



PRESENTS SAFETY PLAQUE—Mayor Diamond L. Flynn of Medford, at left, is shown presenting to Ashland Mayor Phil Stansbury a plaque in recognition of Ashland's record for pedestrian safety during 1951. The presentation was made at a chamber of commerce luncheon last week. The plaque honors Ashland as one of few cities in the nation under 10,000 population which had no pedestrian traffic fatalities last year, and was presented on behalf of the American Automobile association and the Oregon State Motor association. Harry Morris, president of the Ashland chamber, looks on.

Phoenix Again Must Vote on City Budget

Phoenix — The city of Phoenix will have a budget election on \$10,370.91 over the 6 per cent increase limitation on Monday, August 4, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the city hall, according to Mayor E. R. Clafin.

Camas Youth Freed On Manslaughter

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — William Perry Randolph, 17-year-old Camas, Wash., boy was free Tuesday on a suspended three-year prison term after being held in connection with the fatal shooting of a teen-age Camas girl.

Randolph, who fired the shot that killed Mrs. Frances Doyle Miller, 17, also of Camas, pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge Monday before Superior Court Judge Charles W. Hall.

Police said that Randolph shot Mrs. Miller accidentally on June 26, when the two were scuffling in an auto for possession of a scarf. Randolph was holding a .32 caliber pistol which discharged, inflicting the fatal wound.

The election will be on the same matter that was passed by the voters before and is necessary due to a legal technicality which made the prior election invalid, Clafin explained. This is the third budget election this year for Phoenix. The budget was first turned down, then later passed by a large majority following a public hearing at which the objections were heard and compromised.

This is the fourth election this year that has had to be held again. Others have been at Gold Hill, Rogue River and Eagle Point, all for legal deficiencies.

NINE DISEASE CASES

Only nine cases of communicable disease were reported in Jackson county last week, it was reported today by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer. One case of tuberculosis was discovered in Medford, which also reported one case each of scarlet fever, pneumonia, chicken pox and German measles, and two cases of influenza. Two cases of impetigo were reported from Prospect.

Many Servicemen May Lose Votes Due To Lack of Absentee Ballots

Washington — (U.P.) — Some 600,000 servicemen overseas will be deprived of their right to vote in November because many states and Congress failed to provide adequate absentee ballots.

That was the estimate made Tuesday by military officials, who pointed out the servicemen come from states which make it impossible or very difficult to cast votes while not home. The total goes still higher — close to 1,000,000 — if servicemen stationed within the United States but not close to home are included.

No Absentee Provisions

Two states — South Carolina and New Mexico — have no absentee provisions at all, according to a Defense Department survey.

During World War II, practically all states revised election procedures to enable fighting men to cast ballots back home. And Congress provided a federal ballot to make double sure servicemen would have a chance to vote for federal officials.

But many states have let their soldier ballot laws lapse. And the federal law expired with the Japanese Treaty which ended World War II.

Appeals to States

Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett sent appeals to the states earlier this year when he discovered how inadequate state

absentee voting laws had become. The administration tried unsuccessfully to push a new federal ballot law through Congress before adjournment.

Most state legislatures were not in session this year, and governors were reluctant to summon special sessions in an election year.

The Senate passed a bill providing a federal ballot in cases where a state does not have an adequate absentee ballot. But despite several pleas by President Truman the measure died in a House subcommittee in a hassle over states rights.

Bill Opposed

Subcommittee Chairman Omar Burleson, D-Tex., said he opposed the bill because he said it would give the federal government a chance to get "its foot in the door" in regulating state election procedures.

Rep. Charles A. Halleck, R-Ind., said it should be left up to the states to provide absentee voting machinery.

Forest Group Opposes Dropping Truck Tax

Portland — (U.P.) — The Associated Forest Industries of Oregon, one of the state's leading lumber products groups, announced Tuesday it is against a proposed constitutional amendment to do away with a weight-mile tax for trucks in Oregon.

Trucking organizations and the AFL Teamsters Union were largely responsible for placing the initiative measure on the ballot.

Charles E. Ogle, Salem, secretary-manager of the forest industries group, said it opposed the measure because it "would result in relatively short haul trucks carrying logs, lumber and other forest products paying more than their share of taxes."

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FIRST LESSON—Senator Richard M. Nixon (left) gets his first fishing lesson from Dwight D. Eisenhower at the G. O. P. presidential candidate's hideaway near Fraser, Colo. Nixon, Republican vice presidential nominee, joined the general at the mountain retreat to help map their campaign.

Atomic Powered Airplane Engine To Undergo Test

Idaho Falls, Ida. — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission announced Tuesday that facilities to test an atomic powered airplane engine will be built at the sprawling national reactor testing station in Eastern Idaho.

Design, development and prototype aircraft propulsion reactor are already being done at Lockland, O., by the aircraft gas-turbine department of the General Electric Co.

To Assemble Engine

When the preliminary work in Ohio is completed, the atomic power plant — which if successful will open the door to a new concept in aircraft range — will be assembled at the Idaho site for testing.

An airframe to utilize the first atom fueled aircraft engine already is being developed by the Air Force and the Consolidated-Vultee Co., builder of the Mammoth B-36 intercontinental bomber.

No Time Schedule

AEC officials here would not speculate on any time schedule for completion of the \$33,000,000 test project. But it obviously will be some time before construction and testing of the prototype and final atomic motors are completed along with a fuselage to carry them.

Because of the energy potential of fissionable material is so great — for example one pound of uranium 235 has the energy equivalent of 1,500 tons of coal — a successful bomber powered by atomic energy would have a tremendous operational range, limited primarily by the durability of its crew.

Aluminum Company Strike Settled

Washington — (U.P.) — The CIO Steelworkers sent orders to its members today to cancel a strike, originally set for mid-night Tuesday, against the Aluminum Company of America.

The strike, which would have slashed the nation's aluminum production by 25 per cent, was averted late Monday when the CIO union and Alcoa settled their six-month-old wage dispute.

The agreement, hammered out under the direction of Wage Stabilization Board Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger, provides a "package" 21.4 cents an hour increase for 15,000 CIO Steelworkers in 10 Alcoa plants across the nation. Sixteen cents of the "package" will be in a straight pay boost and the rest in "fringe" benefits.

Coast Guard Presses Hunt for Eight Men

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Coast Guard cutters and flying boats joined Tuesday in a wide-spread air-sea search for eight men who have been missing in the choppy Pacific since a fishing boat exploded at sea Sunday.

Three survivors of the wreck of the fishing boat "Spare Time" were rescued from the sea Monday, and the body of one of the 12 men aboard was pulled from the water six miles offshore Monday night by life guards.

Coast Guardsmen, life guards and private boat owners searched far into the night. The Coast Guard said flying boats from San Diego, Calif., would join today in the search for the eight men still missing.

Ratification Ends Milwaukie Strike

Milwaukie — (U.P.) — CIO United Auto Workers, Local 492, said Tuesday its membership has ratified a three-year contract ending a 47-day strike against International Harvester's Milwaukie service parts depot.

The contract calls for an immediate four-cents-an-hour general wage increase for all employees, plus an annual four-cents-an-hour raise payable in August, 1952, 1953 and 1954. An escalator clause based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics price index also is included in the contract.

Yerba Buena, original name of San Francisco, was derived from the abundant growth of the plant of that name.

Kefauver in Red After Campaign; He's Unworried

McMinnville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver said he wound up his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in the red but "I'm not worrying about it."

Kefauver said reports "might be about right" that he had a deficit of \$30,000 in his campaign fund.

"I'm not worrying about it, however," he told the United Press. "Several good friends of mine have indicated they will help to get it released."

House Mortgaged

The senator said also his house in Washington is mortgaged but that the mortgage has nothing to do with his campaign.

It was mortgaged when I bought it in January of 1949. I took over the mortgage and it has nothing to do with my campaign fund," he said.

Senator and Mrs. Kefauver flew here Sunday to join their four children in a visit on the farm of a friend, Cowan Oldham, near here. He said he had not made any plans as to how long he might stay.

Candidate Derived From Roman Times

New York — (U.P.) — Candidates are called candidates because of an old Roman custom. In Roman times aspirants for public office dressed themselves in spotless white garments and practically invited the opposition to throw mud at them, says the Book of Knowledge.

Often unlucky and unpopular would-be consuls and praetors slunk home after a hard day's electioneering with their once gleaming togas spattered with rotten eggs, over-ripe vegetables and the mire of the gutters, which was the Roman way of saying no.

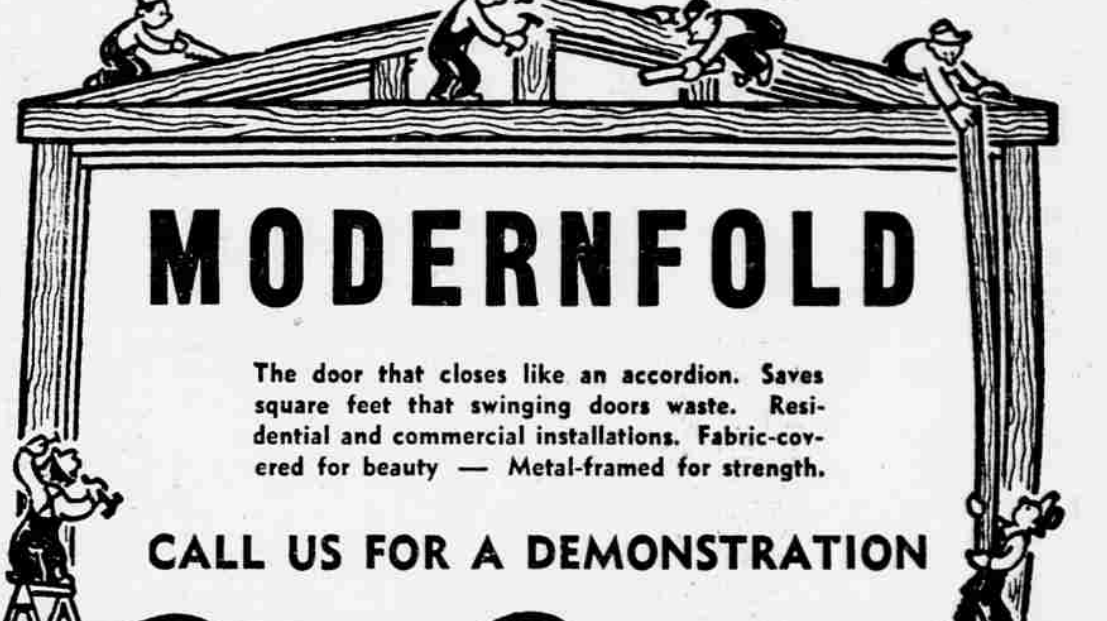
The Roman politician lacked the comparative safety of the broadcasting studio. He had to stand up in front of the voters in the Forum and take it, and take it home on his costume.

The word candidate comes from the Latin "candidus" which means "gleaming," "white," "spotless," and is also the root of our word "candid," which most people associate with electioneering and election promises only indirectly.

REPRESENTS LABOR

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Douglas McKay has reappointed S. P. Stevens, Portland, as a member of the advisory committee of fair employment practices act representing labor.

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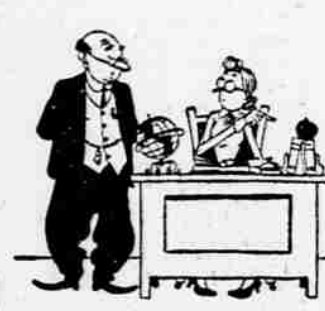
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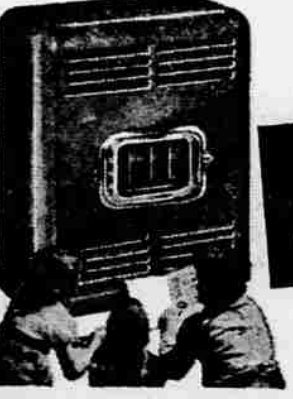
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