

Ballots Due This Week In Election On Soil Saving

Ballots cast by mail in the referendum to determine the fate of the proposed soil conservation district in the county, must be in the hands of Claude Hoover, supervisor of voting, by March 22. But those landowners eligible to vote who did not mail their ballots may mark them at the six polling places that have been designated in the county. Polls will be open from 1:30 p. m. until 8 p. m. Wednesday. They are located at the Central Point Grange hall, Talent irrigation district office, the Sams Valley school, the Eagle Point irrigation district office, the county agent's office in Medford and at the Ruth-Sterling school.

Eligibility Told
Those eligible to vote are individuals with title to more than 10 acres of land and those owning 10 acres or less are not eligible. A man and wife holding more than 10 acres of property jointly are entitled to just one vote, but if either of them owns other property of sufficient acreage he is allowed another vote. In the case of a corporation, the legally designated head of the firm may cast one vote.

A soil conservation district is described as a group of farmers organized to work together to get jobs done which affect the best use of their land and water. Its business is conducted by five supervisors who are resident landowners. Two of these are appointed by the state soil conservation committee and three are elected by the landowners. The organization of such districts is provided for by state law and a district is a legal subdivision of the state.

Cite Problems
In general, districts are authorized to do everything that needs to be done to achieve "the prevention and control of soil erosion and the conservation of soil and soil resources." The problems may include proper crop rotation, pasture and forage improvement and utilization, maintenance of soil fertility, determination of fertilizer needs, improvement of irrigation systems, drainage, land leveling and erosion control.

The formation of such a district here will depend on the vote in Wednesday's referendum. If approved, it will include almost all of the county, excluding the northwest corner. That part of the county, which takes in the Rogue River-Evans Creek-Wimer areas and much of the rural areas around Gold Hill, was excluded from the proposed district because members of the state soil conservation committee found little interest in the project when they held hearings in that section earlier this year. They may join the district later if they are sufficiently interested.

Jobs For Engineers Available In Portland

Portland, Mar. 18—The Portland civil service commission has announced open competitive examinations for positions as structural and mechanical engineers and have waived residence requirements.

Salaries for the structural engineering jobs range from \$4,020 to \$4,620 and for mechanical engineers from \$4,920 to \$4,980 annually. The examination, scheduled for April 6 at 8:30 a. m., will be weighted 60 per cent and an interview 40 per cent. Non-residents may apply to take the written test near their homes but the interviews will be conducted only in Portland.

Last date for filing applications is April 3 and they must be filed in Room D of the municipal auditorium in Portland.

O'Hara Busy As Bee Preparing Pamphlet For Voters Of Oregon

By William Warren
United Press Correspondent

Salem, Ore., Mar. 18—(U.P.)—One of the busiest servants of the state of Oregon today is Dave O'Hara.

When the fun and frenzy of filling for the May 19 primary election came to a climatic close on March 10, the heavy work of Dave O'Hara and his harried helpers practically just started.

287 Tabulations

They had to tabulate the 287 men who filed for seats ranging from U. S. senator, congressman and governor to state senator and representative. Then they had to account for the withdrawals, six in all, leaving a total of 281 hopefuls whose names will appear on the primary ballot.

They had to compile a certification of the candidates, get it ready for the state printer, proof read it down to the last quotation mark around the last slogan, and have it ready for distribution. Deadline was Saturday. But they made it Friday, and the certification forms have gone out to the clerks of Oregon's 36 counties. The county clerks will use it as a basis for getting up their ballots.

Another little chore for Dave and his efficient team is preparing the voters' pamphlet, another job for the state printer. Each candidate who filed can have from one to four pages in the voters' pamphlet, although most of them are satisfied with one. There's a fine amount of dough involved in both filing for office and putting out the voters' pamphlet.

Sliding Scale

It's a sliding scale for candidates. Costs you \$150 to file for U. S. senator. It's a hundred bucks on the line to file for congressman or governor or supreme court justice; \$100 to file for state superintendent of public instruction or labor commissioner; \$50 for circuit judge, \$20 for district attorney and only \$10 for state senator or representative.

The total take from all candidates was \$7,220. How about the boys who withdrew? They lose the money they punted up for filing. For instance, Fred E. Robinson of Medford and Earl L. Dickson of Albany withdrew from the race for republican nomination for U. S. senator in favor of Lane county farmer Dave Hoover of Deadwood. They'll get their voters' pamphlet money back, but the \$150 filing fee each paid stays with the state.

That voters' pamphlet which goes out to every registered voter in the state is big business. The candidates pay only a fraction of its cost.

All Together Paid \$5,925

For instance, all the candidates together paid a total of \$5,925 to get their profiles and platforms in the pamphlet. That won't pay for the postage alone. Postage for the 1948 pamphlets totaled \$7,215.66. Total cost of the 1948 edition was \$53,650. A total of 648,955 went out to as many registered voters.

The election division is housed in a cubby-hole across the corridor from the office of Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, who is also, by law, registrar of elections. Helping Dave are stenographic and secretarial workers Mrs. J. H. Unruh and Mrs. J. N. Schoenover. Miss Grace Thrapp and Mrs. Theo Herwick revise the registration list and address labels for the voters pamphlet.

They've been a busy crew from the time H. H. Stallard of Portland, who seeks the democratic nod for congressman from the third Oregon district, Multnomas county, made the first fil-

ing December 22 until Nick Granet, democrat, filed for state representative from Multnomas county just under the 5 p. m. deadline March 10. And they've been busy ever since, getting the certification and the pamphlet ready.

Salem Councilman

Dave O'Hara, among his extra-curricular activities, has been a Salem city councilman for 10 of these 22 years. He entered the employ of the state of Oregon in 1915, after graduating from Willamette university law school. He was recommended for state service by then attorney general and dean of the Willamette law school, I. H. Van Winkle, because of his high standing in law school. Shortly after going to work for Oregon, Dave was given the job of building up the election division.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of Consolidated School District No. 6, Jackson County, Oregon, at the Gold Hill High building, Gold Hill, Oregon, until 5 P. M., April 10, 1950, for the furnishing and installation of an Automatic Fuel Oil Burner and Auxiliary Equipment, to convert the present boiler in the Gold Hill, Oregon, Elementary School to the use of heavy fuel oil.

Specifications and Proposal Form may be obtained at the office of James K. Hoey, Engineer, 405 E. Main Street, Medford, Oregon, upon the deposit of Three Dollars (\$3.00). The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to each actual bidder within a reasonable time after the opening of the bids. The Consolidated School District No. 6 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. Quality and reputation of the equipment proposed by the bidder will be given due consideration in awarding the contract, but this reservation is not intended to discriminate against any equipment of reputable manufacture. Descriptive literature and engineering data on the equipment proposed will accompany each bid.

Consolidated School District No. 6, by Merle Obenchain, Clerk



(Acme Telephoto)
TOKYO ROMANCE—Mitsue Shigeno, 29, freshens up on arrival in San Francisco aboard a P. A. A. Clipper en route to Washington, D. C., to marry Carroll Kistbach, 40, horticulturist formerly stationed in Japan. Miss Shigeno is the first of three Japanese women permitted to enter the U. S. to marry under three private laws passed by Congress on Valentine's Day and approved by President Truman.

Ex-Local Rebekah Lodge Member Dies

Clara B. Drisko, who passed away in Portland March 16 at the age of 89 years, was an early member of Olive Rebekah lodge here and has many friends in the city. While not a charter member of the lodge, which was organized in 1887, Mrs. Drisko joined soon thereafter and was active for many years.

Friends here recall that Mrs. Drisko was a clerk at the old Hutchinson and Lumsden general store for several years. Later Mrs. Drisko moved to Portland, where she had resided since. Funeral services were held Saturday at Sunnyside funeral home.

Burned Out Prospect Family Needs Crib

An appeal for articles of furniture needed by a Prospect family, which lost the family possessions in a fire, was made yesterday by the county Red Cross chapter. It was said that the family particularly needed a crib and high chair for a small child, and kitchen utensils.

Sunday, March 19, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIFTEEN

A spokesman for the chapter pointed out that the chapter has had an unusual number of calls this winter for both clothing, bedding and furniture, and that as many as two or three people are given clothing each day. Six families that were victims of fires have been aided.

Anyone having the needed articles is asked to call the chapter office, 2-2405.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 18—(U.P.) The Pacific northwest's week-end will be wet and windy.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 18—(U.P.) A regional safety conference will be held in Tillamook next May.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays

BIRTHS

AMBERG—To Mr. and Mrs. John, route 1, box 41, Ashland, Mar. 17, 1950, a girl, 9 pounds, at Community hospital.

MORRIS—To Mr. and Mrs. Ray, 730 Dakota avenue, Mar. 18, 1950, a girl, 8 pounds, at Community hospital.

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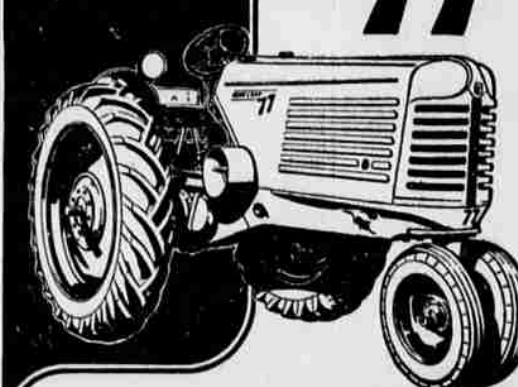
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