WHO'S WHO IN MAY 16 PRIMARY

Two Seats on Board of Control Up in Election

Treasurer's Job Produces Battle

(Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of informative articles on the men and women on whom Lane County voters will pass in the May 16 primary. The series covers local, state and national candidates.)

While Oregon doesn't elect a governor this year, it does elect the two other members of the important State Board of Control. Thus the outcome of the elections for secreary of state and treasurer will determine the majority opinion on the board.

The three office holders will decide major state policy, acting in many cases as a three-person executive. The votes of the secretary of state and the treasurer weigh as heavily as that of the governor.

Now ending their terms of office are Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, a Republican, and State Treasurer Walter Pearson, a Democrat. Newbry is seeking re-election. Pearson is not. He is running for the state senate from Multnomah County instead.

THE RACE FOR secretary of state might get hot in the fall, but not much is being said this spring. Each party has nominated only one candidate, so there is no primary contest. The Democrat is Mrs. Edith Green of Portland. She will oppose Newbry in November.

However, the state treasurer race is generating enough heat for both contests. For this job two Democrats and three Republicans have filed. Each party May 16 will select one man as the party nominee. They will run against each other in November.

Here are the treasurer candidates, Democrats first:

LOUIS W. BLAKESLEE, 35, was born in Halfway, educated in Portland public schools, and served in the Navy. He has owned and operated a dry cleaning business, and is now employed in Portland as an elevator inspector. The descendant of Eastern Oregon pioneers, he has been active in Democratic party work, serving six years as a precinct committeeman in Portland. He is married and has one child.

FRANCIS LAMBERT, 50, lives in Portland where he served three terms as Multnomah County treasurer. Educated in Portland public schools and the Northwestern College of Law, he left the treasurer's office in 1948 to become assistant vice-president of the First National Bank. He now operates his own real estate and insurance business. He has been active in civic affairs and charities:

The three Republican candidates follow:

JACK LYNCH, 56, state senator. In four sessions of the legislature he sponsored legislation outlawing fireworks, controlling air pollution, regulating narcotics, and providing for prosecution of non-support cases under his "runaway poppy" act. He has operated a wholesale mill supply house, an insurance business, and has done public relations work. Educated in Salem public schools, Oregon State College, and Northwestern College of Law, he is a Navy veteran of World War I. He has been active in working with welfare and social agencies, both private and state operated.

FRED E. ROBINSON, 38, is a Medford accountant and clothing store operator who also has a business in Portland. Because he lost his left leg in a boyhood farm accident, he is not a veteran. A Medford High graduate of 1937, he studied accounting by correspondence, and has been active in civic, fraternal, and political groups. He is chairman of the Republican Party's Fourth Congressional District Committee. He is emphasizing his experience as an accountant and businessman, and the fact that he is not what he calls a "professional politician."

SIGFRID B. UNANDER, 38, is immediate past chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, resigning to run for the treasurer's job. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in business, both from Stanford. He now devotes himself to personal affairs, principally real estate. He is the grandson of Simon Benson. He lives in Portland with his wife and two-months-old son. Before the war he was secretary to Gov. Charles A. Sprague, and in World War II served 39 months overseas, returning as a lieutenant colonel.

Recognizing the important role the secretary of state and treasurer play as members of the Board of Control, the state organization of the League of Women Voters sent each candidate a list of questions on basic issues. The treasurer candidates replied as follows:

1. DO YOU FAVOR construction of an intermediate institution for 16-25-year-old offenders? Where?

Blakeslee: Yes.
Lambert: Yes, independent location.
Lynch: Yes, independent location.
Robinson: Yes, in a location that could be administered in the most efficient and economical manner, free from influence of other institutions.
Unander: Yes, independent location.

2. WOULD YOU FAVOR the establishment of a Department of Mental Health to coordinate and extend services in this field?

Blakeslee: Yes.
Lambert: Yes.
Lynch: "Reacts favorably," but wouldn't commit self without further information.
Robinson: Yes.
Unander: Yes, if separate from Board of Control and State Board of Health.

3. WOULD YOU SUPPORT a civil rights bill in the legislature to prohibit discrimination by businesses licensed to serve the public?

Blakeslee: Yes.
Lambert: Yes.
Lynch: Feels this is a legislative matter.
Robinson: Yes.
Unander: Yes.

4. WOULD YOU FAVOR the creation of a centralized Department of Revenue:

Blakeslee: Yes.
Lambert: In principle yes; would want to see bill.
Lynch: Feels this is a legislative matter.
Robinson: Yes.
Unander: No, because this would create an additional department.

5. WOULD YOU SUPPORT salary increases for state employes?

Blakeslee: Yes, to bring salaries to present living costs.
Lambert: Yes.
Lynch: Yes.
Robinson: Yes, if it would equalize salaries with those paid elsewhere.
Unander: Yes, where scale is below private industry.

6. DO YOU THINK a full-time parole board would be desirable?

Blakeslee: No.
Lambert: Yes.
Lynch: Wants any procedure that would help parole problem.
Robinson: Would like to clear present parole problems by whatever means necessary.
Unander: Yes.

7. WHAT DO YOU think are the state's most pressing problems?

Blakeslee: Flood control, housing, soil reclamation, power, employment.
Lambert: Finances: Additional revenue to pay for services people are demanding; conservation of natural and human resources, especially children; highway construction and toll roads.
Lynch: Finances, conservation of natural resources, highways, education, institutions.
Robinson: Finances.
Unander: Taxes and equitable tax methods, physical expansion of state institutions, better correctional and custodial programs, education, lumber.

L. W. BLAKESLEE
Navy Veteran

EDITH GREEN
No May Opposition

JACK LYNCH
State Senator

FRED ROBINSON
Medford Man

FRANCIS LAMBERT
Held County Job

SIGFRID UNANDER
Former Party Chairman

EARL NEWBRY
Running Again

2 Cities Settle Bakery Strike

By United Press

Bakers in Olympia and Centralia, Wash., were ready to go back to work Tuesday, but strikers in other major Pacific Northwest cities stuck to their demands for a Monday-through-Friday work week and other provisions wanted in their new contract.

A bread shortage brought on by the strike was being eased somewhat by supplies brought in from the outside and by small retail bakeries. Limited supplies of bread were received in Portland from as far away as Medford Monday.

An estimated 10,000 members of the Bakers and Confectionery Workers Union (AFL) were striking against wholesale bakeries in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland, and Lewiston, Ida. About 90 per cent of the bread production in these cities was cut off by the walkout.

Rudie Davis, business agent-secretary for local 126, said Olympia and Centralia bakers agreed to return to work after employers approved a contract clause calling for Saturdays and Sundays off. Employers in the strikebound cities wanted the bakers to take Tuesdays and Saturdays off.

The union also asked for a health and welfare plan as well as improved vacations provisions.

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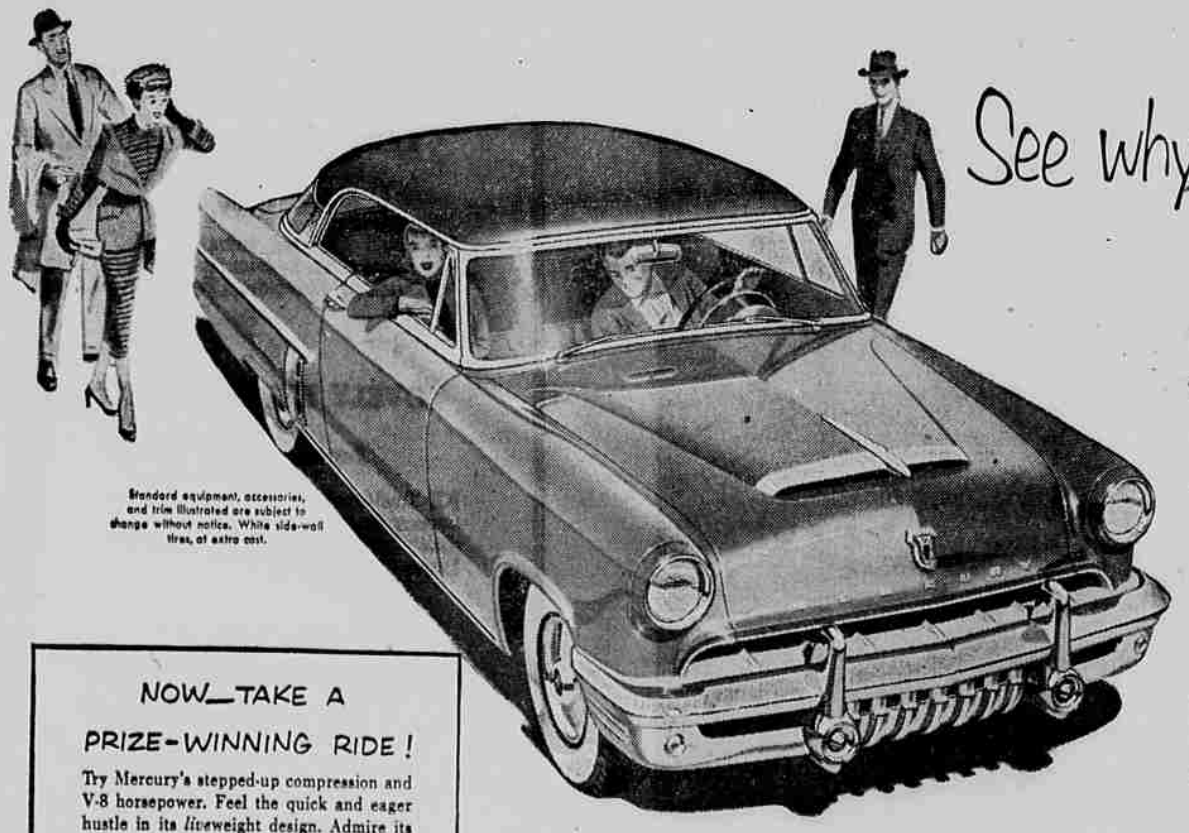

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