps lost when a portion of the district nearest the city was annexed to city. A legal question, still not determined, was raised concerning the future operation of the sanitary district.

This was followed by overtures for annexation of the rest of the district; the question to be decided in Tuesday's election.

If incorporated, would the city of Eugene build sewer mains into the South Willamette district?

City Manager Deane Seeger explained the city's policy at a Dunn School meeting in August. He reminded the South Willamette property owners that property in Eugene has been taxed 5 mills in each of the last five years to provide funds for sewer trunk line extensions.

Also, he stated, Eugeneans have paid an additional 25 cents with their water bills each month until a sinking fund of over \$200,000 has been raised for the future construction of a sewage disposal plant, a facility required by state law.

Owners Would Pay  
In the face of this, Seeger said, he felt sure that the city council would require any trunk sewer extensions into the South Willamette district to be paid for by the property owners to be benefited.

Discussing the problems of the South Willamette district and all other suburban areas this week, the city manager pointed out that it is "basic" that residents of such sections understand the workings of the Oregon local improvement laws, the statutes providing for use of Bancroft bonding procedures.

"The city does not build streets and sidewalks," he stated. "Such improvements are financed by the abutting property. The city provides engineering services and handles all of the legal and clerical work involved in contracting for projects of this type and in selling and then collecting payments on the bonds used to finance them."

Seeger added that it should be borne in mind, too, that no piece of property can be bonded for more than its assessed value. If, for instance, street and gutter installations are made at the same time a sewer is being laid to the property, and the cost of these improvements is more than the assessed value, then the difference must be paid in cash immediately.

Furthermore, the city manager said, while the city immediately extends police and fire protection to new areas, some services, such as the installation of street lights and traffic control signs cannot be completed "overnight." Materials shortages, in particular, affect these services at the present time.

Saving on Utilities  
Regarding the provision of water and electric service should the district be annexed, the Eugene Water Board has stated that the first effect that would be noted would be savings of 10 per cent on electric bills and up to 40 per cent on individual water bills.

As for future extensions of these services, the Water Board added that electrical service is already being directly supplied in virtually every section of the South Willamette district.

Future water line hook-ups will depend, as they do in all parts of the city, upon the number of customers that will be served by new extensions of the water mains. The Water Board's test of whether a new main will be built is whether a guaranteed return of 12 per cent per year can be obtained through the investment in the new line.

The Water Board also reported

that it has a list of areas now waiting for service extensions. Materials shortages also have curtailed the board's ability to meet these requests although large orders of cast iron pipe were placed as long as two years ago.

Much of the present South Willamette Water District's system can continue to be operated without the necessity of rebuilding, the Water Board stated. The real problem will be encountered in further extensions.

(Last Thursday, the South Willamette Water District sold \$550,000 worth of bonds with the intention of using the proceeds for extending its mains if the annexation move fails. The district has a certain amount of pipe on hand, and even should the election carry, an agreement may be made whereby the contemplated extensions will be carried out with this pipe supply and through use of the bond proceeds.)

What would happen to the debt the South Willamette Water District has at present? Estimated at \$20,000, this debt poses another legal question, but it has been pointed out in a similar case in Multnomah County that the courts have ruled that a "surviving" municipality takes over the debts of any other municipality when the two are merged. A water district is a "municipality" in the legal definition.

In regard to the question of the

"freedom of living" in an unincorporated community, City Manager Seeger has pointed out that the citizens of Eugene could be relieved of the so-called restrictions of building codes and zoning laws if they so desired.

Lower Insurance Rate  
For one thing, Seeger noted, the city enjoys a much cheaper fire insurance rate because buildings erected in the city must comply with the basic rules of good construction. It is the interest of "public welfare" that has led to the adoption of building and zoning ordinances.

Zoning is restrictive of the individual rights of some property owners, the city manager added, to protect the interests of the community as a whole. Without zoning, factories, night clubs, private homes and all other types of buildings could be built anywhere, without regard to the affect they would have on other properties in the neighborhood.

If the South Willamette and the South Friendly St. districts are annexed to the city, Seeger said, the "out residential" zoning classification will be applied to them until the city planning commission and city council can complete studies on which to base application of additional zoning classifications in particular instances.

The outer residential zoning classification excludes factories and business establishments (any now in the area will be listed as

"non-conforming" until the planning commission and council zoning studies are completed.) This classification permits the use of property for one-family dwellings, for crop cultivation and for hatcheries. Farm animals can be kept on the properties if the number is not excessive for the size of the property involved.

The relative costs of living in suburban communities, as opposed to life in the city, were presented in Sunday's issue of the Register-Guard. Although the total tax rate in the South Willamette district is 7.3 mills (\$7.30 on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation), it was shown that additional taxes must be expected if the sanitary district actually becomes operative.

Furthermore, the "extra" costs of living outside the city—fire insurance, premiums on water and electric bills, higher garbage, taxi and delivery charges, etc.—quite likely add up to more than offset the tax savings.

Snow in Central Oregon  
PRINEVILLE, Ore. (AP)—Weekend snow left a four-inch covering over a large area of Central Oregon Monday, including Jefferson, West Crook and North Deschutes counties.

Farmers said about 10 per cent of the area's potato crop was unharvested when the storm struck.

Knife Saves Child  
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A three-year-old boy was pronounced saved Monday after a delicate brain operation.

Surgeons removed a blood clot from his brain Saturday night after his breathing had stopped for two and one-half hours. The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Fitzgerald said they were at work when the child fell three feet off the back steps.

In the bee family, the worker has 3,000 to 4,000 lenses in its eyes, the drone 7,000 to 8,000, a queen about 5,000.

AT INGRAM ISLAND  
INGRAM ISLAND—Awards were given out to 4-H Club members at the Ingram Island Parents Teacher Assn. meeting recently.

Billy Rickard, four-year certificate; Dorothy Haffner, three-year pin; Caroline Fawver, two-year certificate; Carl Wallace, and Rickard, Carl Wallace, and Rickard Fawver, two-year certificate; David Krumlauf, Marie Haffner, James McCann, and Judy Light, one-year pins. Mrs. Elma Light, teacher of the Ingram Island school, received a five-year teacher's pin. Awards were made Kenneth Minnick, Benton County 4-H Club leader.

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