

Police Recruits Use Area for Training

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LOAD HEIGHT—Police recruits Dennis Daley (kneeling), Eagle Point, and Louis Brandt demonstrate how the height of a loaded truck is measured with an "L" shaped gauge. State police officers do not man the

First Session in Many Years Held In Rogue Valley

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Last week, for the first time in many years, the Medford area was the "training grounds" for a group of 13 recruits who have entered their six months probation period with the Oregon state police force.

The regular training school is located at Camp Whithycombe in Clackamas, Ore., but, due to inclement weather in the northern part of the state, the three-day field training school was moved to Medford.

All of the recruits had spent the better part of three weeks at Clackamas undergoing classroom instruction and the field training was a windup of their preliminary schooling.

From here they have been assigned to duties on the force, under the supervision of a seasoned officer, until their six months on-the-job training period is up.

Pushed Along
The group training here necessarily had to be pushed along without delay, for another class of about equal size is hard on their heels. The school at Clackamas cannot handle two classes simultaneously.

The number of recruits hired each year depends upon the need, which is governed by the number of men lost during the year and the number of openings due to expansion of the force. This year 66 new men will be added to the department.

Most of the men who trained in Medford will be stationed somewhere in district 3, which includes seven southwestern counties, according to District Officer Capt. Paul E. Morgan, Medford.

The field training included use of firearms, truck weighing and a special school in driver training that has much more rigid requirements than that for an ordinary driver's license.

Quality for Work
To qualify for state police work applicants must be from 21 to 35 years old, meet army physical and mental standards and have completed a high school education.

Applications are carefully screened at the Salem office and the men who are finally hired are the "cream of the crop" . . . as near as can be determined. A few of the men, who decide the job is not suited to them for the other way around drop out during the first few weeks of school, but few of them are lost during the probation period, Captain Morgan said.

Personality traits and adaptability to unusual situations counts strongly in the selection of state police officers. Having a "cool" head can mean the difference between life and death in the apprehension of a dangerous criminal . . . and comes in handy many times a day as an officer goes about his routine job of maintaining law and order.

Training Course
The driver training course, held on one of the abandoned streets at Camp White, was conducted by Sgt. Floyd Crafts, Medford, and included tests that would show how well each recruit could control his car. A five-page grading chart on the recruits ability to park, stop smoothly and guide his car through barriers show any weak points in the trainees driving skill.

Small sections of metal pipe of varying lengths serve as an inertia meter in the driving test. The sections of pipe, from one to about two and a half inches in length are placed in compartments in a small box according to their size, and the abruptness of a start, stop or turn is measured by how many, if any, of the cylinders fall. If a number one cylinder (the longest one) falls, two points are deducted from a total of 20, and the same for each additional cylinder that goes down.

Ability to Drive
A state police officer's ability to drive well is an important factor because most of his duties take him on the highways and even backwoods logging roads . . . sometimes in a high speed chase.

The extensive tests and training the officers go through makes them better drivers than the average person behind the wheel, which shows up in the low accident rate in the department.

The use of firearms, including regulation pistols and rifles, involves care and maintenance of the guns as well as target practice. The field course, conducted at the Medford pistol club grounds, was under the supervision of Cpl. Charles Wright, Grants Pass.



TARGET PRACTICE—The Oregon state police recruits above are shown as they get ready to fire on the target during a field training course on firearms. They are, right to left, Duane Wilson, Gail Roebuck, Wil-

liam Werth, Henry Shoffitt and Paul Gohrke. The men are now stationed at various cities in district three, which encompasses seven southwestern Oregon counties.



CHECK SCORE—Sgt. Floyd Crafts, left, and District Officer Capt. Paul E. Morgan of the Oregon state police, Medford, look over the grading charts of a group of new recruits that took a field training course here last week. The charts show the results of driver training tests conducted in the Camp White area.

who was assisted by Pfc. Rafe Anders, Medford.

A gun is a necessary part of an officer's equipment, to be used only when needed, and the department will not tolerate a "trigger happy" officer who whips out his gun on the slightest provocation.

Target Practice
The class of recruits, some of whom never had a gun in their hand before, did exceptionally well in target practice, Captain Morgan said.

The other phase of the three-day course was conducted by Sgt. Tom Eaton, Medford, at the truck weighing scale just north of Ashland, where the new officers helped weigh and measure trucks to see if they are within the load limitations.

Although state police officers do not regularly man the weighing scales, they are trained to help the state weighmasters when needed. When an officer spots a truck that he thinks may be overloaded he may ask him to drive to the scales for a check. If he is carrying too much weight for the number of wheels on the vehicle, a citation is issued by the officer.

The length, height and weight of the vehicle is checked at the weighing stations and a complete record of these details is kept on file. At the Ashland station as many as 400 trucks may be checked in a single day.

Overall Program
The three phases of the training school, of course, are only a part of the recruits overall training program, for this job involves a multitude of duties.

Basically his job is to enforce all criminal laws, enforce the penal provisions of the motor vehicle act, motor transportation act, game code and commercial fisheries code. He is to cooperate with other law enforcement bodies in detecting crime, apprehending criminals and preserving law and order.

The Oregon state police department also maintains the

Opinions Expressed By Local Candidates

Oregon's primary nominating election is next Friday, May 20.

In Jackson county, there are only three contests for nomination, two on the Republican ballot, for house of representatives and for county surveyor, and one on the Democratic ballot, for county commissioner.

In addition, Jackson county, one of seven counties in the fourth congressional district, will have a part in nominating candidates for congress. The only contest is on the Republican ballot.

As a service to voters, the Mail Tribune herewith presents the first of four articles, giving the views of the candidates in the contested positions only.

The material was supplied by the Medford League of Women Voters, which circulated all candidates with the questions indicated. The League has stipulated that the material be presented verbatim, and unchanged, from the way it appears on the questionnaire, even to errors in grammar and spelling, if any.

The first article covers the two candidates for the Republican nomination for congress. Subsequent articles, to appear Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will present the statements of the other candidates.

FOR CONGRESS FOURTH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN
Questions asked:

1. Will you please give your reasons for your support or opposition to the present United States foreign economic aid program?

2. What federal legislation, if any, should be enacted for the development and conservation of our natural resources?

3. What priority do you believe should be given to balancing the budget?

4. What changes, if any, would you recommend in the present farm price support program?

5. What should be the role of the federal government in relation to labor-management problems?

ANSWERS
By Leslie P. Fleming, Springfield:

1. Complete elimination of present foreign aid program because this program has done more to promote communism in the world as evidenced by its rapid advancement.

2. None because this is a program that should remain on a state level.

3. The economic solvency of this country should be of the 1st priority.

4. A complete elimination of government participation as rapidly as possible.

5. The role of the government should be to act as an impartial referee under anti-trust laws applicable to both Labor & Business.

By Edwin R. Durno, M.D., Medford:

1. The Foreign Economic Aid Program is a bi-partisan effort on the part of our leaders of government to solidify the social, economic, political and military free world. Only the administration of, and the amount of money appropriated is controversial. I approve of the program, my concern will be its efficient administration.

2. I am totally committed to the multiple concept use of our natural resources. Upon the development, conservation, preservation and the orderly utilization of these resources will depend the economy of our state. S 3044 c amendments recognizing the 1897 act will give statutory authority to the implied powers that Congress now exercises, and will legitimize the multiple concept use.

3. Balancing the budget is of paramount and primary importance. This difficult procedure may be assisted by the return to the free enterprise system with the elimination of federal aid to agriculture, federal aid to education, massive housing projects, etc.

4. I would eliminate the price farm support program in its entirety.

5. Labor and management have equal responsibilities and equal obligations. They should exhibit maturity in their attitude toward themselves and toward society. The federal government should arbitrate, administer and execute the laws of conduct laid down by the Congress.

Gervais School Burning Scheduled

Gervais — UPB — Plans have been announced for a school-burning here next Sunday, May 22.

The building — the old Catholic two-story schoolhouse — will be burned following the completion of a new parochial school.

Local officials and businessmen said they are planning to try out several new fire devices during the blaze.

The population of Indiana is said to be increasing at the rate of about 60,000 persons each calendar year.

? Dog Control ? YES or NO

To help the voters of Medford and Jackson County interpret the "Dog Control Measures" which will appear on the Primary Ballot, May 20, 1960, the Rogue Valley Retriever Club and Southern Oregon Hound Owners' Association present the following information:

A majority "YES" vote invokes the State Law, which prohibits dogs from "running at large."

The law defines "running at large" to mean when a dog is off the premises of the owner or keeper WITHOUT a muzzle OR when it is not in the company and under the control of its owner or keeper.

Any dog found running at large may be impounded and, if not claimed after being held five (5) days, destroyed.

If the dog wears a muzzle made of wire or metal, properly fastened and strong enough to prevent him from biting or injuring any person or domestic animal, he may run loose without any restraint at any time.

The fine for the first violation is \$25.00, and each additional violation will be \$10.00.

The Rogue Valley Retriever Club and the Southern Oregon Hound Owners' Association favor control for the City of Medford, and endorse a "YES" vote on Measure No. 51.

They oppose the County-Wide Dog Control Measure No. 2 for the following reasons:

Dogs are needed by farmers, ranchers, stockmen and others outside the city in their work and for their protection. The adoption of this law would create a hardship for them.

Legitimate activities of hunters and other sportsmen could be severely curtailed.

The activities of various dog clubs held outside the city could be termed violations of this law although no harm would come from such dog training.

Therefore we urge the following vote:

VOTE NO ON MEASURE No. 2 (As applied to Jackson County)

VOTE YES ON MEASURE No. 51 (As applied to the City of Medford).

ROGUE VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB

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RECORD DATA—In the scale house, new state police officers William Fennell and Louis Brandt go over statistics on trucks they have weighed and measured. Traffic, both automobile and truck, has increased

greatly on Oregon highways in recent years. Last Tuesday, over 400 trucks were checked at the state weighing station north of Ashland.

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Pre-School Party Set at Jefferson

A pre-school party for children entering Jefferson elementary school in the first grade in September and their mothers will be sponsored by the school May 17 at 2 p.m.

Mothers will meet in the gymnasium, then will discuss in the cafeteria with Kenneth Hulbert, principal, their child's first days in school.

The children will be assigned to first grade classrooms, where the teachers have planned a program in-

cluding a tour of the school building and playground, school officials have announced.

Mrs. Betty Love, school nurse, will be present to discuss the school health program and answer related questions with mothers.

At the close of the meeting children will join their mothers in the cafeteria for refreshments served by the Parent Teacher association.