

Voting Process Outlined

An estimated 80 per cent of Jackson county's 35,229 registered voters will go to the polls between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, to vote on candidates and measures on national, state and local levels.

But will they be allowed to vote? And will their votes be counted? They will, according to Mrs. Bereth P. Hopkins, county clerk. If electors adhere to procedures specified by law. Otherwise they will not.

To be an eligible voter, one must be 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, be able to read and write the English language and be properly registered.

Voting Hours
Qualified voters may vote at any time between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Those who can be urged to vote as early in the day as possible to avoid congestion at the polls when working people arrive in the late afternoon and evening.

After entering the polling place, the elector gives his name and address to the election board clerk. He then signs two poll books. One of the election board members tears off one of two numbered stubs on his ballot and hands the ballot to the voter. The voter takes the ballot into the poll booth and votes. He then folds his ballot and hands it to the first clerk, who tears off the remaining numbered stub and deposits the ballot in a container.

Ballot Secret
Although the ballot number is written beside the voter's name in the poll books, the ballot cannot be identified. Both numbered stubs are removed from the ballot before it is placed in the container and there are no identifying marks left on the ballot.

The law requires an elector to vote in the election precinct in which he resides. The poll books should contain the identical address information given to the registration official.

However, if the voter gave inadequate or hazy information concerning his residence, the registrar may have mistakenly placed him in the wrong precinct.

If a voter finds he has been placed in the wrong precinct, he may contact the county elections department in the courthouse. The county clerk and deputies will be on duty on election day

and will issue certification of an elector's right to vote in his correct precinct.

Changing Residence

If a voter moved into another precinct before the Oct. 6 registration deadline and did not register, he is no longer qualified to vote in either precinct. If he moved within the precinct boundaries, he should so inform election officials at the polling place. They will make a notation of the change opposite the elector's name in the poll book before issuing his ballot.

If a voter is properly registered but will be in another county on election day, he may obtain a certificate from his county clerk. This certificate will permit him to vote in any county in the state. If he votes by certificate in a county within the fourth district, he may vote for district, state and national candidates and for any state measures on the ballot. If he votes in any county outside the fourth district, only his votes for state candidates and measures and national candidates will be counted.

May Get Certificate
If he has moved into another precinct within the county since the Oct. 6 registration deadline, he may obtain a certificate of registration from the county clerk. The certificate, when presented in his new precinct, will authorize the election official to write the elector's name in the poll book and give him a ballot.

Only clearly marked white ballots will be counted. Any ballot from which it is impossible to determine any of the elector's choices will not be counted. If it is possible to determine the elector's choice on part but not all of the ballot, the part that can be determined will be counted.

The ballot is divided into three columns where a city ballot is not included. The first column lists the candidates for national and state offices.

Mark X
To vote for president and vice president, an X must be marked between the number and the group. An elector must either vote for the full Republican group or the full Democratic group. The vote will not be counted if a substitute's name is written in for either president, vice president or electors in either political party. However, a voter may write in the names of

candidates and electors for any third party of his choice.

Mrs. Hopkins reminds voters to check instructions on the ballot to determine the number of candidates he is entitled to vote for in each category. For U. S. senator, representative to congress, governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general and any county office, he may vote for one. For state representatives, he may vote for two. Referendum measures are numbered, but to indicate his choice a voter is advised to place an X in the square marked "yes" or "no."

Write-In Procedure
On the non-partisan ballot, position 301 under the section marked "Official Judiciary Ballot" does not carry a candidate's name. The voter is instructed to "write in one." He will write in the name of the candidate of his choice. An X will not be required between the number and the name written in.

It is a voter's privilege to write in the name of a candidate of his choice for any state, county or non-partisan office on the line furnished for that purpose. The name will be counted if it can be ascertained for whom the vote is intended.

If a voter inadvertently marks his ballot wrong, he should not cross out or erase the error. Instead, he should go to the first clerk and request another ballot. If a voter spoils three ballots, he must accept assistance to mark a fourth one. If he refuses assistance, he can not vote another ballot.

Assistance Permitted
A crippled or blind voter may

request assistance in marking his ballot. He may bring someone with him to mark his ballot, but a board member must accompany him to the poll booth. If he is alone and requests assistance, the judge and a clerk of opposite political parties will accompany him to the booth, one to mark the ballot as he instructs and one to observe. No paper of any kind except a green sample ballot may be taken into the poll booth by an elector.

A voter must not communicate with anyone while marking his ballot and no smoking is allowed in the polling place by either electors, officials or poll watchers.

Law prohibits electioneering on election day within any polling place or within 50 feet of a polling place.

The United States attorney's office in Portland will have an attorney on duty throughout the day and night Nov. 6 to assure enforcement of federal election laws. The actual mechanics of conducting elections is exclusively the subject of state law and the federal government plays a minor role in the field.

However, conspiracies to stuff ballot boxes, alter election returns, cause multiple voting, bribery of voters or exercising violence against voters to influence their choices are among acts which may constitute a federal violation.

Citizens may confer with the United States attorney or an assistant concerning any alleged violation. The office is in the federal courthouse in Portland and the telephone number is Capitol 8-6171.

PHOENIX PH Celebrates Homecoming

By LILLIAN KNIGHT
Phoenix—Phoenix High school staged a parade and pep rally before the homecoming game played Friday night with Glendale, which Phoenix won 38 to 13. The parade, led by the band and the pep club, started at 2 p.m. from the school, and went into town, where a pep rally was led by the cheer leaders. Each class and school club had a float in the parade. The junior class float represented a pirate sailing ship won first prize.

Each class had a queen candidate. Senior candidate was Reba Hensley; junior, Wanda Aetkin; sophomore, Linda Medford; and freshman, Sandra Edwards.

For the first time at a game the pep team put on half time activities.

A dance was held after the game which had a record attendance for a school dance. The stage was decorated with corn stalks sprayed with royal blue paint and decorated with bouquets of red roses with white satin ribbon. The hall was trimmed with royal blue streamers.

The junior candidate, Wanda Aetkin, was crowned homecoming queen at the dance. Her escort was Sandy Coker.

A floor show was held which included a dance by Mary Louise Cole and Dolores Newell called "jazz boogie" and another dance in which Virginia Martin and Nancy Stewart twirled and danced to "don't be cruel." A brass quartet consisting of Don Wallace, Glen Bradley, Eldon Mitchell, and Charlotte Unruh played a number.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Waldron and children, Mrs. Don Williams, Harold and Jimmy Waldron, returned Oct. 30 from Bend, Ore., where they attended funeral services for James Miller, father of Mrs. Waldron, last week. Miller came from Bend several months ago to make his home with the Waldrons.

Art Boner and Warren Haggard have opened an office across the highway from the Old Oregon museum building for displaying the furs and pelts of nutria. They also have several stoles and other fur pieces which were made from the pelts of these animals. Wednesday morning.

Search Resumes for Walla Walla Youth
Pendleton — (U.P.) — Search was resumed Saturday for 18-year-old Allen King, Walla Walla, Wash., missing in the rugged mountain country 40 miles northeast of Walla Walla in the Umatilla National Forest.

The search was halted because of darkness last night after 200 men, including 50 honor prisoners from the Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla, undertook a widespread search. A helicopter from George Field in Spokane airlifted the prisoners to the search area after Gov. Arthur B. Langlie approved the move.

King became separated from a forest trail crew Tuesday afternoon. Foresters said all cabins in the area had been searched without finding a clue, and they expressed doubt the youth could remain alive exposed in the area which is intensely cold at night and is covered by more than two feet of snow.

BY A NOSE
Akron, O. — (U.P.) — William Smith headed for work after visiting his girl friend at Akron City hospital where she was taken for treatment of a broken nose after an auto accident.

Smith's car hit a pole and he was taken to the same hospital, also suffering from a broken nose.

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FOR MAYOR — 2 YEAR TERM

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from Oakland to Hawaii and then on to the Philippines and will be with the 26th Sqn. at Clarke Air Force base.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stevens are on a combined vacation and business trip to Boise, Idaho, Spokane, Wash., Portland and Hood River, Ore. At Hood River they will visit Andrew's aunt and uncle who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lappin have moved into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kanskys. The Kanskys, now in Fairbanks, Alaska, were expected home in September, but business affairs will keep them there until spring, when they will return to their home with the hope of retiring. Kanskys is a government engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Lappin own and operate Tabu Dinner House in Medford.

Mrs. Phillip Sturtevant returned Monday to Ardmore, Okla., where her husband is now stationed with the Air Corps, after spending several weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Cornelia Barnes.

A pink and blue shower, given in honor of Mrs. Michael Wrede, was held at the home of Mrs. Johnny Caulkins in Medford Friday evening. About 20 ladies were present. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee were served. Mrs. Burton Skinner was co-hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Wrede are presently staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Furry.

Mrs. Burton Skinner, who is currently staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stevens, received a letter from her husband while he was in Hawaii, on his way to the Philippine Islands, in which he said that he spent a day with Bernal (Buz) Stevens, who is stationed there in the submarine service. Skinner, who is a jet pilot, flew

Box 785
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Robert W. Ruhl, Editor Medford Mail Tribune Medford, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I was born in Cushman, Oregon, in 1915 and spent my life in the State, living in Florence, Eugene, and Portland. I was stationed in Medford at the District Headquarters for the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934 and 1935. In September, 1940, I was called to duty with Co. L, 162nd Infantry when the Oregon National Guard was mobilized into federal service. Upon discharge I attended the University of Oregon under the G. I. bill. I came to Alaska in 1949 and have lived here since.

As an Alaskan and a former Oregonian I feel that the pending election in Oregon is the most significant and important in the United States. In no other State do the candidates personify the opposing points of view on the critical issues as Wayne Morse and Douglas McKay.

Nowhere are the battle lines so clearly drawn along so wide a front as in the following:

Public vs private power development. (Hell's Canyon, Dixon-Yates) Conservation vs "Give-Away" of natural resources. (Al. Sarena) Aid to education vs the mounting school crisis. (Remember what happened to the Hill amendment to the Tidelands Oil Bill?) Aid to small business vs political favoritism in awarding lucrative defense contracts.

Fair labor legislation vs Taft-Hartley. Real vs paper prosperity for the family farm. Constitutionally guaranteed procedures vs McCarthyism for government employees.

These are not all the issues but serve to emphasize the principal ones. The overall issue seems to be the public interest vs special interests.

Who else have more staunchly championed the public than Senator Morse or Adlai Stevenson?

Where have the special interests found greater aid and comfort than through President Eisenhower and his Secretary of Interior, Douglas McKay?

As an Oregonian I vividly recall the power crisis in Oregon when such a drastic measure as the "brown-out" was proposed to conserve electricity, and the capitol city of Salem was faced with severe restrictions on its power usage. Yet, when many of us concerned were suggesting a study of the Columbia Valley Authority and Federal Power Dams, from the Governor's mansion came Douglas McKay's classic reply, "What's the matter with the way we're doing it now?"

As an Alaskan I recall Douglas McKay's reception of our Committee to plead for Statehood. The delegation was told that Alaskans were not ladies and gentlemen although there was no indication of rudeness from any of the members unless a desire for our cause to be given a hearing could be interpreted as such. As the Secretary of the Interior is the virtual ruler of Alaska the committee had no course other than to swallow its pride and await some future time.

As an Alaskan I cannot vote for the President or pass on the Secretary of Interior, the Satrap appointed to rule us. We Alaskans have already voted for those who represent us in the very limited manner permitted to territories, and the vote was overwhelmingly Democratic. We elected two Senators and a Representative to Congress but they have no official status and are only symbolic of our determination to achieve Statehood and the right to work out our own salvation.

We reelected Bob Bartlett as our Delegate to Congress. As an Alaskan he has no vote with which to pass on the matters that concern us. He can only suggest, wheedle, beg and look to friendly Representatives and Senators who do have votes for help.

Alaskans know from experience that Douglas McKay is not sympathetic with our problems and aspirations. As a Senator he can do us irreparable damage. On the other hand, Wayne Morse has consistently worked on our behalf.

We Alaskans will be eternally grateful to the people of Oregon for Representative Edith Green and Senator Richard Neuberger, whose efforts resulted in modern commitment procedures for the mentally ill in our Territory after years of seeing them barbarously committed as criminals. We ask you to further help us by proxy to pass on these candidates for office that so vitally affect both our destinies. You have the privilege of voting. We do not.

We urge you to vote for Senator Wayne Morse and Adlai Stevenson on November 6th.

Sincerely,
Howard O. Withrow, Director
Alaskans Need Morse Committee

Paid Adv.

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7:00 p.m.
MONDAY

Bob Mautz:

"LET'S
KEEP
AMERICA
OUT OF
WAR"



NOW more than ever
before President
Eisenhower needs men
in the Senate who
will support his
policies for peace.

As a member of President Eisenhower's cabinet Doug McKay helped build policies that ended the war in Korea and avoided aggression in Formosa.

Mr. Morse bitterly fought and opposed the President on issues that brought us peace.

A vote for Morse is a vote against Ike

ELECT DOUG McKAY
... a man who helped build peace

Paid Adv. McKay for Senate Committee, W. L. (Bill) Phillips, Chairman, 1117 S. W. Washington, Portland 5, Oregon.

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that they may live!

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give through your faith!

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The Mighty Mercer

A new novel, a story of more than passing interest for even an old brushhooker is "Cargo of Brides" (Little-Brown of Boston). The author is Helen Rucker of Seattle.

The novel tells the love story of Marianna Bancroft, a spirited redhead of seventeen who left the shelter of her well-bred Boston home to venture West. She ventured as one of the 46 marriageable ladies—ten were widows—who were brought to Seattle by Asa Mercer on the ship Continental in 1865.

They were good girls, one and all, daughters of misfortune—orphans and young widows of the Civil War. Each young woman had education that equipped her for teaching common school. Asa Mercer himself was not a marriage broker but an educator, the first president of the University of Washington. Two of the "Mercer Girls" made remarkable records as early public school educators outside Seattle—Lizzie Ordway in Kitsap county, and Annie Stevens in Lewis and Thurston counties. Others taught in Seattle schools. All but one—Miss Lizzie—became wives and mothers. One married Asa Mercer himself. All were active churchwomen.

The Oregon Granger

Asa Mercer was a mighty axman, of the Illinois breed of Abraham Lincoln. He became an author, a business man who built the first grain dock in Astoria and who—according to historian H. H. Bancroft, managed the first shipment of wheat from the Pacific Northwest to Liverpool. Mercer also fathered the initial farm publication in Oregon—"The Oregon Granger."

Earlier, in 1865, Asa Mercer had written "Washington Territory: The Great Northwest. Her Material Resources and Claims to Emigration. A Plain Statement of Things as They Exist." The two trips made by Mercer to the big cities of the east were not simply to gather up cargoes of brides for the boys back home but were also to boost his "Great Northwest." On his second trip he did heavy promotion of his book.

He became special commissioner of immigration under Oregon's Governor Woods.

Wyoming Editor

While yet in his thirties, Asa Mercer left Oregon for Texas, where he was soon publishing four newspapers—"Vernon Guard," "Wichita Herald," "Bowie Cross Timber," and the "Mobeetie Panhandle." It was wild country. Outlaws were on the loose. The bold editor of four newspapers in four tough towns could have four fights on his hands at once, without half trying. Yet Texas proved to be too tame for Asa Mercer. He headed

for Wyoming, after seven fat years.

In the windy state, Mercer had the fight of his life. He founded the "Northwest Livestock Journal" in 1883 and built it into a thriving journal of the cattle trade. But then, in 1892 Mercer took the side of embattled homesteaders (and rustlers) in Johnson county against the big cattlemen, who were determined to drive the settlers off the range.

This story has been told a thousand times in books and movies—with "Shane" a recent sensational example. Mercer told the living story from the homesteader's view in a book that was first called "The Powder River Invasion," then "The Banditti of the Plains." (It has been reprinted by University of Oklahoma Press). The book was eventually suppressed, and the author subsided into common editorial endeavors.

Asa Mercer lived on until 1917, in peace and quiet.

Helen Rucker brings the young Mercer alive in her "Cargo of Brides." There is romance and adventure in it—and history too.

Pre-Election Polls Show Ike Will Win

Washington — (U.P.) — Pre-election polls and surveys indicate that President Eisenhower will win over Adlai E. Stevenson next Tuesday by a comfortable majority of electoral votes.

If these soundings prove correct, Stevenson will make a better showing as the Democratic standard-bearer than he did four years ago—but will still fall short of victory.

Insofar as the payoff vote in the electoral college is concerned, Stevenson's strength is shown in the Democratic south and in the border state area running from West Virginia through Kentucky, Missouri and Oklahoma.

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