

The Eugene Register-Guard's recommendations on candidates and issues under consideration in the May 16 primary election start today on Page 13. Discussed are the circuit judge, county commissioner, and sheriff candidates, and the council-manager issue.

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Temperatures: High Monday, 68; low Tuesday morning, 45. Predictions—Highs Tuesday and Wednesday, 70; low Wednesday morning, 42.

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LANE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

ELECTION ISSUES

50,000 Voters to Decide Manager Plan Before County

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is another of a series of articles explaining issues to be decided by Lane County voters in the primary election Friday. Written by members of the Register-Guard staff, the articles cover major city and county issues.

By AL CURREY
Register-Guard Staff Writer

Lane County's 50,000 registered voters Friday will decide whether the present county government should be retained or whether the council-manager (county manager) plan adopted in 1945 should be continued.

The issue appears on the primary ballot as the result of an initiative petition campaign in which signatures of more than 4,000 registered voters were obtained by a sponsoring citizens' committee. This committee, with Eugene Accountant George H. Todd as chairman, has been joined by the Eugene League of Women Voters in pre-election advocacy of the council-manager plan.

Boiled Down Results

Opposition to adoption of the manager system has been led by the Lane County Committee for Democracy, Frank Reid, Eugene attorney, chairman.

The full text of the proposed council-manager charter has been published previously. Boiled down, its adoption would bring these results:

- Election every two years of non-partisan representatives from each of seven districts of the county, these persons to serve as a council-making council for Lane's government. Primary election candidates would decide the two top candidates in each area, on the votes of residents of each particular area. General election contests would be between the two candidates presented in each area, with the county voting on each contest.

- The seven representatives selected for the county council would hold all powers and responsibilities held by present elective county officials.
- Appointing a professional manager as the chief administrative officer of the county, the council would use its centralized authority to direct the manager and would be able to dismiss and replace him any time.

- The council would be required to meet at least twice a month. Meetings would be public; full records would be required on all meetings; and one council meeting would be held annually in each of the seven county districts (East Lane, North Central Lane, West Lane, South Lane, Eugene, West Eugene and Springfield).

- The chairman of the council would be paid \$400 per year and other members \$300. All members would be reimbursed for reasonable travel and living expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. Salaries of the county manager and all other employees would be determined by the council and seven citizens working together as the county budget committee.

- Organization of the county's administrative offices would be simplified through their consolidation into six principal agencies for law enforcement, records and elections, finance, education, public works and public health and welfare.

- Heads of the various departments and all other administrative workers would be appointed by the manager on required consideration of ability, training and experience. Whenever authorized by state law, civil service would be adopted for all employees except the manager and department heads.

- Centralized purchasing would be required and all transactions involving more than \$100 would be made on the basis of competitive bids.

- Should Lane's voters Friday approve the council-manager plan, it would go into effect Jan. 1, 1953. Special district elections this year would determine candidates for the county council. Final elections would be made in the November general elections.

- Members of the council would appoint a manager pro tem if necessary in the interim before selection of a full-fledged manager, but the new county charter would limit the term of the manager pro tem to six months.

- The new charter could be amended only by vote of the people, with amendments either proposed by the initiative petition method or referred to the people by the county council. The voters also would hold power to recall members of the council.

Authority Provided By Election

Authority for Oregon counties to adopt the council-manager system of government was provided in a 1944 statewide election, and general details for the system were set down by the state legislature in 1945.

To date, no county in this state has voted the new system into effect. Initial attempts in Lane and Clackamas Counties were defeated in 1948. The vote in Lane was 10,300 Yes, 16,323 No. In 1950, an attempt to bring about another vote test failed when petition circulators missed by two signatures of meeting initiative petition requirements. Friday, Clackamas County also will vote on the plan again.

Throughout the United States, 17 states have laws permitting establishment of council-manager type governments for their counties. Since 60 counties—Los Angeles, Calif., the largest and Petroleum County, Mont., the smallest—are utilizing various systems based on this plan. No county yet has abandoned the council-manager system after once adopting it.

Wednesday, in these columns, statements for and against Lane's approval of the council-manager form of government will appear as personally prepared by its advocates and opponents.

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Two Military Planes Collide

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An Air Force B-29 bomber with 13 men aboard and a navy fighter plane collided in the air about 10 miles west of Santa Catalina Island Tuesday.

Seven parachutes were spotted in the ocean.

Planes from El Toro Marine Air Station reported seeing the parachutes, but there was no immediate report of rescue of survivors.

The B-29 was attached to the 3rd Bomb Wing at March Air Force Base, Riverside, Calif.

The Navy plane was an F-4U, believed to be attached either to the 2nd or the Naval Air Station at San Diego. It usually carries the pilot.

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Pair Observes Bright Meteor Near Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS (UP)—A meteor flashed through the western sky here Tuesday morning and two observers said it was of dazzling brightness.

One said from his vantage point it disappeared behind the western hills. The other said from a different part of town it appeared to burn out in the air.

The time was placed at 7:12 or 7:13 a.m. Both reports agreed it was very high and was followed by a long sparkling trail.

EWEB Puts Off River Studies

The anticipated feature discussion of Monday night's Eugene Water & Electric Board meeting didn't quite come off.

Results of a year-long engineering study on possible new hydro-electric developments in the upper McKenzie River system were to have been talked over by board members. But it was almost midnight before the board worked through other items on its agenda.

ACCORDINGLY, the board decided to set the McKenzie River study over for discussion at a special meeting in the near future. The purpose of the investigation has been to determine whether the EWEB might generate new hydro at less cost than it might purchase additional power from the Bonneville Power Administration.

Highlighting action taken by the board Monday night was a decision to have land and timber adjacent to Leaburg Dam appraised for fair market value before selling it to the U.S. Corps of Engineers as a fish hatchery site.

THE ENGINEERS plan to use 20 acres just below the dam to locate a hatchery that will produce half a million legal-size fish each year and 400,000 sub-legal size. Tuesday, the Associated Press reported that bids on construction of the hatchery have been invited and will be opened June 13.

The board also discussed details of a \$60,000 project to install mercury vapor lights on West 6th and 7th Aves. This job will be financed by the EWEB, with the city administration pledged to make reimbursements over a 20-year period. Availability of materials will control the completion date, EWEB engineers told the board. Probably the project will be completed late this year.

Voters Approve School Budget

Voters in School District 19 (Springfield) Monday approved a measure to allow the district to raise \$616,457.91 outside the statutory six per cent limitation.

The added revenue will allow the district to operate on a \$1,442,878 budget for the coming fiscal year.

Yes votes were cast by 633 persons in the district, 250 voted No. The financial measure was the only item on the ballot.

Included in the new budget is hiring of 12 or 14 new teachers, a cost of living raise of \$180 for district employees, improvement of the Mill St. elementary school, added janitorial and utility services and the hundred and one items necessary to operate the big district.

The added financial burden may mean little to the taxpayer, since a boost in the district's assessed valuation is anticipated this year.

THOUSAND HOMELESS
MANILA (AP)—Fire destroyed most of the business section of Tuguegarao, capital of Cagayan province, Monday night. The Philippines News Service reported damage was \$1,500,000. About 1,000 persons were left homeless.

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Sen. Kefauver, Hoffman Talks Slated at UO

Warren, Family Get Students' Ovation

There was a politician for almost everybody in Eugene Monday and Tuesday as some of the biggest guns in the two parties moved into Oregon to wind up the presidential preference primary.

University of Oregon students stamped their feet, whistled, wolf-called and shouted Monday afternoon at Gov. Earl Warren's wife and two daughters, then sat back respectfully to listen in good-mannered silence to the governor's speech.

Tuesday afternoon Paul Hoffman, a spokesman for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, was scheduled to speak on the campus at 4 p.m. Hoffman was one of three big-time Ike supporters in the state Tuesday. Others were Gov. Sherman Adams, of New Hampshire, and Rep. Hugh Scott, of Pennsylvania.

APPEALING to the state's Democrats, Sen. Estes Kefauver was moving south through the Willamette Valley Tuesday, planning to end the day's tour at Eugene. He will deliver an 8 p.m. speech at the student union building on the campus.

Last of the major candidates and their friends to appear in this city will be Harold Stassen, who will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday in Room 207 of Chapman Hall.

Senator Kefauver's speech will be followed by a reception from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house, 793 E. 11th. Agnes McCloskey, chairman of a Women-for-Kefauver committee, said she was especially hopeful that out-of-town visitors would attend the reception to meet the Senator.

GOV. WARREN, his family, and plane-load of newspaper, radio and newsreel men, arrived in Eugene at 12:15 p.m. for a quick lunch before the governor's 1 p.m. speech. The ballroom of the Erb Memorial Union was packed, with many students standing on the balconies outside to hear the governor call for a "forward-looking" party with a broader base.

They heard him speak in defense of foreign aid, limited universal military training, government economy, and government by law. He was critical of "witch hunts" for subversives, centralization of power in the federal government, and "too much secrecy" in government. Secrecy, he said, was at the bottom of much of the corruption he said characterized the present administration.

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Salem to Remain On Standard Time

SALEM (UP)—Salem, where most of the residents apparently favor standard time, will keep it this summer.

The City Council, by not taking any action on the issue at its regular meeting Monday night, left the city on regular time.

A poll taken by the Salem Statesman earlier indicated that residents of the Salem trading area oppose fast time.

Three Passengers, Policeman Shot to Death on Crowded Bus

CLEVELAND (UP)—A 20-year-old Negro told police Tuesday he didn't mean to shoot three bus passengers and a policeman to death on a crowded bus.

"I was just shooting to scare," police quoted Lawrence Goldsby as saying. "Then I couldn't stop shooting."

Earlier in the afternoon, he said, he drank a quart of wine and two cans of beer in a tavern.

Goldsby, unemployed, grabbed a gun from Patrolman Eugene D. Stinchcomb's holster Monday during the evening rush hour.

Stinchcomb, 55, had boarded the bus after the bus driver complained that Goldsby was singeing the hair of a woman passenger.

Then Goldsby shot Stinchcomb and two women passen-



STUART R. STIMMEL (at the speaker's rostrum), director of the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon, Monday night addressed members of the Lane County Chest at the group's annual meeting at the Eugene Hotel. Others at the speaker's table are (left to right) Walter S. Garrett, retiring president of the Lane County Chest; Alton F. Baker, new president of the Lane County Chest; Edgar Martin, chairman of the Budget, Admissions and Quarters Committee of the Chest; and C. L. Carpenter, secretary.

Fatal Shot Fired By Grandfather, Defense Claims

By MARVIN TIMS
Register-Guard Staff Writer

The defense contended in the Elmer Belcher murder trial Tuesday that the fifteen-year-old defendant did not fire the gun that killed deaf-mute Mary Ellen Campbell last April 4, near Cottage Grove. Defense Attorney Herbert Lombard in a statement to the jury said the dead girl's grandfather, not the boy, fired the fatal shot.

"A man" the night of the fatal shooting tapped Elmer on the shoulder while the youth was working on a car at a neighbor's house, Lombard stated.

The man asked Elmer whether he had a gun, Lombard said. When the reply was "no," the attorney asserted, the man yelled at Elmer to get a gun.

After the youth obtained a gun from a dresser drawer at his home and returned, no one was in sight, Lombard said.

Then the man came out of the woods and asked: "Have the gun?"

LOMBARD SAID the youth then handed over the weapon. The man then asked Elmer for some shells which the boy had in his pocket.

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Red Feather Leader Elected

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Alton F. Baker, president of the Eugene Chest, Monday night was elected president of the Lane County Chest at the organization's annual meeting in the Eugene Hotel. He succeeds Walter S. Garrett.

Other officers named by the board of directors are: L. B. Williams, Eugene, first vice-president; Angus Gibson, Junction City, second vice-president; Elmer Fleming, Cottage Grove, third vice-president; Jack B. Lively, Springfield, fourth vice-president; Clarence Carpenter, Eugene, secretary; C. K. Stalsberg, Eugene, treasurer; Walter S. Garrett and Calvin R. Smith, both of Eugene, executive committee.

STUART R. STIMMEL, director of the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon, was guest speaker. His organization is one of the 15 agencies in the Oregon State Chest which the contributors of the Lane County Chest help support.

Speaking on the topic, "A Community's Responsibility in Caring for Its Children," Stimmel explained that the society does not place children in institutions but has a three phase program for the care of children. Functions include finding carefully selected foster homes, aiding in child adoptions, and providing a confidential maternity service for unmarried girls.

REPORTS OF THE treasurer and the executive secretary were approved and 15 directors were elected to the board of 45. Re-elected for new terms were Ed Bochnak, Rev. Paul S. Mellish, Gus Arneson, Percy Brown, Clarence Carpenter, W. S. Love, Ed Pitkin, Loy W. Rowling, and Julio Silva.

Elected for three-year terms were Mrs. O. F. Bell, L. H. Williams, George Gilmore, Jack Lively, Mrs. Patty A. Clark and Dr. Leslie White.

Elected for two-year terms were Robert Cross and Mrs. Edgar A. Goodnough.

Russians Block Berlin 'Lifeline'

BERLIN (UP)—Russian troops barred United States and British military police patrols from both ends of the 110-mile "lifeline" highway between Berlin and Western Germany Tuesday.

Soviet troops have been turning back Allied patrols at the Berlin end of the road since last Thursday night. Tuesday, in another move reminiscent of the beginning of their great Berlin blockade, they began turning back patrols from the western end of the highway at Helmstedt, on the border between the Soviet and Allied occupation zones.

Russia's new move followed a threat Monday by Walter Ulbricht, "strong man" of the East German Communist Party, that the Reds will take immediate reprisals against West Berlin when the Allies sign their proposed peace contract with the West German government late this month.

Ridgway Arrives
SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway arrived Tuesday from Tokyo, on his way to Paris to take command of Western Europe's defenses.

IKE OPPOSES CUTS
WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower Monday declared a further cut in the foreign aid bill "would be profound both in discouraging our friends and in encouraging those potentially hostile to us."

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Administration, Steel Industry End Arguments

Date of Decision Remains in Doubt

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court took the steel seizure case under advisement Tuesday after hearing two days of argument on whether President Truman had constitutional power to take possession of the mills. Arguments were completed at 2:32 p.m.

There was no indication how soon the court might give its decision but Justice Jackson announced from the bench that he was opposed to making public the result in advance of the writing of formal opinions.

IF A MAJORITY of the court agrees with Jackson on that point, it might well be weeks before a decision is made known.

The question for the court to decide boils down to whether the President had inherent powers, in the absence of any specific provision of the Constitution or any law, to take over the steel mills to head off a strike.

On the behalf of the administration, the argument was made that the mills were the only way the President could assure their continued operation.

Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, in likening the present international situation to war, said the nation's very existence is threatened.

SCORNFULLY, he contended that industry's claimed fears of "irreparable damage" from government operation of the mills are "a lot of fantastic hoo-bloob."

John W. Davis, retained for the steel companies, said: "Our property is taken away, our bargaining power is by-passed." He said that was real injury.

Davis used but 10 minutes to reply to an overtime argument from Perlman. Each had been allotted two and one-half hours. Davis left 43 minutes unused.

Davis asked the justices to uphold the decision by U. S. District Judge David A. Pine that seizure of the mills was illegal.

"We look to the judiciary to hold the balance between the powers of the constitutional functionaries," he said.

After Perlman and Davis finished the main arguments, the court turned to side issues.

THE FIRST of these was a plea by Arthur Goldberg, general counsel for the CIO steelworkers, that the court hand down its decision at the earliest possible date.

After that, the court was to hear from three of the major railroad brotherhoods on what bearing its steel decision might have on the railroad seizure.

It was the second and final day of oral arguments before the high tribunal on the momentous question of presidential powers under the Constitution.

When the court may hand down a decision is highly uncertain. There is no time limit on how long the court may take.

The administration contends that Truman had not only the right but the duty to take over the mills, as he did on April 8, to maintain steel production for the good of the nation.

DAVIS maintains Truman had no authority under the Constitution or any law to seize the mills.

He called Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, nominal operator of the mills under government possession, a "mere trespasser."

When court reconvened at 11:03 a.m. (EST), Perlman had only 17 minutes left of the two and one-half hours allotted him for argument.

But the justices let him run overtime so they could fire questions at him.

The arguments, for the most part, had a familiar ring.

G. D. MacLaren Leaves Board

G. D. MacLaren, a Eugene School Board member for 18 years, resigned at the regular board meeting Monday night because of ill health. He has been chairman several times, the latest from last July to the date of his resignation.

Appointed to fill the vacancy until the next school board election on June 16 is Les Bishop, manager of KORE.

Stan Summers, the member with the longest unexpired term on the board was appointed chairman.