

# Dog Control Measures Will Be On Ballot in City and County

Opponents of dog control in the city of Medford will have to defeat two measures on the primary ballot next Friday if dogs are going to continue to run at large within the city limits.

One of these measures is for county-wide dog control and will be voted on by voters in the entire county. The other measure will be for Medford only, and voted on only by city voters.

Should opponents of dog control defeat the measure for the city only, and the county-wide measure should pass, the city would still have dog control.

However, if dog control opponents in the county should defeat the county-wide measure and the city measure should pass, then Medford only would have dog control.

**Other Elections**  
The city of Rogue River will vote on its own dog control measure in the primary as will county precincts at Madrona lane and the Oak Grove section. Jacksonville will vote on a similar measure in the general election.

The same double opportunity for dog control measures to pass applies to these areas, too.

In all cases on the county ballot the measure will read: "For dogs running at large—Yes. For dogs running at large—No." This wording is provided for by state law.

In each case where the measure should pass, the county is given the primary responsibility of enforcing and implementing the law, according to Gerald J. Scannell Jr., chief deputy district attorney for Jackson county.

The entire procedure for enforcement and penalties for violation are provided for by state law.

**Fines Noted**  
If any of the measures pass, the county clerk must give notice in a newspaper for three consecutive weeks. After 60 days from the date of notice, when any dog is found running at large in the city,

county or precinct, the owner is subjected to a fine of \$10 for the first offense and \$25 for each subsequent offense.

These penalties shall be collected in the name of the state of Oregon, meaning that violations would be handled in district court not in municipal courts, according to Medford City Attorney Joel Reed.

State law says that the penalties shall be paid into the county treasury of the county in which the precinct or city is situated and kept in a special fund.

It further says that five days notice shall be given to the dog owner before he will be cited into court for a violation.

**What Law Means**  
What the dog control law means is stated in the ORS as follows:

"No dog shall run at large or off of the premises of the owner or keeper thereof unless it has a shepherd's muzzle made of wire and metal and properly fastened around his nose and neck sufficiently strong to prevent him from biting or injuring any person, or any sheep, goat or other livestock or domestic animal.

"When any dog is found running at large, every chief of police, constable, sheriff or deputy of either . . . shall impound it." This does "not apply to herdsmen using dogs for legitimate protection of his flock."

"All dogs impounded shall be held in a . . . pound to be provided by the county court out of funds obtained from dog licenses and from the redemption of dogs so impounded."

"Any dogs so impounded shall be held for at least five days from date of impounding before being . . . humanely destroyed or otherwise disposed of."

It adds that an owner redeeming his dog shall pay \$1 and the expense of keeping the dog during the time it was impounded.

**May Be Given Away**  
The statutes provide that if no owner should appear to claim a dog, it can be given to a responsible person instead of killed.

It is further provided that all funds collected shall be turned over to the county treasurer who shall keep them in a special fund, from which various costs of enforcement shall be paid.

Any money in this fund in excess of \$1,000 on Jan. 1 of each year shall be placed in the general fund of the county.

Reader says that apparently the city's only responsibility, if the law is made effective in Medford, would be to enforce it. He said the city council could probably pass an ordinance to help implement the law if it so desired.

**Problem in City**  
Medford Police Chief Charles P. Champlin says the only problem from the city's standpoint that he sees, would

be that of enforcement. It would probably mean, he said, that officers would be spending more time tracking down dog complaints, catching dogs and transporting them to the county pound when they are found to be in violation of the law.

City Manager Robert A. Duff points out that there might be some monetary provision for enforcement in the 1960-1961 budget if the measure should pass. He said it is possible that the city might even hire an additional man to help in enforcing the dog control law.

In any case, city officials express the opinion that if the measure should pass, the problems in enforcing it should not be too great to be solved.

## People Cautioned About Bargains Through U.S. Mail

Residents in the Rogue valley area have been cautioned by Medford Chamber of Commerce Manager Don McNeil to beware of proposals through the mail offering merchandise at bargain rates.

"A good example of this," McNeil said, "is the bargain paint operation. The unsuspecting individual receives a letter from a paint company suggesting that a number of gallons of good quality paint is warehoused in the area for which the company is willing to accept a low rate per gallon."

"One of these is the National Titanium company. This firm usually offers by letter the bargain rate of \$2.75 a gallon for genuine exterior white paint 'guaranteed for years of outdoor exposure.' Laboratory tests

"According to a Portland Better Business Bureau report, Aug. 25, 1959," McNeil said, "laboratory tests in Kansas City showed this paint averaged 21.5 per cent water. Federal specifications for exterior oil paints for use by government agencies allow a maximum of 1 per cent water," the chamber manager said.

"Jacob C. Swimmer, head of the National Titanium company, died, according to a bureau report, in February, 1959. Nevertheless, the firm has continued to mail letters offering its bargain rate on paint to citizens throughout the country."

"As a result of his death, the Federal Trade commission is reported to have issued an order dismissing the false advertising charges against Swimmer, an individual trading as the National Titanium company," McNeil said.

Letters are reported to have been received in this area from the company which continues to operate on apparently what appears to be the same basis as before, McNeil said. A Better Business Bureau report May 10 calls attention to the fact that Portland concerns are also receiving similar letters. The bulletin goes on to caution business firms that "laboratory tests found it to be 20 per cent water," McNeil concluded.



**SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK**—Signaling the start of special observance in Oregon during the week of May 22-29, Gov. Mark Hatfield accepts gift of film, "The Earth Is The Lord's" from Merlin Sprague, Selma, supervisor of the Illinois Valley Soil Conservation district, left; and Elmer Peterson, Portland, state president of Oregon Association of SCD. Governor Hatfield urged all citizens to recognize and support those working in the natural resources field. The film will be presented to the general extension division visual instruction department for use throughout Oregon, Governor Hatfield said.

## Soil Stewardship Week Observance Planned in State

Corvallis—"Conservation is the preservation of our natural resources for economical use, so as to secure the greatest good to the largest number for the longest time."

These words of President William Howard Taft are recalled during the period of Soil Stewardship Week, being observed in Oregon during the period of May 22-29.

Sponsored by the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the annual event focuses attention on the need for continued wise stewardship of soils and other natural resources.

station, the associate director of the extension service, and the state soil conservationist of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service administer the law.

Nearly three-fourths of the state is now covered by 37 districts, and the movement is growing. The districts are self-administered, with planning and technical assistance from many state and federal agencies.

In a recent letter to the Oregon Soil Conservation districts, Gov. Mark Hatfield commended the Soil Stewardship Week observance to all citizens. In urging all Oregonians to give "wholehearted recognition and support to those working actively in the natural resources field," Governor Hatfield said there must be an increasing awareness of the moral and sacred obligation to be good and faithful stewards of God's precious gift—the soil—and the many resources derived from and dependent thereon.

Rural dwellers are conscious of the need for stewardship. They welcome an assistant from urban residents, Hatfield said. Even persons who own no land can be a strong influence in behalf of the

prudent use of soil and water resources. The spirit of responsible people at work, as evidenced by Oregon's Soil Conservation activities, becomes most fruitful in terms of Soil Stewardship, through cooperation of all citizens, he said.

**Ex-Governor West To Be 87 on Friday**  
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