

Special Election Set August 25 On New Jacksonville Charter

Jacksonville—A special election on establishing a new charter for the city of Jacksonville will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 25, from noon to 7 p.m. in the city hall.

The election has been set to repeal the present charter, established in 1910, except for Sec. 86, sub-sections 1 through 32, and 34 through 83.

The parts of the present charter which would not be repealed are those enumerating the powers of the city. Besides these enumerated powers, the proposed charter would vest in the city all those powers not taken by the state. As there has not yet been a constitutional test of the latter "blanket" authority, the old enumerated powers were retained in the proposed document.

Several Differences
Except for these powers, the proposed charter will differ from the old one in several major respects. The new law would allow the mayor at the consent of the council to appoint and remove the recorder and treasurer. At the present time, each officer is elected for a one-year term, beginning in January.

The new law also proposes to allow the council to combine any two or more appointive city jobs, including the municipal judge, recorder and treasurer. The council would also be empowered to designate any appointive officer, except the municipal judge in the exercise of his judicial functions. No combining of any of the jobs could take place until expiration of the present terms of the respective officials.

Larger Council
Another proposed change is to enlarge the council membership to include a total of six, to be elected from the city at large. At the present time, the council is composed of four members.

The matter of adopting franchises with power and telephone companies, and other utilities, is also changed under the proposed charter's terms. The new charter would allow the council to adopt an ordinance granting a franchise at its own discretion. The old charter requires the city council to allow 90 days to elapse after an ordinance is introduced before further action is taken, and also requires the proposed franchise to be published in a newspaper. The new charter would eliminate the waiting period and publication of the agreement.

Regarding contracts, the council cannot adopt any such agreements as an "emergency" ordinance under the proposed charter. The regular 30-day waiting period must be observed, thus giving the citizens time for a referendum election if they wish to observe this right. The old charter now allows the council to let contracts by passing an ordinance, which, if it includes an emergency clause, can be effective immediately.

Folclows LOC Plan
The new charter proposes to omit the section on allowing initiative, recall, and referendum elections to be set up by local law. Instead, by omission, it follows the procedure set up by the League of Oregon cities to make such elections uniform on a state-wide basis. This is, that by the omission the city will be under the state statute Sec. 81-2111, OCLA, that specifies that all cities without such election laws shall abide by state election laws reserving the initiating rights to the citizens. The old charter set up specific local machinery for the handling of such cases.

Charter Provisions
Provisions of the proposed charter for election include, among others, the following: except by the voters' consent, the city's floating indebtedness shall not exceed \$5,000, nor bonded indebtedness \$25,000 at any one time; the council shall by ballot elect a president from its membership at the first meeting after the election; the mayor shall have no veto power, and shall sign all bills within three days after passage; the recorder will serve ex-officio as clerk of the council and sign all orders on treasury and such other duties and powers as the council may prescribe; the treasurer will receive and keep all money, and shall pay out only upon warrants drawn upon him by the mayor and attested to by recorder; all ordinances must be read on two different days before final passage, or on same day by unanimous vote of all the council; and except where otherwise specified all ordinances will take effect 30 days after passage, with the emergency clause attached only upon two-thirds vote at passage.

If adopted, the proposed charter would become effective as of Sept. 1, 1953.

Enlisted Men May Wear Dress Uniforms

Washington — (U.P.) — If any Army private wants to shell out a month's pay, he now can dress up for parties as snappily as air-men or Marines.

After debating the matter for months, the Army has finally authorized its enlisted men to wear the same blue dress uniform as officers.

Soldiers will have to buy their blues at their own expense. They cost about \$80.

The optional dress uniform consists of a dark blue coat and sky blue trousers with stripes of gold braid. It is worn with white gloves, a dark blue cap, white shirt, black necktie, black shoes and black socks.

800 Sourdoughs Hold 22nd Annual Reunion

Long Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) — Some 800 sourdoughs, many of them veterans of the Klondike gold rush, open the 22nd annual international sourdough reunion here today.

Main item of business will be the election of new officers, the international president, R. N. Sundquist of Seattle, said. But the main purpose of the convention is to renew friendships and retell some of the tall tales that grow taller with the years.

By definition, a sourdough is one who "put in at least one winter in the Klondike country," according to T. W. Buchholz of Long Beach, convention chairman and a past president of the organization.

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Silverton Gardens, Warner Gardens Win at Glad Show

Grants Pass — Sweepstakes prize at this year's annual Oregon State Gladiolus festival at Grants Pass was won by Pacific Sunset Gardens, Silverton, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hallett. The same gardens won numerous other awards including grand champion spike award for "Margery," a new gladiolus.

They received a silver server given by John Bastian for sweepstakes and a silver bowl given by McLain's Drug center for the grand champion. The spike also won the New England Glad society silver medal and Oregon State Gladiolus society rosette.

Warner Gladiolus gardens of Medford won a silver bread tray given for best corsage and Laurel garden club, a new club at Rogue River, received fourth place in garden club entries.

Warner gardens also won blue ribbons in an open class for giant spikes; small baskets; large baskets; and a single bloom corsage.

Coast Guard Resumes Accepting Enlistments

Portland — The Coast Guard, which closed the doors of its Seattle, Spokane, and Portland recruiting offices to would-be enlistees last March when it reached its nationally authorized strength, is accepting applications once again.

Men now on recruiting office waiting lists are rapidly being taken into the service to replace coast guardsmen being discharged or retired.

To qualify for enlistment in the Coast Guard, applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25, in good health and pass the Armed Forces Qualification Test.

County Democrats Readying Plans for Annual Picnic; Upstate Leaders To Attend

Jackson county Democrats today are busy with last minute plans for their annual picnic to be held at TouVelle State park Sunday beginning at noon. Co-chairmen Cecil Norris and Attorney James M. Main report a large crowd is expected from upstate as well as locally. Letters and telegrams have arrived during the week confirming the attendance of delegations from several counties, they said.

Holmes To Speak
State Senator Robert D. Holmes of Gearhart, guest speaker for the occasion will arrive Sunday morning by plane from Portland. National Committee member Monroe Sweetland and State Chairman Howard Morgan are expected some time Saturday while Young Democratic State Executive Secretary William Linklater will fly here from Coos Bay today. Other state officers will arrive Sunday morning.

Open to Public
The picnic, to be served potluck buffet style, is open to the public. Those attending are asked to bring one of the following food items: Fried chicken, salad, home made pies or cakes. For further information call Mrs. W. G. Werner, foods chairman, phone 2-7203 or Mrs. E. C. Kelly, 2-5131. Coffee and service will be furnished by the committee, Mrs. Werner said.

Prentice Float Takes First Prize in Gladiolus Parade

Eve Prentice's Accordion troupe won \$50 Wednesday for first prize in class C float division at the Oregon State Gladiolus Festival parade in Grants Pass.

The float, made of 4,000 gladiolus blossoms, was designed with an accordion replica in gladiolus 6 1/2 feet by 8 feet at the front, and a large treble staff at the back. Sides were decorated with a border of the flowers and a silver ribbon worded "According to the Fair," and musical designs were included about the sides. Theme of the parade was "Fair Time."

Designed Float
Mrs. Prentice designed the float and members of the Accordion band decorated it at Grants Pass Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning.

Rogue Valley Restaurant association, Grants Pass, furnished 2,000 of the gladiolus and Warner gardens, Medford, donated the other 2,000.

The large accordion made of flowers was designed with keys, bass buttons and bellows. Floats were judge on aptness to the parade theme and originality.

The Cave Shop restaurant furnished space near their cafe for decorating the float and also furnished their banquet room for the accordion groups to use as headquarters. Restaurant owners of Grants Pass also donated food for them through the Cave shop.

No prizes were offered for marching groups in the parade. The Eve Prentice Accordion band led the parade.

RETURNEES DUE
San Francisco — (U.P.) — The USS Gen. E. T. Collins docks at San Francisco today with 2,388 rotatees from Korea aboard.

RAINS AND POURS
Astoria — (U.P.) — Two persons who saw a policeman getting ready to put tickets on their cars rushed across the street with nickels for parking meters. Each was fined \$1 for jaywalking, police said today.

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