



# Voter Turnout Here Variable; Oregonians Express Preferences

## Vigorous Campaign For Write-In Votes Comes To Climax

Republicans Ponder Opposition for Morse  
Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon Democrats today expressed their preference between Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver for president while Republicans decided upon a senatorial candidate to oppose Sen. Wayne Morse this fall.

Although no presidential candidate was listed on the Democratic ballot, both Stevenson and Kefauver campaigned vigorously for write-in votes. They seek support of the 16 delegates to the Democratic national convention.

**Vote Total Predicted**  
Dave O'Hara, chief of the state elections division, predicted about half of the state's 780,595 eligible voters would turn out in the primary. He forecast a turnout of 55 per cent of the Republicans and 50 per cent of the Democrats.

Warm, sunny weather greeted early voters. A check of three Portland precincts at 10:30 a.m. showed 70 out of 363 voting at one, 53 out of 243 at another and 62 out of 224 at a third.

President Eisenhower is unopposed on the Republican ticket and is assured the 18 GOP convention delegates.

**Support Pledged**  
Oregon delegates to the national nominating conventions are pledged to support the candidate getting the highest number of votes in the primary.

Intense interest also has been generated in the battle between former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and Philip Hitchcock for the GOP senatorial nomination. McKay resigned his cabinet post to enter the campaign to oppose Morse in November. When he left Washington he had the blessing of President Eisenhower.

Hitchcock, a former state senator and prominent church layman, and McKay both campaigned on the theme that Morse had to be defeated. The only difference in their appeals to the voters was which had the better chance.

**Altwater, Deets on Ballot**  
George Altwater, Portland engineer, and Elmer Deetz, dairyman, also were on the GOP senatorial ballot.

Morse, the Republican turned Democrat, is running for the first time on the Democratic slate. He is opposed by Woody Smith, a garage operator making his first bid for public office.

Charles Porter and David Shaw bid for the Democratic nomination in Harris Ellsworth's congressional district.

Gov. Elmo Smith was opposed by Earl Dickson, a grocer and political unknown, on the GOP ballot. Robert Holmes, radio station executive, was unopposed for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

**Steel Talks To Open In Pittsburgh May 28**  
Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The United Steelworkers Union and the nation's top three basic steel producers open steel talks in Pittsburgh May 28.

Union President David J. McDonald said U.S. Steel Corp., the nation's largest producer, second ranking Bethlehem Steel and Republic Steel Corp., the country's No. 3 steel firm will be the first to hear the USW's contract demands.

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**All-Out Fight on Foreign Aid Seen**  
Washington — (U.P.) — Administration leaders today promised an all out fight to beat down a congressional move to deny foreign aid to any U.S. Allies shipping strategic goods to Iron Curtain countries.

Informed sources said Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Foreign Aid Chief John B. Hollister, and top Pentagon officials all feel such an action would hamper U.S.-Allied relations and possibly endanger the free world's defense system.

These officials plan to put the heat on Republicans to defeat the proposal in the Senate, if not in the House. Insiders said President Eisenhower might even step in if the going gets rough.

The House Foreign Affairs committee Thursday voted for the aid restriction during its point by point consideration of Mr. Eisenhower's proposed \$4,900,000,000 foreign aid program.

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## Subcommittee Approves Talent Division Funds

### Full Committee to Consider Request Of \$2,400,000 Soon

#### Group Also Approves Rehabilitation Work

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Washington, D.C. — Approval of \$2,400,000 to start construction on the Talent division has been given by the public works subcommittee of the House appropriations committee, it was learned today.

The group also gave approval to an appropriation of \$585,000 to continue rehabilitation work on the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts' canal and distribution systems.

Both items were in the budget submitted to congress this year by President Eisenhower.

**Formal Approval**  
Formal approval of these items was given in a closed session of the subcommittee this week. The full appropriations committee is scheduled to act on the public works bill, in which they are included, next week. After that the bill will go to the floor of the House for action, and when approved there, on to the Senate.

Generally, the Pacific Northwest fared well in the public works bill, which contains money for the bureau of reclamation, corps of engineers and Bonneville power administration. The subcommittee reportedly approved all budget requests made by these agencies and made increases in several projects.

The Talent division, the only part of the Rogue River Irrigation and reclamation project other than the rehabilitation work which has been authorized by congress, will cost, according to 1954 estimates, \$19,894,000 when completed four or five years from now.

**Projects Included**  
It includes a dam at Howard Prairie, canals, a tunnel and power house at Green Springs summit, an increase in the size of Emigrant reservoir, and distribution facilities on the valley floor. It will increase by several thousand acres the total of irrigated land in the Rogue valley.

The rehabilitation jobs now under way in the two irrigation districts will have cost an estimated \$1,712,000 when completed. The cost will be repaid by the districts through contracts with the bureau of reclamation.

Cost of the Talent project also will be repaid, and an election in the Talent Irrigation district for approval of the repayment contract will be held within the next few months.

**Committee Indicates No Salary Change**  
The Jackson county budget committee indicated at its all-day meeting Thursday that salaries for courthouse personnel and elected officials will remain unchanged with few exceptions.

The committee's decisions on the salary issue appeared to be final until shortly before the end of the meeting, when they agreed to declare the action tentative. They declined to release figures for the tentative salary changes.

Members stated they would withhold further action on salaries until other phases of the budget were complete. If any money is left over and a levy is unnecessary they indicated they would reconsider salary figures.

The committee hopes to conclude the budget discussions at a 2 p.m. meeting Wednesday, May 23. Among other major items they hope to finish then is the budget for the county road department.

## 3rd Route Studied; Hearing Postponed

A hearing scheduled for next Thursday on two proposed freeway routes in this area has been postponed until detailed information about a possible third route can be compiled.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, late yesterday informed State Rep. E. A. Littrell that the highway department will prepare information about a possible freeway route on the west side of the valley. It will do so, he said, because of strong opposition voiced in Medford to both the other proposed routes, and because of queries about the west side proposal.

But Baldock told Littrell the department has only preliminary and overall cost and alignment data on the west side route, and because of the interest shown in Jackson county, will work them up in detail.

**Subject to Criticism**  
The commission has been subjected to considerable criticism in Jackson county in recent weeks for not having provided detailed information on the Hillcrest and Genesee route, as well as the west side route. Some of the criticism was voiced at a Medford planning commission hearing last Monday, and the commission itself, in a split-vote decision favoring the Genesee st. route, pointed out its decision was made on the basis of incomplete information.

Baldock told Littrell, who is a member of the legislative interim committee on highways, that the final selection of a route will be made by the commission on the basis of cost, the dislocation of properties, the conservation of agricultural land, and other similar factors.

Littrell was unsure whether or not the action was an indication that the commission would reconsider the feasibility of a west side route, or whether the compilation of detailed information on the location would be made to support the earlier decision eliminating such a route from consideration.

**Heat Lightning Seen In Parts of Oregon**  
By UNITED PRESS  
Heat lightning cracked across the skies over many parts of Oregon last night on the heels of more torrid temperatures.

Downtown Portland recorded 94 degrees yesterday afternoon, highest for any May 17 on record. In 1939, however, the mercury rose to 96 on May 13. The Portland airport had an official reading of 89.

The weather bureau said more thunderstorms were likely today with the heat expected to cool off only slightly. But a cooling sea breeze was expected to move in to the Willamette valley this evening.

The Dalles had 97 and Roseburg 95 yesterday.

The hot weather caused a rapid melting of snow east of the mountains and substantial rises were forecast for tributary streams.

**Senate Votes Down Cotton Proposal**  
Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate dealt the administration a setback today by voting down a proposal to eliminate a cotton export provision from a new farm bill.

The vote was 71 to 13. The provision would require that government-held surplus cotton be sold for export at world market prices. Both the Agriculture and State departments opposed it.

The Senate modified the provision slightly to permit acceptance of prices higher than 25.5 cents a pound if any such bids are received for surplus cotton offered for export.

**James Lattie Gets Ingalls Award at OSC**  
Corvallis — (U.P.) — Tamison Hampton Moore of Corvallis, managing editor of the student newspaper Barometer, was named the outstanding male journalist graduate of Oregon State college and received the national Sigma Delta Chi award.

James E. Lattie of Medford received the Claude E. Ingalls memorial award, made annually to the senior student who has contributed the most to the welfare of OSC student publications. Lattie is editor of the Barometer.

The Ingalls award was named for the late editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

**Truman Gets Rousing Welcome in Rome**  
Rome — (U.P.) — Former President Harry S. Truman was given a rousing welcome in Rome today.

A crowd of some 400 gathered at the railroad station to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Truman on their arrival from Paris. Shouts of "We Want Harry" and "Viva Truman" greeted the former President as he started to step from the train.

**Weather**  
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with risk of scattered thunderstorms over mountains Saturday afternoon. Cooler Saturday. Low tonight 50. High Saturday 80-82.  
Temp.  
Highest Yesterday 59  
Lowest This Morning 50

**Our Skies Tonight**  
Sunrise 4:47 a.m.  
Sunset 7:59 p.m.  
Moonset Saturday 1:50 a.m.  
Full Moon next Thursday  
PROMINENT STAR  
Antares, low in southeast  
9:23 p.m.  
VISIBLE PLANETS  
Venus, in west at sunset.  
Jupiter, high in southwest  
7:43 p.m.  
Saturn, rises 7:50 p.m.  
Mars, in southeast 3:03 a.m.

## Ideal Weather May Encourage Better Voting Late Today

### Republicans Turn Out In Greater Numbers

Ideal weather and a variable turnout of voters marked the early hours of the Oregon primary election here today.

A high temperature of 80 degrees was predicted for Medford today and is expected to encourage a good voter turnout this afternoon and evening. Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk, yesterday predicted an overall turnout of 68 per cent of the total registered voters in the county. Other predictions ranged upward from 45 per cent.

**Precincts Checked**  
Of four Medford precincts checked about noon today, voters turned out in the greatest number at Precinct 56, in east Medford, where 123 persons out of a total of 514 registered had voted by noon.

At Precinct 40 at the courthouse, 66 out of a total of 304 registered voters had voted by mid-morning and at Precinct 32, Pythian building, 43 had voted out of a total of 284 registered.

A check at Precinct 34, at the city hall, indicated 33 out of a total of 149 registered had voted.

Republicans were turning out in greater number than Democrats in early balloting.

**Election Results**  
The Mail Tribune and radio station KYJC will collaborate this evening to bring election results to valley residents.

Returns will be broadcast as soon as they become available after the polls close at 8 p.m. Statewide returns will be brought in by a special election-night wire of the United Press.

The broadcasts will be made from the Mail Tribune office, where a crew will work through the evening collecting and tabulating results for immediate broadcast.

## Russian Baptists Arrive in States

New York — (U.P.) — Five leaders of the Russian Baptist church arrived here today for a month's transcontinental visit with American Baptists.

The group will attend meetings of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City and the American Baptist Convention in Seattle.

The church group arrived just two weeks before another delegation of Russian clergymen. The second group will return the recent visit to Russia of a deputation of the interdenominational National Council of Churches.

The second group, whose itinerary was announced today, also includes representatives of the Russian Baptist church, along with clergy of the Russian Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox and Lutheran churches in Russia.

## Farmer Squeeze Seen By Expanded Wage Law

Washington — (U.P.) — Fruit growers and feed dealers warned Congress today that expanding coverage of the federal minimum wage law could tighten the squeeze on hard pressed farmers.

They testified before a Senate Labor Subcommittee which is studying a number of bills that would broaden the coverage of the law.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower went to the Burning Tree Club today for an afternoon of golf.

## Knights of Columbus Open 48th Annual Convention

The 48th annual convention of the Oregon Knights of Columbus opened in Carpenter's hall here this afternoon with between 350 and 400 delegates and visitors from throughout the state.

Registration was held this morning at Medford hotel, headquarters for the convention. On this afternoon's program were James Halford, district deputy from Roseburg; the Rev. Edmund J. Murnane, state chaplain from Eugene; Jack Batzer, grand knight, Medford; Mayor Earl Miller, Medford; and Edward J. Bell, state secretary from Stayton.

Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart from New Haven, Conn., spoke at an afternoon business session, and is scheduled to speak at a crab buffet in the St. Mary's school gymnasium at 8 p.m. today. The crab dinner will follow a social hour in the Jackson hotel Pioneer room between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

The convention will continue through Saturday and end Sunday, when officers and delegates will be elected.

The convention banquet will be held in St. Mary's gymnasium starting at 8 p.m. Saturday. Dan Hay, state public relations, Portland, will be principal speaker. Also on the program are Michael R. Hine, state deputy from Tigard, and the Rev. Murnane.

## Rural School Budget Election Set Monday

Residents of areas included in the Jackson county rural school district will go to the polls between 2 and 8 p.m. Monday to vote on a \$1,786,719.92 budget for operation of schools in the district during the 1956-57 school year.

The proposed budget calls for a total levy of \$1,404,257.38. This is \$1,061,325.50 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

Aif B. Mekvold, county school superintendent, explained that the total anticipated receipts from other sources than the levy are in the amount of \$686,062.54.

This leaves a total to tax for all districts of \$1,100,657.38. To this total is added the rural operating and emergency fund in the amount of \$53,150 plus the non-high tuition, transportation, operating and emergency funds in the amount of \$250,450. This leaves a grand total of \$1,404,257.38 to be taxed within the rural school district.

The superintendent explained that the tax base within the 6 per cent limitation is \$342,931.88. This amount represents 24.4 per cent of the total amount to be levied and is the full amount that the rural board can levy without a vote of the people. The excess of \$1,061,325.50 must be authorized by a vote of the people.

The total proposed net levy represents an increase of \$113,071.94, or approximately 6.8 per cent, over the levy for the current year.

**Operational Millage**  
Total operational millage on the current assessed valuation is 55.4. Ten districts have sufficient balance in sinking funds from assistance granted by the county so that no debt service levy will be necessary for 1956-57, Mekvold said.

Voting Monday will be residents of Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ruch, Eagle Point, Lone Pine, Talent, Rogue River, Applegate, Elk-Trail, Prospect, Evans Valley Oak Grove, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Pinehurst, West Side and Howard.

Polling places will be the school buildings in these affected areas.

## Fourth Rose Festival Princess Selected

Portland — (U.P.) — Ardys Elaine Urbikeit, 17, was chosen today at Lincoln high school's Rose Festival princess. She is the fourth to be named. Yesterday, Cleveland high school picked 17-year-old Roberta Breall.

## Late News Briefs

**TANK SHIPMENT BLOCKED**  
Washington — (U.P.) — The United States earlier this week blocked an unauthorized shipment of 21 surplus Army vehicles bought by Israel, the State Department said today.

**FRANCO MOVES**  
Madrid, Spain — (U.P.) — Generalissimo Franco moved to overhaul the "fundamental laws" to strengthen the Spanish state against internal troubles indicated by recent student and industrial unrest.

**SLOT MACHINES SEIZED**  
Portland — (U.P.) — Multnomah county police last night seized some 30 slot machines and some wire and tape recordings after they battered down the door of a home on Southeast Main st. in Portland.

## Boy Scouts To Gather at Agate Road Site Saturday for Annual Camp-o-Ree

About 300 Boy Scouts and their leaders will gather Saturday near the mouth of Little Butte creek on Agate rd. for their annual spring Camp-o-Ree. Boys from the Big Pines district of the Crater Lake area council will start arriving at the campsite at 10 a.m. Saturday and camp is scheduled to break up by 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

A full schedule of events, campsite judging, games, Sunday church service, a big bonfire and other activities are planned for the week-end. Awards will be presented to troops having the best camps with judging to continue throughout the two days. Boys will prepare their own food with the exception of a sack lunch on Saturday.

Lawson Scott will be in charge of troop registration, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. During the remainder of the day troops will set up their camps, with a campfire, in charge of Jack Holmes, set for 8 p.m. Boys from Explorer Squadron 14, post 8, will set up a model camp and will assist throughout the Camp-o-Ree. Each troop will present a skit during the campfire ceremony.

Sunday's activities will open with church services at 9 a.m., conducted by the Rev. John Reynolds, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Camp-o-Ree events, to be conducted by Jim Grigsby, will follow, starting at 9:45 a.m. Following lunch at noon, the boys will start dismantling their

camps at 1 p.m. with assembly, parade of units and awards set for 3 p.m. Troops will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

R. D. Church and Harry Barneburg will be in charge of cooking at the camp headquarters while Sherrill Doty will be in charge of camp judging. N. H. Gladfelter will instruct the Green Bars. John Henson will be in charge of tagging trees and shrubs in the camp area for identification purposes and Barneburg and John Patton will post limitation signs, beyond which no troop will be allowed to camp. Harry Chipman is general Camp-o-Ree chairman.

Water for the entire camp will be furnished by a tank truck from the Medford water department.