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The Deadline Is April 18

Because of a reshuffling of precincts which has added 16 new ones, Jackson county voters are in for a bit of confusion come May 19, primary election day, unless they familiarize themselves with the new set-up.

It is especially important that all eligible voters see to it that they are registered, and registered in their proper precincts, before the registration deadline, April 18. Of the newly created precincts four are in Medford, four in Ashland and one each in Phoenix, Central Point, Perrydale, Gold Hill, Rogue River, Trail, Shady Cove and Howard.

In an effort to help voters identify their precincts the Mail Tribune will publish next Sunday precinct maps of the county, Medford and Ashland. The maps were secured through cooperation of County Clerk George R. Carter's office and the county court.

CONCERTED efforts to foster registration of all eligible voters in the county are being made by the central committees of both political parties, by the Medford League of Women Voters and by labor unions and veterans organizations. All of these groups emphasize that they are not so much interested in what party a voter may support as in being sure that each eligible citizen protects his voting right.

IN addition to the county clerk's office in the court house and the many other registration places designated throughout the county, registration places will be established at each of Medford's grade schools on Monday and Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m., for convenience of those in the respective neighborhoods.

CITIZENS must register if they have not registered before, if they have moved to a new address, city or town, have changed their name through court action or marriage, or have failed to vote at both the primary and general election of the same year.—E.C.F.

Help Name the Park

AT this writing there appears to be a considerable divergence of opinion as to a proper and fitting name for Medford's new city park. The poll which has been conducted through the city's newspapers has brought approximately 40 different suggestions.

THE lack of unanimity in name choice is quite a surprise to those in charge of the poll, it having been believed that geographical or memorial considerations would have the effect of bringing out a large number of duplications.

The city park advisory committee urges all residents to take the time to inspect the park and to mail in their suggestions either by filling in and clipping the coupon which appears in this edition, or by writing a letter to the "Park Name Poll, City Hall, Medford."

Ballots in order to count must be mailed before midnight, today.—E.C.F.

The Japs Were Poorly Informed

In a recent Associated Press dispatch from Tokyo the former captain of a Japanese submarine tells of numerous wartime trips to the American Pacific coast made by his and other Jap submarines for airplane and gun attacks.

AMONG the exploits about which the sub skipper boasted was an attack on Fort Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia river and installations on Vancouver Island, Canada, in June, 1942. Neither of the attacks attracted return fire, the Japanese said.

The commander's revelation that the attack on Fort Stevens was made in the belief that it was a submarine base, is interesting at this late date after the war, for it shows an almost unbelievable lack of information regarding American coastal installations. Fort Stevens had long been more of a summer outing place for national guardsmen than a defense position and it was rumored after the submarine attack that its cannons were so antiquated as to be practically useless.

IT was lucky for those manning the fort that the submarine's fire power was almost as inadequate as its intelligence reports for the few shells fired merely lobbed into a portion of the sandy shore where they could do no harm.—E.C.F.

Air Force Contracts For Experimental Job

Washington, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—The air force has contracted with the Boeing Airplane company to build an experimental four-engine version of its sweeping B-47 jet bomber which would be faster and longer ranging than present production models. The six-engine B-47B, now in production, is the world's fastest bomber, having a speed of well above 600 miles an hour. The experimental model from which it was developed flew across the country last year in 3 hours 46 minutes, averaging 607.8 miles an hour. One of the "B" models will be modified at a cost of \$4,122,427, which is about four-fifths the cost of a B-47B itself. The new version, to be called the B-47C, will have four engines reliably reported to be rated at 9,200 pounds of thrust apiece. That would compare with the 5,200-pound rating of the engines now used in production models.

National Guardsmen To Have Range Firing

Headquarters, and A and C companies of the 1st battalion, 188th infantry regiment, Oregon national guard, will fire rifles, carbines and machine guns on the Camp White range on Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, in preparation for firing on combat and transition ranges at Fort Lewis, Wash., in June. The units will bivouac on the range on Saturday night and carry on training in night patrols. Specialists will also receive training during the firing project. Cooks and mess personnel will prepare meals, drivers and mechanics will handle trucks, and administrative enlisted men will prepare payrolls, morning reports and other papers. Company C is a Grants Pass unit and the other two companies are Medford units. The modern automobile has deprived New Mexico's road-runner bird of its favorite diversion racing horses and horse-drawn vehicles down the straight, flat roads of the state.

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"Aw! Kids don't play with hoops anymore—unless they're motor driven."

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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The sun is shining today down here by the sea in Florida but it is still a bit on the chilly side. My girl friend was wearing an overcoat when she took the world's most remarkable black and white springer spaniel for a walk on the polo fields across the way. The dog is enjoying himself here except that he rarely meets another dog. The people down this way don't seem to go for dogs as pets. They apparently just like to see them at the innumerable greyhound tracks. In New York City, our dog meets from fifteen to twenty-five other dogs every time he goes for a walk.

Zippers. My favorite color being blue, I am quite pleased with some new blue sports shirts I have. That is except for one thing: the zippers on these shirts are always getting jammed or breaking off. When is the zipper going to be perfected? I have never had any attire utilizing such a gadget that it didn't give me trouble. The difficulty must be a common one, as I have noted around New York a number of signs on shops reading, "zippers repaired."

Have been informed by a man who should know that the film star Kirk Douglas has been paid a huge sum by a manufacturer for agreeing to wear a common one, as I have noted around New York a number of signs on shops reading, "zippers repaired."

Birthday of Bard To Be Observed. Ashland, Apr. 12—Sunday, April 23, is the 388th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare and the event will be appropriately observed here this year because this is also the 10th year of Oregon Shakespearean festival productions.

Florida was the twenty-seventh State admitted to the Union. Tell us quick as a quarter of a flash the number of your State, in order of admission to the Union, or confess your old history teacher should be ashamed of you. Of the many slogans utilized by southeastern Florida I think the best is: "Where summer spends the winter." Wonder who originated it. He should be honored with a statue on Collins Avenue, Miami Beach.

Other Matters. Florida was the twenty-seventh State admitted to the Union. Tell us quick as a quarter of a flash the number of your State, in order of admission to the Union, or confess your old history teacher should be ashamed of you.

Fremont Forest To Get 113,000 Seedling Trees. Lakeview, Ore., Apr. 12—(U.P.) The forest service will plant 113,000 seedling trees in 240 acres of the Fremont national forest this spring. Supervisor John E. McDonald said here today.

Seven-thousand of the young trees will go into a 25-acre section burned out in the fall of 1946 by a blaze that spread from a hunter's campfire.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
This comes from Kansas City: "Today they came to bury Charles Binaggio, himself a pall bearer 17 years ago for another Kansas City northside political boss wiped out by gangland gunfire..."

SO MUCH for the pretty flowers. Now get this one: "SCORES OF THE POLICE'S PLAIN CLOTHES MEN MINGLED WITH THE CROWD GATHERED TO BID FAREWELL TO THE TWO MEN, both of whom were pall bearers 17 years ago for John Larzia, whose POLITICAL 'THRONE BINAGGIO INHERITED.'"

THIS whole KC gangster business, which is getting such a play in the news, leaves me cold. It's utterly disgusting. There is no more need for these political gangster mobs to run our big cities than for me to walk on my hands instead of my feet.

If these Big Town cops, who apparently have been looking the other way for the past 17 years, had been doing their duty in the sincere spirit of the average country town marshal or chief of police they would have had these unsavory characters behind bars long ago. Instead, they wait for some new and upcoming gangster to pop the old-time bosses off, and then "mingle with the crowds" at the ensuing flossy funerals.

SINCE so many of the big city cops seem to look the other way while gangster-politicians carry on their business, I'd say that the more of these Binagios and Gargottas and similar ilk meet up with bullets and come out at second best in the encounter the better off the general run of us average citizens will be. Out here in the west, we pay a bounty on cougars, which prey on our livestock wealth. What are these city bosses, with their gangs of armed henchmen who roam the streets of places like Kansas City, but two-legged predators that prey on our economy?

The only difference I can see is that the cougar gets his only protection out of his own skill and cunning whereas these big city predators are PROTECTED BY THE POLITICIANS THAT BACK THEM AND USE THEM. ANYWAY, I think it is scandalous, and when I read these tales that embroider the news I want to hold my nose.

ALSO the to-do that is being raised over this business of "mercy" killings leaves me un-moved. Personally, I want to die whenever I begin to lose my capacity to get around and do things. BUT I DON'T WANT SOMEBODY TO HOLD THE LEGAL POWER TO DECIDE WHEN IT IS TIME FOR ME TO QUIT LIVING.

LET'S close on a few shorties from the news: Spanish Dictator Franco's daughter marries (with a big splurge) Spanish aristocrat WHO WORKS AND TAKES MONEY FOR IT (he's a doctor). Aristocracy is far gone in decay. Its basic idea was that nobody who worked for a living could be an aristocrat.

The United States supreme court refuses to interfere with the right of congressional committees to require persons to say whether or not they are communists... that sounds like good doctrine... me, I'd be proud of EVERY opportunity to proclaim that I'm not a communist... Premier Nehru of India and Premier Liaquat Ali of Pakistan have just concluded a personal conference at which it looks like they may have stopped an impending war... Y'know, it kinda had looks like those two men MIGHT BE SINCERE LEADERS, intent on the welfare of their peoples rather than on INCREASING THEIR OWN PERSONAL POWER.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Apr. 12—(U.P.)—Groundhogs have been acting up in an unusual manner this year. Not according to tradition. The tradition is that if the little guys come out on groundhog day and see their shadow, they'll hit for cover and you can expect six more weeks of winter.

This year, the sun came out some places; some places it didn't. Groundhogs all over died the rules. They came out when they weren't expected to and holed in when they were supposed to stay out.

Near Natural Bridge, Va., James N. Hunter, the head man of the town, ordered an "investigation." He was worried about reports that some of the local groundhogs were showing motheaten hides and had become bald in spots. Hunter didn't get any place until old Joseph David Mitchell came forward.

Mitchell, who will be 79 come July 12, is the gardener at the Natural Bridge hotel. He has been studying the habits of the flora and the fauna thereabouts for night unto 70 years, he says, and calls himself an expert on the lowly woodchuck.

Mitchell has the situation all figured out like this. And follow it closely. It has been a tough year on foxes, which has something to do with the groundhogs' unusual behavior.

Up north, the water shortage caused some of the foxes to get hydrophobia, and they went around like crazy biting people. Down near Natural Bridge the warm weather gave the foxes a headache at the wrong time of year.

This sounds a little silly—but we're still quoting old man Mitchell, who said he didn't mind being quoted. The foxes resorted to an ancient method of getting rid of fleas.

Mr. Fox would leg it through the brush and woodlands where sheep had been pastured. He would gather up little bits of wool the woolly creatures had shed onto burrs, brambles and other things steeped in wool. When the fox had all the wool he considered necessary for his own relief, he would duck down to Cedar creek, which runs under Natural Bridge, keeping a ball of wool in his mouth. There, he would wade into the cool spring water, and as he did

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Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY
April 12, 1940
(It Was Friday)
Crater Lake park buses to take people from Medford to lake highway.

30 YEARS AGO TODAY
April 12, 1920
(It Was Saturday)
Margaret Osenbrunne and Helen Power, both of Medford, among best high school student typists in southern Oregon, test shows.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
April 12, 1916
(It Was Wednesday)
C. W. McDonald elected president and Vernon Vawter cashier of Jackson County bank.

Postmaster Sought For Camp White Job
United States civil service commission has announced an open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster at Camp White.

'Nearest Exit' Signs Apparently Futile Here
Columbus, Ga. (U.P.)—Panic-stricken people don't stop to think, firemen here reported after a fire scare in a theater.

Are Your Payments Too High?
Reduce the amount you pay out each month by consolidating your bills and pay them in a lump sum with Oregon Finance. Then have just one reasonable payment monthly.

Medford Tennis club to face high school racquet welders in practice match.

Local Legionnaires to meet Sunday at Emigrant lake dam to prepare area for speedboat races.

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More than \$200,000 reported paid for Mountain King cinnabar mine near Gold Hill.

Applications must be filed May 4 at the commission offices, Washington 25, D.C. Veteran preference will not be granted unless documentary proof is submitted.

To be eligible an applicant must be a citizen of or owe allegiance to the United States, must have resided for one year in the delivery area of the post office, must be in good physical condition and must be 21 to 62 years of age. In case of veteran preference age requirements will be waived up to 70 years of age. Competition is open to both men and women.

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