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Capital Parade

By MURRAY WADE

POLITICAL POTPOURRI

Both republican and democratic political mustard pots this week contributed dabs of hot stuff to the preamble of the 1952 primary campaign—now less than nine months away.

Governor Douglas McKay said he hasn't made up his mind whether he would retire from public life at the end of his term. Some weeks ago he told a political group that he wouldn't run again for governor. Now he is not sure the law has not already made up his mind.

The constitution permits a man to hold office only eight years out of any 12. That means that if he were elected again, he would have to resign half way through his term.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry announced that he will be a candidate for reelection at the republican primary election next May. At the 1948 general election Newbry led both partisan and nonpartisan tickets with 323,719 votes to one. In the same election Governor McKay polled 271,295 votes to his rival's 226,958.

Howard Morgan, Monmouth who was a member of the 1949 legislature and the democratic candidate for labor commissioner in 1950 is being mentioned for the democratic nomination for secretary of state.

State Treasurer, Walter Pearson, the only democrat who has been elected state treasurer in Oregon in more than 65 years, announced he would not be a candidate to succeed himself.

He is bitter over what a republican-controlled legislature did to the office of state treasurer. Many of the functions of the board of control, consisting of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer, were transferred to the state department of finance which the law makers created, then authorized the governor to appoint a director of finance to rule over the new department.

Pearson probably feels that the creation of the state department of finance hijacked him out of party-fence-building patronage and columns of publicity—always easy to knock off by starting a controversy.

Looks like Walter Pearson is disgusted with Oregon politics and

will devote his time to his profitable insurance business in Portland. But who will straddle the democratic donkey, take up Walter's blunted lance to joust with anyone who climbs on the GOP elephant?

HOW MUCH REPUBLICAN?

Will Oregon ever go Democratic again?

Will Multnomah county democrats who are outregistering republicans arouse a hope for success at the polls that will bring out well known and efficient republican men as democratic candidates? Republicans are apprehensive.

Since Oregon statehood 92 years ago, eight democrats and eleven republicans have been elected governor; two democrats and 11 republicans have been elected secretary of state and five democrats and ten republicans have been elected state treasurer.

Aside from federal broadways of political patronage Oregon democrats have had little to hand out to party workers.

MOSTWHILE REPUBLICAN

With the exception of two short intervals republicans have continued to rule over the state board of control since its creation in 1913. The exceptions were brief. In 1924 Governor Walter M. Pierce (Dem.) appointed Jefferson Myers (Dem.) to fill the vacancy caused by the death of State Treasurer O. P. Hoff. Pierce and Myers then ruled the board for nine and one-half months until Thomas B. Kay (Rep.), who had won in the 1924 election, took Myer's seat.

The other exception was in 1938, when thirteen days before the expiration of his term, Governor Charles E. Martin (Dem.) appointed Walter E. Pearson, (Dem.), (father of the present treasurer), as state treasurer following State Treasurer Rufus Holman's resignation. Martin and Pearson had their way on the board until Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague (Rep) was sworn into office.

During the 38 years the state board of control retained its original functions there were less than ten months when democrats constituted a majority of the board.

Some of the functions of the unexpurgated board of control were just dandy avenues for routing political patronage.

Woodley Sets New Record At Caveman Speed Bowl

Saturday night's midget auto races at the Caveman Speed Bowl provided action aplenty for the fans who packed the grandstand. It was Kelt Chevrolet Night and Ted Kelt offered a total of \$266 in prizes for the various races.

A case of Macmillan Motor Oil, donated by Howard Lowd of the Del Rogue Garage, and twenty-five dollars started the drivers off in style for the time trials. Bob Christie breezed in for the prize with the fastest time in the trials, 14 seconds.

A new name was added to the program as Lee Bower, racing for first time since his accident at the track several months ago, kept his eye on the fifteen dollars prize money and took the B trophy dash in 1:29.12. Second and third prize of ten and five dollars respectively went to the drivers of cars 4 and 12.

Charlie Steel entered the winning circle by taking the A trophy dash in 1:12.05 and the twenty dollar prize. Second prize of ten dollars went to Bob Christie and third, five dollars, to Don Hood. One of the treats of the evening was in the form of a Cave girl, Jean Hahn, who presented the trophy to Steel. Miss Hahn in turn was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the Flower Basket.

The first semi-main event was full of fun and tempted with trouble. Seven cars lined up, two finished the race. It all started when a bad pile up on the south turn put cars 12 and 33 out of the race for the rest of the evening and bent the nerfing bars on car No. 1. After a few minor repairs, car No. 1 reentered the race and all went fine until cars 8, 6, and 4 went out with motor trouble. That left only car No. 1 and car No. 76, with No. 1 winning with a time of 5:56.30. No. 76 was second and car No. 4, which stayed in the race the longest was given third place. Prizes for this event were twenty, ten and five dollars.

The second semi-main event was also something of a thrill as Cliff Woodley set a new record of 4:53.61, beating the old record of 4:54.02. Don Hood placed second and Bob Christie was third. Prizes were twenty-five, fifteen and ten dollars. Woodley won an extra ten dollars offered by Dean Axtell for anyone breaking a track record.

More pile ups, thrills and a prize of fifty dollars gave the fans and the drivers something to remember as the main event of 40 laps was taken by Bob Christie in 10:40.35. Twenty-five dollars, second prize went to Don Hood and Bernie Miller took third prize of ten dollars.

In the main event, car No. 1 finally gave out and driver Pat Morgan, after spinning it and damaging it beyond immediate repair, took it out of the race. In the ninth lap, the pit flag went up for car No. 8 and motor trouble took car 85 out in the twenty-third lap. Fifteen laps later, Cliff Woodley and George Brickell piled up just before coming into the west gate. No one was injured and both cars resumed the race. Four laps later, Brickell took his car to the pits with damage to his car which did not show up immediately after his accident with Woodley.

Bob Christie, staying clear of motor trouble, smash-ups and all the mix-ups, sailed in for first place and the race was over.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Myers over the weekend were their granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eachus of San Leandro, California. They enjoyed their stay up here very much and were impressed with the country. Mr. and Mrs. Myers took them along Sucker creek for a picnic and the visitors went through the Oregon Caves.

Oregon Veterans' Bonus

Application blanks for the Oregon World War II veterans' bonus will be available about October 1, and applicants are urged to obtain certified copies of their discharges from county clerks right away so that these documents will be on hand when they file for their bonuses, the Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today.

However, the question of whether bonus payments will start this year hinges on the outcome of the \$40,000,000 in bonus bonds to be offered by the department shortly, Director William F. Gaarenstroom said.

The Federal government in May requested states not to issue veterans' bonus bonds at this time because of their inflationary effect, and also asked investment firms not to purchase such bonds if offered. West Virginia later the same month offered but failed to sell \$67,500,000 of bonus bonds for this reason.

Gaarenstroom said that while it is not the department's intention to defeat the government's efforts to curb inflation, "nevertheless we are mandated to sell bonds by the constitutional amendment passed by the voters of Oregon last November providing payment of a World War II veterans' bonus, and by the bonus enabling act passed by the 1951 legislature."

The enabling act, chapter 376, Oregon laws 1951, states that "the Director of Veterans' Affairs... is authorized and directed... to issue and sell such bonds...."

The Director said he hoped the government's Voluntary Credit Restraint committee, whose members tell investment firms what bond issues are inflationary and whose word has the effect of deterring investors from bidding on such bonds, will approve the Oregon bonus bond issue.

Date of the bond sale has not been set, but it will be in early September. In event no firms bid on the \$40,000,000 issue, Gaarenstroom said \$500,000 worth of bonds will be offered at the same time for the purpose of obtaining sufficient funds to pay administrative expenses.

He said the success or failure of the bonus bond offering will have no bearing on the receipt and processing of bonus applications.

"Whether we sell the bonds or not, it is essential that we commence processing applications as soon as possible, for the reason that the application deadline is December 1, 1952, and a year and two months is none too long a time for all veterans or their survivors to apply for the bonus."

Application blanks will be available in all Oregon communities, through county veterans' service officers, county clerks, and from bonus committees set up by posts and chapters of such organizations as the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Veterans were advised to pick up their blanks from these local sources rather than to write the veterans' department in Salem, because the former method will be faster. Furthermore, it was suggested that they have the bonus committees or county service officers assist them in completing the applications because these persons will be schooled in the procedure and can help applicants avoid time consuming mistakes.

F. O. E. Auxiliary News

The Eagles' baseball team will be honored guests Friday night, August 24, at the potluck social, to be held at O'Brien Women's club-house, 8 p. m. Entertainment will include games and dancing.

There will be no regular business meeting Friday, August 31. The next meeting will be September 7 and officers meetings for September will be Monday nights, 10th and 24th.

Drill team practice is every Tuesday night at the V. F. W. grounds until cooler weather permits using the high school gymnasium.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dorchester of Woodland Echoes are entertaining guests, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Melville and children Richard, Jack and Jimmy of San Marino, California. They are here on a vacation and Mrs. Dorchester says this is the first time the Melvilles have ever been in Oregon.

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