

Bitter Campaign, Weather Provide Top Headliners in State's 1956 News Parade

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Politics and weather, the old standbys, provided the top headlines in Oregon's 1956 news parade.

Overshadowing all else, even the weather, was the bitter campaign of the presidential election year. It was a topsy-turvy political year in which the state voted overwhelmingly to return President Eisenhower to the White House and then elected an almost clean slate of Democrats to the top state and national offices.

For the first time since popular election of U. S. senators was instituted in 1914 the state is represented by two Democratic senators. Also, for the first time, three of the four Congressmen are Democrats.

A tragic note touched off the political year. Gov. Paul L. Patterson, who only 82 hours earlier had announced he would enter the senatorial race against Sen. Wayne Morse, dropped dead of a heart attack while discussing his forthcoming campaign with political advisors at Portland's Arlington Club.

Moving in to fill the breach was former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay, also an ex-governor. The campaign, one of the bitterest in the state's history, ended with Morse winning handsily. It was his first triumph as a Democrat. He was twice previously elected as a Republican.

For the first time since 1934 a Democrat also will sit in the governor's chair. Robert D. Holmes, former state senator and Astoria radio station executive, defeated Gov. Elmo Smith by 7,500 votes in the Democratic sweep.

The weather ran the scale from heavy snow, ice, torrential rains, mud slides and washout to parching 100-degree temperatures. The winter storms took a toll of a number of lives and a flash flood nearly washed out the town of Mitchell in central Oregon.

Crime and violence also came in for a share of the headlines.

Heading the list of criminal investigations was the Multnomah county grand jury's probe into vice and corruption in the county and Portland. The investigation resulted in indictments to nearly two score persons, including District Attorney William B. Langley and Portland Police Chief Jim Purcell.

At Albany, four Linn county jail prisoners overpowered the jailer and escaped. One was found dead in the Willamette river, two others were later captured and one still is at large.

Disasters also took some play away from politics. A \$500,000 explosion and fire at the Linton plant of Portland Gas & Coke

Co. knocked out gas service to most of the Portland area and to some 60,000 customers in the Willamette valley for several days.

A spectacular fire destroyed nearly a half-mile of Portland's waterfront causing several million dollars damage.

A gas plant explosion at Cottage Grove sent 15 persons to the hospital. Three persons later died.

A party of 19 youth hostellers from the East fell into a crevasse on Mt. Hood and a dramatic rescue operation succeeded in saving the lives of all but one of the young mountain climbers. The year saw an increase in

the number of highway traffic deaths. Through December 30, 419 had been killed on the highways, compared with a total of 414 for entire 1955. The worst single tragedy snuffed out the lives of five vacationing Californians in a truck-car head-on collision near Grants Pass.

The worst plane crash during the year, occurred near Klamath Falls when an Air Force plane hit a mountain top, killing three persons and injuring two.

Justices Die
Death also came to two Oregon Supreme Court justices. Justice Earl C. Latourette died in August and Justice Walter Tooze died in December.

The court made news headlines in other ways. Early in the year the state's highest judicial body ruled that cities had the right to fluoridate their drinking water to protect the health and help prevent dental decay of residents. The court ruled that the fair trade act was unconstitutional in that non-signers did not have to sell merchandise at set retail prices. The right of power companies to tack surcharges on power rates was upheld.

In the business world, some of the state's biggest corporations changed hands. The multi-million dollar Dant and Russell organization, one of the nation's leading lumbering, shipping and

sales firms, was sold to Blyth & Co. investment house. Later portions of the huge operation were resold to other groups. Georgia-Pacific Corporation bought the Hammond Lumber Company and the M & M Woodworking Company, one of the largest plywood manufacturers, was sold to the Simpson Timber Company of Shelton, Wash.

Natural Gas Arrives
The first natural gas came to Oregon during the year when the huge gas pipeline from southwestern United States to Canada was completed.

Two Oregon women came in for national attention in 1956. Mrs. Cleo Maletis, a Portland

mother, was named Mrs. America at Daytona Beach, Fla., and Miss Martha Shull, Portland school teacher, was elected president of the National Education Association at its annual convention in Portland.

The newspaper world lost a prominent member with the death of Mrs. Maria C. Jackson, widow of the founder of the Oregon Journal. Mrs. Jackson, long known for her philanthropic works, left a \$1,250,000 Jackson Foundation for educational and charitable purposes.

Refugees and Orphans
On the lighter side, a Klamath county prospector, Earl Sheridan, made news when he set up

camp on Klamath Falls' main street claiming he owned a portion of the land under the street and intended to prospect for uranium. He later reneged and packed up his gear, allowing traffic to once again flow unobstructed along the artery.

Harry Holt, the Creswell farmer who physically suffered from a heart condition but who spiritually has a heart as big as all outdoors, continued his airlift of Korean orphans to new homes in the United States.

Oregon also opened arms and hearts to a large number of Hungarian refugees who fled the Communist terror in their homeland.

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Fires Damage Two Hartford Churches

Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—Fire Monday threatened to destroy St. Joseph's Cathedral, mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford, just hours after a fire of suspicious origin all but destroyed St. Patrick's Church here.

A third alarm was sounded at the St. Joseph's blaze when the cathedral's ceiling collapsed and trapped seven firemen in the basement.

Two of the firemen were unconscious when rescued and were taken to Hartford Hospital. The other five were treated at the scene for smoke poisoning.

A mass was in progress when smoke was detected in the mother church and the first alarm was turned in. The mass continued to its conclusion and most of the worshippers left unhurriedly. Others remained until firemen escorted them from the cathedral.

Fire Marshal George F. Kennedy said the cause of the three-alarm St. Patrick's fire has not been determined and that he was looking into the possibility of arson.

The interior of St. Patrick's was destroyed. Only the stone walls and the steeple of the church were left standing by the fire. No one was injured in that blaze.

Chest X-Ray Clinic Open This Week

The chest x-ray clinic at Sacred Heart hospital will be open this Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon, according to the Jackson County Public Health association, which operates the clinic.

The clinic has been closed for two weeks because of the holidays and will now resume its regular weekly hours, they said.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health physician, urged all adults to have chest x-rays once a year. The x-rays are an inexpensive and effective method of discovering tuberculosis and other chest and heart conditions, he pointed out, and annual x-rays can find these conditions while they are in their early, easily curable stages.

The chest x-ray machinery was purchased by the Jackson County Public Health association and the clinic is maintained as a part of the tuberculosis control program in this county.

The clinic will be open this Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday afternoon between 2 and 5 p.m.

GOOD NEWS
Hingham, Mass.—(U.P.)—Glad Tidings Rock on Liberty Pole Hill in this seashore town was so named because a hunter died quickly. Legend recounts that friends of Jacob Hunter were relieved to learn that Indians killed him without first torturing him.