WEATHER
FORECAST: Thickening cloudiness tonight and Friday. Few showers over mountains Friday. Rising temperatures.
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Highest Yesterday 65
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Primary Election Friday

Important to Medford

Three matters of considerable importance to all Medford residents will be on a special election ballot held in conjunction with the primary election tomorrow.

The Mail Tribune considers the passage of these three measures important to the continued health, safety, welfare, comfort and progress of Medford people.

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DESPITE surface appearances they are also economy measures.

Here are the ballot titles of the three proposals:

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MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM ENLARGEMENT BOND AMENDMENT

Shall the charter of the City of Medford be amended by adding a new section authorizing the issuance of water bonds in the amount of $2,800,000.00 to provide funds with which to construct dams, storage reservoirs, pipe lines and otherwise enlarge and extend the municipal water system of the city of Medford; authorizing the construction and acquisition of all such facilities and works by the board of water commissioners and the sale and use of water outside the City of Medford.

500 YES
501 NO

ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT BOND AMENDMENT

Shall the charter of the City of Medford be amended by adding a new section authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of $125,000.00 to provide funds with which to construct additional fire stations, equip the same and acquire additional fire fighting equipment and facilities and acquire such property, real and personal, as may be required in connection therewith.

502 YES
503 NO

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL TAX LEVY

Shall the charter of the City of Medford be amended by adding a new section authorizing the council each year and in addition to other taxes, to levy and assess taxes not to exceed four mills on the dollar valuation on taxable property for the purpose of maintaining and equipping the fire department and paying salaries of fire department personnel; such taxes to be in addition to, in excess of, and outside the limitations on taxation imposed by article XI, section 11 of the Oregon constitution and not within any limitation of taxes provided by the charter.

504 YES
505 NO

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HERE are the reasons the three ballot proposals are favored:

The water department improvement is badly needed, some provision will have to be made to increase supplies, and the work can be done more economically now than in the future.

Last summer Medford people were forced to curtail their use of water, because tremendous and unpredicable population increases taxed the water supplies to the utmost. And all forecasts indicate that building supply costs will go up, not down, in the future. Medford needs the water—the best on the Pacific coast—now, not later.

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THE fire department proposals are inter-related. The bond issue will provide funds for a new aerial ladder truck, two new fire substations, a new alarm system and badly-needed new hose.

The four-mill levy will provide funds for increased personnel to man the stations and use the new equipment. Additional men will increase protection to all parts of the city.

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REASONS for support of these three measures are:

1. They are vitally needed to protect life and property.
2. THEY WILL SAVE RESIDENTS MONEY.

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IT HAS been pointed out that unless the fire department is improved, the insurance rating bureau will give Medford a high risk classification, with an accompanying fire insurance premium rate increase. The four mill levy will cost less than $4 or $5 per year for any but the most pretentious homes in Medford.

But an increase in fire insurance premium rates (the best estimates are that they would increase from 20 to 30 per cent) would hit all property owners—and by several times the amount which the small increase in taxes would do.

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FOR our own health, safety and welfare, we should see that these three related proposals for the benefit of the city pass by a substantial margin.—E.A.

Vital Local Issues Face County Vote During Balloting

Polls Open 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Daylight Time

Today marks the end of a primary election campaign in Oregon that has been closely watched all over the nation. There will be even keener interest in tomorrow's results. In addition to the vital state contests, important local issues on both sides of the ticket are expected to draw voters to the polls in large numbers.

In Medford, voters will decide whether the city is to continue to depend on a single pipeline from its water source or will construct a supplementary line to provide assured and increased supplies. Voters will also determine the fate of the fire department—realizing they are flirting with increased fire insurance rates if the department is not expanded to meet the needs of the growing community.

Recall Slated

In Ashland, the political fortunes of Mayor Thomas Williams and Councilman Elmer Sheldon hang in the balance. A recall election aimed at the two officials had been set to coincide with the primary election.

After today the candidates for their party's nomination will disappear from newspapers and radio stations and the candidates will have to sweat out the opening of black ballot boxes that have now been distributed to the county's 84 precincts.

Times Given

For most people, the polls will open tomorrow at 9 a. m., since the majority of the county is on daylight saving time. But for those who still observe standard time, polls will be open at 8 a. m. They will remain open for 12 hours, closing at 9 p. m (DST) or at 8 p. m. (Pacific standard time).

Though the recent addition of several new precincts in Jackson county, with the resulting shuffle of precinct boundaries, has created some confusion, every possible effort has been made to keep the electorate informed of precinct changes, registration places and registrars and of polling places.

Maps, Lists Published

Ashland and the count yas a whole, showing the new precinct boundaries, have been published in The Mail Tribune twice. Addresses of polling places, brought up to date, have likewise been published twice, the latest in yesterday's edition.

(In a listing Tuesday of candidates for nomination, a typographical error resulted in the indication that only one state legislative representative is to be elected from Jackson county. There are, of course, two. Both republican and democratic races for nomination are uncontested.)

Beer parlors, the state liquor store, county and some city offices, various branch offices of the state government will close tomorrow. The legal departments of the city will be closed but all other offices will remain open. Banks and schools in Medford will remain open and beer parlors may reopen after the citizens have done thir sober duty at the polls.

District Asked

Voters in Precincts 73 and 74, Mound and Sams Valley, respectively, Friday will be handed ballots at the primary election polls for the formation of a livestock district to be known as the Sams Valley and Beagle Herd district, for the purpose of prohibiting livestock from running at large.

The proposed district would cover approximately 4,000 acres in the Sams Valley, Beagle and Table Rock areas, all west of the Rogue river.

ARMED with camera, Margaret Truman, daughter of President, gives Blackfeet Indians instructions in how to pose as she passes through Havre, Mont. on special train. *(International Soundphoto)*

New Curator for Pioneer Museum Arrives Tuesday

Earl E. Patterson, who has been in charge of the Oregon Historical society's museum in Portland since 1928, arrived here Tuesday to assume the temporary curatorship of the Jacksonville museum, now in process of activation in the old court house at Jacksonville.

Patterson met with the board of directors of the Southern Oregon Historical society yesterday for a tour of inspection of the pioneer county seat building which the society has reburnished with funds provided through a special levy voted by Jackson county residents.

Voices Enthusiasm

The curator was enthusiastic over prospects for the museum declaring the old building provided one of the finest settings for such purpose he had ever found.

The Jacksonville museum, Patterson stated, is undoubtedly destined to become one of the state's outstanding tourist attractions as well as a place for preservation of memorabilia linking this region with its colorful gold rush and pioneer days.

The new curator is especially interested in Jacksonville and southern Oregon as he lived here as a boy. His father, Joseph L. Patterson, was a Jacksonville resident; his uncle, Joshua Patterson, resided in Talent, and another uncle, Sylvester Patterson, resided in Ashland.

Overdue Airplane Feared Down in Alps

Zurich, Switzerland, May 18—(U.P.)—A private plane carrying four men, one an American, was long overdue today and believed to have crashed in the Alps.

The American was identified as Col. Miguel Robbin, no address.

Republicans Will Settle Issue on Morse vs. Hoover

Senatorial Race Leads in Interest

Portland, Ore., May 18—(U.P.) Sen. Wayne Morse will pit his "liberal" republicanism against the conservative republicanism of Dave Hoover tomorrow in the Oregon primary election.

The Morse-Hoover battle for the GOP nomination has been fought briefly but aggressively on such global issues as aid to Europe, comfort to communism and Hoover's war cry of liberty versus socialism. It overshadowed all other contests from the standpoint of national interest.

A total of 354,575 democrats and 346,038 republicans were registered and eligible to vote in the first Oregon election since this state gave its electoral ballots to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in 1948. Oregon was the sole state west of the Mississippi to turn down President Truman.

Principle Over Party

Hoover, a homespun candidate who runs a dairy farm near Deadwood, Ore., is spokesman for orthodox Oregon republicans who have broken with Morse because of his frequent jumps to the democratic side in congress. Morse says he puts principle over party and will vote with the democrats when he thinks the republicans are wrong. Dave Hoover and his campaigners charged that Morse has been a chronic fence-straddler whose excursions to the left have given aid to American "socialism".

Hoover pictured Morse as a former sympathizer or befriended of Harry Bridges, Tom Mooney, and Henry Wallace. Morse poured scorn on Hoover's statement that financial aid-to-Europe was like pouring money down a rathole.

The third republican candidate was John McBride, a government employee who conducted virtually no campaign.

Democrats Jubilant

With Oregon democrats jubilant over their leadership in state registration, two of their candidates were contesting for the senatorial nomination. They were Howard Latourette, an Oregon City attorney, and Dr. Louis A. Wood, former University of Oregon economics professor. Both are Truman fair dealers, and Wood is an outspoken partisan of the proposed Columbia Valley administration—which most republicans and some democrats oppose.

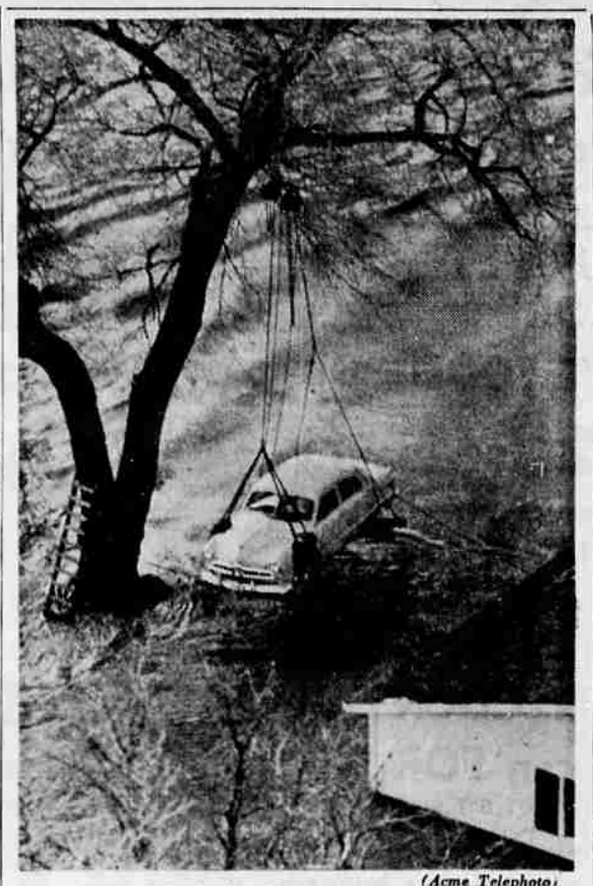
Gov. Douglas McKay, a middle-of-the-road republican, had no opposition for his party's renomination for governor. But three democrats waged a hot scrap. They were State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, State Senator Austin Flegel, and once-defeated Lew Wallace. All three are staunch fair dealers.

Three Unopposed

Republican Congressman Harris Elsworth, Lowell Stockman and Walter Norblad were unopposed for their party's nomination. Republican Homer D. Angell, Portland, was running against H. J. Jensen and Donald C. Walker.

Democrats had three-way contests in two congressional distdicts and two-way races for the other two district nominations at stake.

There were dozens of hot fights on the state and county level with a total of 267 candidates running for office.



(Acme Telephoto)

UP A TREE—Hoisted a little higher each day, car hangs high and dry above swirling flood waters near Winnipeg, Canada, as the owner tries to save what he can from the rampaging Red River.

No Strike Expected By Lumbermen Over AFL Wage Demands

Informed lumber industry sources in Medford said today they expect no strike as a result of the recommended wage demands of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Northwest council, AFL announced yesterday.

Some 15 per cent of the estimated 5,000 lumber workers in forests and mills of Jackson county are represented by the AFL union, the spokesmen said. About five per cent are represented by the CIO International Woodworkers of America, which settled wage and welfare demands last week, and about 80 per cent are non-union, the same sources estimated.

Expect Agreement

Most of the major operators employing AFL union workers are expected to agree to the union demands, which are for a 10½ cent across-the-board wage increase, to $1.55½ per hour base pay, retroactive ot May 1.

These sources believe that employers of non-union workers will follow along in the same general pattern.

The industry sources said that the wage demands are a reflection of generally high lumber prices, and went on to point out that lumber mills do not set the price, which is set by the demands of buyers. In any event, they said, consumers would not benefit by a decrease in at-the-mill lumber prices.

Portland, Ore., May 18—(U.P.) AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers conducted a strike vote in the Pacific northwest today in an attempt to gain a 10½ cents per hour wage increase for all 60,000 members of their union.

Granted 22,000

The pay boost already has been granted to approximately 22,000 AFL unionists by Willamette valley and plywood operators of Oregon, and by some employers of western Washington.

Kenneth Davis, executive secretary of the northwest district council of the union, said a strike vote was under way in some areas of western Washington and will begin soon at Coos Bay and in the Portland coast Columbia district council area.

Approval of the 10½ cent agreement has been recommended by the union negotiators to local unions.

Davis said, however, that the district council also has recommended that a strike be called against any operators refusing to sign a similar agreement retroactive to May 1.

The tentative agreement covers workers in the Willamette valley and as far south as Medford and as far north as McMinnville.

Rejects Welfare Program

Davis said the AFL had rejected a health and welfare program similar to one accepted by the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) in favor of an overall wage increase.

The IWA, in approving tentative agreements with all major employers except Weyerhaeuser, accepted a 7½ cents wage increase and a health and welfare program to be financed through payroll deductions.

The IWA strike against Weyerhaeuser spread to virtually all the company's mill, boom and logging operations. The company's plywood mill at Longview, Wash., manned by AFL members, was the only Weyerhaeuser plant still operating.

Near-Gale Winds Lash Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man., May 18—(U.P.) Winds of near gale force pounded Red river flood water against this prairie capital's sagging dikes today.

Fred McGinnis, a flood control spokesman, said that even if the dikes held, waves would lap over and deepen the seepage pools behind them. At least 17 per cent of Canada's fourth largest city already is under water.

Dikemen and spotters equipped with walkie-talkies reported scores of weak spots in the 20 miles of earthworks. Within minutes, flying squads of civilians and soldiers from headquarters were filling the beaches with sandbags.

A weather bureau forecast of showers tonight added to the worries of 55,000 floodfighters battling the 30.2-foot crest.

Brother, Sister Hurt As Auto Overturns

A brother and sister from Paso Robles, Cal., Gerald and Marie (Llillie) Lipham, 19 and 15 years of age, were injured in an automobile accident near Central Point early this morning, according to Conger-Morris ambulance attendants who took the pair to the Community hospital. Their injuries were not listed as serious.

The car was being driven by young Lipham at the time of the accident, ambulance attendants said. Another brother, John, 20, was uninjured in the crash, which occurred when the car in which they were riding overturned after going out of control while passing another car, it was reported. The accident occurred at about 2 a. m. today, one-half mile south of Central Point.

The three Liphams are a brother and sister acrobatic dance act and were on their way to Seattle for an engagement.

Banking Committee Gives Approval For One Year

Measure Passed on Local Option Basis

Washington, May 18 — (U.P.) — The house banking committee today approved a bill extending rent controls for one year, on a local option basis.

The present rent control law expires June 30.

Under the committee-approved extension bill, municipalities would continue to have authority to take themselves out from under federal rent control between June 30 and December 31.

Under Federal Control

Between December 31 and June 30, 1951, municipalities would remain under federal rent control under the bill only if the local governing bodies or the residents vote in favor of continued rent control.

The committee-approved bill was sponsored by Chairman Brent Spence, Kentucky democrat.

The vote was 13 to four in the committee for the bill.

President Truman had asked for another year of rent control without any limitations. But the committee voted to put federal rent control entirely up to the cities themselves.

Many congressional leaders do not feel a hard-and-fast one year extension would pass the senate and house. There is some doubt even about the city option extension.

Approval Needed

Under present law municipalities can take themselves out from under federal control provided they get the approval of the state governor. Spence's bill would no longer require a governor's approval before a city decontrolled itself.

Spence's bill also would continue the present authority of the housing expediter to decontrol areas between June 30 and December 31.

Some Damage Done Pears by Frosts

Orchard heating in the valley has generally been effective so far this spring, Meteorologist R. J. Rogers reported today, but their has been a certain amount of damage to fruit in unheated orchards.

County Agent C. B. Cordy said the damage will be felt more by individuals than by the county's economy, although cold weather damage will affect the total tonnage of this year's production to some extent. There has also been some fruit marking by freezing temperatures, Cordy explained, that will affect the markets for some individual growers. The exact extent of the damage will not be known until after the June drop, he said.

Unlike reports from nearly every peach-growing area in the United States, prospects remain favorable for a good peach crop in Jackson county. Only here and in California is there likely to be bumper peach production. The United States department of agriculture says there has been heavy winter damage in Illinois, Indiana, Virginia and Washington. Throughout the nation, supplies of summer fruits are expected to be below average, the department said.

COMPLETE ELECTION RETURNS

The Mail Tribune and radio station KYJC will cooperate Friday to bring radio listeners prompt election returns after the closing of polling places in the May 19 primary election. Arrangements have been completed for United Press teletype service on statewide returns, and staff members of The Mail Tribune will be assigned to collect and tabulate returns on county and city nominations and ballot measures. Regular broadcast of returns will be made direct from The Mail Tribune office starting at 10:15 p.m. Friday by James Dunlevy, manager of KYJC.

Atlantic Pact Chiefs Establish Permanent Council of Deputies

London, May 18—(U.P.)—The Atlantic pact nations set up a permanent council of deputies today to coordinate their defense and economic program.

The foreign ministers of the 12 countries announced creation of the new permanent body, which will sit continuously in London. The announcement was issued as the ministers met for the final session of a conference here.

In effect, the ministers left selection of the head of the new council up to President Truman. The deputies will elect their own chairman, but it was understood the American deputy would get the post.

The names most frequently mentioned here were those of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of Columbia university; Robert A. Lovett, former undersecretary of state, and W. Averell Harriman, roving ambassador for the Marshall plan.

A resolution adopted by the foreign ministers of the 12 countries was made public just before the last session of their conference here.

Balanced Defense Force

A primary goal of the new council will be to develop in detail a plan already outlined to create a balanced international defense force for the west. It would supersede the existing separate national forces in each country.

The member nations will try henceforth to specialize in various fields of defense. These will be fitted together and coordinated into the overall defense program of the western world against any aggression.

Oregon State College Graduation June 3-5

Corvallis, Ore., May 18—(U.P.) The largest graduating class in history of Oregon State college will receive degrees at the 81st annual commencement June 3-5.

Candidates for degrees now number 2038, indicating a final class of about 2000, compared with nearly 1500 last year, college officials said today.

Columbia River Water to Cover Fields In Vancouver, Wash., Area on Saturday

Portland, Ore., May 18 — (U.P.)—Army engineers and the bureau of reclamation announced today that 375,000 acre-feet of water will be released from Grand Coulee reservoir into the Columbia river in an attempt to cut the coming flood crest.

The huge reservoir will be lowered about five feet below its present level to make storage room for 1,275,000 acre-feet of potential flood waters in Franklin D. Roosevelt lake.

Portland, Ore., May 18—(U.P.) The weather bureau said high water in the Columbia river would flood lowland pastures in the Vancouver, Wash., area Saturday when the river passes flood stage and remains above the 15 foot level until the spring flood crest passes next month.

No damage from the early flooding was seen, however, and the bureau noted that cooler weather would hold most Columbia basin streams down to a slow rise during the next two to five days.

Idaho Guard Alerted

Meanwhile, Gov. C. A. Robins of Idaho said in Boise that he had alerted the Idaho national guard and other state agencies to prepare to give aid in northern Idaho if the flood situation worsens. The Kootenai river, one of the most threatening in the area, is down one foot from its peak to 25 feet, six feet under flood stage.

Robins said he had been advised by army engineers that flood conditions were possible within the next 10 days at Bonners Ferry and St. Maries.

A report from Olympia, Wash., said army engineers sent emergency equipment to meet a possible flood along the Yakima river. However, State Civil Defense Director Charles Bryant said the Yakima was expected to hold a steady runoff during the next several days and that no flood threat was likely yet.

Coeur D' Alene Rises

Residents around Lake Coeur D'Alene, Ida., were ready to install flood gates around low lever lake walls if the water level rises another one-third of a foot. Lake Coeur D'Alene's water level reached 2,133 feet above sea level yesterday, up eight inches in one day and up three feet in four days.

The Columbia river was expected to reach 15.5 feet Saturday at Vancouver, or half a foot above the flood stage. A 16.1-foot mark was forecast for Sunday. By Sunday the Willamette river at Portland was expected to reach 19.5 feet, 2.1 feet under flood stage.

Phone Rate Boosts Given Suspension

Salem, May 18—(U.P.)—State public utilities commissioner ordered new, increased rates of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company suspended late Wednesday.

This means the old rates will continue in effect until the public utilities commission has held a hearing concerning the new rates. The hearing will be held in Salem, in the hearing room the commission has in its quarters in the new public service building.

The telephone company estimated the new rates it posted with the commission would increase its gross annual intrastate revenue in Oregon by about $2,920,000. The requested increase would affect charges for service for exchange users as well as toll users.

Under law, the public utilities commission must suspend a new rate increase within 30 days after it it filed or the increased rates automatically go into effect.

Snohomish, Wash., May 18—(U.P.) — Seven-year-old Janice Mills was burned to death last night in her attic bedrom when fire destroyed her home four miles south of here.

Roseburg Milk War Ends; Farmers Receive New Price

Roseburg, Ore., May 18—(U.P.) Roseburg's milk war ended today when producers and distributors set a compromise price on raw milk. Deliveries to homes were made for the first time in 15 days.

The new price will give Roseburg dairy farmers $5.73 per hundred pounds of four per cent milk, retroactive to May 1.

The farmers struck the city's largest processing plant on May 3, establishing picket lines after their demands for $5.96 per hundred pounds was not accepted. The state authorized a minimum price of $5.50.

Earlier, the threat of violence in the bitter milk war arose when it was hinted that state milk control officers might attempt to break up the strike.

The two-weeks-old strike took a new turn after State Milk Administrator Thomas L. Ohlsen indicated he might cancel grade A milk quotas assigned striking dairymen. Such action would bar them from selling fresh milk on the Roseburg market.