

DOING THE TOWN

By Ed McLain

The opinion of the man on the street is apparently beginning to jell. The results of this week's poll of fifty people show that only 30% of the people polled were undecided as to which of the Mayorality candidates to vote for, as compared to 36% two weeks ago.

Dr. Walt Weller, continued to lead the pack with 32% of the votes. Two weeks ago Doc was a full length ahead with 34%, with his nearest competitor, the present incumbent, polling 20%, a lead of 14%. This week, even with a loss of 2% he is still leading this time by 16%, since his closest rival, the ticket-punchin' railroader, Tom Williams, polled 16%.

For Tom this is a tremendous increase, compared with our poll of two weeks ago, when he polled only 6%. Apparently Tom is using some of his political acumen in drumming up votes from the large group of undecided voters.

The strength of the incumbent mayor, Thornton S. Wiley, seems to fluctuate. Two weeks ago he boomed up to 20%, but now that the monthly water bill is almost due, he has dropped back to the original 12%.

Col. Preston Waterbury has more than doubled his percentage in the past two weeks. The last poll indicated that 2% of the people polled were in his favor, while this week's poll shows that 8% are of the Waterbury school.

Undecided 30%
Weller 32%
Williams 16%
Wiley 12%
Waterbury 8%
Jordan 2%

One cheerful bit of information to be garnered from this poll, no matter for whom you personally may be, is the fact that 80% of those polled were registered. Remember, Saturday is the last day to register!

Thumbnail Sketches OF THE Candidates

Philip Wendt

Philip Wendt, who is a candidate for councilman, is running on a platform which has as its basic plank the revision of water rates to provide equitable charges for domestic, industrial, and agricultural use.

Wendt, who is a steam engineer by profession, states that his research on the water situation in Ashland indicates that industrial water consumers are being charged an inequitable fee, particularly when compared with the rates charged orchards.

Concerning the city electric rates he stated that he felt that a complete investigation should be made. Citizens of Ashland should be assured an electric charge in line with the rates in other areas.

Wendt, who was born in Green-lake county, Wisconsin, favors the adoption by the city administration of a policy which will keep all citizens fully informed of the operation of the community.

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LOCAL OPTION WILL NOT BE ON BALLOT AT NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Rumor! concerning the possibility of local option being on the ballot this November with the resultant possibility that Ashland would become a dry town were laid to rest this week. There will be no local option vote on the ballot November 4.

The rumor started last summer when a petition to keep misleading liquor advertising out of Oregon newspapers and periodicals was being circulated throughout the state. The petition requested that the name, price, and maker of the liquor only, be permitted in any liquor advertising.

This petition was circulated in Ashland and among other Oregon cities. The Rev. Robert McIlvenna, minister of the First Methodist church stated that to his knowledge there were approximately 300 signatures obtained in Ashland on the petition.

"This petition," McIlvenna stated, "was sponsored by the Anti-Liquor League of Portland. It never got on the ballot because there were not enough signatures throughout the state and it fizzled out somewhere along the line."

As rumors do, this one got it's start in the advertising petition and during the past three months there has been much talk in the local bistros concerning the secret petition which was being circulated by the churches. Said petition to be on the local option situation.

There is no local option petition being circulated. The only thing in circulation has been a rumor.

News Report From the YMCA

The Board of Directors of the Ashland Y.M.C.A. met in the social room of the "Y" Building Monday evening, September 27th to plan for a more comprehensive program of activities for the ensuing year. The report of the secretary showed that the "Y" Building had been used by a large number of both boys and girls during the summer months. Attendance at Craft work periods was well over the 750 mark while the total attendance of boys and girls using the game facilities in the building was 1560 for the past three months. Y.M.C.A. Clubs carried over from last year include: the Senior Hi Y Club under the leadership of Mr. M. D. Yoder, 20 boys in this group met last night in the "Y" Building for the first meeting of the year. The Senior Tri Hi Y Club which for many years has been under the direction of Mrs. Edith Good has already started the work of the year under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Crisp. The Junior Tri Hi Y Club has already made plans for its first meeting of the year under the leadership of Mrs. M. A. Miller who served as adult advisor for the group last year. Helping Mrs. Miller in the work with this group this year will be Mrs. Margaret McClean. The Junior Hi Y Club which for the past two years has been under the leadership of Mr. Gaylord Vestal will have new leadership this year. Plans for the organization of new Hi-Y and Tri Hi Y Clubs were made at the Board meeting last night.

Special events on the calendar for this fall include the Annual Registration of all Y.M.C.A. Building members which will start early in the month of October.

Also planned for this fall is an Open House for parents of the Building members at which time a special program will be presented for the parents of the boy and girl members of the Ashland Y.M.C.A. Committee in charge of this event is composed of Mrs. Hugh McKeever, Giles S. Green and Rev. E. P. Borden.

Plans were also completed at the meeting to raise the balance of the \$200.00 World Service Pledge of the Ashland Y.M.C.A. to this important work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

MRS. J. COTTON WILL AGAIN HEAD ASHLAND CHEST X-RAY SURVEY

Mrs. John C. Cotton has again been named chairman of the chest X-ray survey committee for the Ashland area. It was announced today at a preliminary meeting of representatives of the Jackson County Public Health Association, the Oregon State Board of Health, the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association and the Jackson County Health Department.

This fourth annual chest X-ray survey, which is a method of finding cases of tuberculosis in the early stages, is to be held in Jackson county from November 15th to the 24th. The dates and hours when the mobile X-ray unit will be in Ashland will be announced later, it was stated.

Camp White Taken Over by the V. A.

PLANT TO BE KNOWN AS DOMICILIARY CENTER

Camp White Hospital on Monday of this week was officially taken over by the Veteran's administration and will be restored and put into shape as soon as possible. February 1, 1949 has been set as the target date for opening of the domiciliary center.

Official title of the plant will be the Veteran's Administration domiciliary center, Medford, Oregon. The domiciliary center will require \$325,000 to be spent in restoration. J. T. Holmer, Medford, is the engineering officer.

Much of the \$325,000 will be spent on replacing the water system which has deteriorated since the Camp White deactivation.

The annual payroll of the center will amount to more than \$500,000 and some \$400,000 will be spent each year for equipment. The center will have a staff of 204 persons who will be assisted by 50 member (patient) employees. It will have a capacity of 500 beds.

Veterans who will be patients at the center will not be hospitalized in the strict sense of the term. According to Veteran's Administration authorities the center will be a place for disabled and handicapped veterans who, because of their handicap, have no other place to live.

Vest Fleeman, Boise, Idaho, has been appointed supply officer of the installation and has arrived in Jackson county to begin work. The personnel officer, Sam Butturff, also arrived this week and hiring of personnel is expected to begin immediately.

Manager of the center, Paul A. Hatton, will arrive next week. He has been manager of the V. A. hospital at Fort Harrison Montana hospital.

Prior to the decision of the United States Congress to have the Veteran's administration acquire Camp White there was much speculation in the Southern part of the state concerning the possibility of the State of Oregon taking over the hospital.

State Senator Lew Wallace, Democratic candidate for governor, O. H. Bengston, Earl Newberry, Frank Van Dyke, and many others assisted in the state program to acquire the institution. For a period of time a petition was being circulated asking that the measure to acquire the institution be placed on the ballot.

PLEDGE THETA CHI

University of Oregon, Eugene, September 28—Harry Kennasto, Jerry Leslie, and Harold Simmonds, all of Ashland, pledged Theta Chi fraternity on Friday, September 10, at the conclusion of rush week on the University of Oregon campus. Eighteen house pledged 213 boys.

Dr. Walter Weller, John Nosler, Clyde Caton, Don Brace and Andy Anderson, left Monday for a hunting trip into the back country out of Burns, Oregon.

Elected to the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors was Mrs. J. P. Clark fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. C. M. Frazier who recently moved from the city.

Library Is Given 21 Mystery Books

James Sandoe, professor of English at the University of Colorado, has awarded the Ashland Public Library a set of 21 of the latest published mystery books.

Mr. Sandoe, who is a mystery book reviewer wrote, "I spent five extremely pleasant weeks in Ashland working with the summer festival and teaching at the College. In token of a regard that is very warm I am sending to you a parcel of books for the Public Library of Ashland. I hope they will be acceptable as gifts."

Miss Cora Mason, librarian, said not only will they be "acceptable" but greatly appreciated by those who read them faster than the Library can buy them!

Hunters Take To Hills This Friday

Friday, October 1, thousands of Oregon nimrods including dozens from Ashland will take to the forests as the general deer season opens. Although general rains throughout the state should make ideal hunting conditions, the State game department warned that hunters should be extremely careful with fires as the deep forests cover is still dry in many parts of the state.

Although many hunters will as usual hunt for mule deer in the

SHIRLEY WEITZEL SOC FRESHMAN SECRETARY

Shirley Weitzel, Ashland, was elected secretary of the Freshman class at Southern Oregon college, elections were held last week. Other officers include, President, William Jones, Klamath Falls, vice president, Charles Bertrant, Grants Pass; and treasurer, Barbara Botjter, Medford.

eastern part of the state, it is expected that more than the usual number will hunt blacktail deer this season. This will be due, in part, to the opening of the majority of the Tillamook burn area to hunting this year. The deer in this region are reported to be in excellent condition.

Mr. C. A. Lockwood, Oregon State Game Supervisor, once again calls attention to the fact that this year all deer hunters are required to obtain a deer tag before hunting. This tag is in addition to the regular hunting license and can be obtained at any license agency.

Among the nimrods who have made plans to be in there tickling the triggers on their 30-30s this weekend are: Harry McNair, Fred Taylor, Herschel Claycomb, Marion Mann, Don Brace, Dr. Walter Weller, Andy Anderson, John Nosler, Clyde Caton, Jack Collis, Horace Farmer, Eldon Scripser, Ed McLain, Dale Dieckman, Don Rubb, Carl Peterson, Larkin Grubb, Milo Grubb, John Grubb, Russell Miller, Jean Eberhart, Dr. Harvey Woods, Dr. Clarence Woods, Arch Work, Ralph McCullough, and Dom Provost.

UNIQUE PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A program unique in its application to religion will be presented Sunday evening at 7:45 a.m. at the Congregational church in Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moline will present a program of kodachrome colored pictures, taken throughout the West, in a living sermon.

Dr. Evert P. Borden will narrate the scriptures as the scenes unfold. Miss Margaret Ramsay, organist, will play selections which will follow the mood of the pictures. Other music, specially selected by Mr. and Mrs. Moline, will be synchronized with the pictures as they are presented.

YMCA Officers Plan Fall Events

Officers of the Ashland Tri Hi Y and Hi Y Clubs met at the Y.M.C.A. Thursday evening, September 30th to plan for special events in the Hi Y program this year.

Activities up for discussion at the meeting included: a City-wide Induction Ceremony for new members at which time all of the Tri Hi Y and Hi Y Clubs of the city would induct new members at a public ceremony; the Hi Y Officers Training Conference to be held in Klamath Falls early this fall; Registration of local clubs with the National Hi-Y movement and plans for the organization of new Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y clubs in local and nearby schools. Present at the meeting will be the officers from the Senior Hi-Y club, the Senior Tri-Hi-Y club, Junior Tri-Hi-Y club and the Junior Hi-Y club.

Rev. Elmer Sachs to Arrive October 4th



Rev. Elmer B. Sachs, who is the Founder and Chief Director of the National Organization of "Sky Pilots of America" is scheduled to arrive in Ashland in his "Sky Pilot" plane sometime Monday, Oct. 4th. He will begin a series of Gospel meetings Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. at the local First Baptist Church. These meetings will continue nightly throughout the week and including Sunday morning Oct. 10th.

Sachs spent four years as a detective on the Evanstone Illinois Police Department in the days of the Al Capone episode. He has had much experience with juvenile problems, and comes approved as a successful Youth Worker and Pastor. He will bring interesting information and film production of Junior and Senior Sky Pilot work in action. A work among Youth which has a decided Gospel and Missionary emphasis.

The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings and watch for the Sky Pilot plane over Ashland and surrounding community.

No Trace Found of Ken Peabody

Ed Peabody, brother of Ken Peabody, missing Ashland jeweler, has been in Ashland during the past week to assist in directing the search for the jeweler who was last seen Thursday morning in front of the Lithia theatre.

Circulars describing Peabody as a missing person and offering \$100.00 reward for information leading to his whereabouts have been sent out by Ed Peabody. The circulars describe Ken Peabody as being five feet eight inches tall, light brown hair receding slightly at top and sides. He has hazel eyes, small even teeth, a small brown mustache, weight 150 lbs, wears size 38 suit and size 8 1/2 shoe. He is also left handed.

When last seen at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning in front of the Lithia theatre in Ashland by William Yates, Ashland electrician, Peabody was wearing brown lace oxford, dark blue pin stripe trousers, no hat nor coat. His shirt was blue with white stripes.

Jewelry which he was wearing might have included two wrist watches, one an 11 jewel Elgin, waterproof, in a stainless steel round case, this watch had radiant hands and dial and an inscription on the back, "F. K. Peabody, Elgin Watch college." The other watch is a seven jewel Elgin, plain face, yellow gold and is rectangular shaped. F. K. Peabody is engraved on the back.

He wore a key chain of yellow gold with an attached jewel plate with five jewels. He also was wearing a wide band wedding ring and a ruby stone.

Peabody is a constant pipe smoker and is rather quiet by nature.

His wife, Evelyn Minster Peabody, and infant daughter reside at 1250 Iowa street, Ashland. His parent's address is Frank W. Peabody, 164 South Liberty street, Elgin, Illinois.

Members of the Lions club and Ralph Leach were notified of Peabody's disappearance at 11:00 Thursday morning and they instituted a local search at that time.

Peabody's disappearance was reported to the Ashland police at 4:15 p.m. Thursday approximately seven hours after the disappearance. Nothing has materialized since then.

According to Chief of Police Clarence Williams there is no evidence of foul play.

Ralph Picard, assistant at the Jewelry store, is operating the business with the assistance of Mrs. Peabody.

CACTI REFERENCES GIVEN TO LIBRARY

Mrs. Charles J. Reisdorf, Ashland resident, recently presented a valuable collection of books to the Public Library according to an announcement made today by Miss Cora Mason, city librarian.

Her father had been a specialist in cacti cultivation in California and his garden had specimens of many rare cacti which he had gathered from all over the world. As a student in the field, he collected books and periodicals, some of them in German, which will be a delight to the cactus hobbyists. It is this fine collection that Mrs. Reisdorf gave to the Public Library.

The subject of "Cactaceae and Succulents" is now one of the most complete specialized subjects in the Library. The classification work by Britton and Rose, as well as a beautiful supplementary volume by Marshall and Bock, which brings the former work up to date, will be kept in the reference department for availability to everyone, Miss Mason said.

SOC MEETS HUMBOLDT

Southern Oregon college football team will travel South this weekend to meet Humboldt State college in a Far Western tilt. The Red Raiders are expected to make a better showing this week than last. Eastern Washington college of Education laced the Raiders, 23 to 0 last week in a non-conference game.

Mrs. Robert Vroman underwent major surgery at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leyton Schell and two daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Madden, Phoenix Sunday.

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