

Farm Belt States Appear To Be Divided on Presidential Choice



A HOUSE DIVIDED—Here's a graphic illustration of a house divided, at least politically. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sciacca are shown at the window of their home in Chicago. Posters in the window show his choice to be Sen. John F. Kennedy for President while Mrs. Sciacca likes Richard Nixon. (UPI Telephoto)

Registration in Illinois Makes Both Camps Glad

Chicago—UPI—The election outlook in 13 farm belt states which have a total of 161 electoral votes: Illinois (27 electoral votes): Almost from the start, Nixon has appeared to be leading by a nose in the farm belt's most thickly populated state. Record voter registration makes both camps happy—Democrats because it's traditionally good news for them and Republicans because downstate registration has surpassed that of Cook county (Chicago) or the first time in memory. Kennedy makes his big pitch Nov. 4 for a heavy Chicago vote which could spell the difference.



BIG TRUCK DWARFS GIRLS—A monster dump truck, built in Portland, dwarfs employees of the Peters Co., builders of the huge vehicle. Margaret Nelson, left, company bookkeeper, and Emma Pearl Jones, secretary, took a ride in its spacious cab shortly before it was dismantled for shipment to Butte, Mont., for use in moving earth for copper ore mining. (UPI Telephoto)

Two Councilmen Discuss Views On Agreement for Fill-Dirt

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Two Medford city councilmen told the Mail Tribune Tuesday they are opposed to turning city property at the airport into a "barrow-pit" because they think the land would someday make a good park.

The councilmen, Ed Hall and R. L. Van Sickle, were on the losing end of a 3 to 2 vote by the council Monday night permitting the state to use some city-owned land along Bullock rd. at the airport as a site for fill-dirt for the new freeway.

Neither Hall nor Van Sickle voiced any objection to the agreement at the council meeting—other than voting against it. Hall said for his part he did not bother to object verbally because it was already known what the outcome would be and his comments on the matter would only have served to lengthen the meeting.

Both men, however, feel the decision on the airport property has a bearing on a more important agreement—the sale of Hawthorne park property to the state for freeway right of way. This will be considered by the council at tomorrow night's regular meeting.

Under Agreement
Under the airport property agreement the city will allow the state to remove a maximum of 300,000 cubic yards of dirt from the area for five cents a yard or a total payment of \$15,000. The state has also agreed to level and slope the area.

The majority of the councilmen do not feel the land has any great value as a park site, and several of them have stated this at past council meetings.

Councilmen Hall and Van Sickle disagree, however, and point out that use of the area as a barrow-pit will require the removal of some 70 to 100 trees, most of them oak. They contend that once these trees are gone the area will have little value as a park site.

'Potential Value'
Both men note that in a preliminary land-use plan prepared for the city by the planning commission this area was designated as having "potential park value."

Hall summed up his feelings on the matter in a statement to the Mail Tribune. He said: "This land now belongs to the city of Medford. . . . What we will have left will be an unknown piece of ground without trees or cover. . . . I have no argument about the construction of the freeway, and as pointed out (at Monday's council meeting), rejection of the barrow-pit would not stop construction. What it will do is destroy this property for any future development."

Other councilmen disagree with Hall. Councilman Stanley Stark pointed out at Monday's meeting it is his opinion that when the state is through

with the property it will leave it looking better than before. Most members of the council seemed to be unaware that the planning commission had designated the site as having potential park value. The first time they heard of this, they said, was when it was mentioned at an Oct. 21 council meeting.

The argument is largely academic now, however, as the agreement has been approved. Also, the state has indicated recently that it might not need the airport property for fill-dirt after all.

But, Van Sickle and Hall feel that the eventual use of the airport property should be a consideration in the city's final agreement with the state on Hawthorne park.

Needed for Right of Way
The state will need approximately 4.8 acres of property at the west end of Hawthorne park for freeway right of way. Most city officials seem to be in agreement that construction of the freeway through the park will destroy its value as a passive recreation area. Therefore, they would like to recover enough damages from the state to provide for a comparable recreation area elsewhere in the city.

The last offer from the state for this property was \$160,980. The council will consider accepting this offer when it meets tomorrow night. This amount would also pay for 9.37 acres of the former Girl Scout Day camp property south of Barnett rd., which is needed for right of way.

Negotiating Sale
The city and state have been negotiating the sale of the property for the past five months. The first offer by the state was said to be about \$80,000. Several city officials are known to want at least \$300,000 for the property.

A number of land appraisals have been made, but they vary considerably. The chief difficulty in arriving at an accurate appraisal is that it is nearly impossible to establish the value of a park in terms of money.

Several city councilmen are known to favor the state's latest offer for reasons that it is a fair price and the best the city can do under the circumstances. There is also the threat that if the city does not accept the state's offer the state might institute condemnation proceedings against the city.

Other councilmen have indicated they would vote to reject the offer on the grounds that it is not a fair price and they would welcome condemnation proceedings.

Question of Spending
Hall and Van Sickle are also in disagreement with several of their fellow councilmen on how the money should be spent once a figure is agreed upon.

A majority of the councilmen seem to favor purchasing land south of town as a site

for the new park. This matter has not been discussed publicly, and the exact site being considered has not been announced. Neither will the acquisition of a new park site be a consideration at tomorrow night's meeting.

Van Sickle is of the opinion, and Hall agrees, that the city should use some of the land it already owns for development as a park. In this way, Van Sickle said, the city would be able to use the entire amount of money for park development.

Land Acquisition
He said that if the city decides to purchase new land for a park, then much of the money will be spent on land acquisition itself and the remainder will be left for actual development of the park. If this is done, he added, the city will then find itself stuck with a half-finished park, and it may be years before enough money is obtained to complete the job.

Van Sickle said he thinks the land owned by the city at the airport might "possibly" make a good site for such a park and for this reason he opposed the agreement that would permit it to be made into a "barrow-pit."

Hall also thinks that the airport site has "terrific potential for replacement of passive recreation that will be lost when Hawthorne construction takes place." He added that: "As a council we are committed to preserve what we have now for future generations to enjoy."

Makes Point Clear
Hall said he wants to make it clear that he is not opposed to construction of the freeway itself. He points out that it should be a boon to the valley economy. However, he said he does not feel the city should have to "give away" anything to the state to get the freeway.

The Medford Chamber of Commerce, in an unusual move, has formally requested that the city council accept the state's latest offer for the park property.

A delegation from the chamber attended Monday's council meeting and said they favor early construction of the freeway because it will help boost the now sagging construction activity in the valley and will provide needed jobs for persons idled by layoffs in the lumber industry and imminent completion of the Talent project.

Agree With Majority
The chamber also agreed with the majority of the councilmen that the state will improve, not harm, the airport property if it is used as a source of fill-dirt.

The council's views on the park property agreement have not yet been discussed publicly, but Mayor John Snider has indicated that the chamber's position will not be a consideration in the council's decision.

These views, both pro and con, are sure to be aired at tomorrow night's meeting barring unforeseen circumstances. Mayor Snider has said the public is invited to attend the meeting and present their views on the proposal.

SENTENCED FOR SPYING
Vienna—UPI—Communist Czechoslovakia sentenced two Czech citizens Tuesday night to prison terms for espionage. Villem Kahapka and Frantisek Pickel were convicted by a Carlsbad court of spying for West Germany. Radio Prague reported. It did not say what the prison terms were.

Hails RAILS AGREEMENT

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower has hailed as "a landmark in the history of labor-management relations" an agreement to submit a dispute over alleged "featherbedding" on railroads to a White House commission. The president made the statement Tuesday in formally establishing the 15-man commission.

Kennedy Maintains Lead in New York
New York—UPI—Sen. John F. Kennedy maintained his New York state lead over Vice President Richard M. Nixon today in the New York Daily News presidential poll.

Kennedy was credited with 55.9 per cent of the 23,061 straws tabulated by the newspaper on a statewide basis. His edge in New York City was 64.2 per cent to Nixon's 35.8 while the vice president was ahead 55 per cent to 45 in New York City suburbs and 50.4 per cent to 49.6 in the upstate area.

Report by Finch Jury Possible
Los Angeles—UPI—A report on marathon deliberations in the second murder trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and Carole Tregoff may be ordered Thursday by the trial judge if the jurors do not reach a verdict today.

Superior Court Judge Leroy Dawson Tuesday denied a defense motion to poll the 11 women and one man panel to see how it stood numerically without reference to guilt or innocence.

However, such a poll, the jurist said, might be taken Thursday if no verdict is reached.

At day's end, the talesmen had deliberated an even 6 hours, surpassing by 9 hours and 40 minutes the point at which the first trial jury found itself in hopeless disension.

Sharks Elude Nets at Miami
Miami—UPI—About 20 black tip sharks, keeping bathers from Crandon Park for the sixth straight day today, carefully avoided nets and baited hooks and chose their own diet of mullet.

The sharks, about five to seven feet long and 100 pounds each, have been swimming 200 yards off shore from the park.

Capt. William Gray of the Miami Aquarium baited about 100 hooks Monday night after efforts to corral the sharks with a 1,200-foot net failed during the day.

trend. The state went 16 per cent for Eisenhower in 1956, but this year it could be close on the heels of Democrat Quentin Burdick's upset election to the Senate.

South Dakota (4): Nixon doesn't appear to be in any danger, but Democratic Rep. George McGovern just might score an upset over veteran GOP Sen. Karl Mundt.

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Water Resources Board Suggests Watermaster Law

Salem—UPI—The State Water Resources Board has voted to recommend to the 1961 legislature a law whereby watermasters are hired and paid by the state.

A watermaster is an officer who enforces water rights on the local level.

At present he is hired by the state engineer but his salary is paid by the county where he works. Board Member La Selle Coles of Prineville described this as a "bad situation."

Pay Refused
Malheur county, for instance, has no watermaster because the county court refused to pay him even though the salary was only \$1 a year.

The board also will introduce a resolution in the legislature calling for establishment of an interim committee in 1962 to study feasibility of a law to create conservancy districts in the state. Purpose of the districts would be to enable local citizens to develop water projects on the basis of need.

Round Butte Discussed
The board authorized its staff to go ahead with recommendations on Portland General Electric Co.'s license application for Round Butte Dam after the deadline for filing of briefs, which is next month. PGE has filed its brief and a citizens' committee has until the middle of November to file a protestant's brief.

The board reclassified a section of the Umpqua River Basin program of 1958 to permit applications for stockwater rights. This was left out by mistake when the program was drawn up.

Succeeds Robert Root
The legal staff of the board said it was still wrestling with problems of what to do about Idaho Power Co. applications for three Snake river projects, at Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon. The state has not granted licenses for the projects although Idaho Power is going ahead with their construction under a federal permit. The firm would like to have Oregon approval to clarify any questions of water rights which could come up in the future.

Coles was elected new chairman of the board to succeed Robert Root, Medford. Brig. Gen. Louis Foote of Forest Grove was elected vice chairman, succeeding Coles.

PREDICTS INVASION
Washington—UPI—Sen. George A. Smathers, (D-Fla.), predicts that Cuba soon may attempt to invade Haiti, El Salvador or Nicaragua in an attempt to divert attention from mounting economic and political troubles at home.

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Wall Street Chatter

New York—UPI—Arthur Wiesenberger & Co. holds the opinion that the recent flurries in the London gold market do not forecast any early devaluation of the dollar nor do they suggest any changes in recent investment policies. They do reflect, however, a degree of foreign concern over the position of the dollar but Wiesenberger says it is usual in times like the present for uncertainties to multiply and be magnified.

Clearwater, Fla.—UPI—John James Allan, 73, highest American-born Salvation Army officer in the history of the organization, died Tuesday.

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Gersen of Wall Street recommends buying Simplicity Pattern, Interstate Department Stores, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco, U.S. Borax & Chemical (for the long pull), Kansas City Southern Railway, Columbia Gas, and Northern Natural Gas.

Bache & Co. reports that North American Aviation has completed a short consolidation phase and appears to be poised for a short term run up from these levels.

Supervisors and non-striking employees took the wheels of 40 buses today to provide public transportation in Miami for the first time in more than three weeks. Drivers for William D. Pawley's two bus companies in Miami and Miami Beach have been on strike for higher wages since Oct. 1.

TV Actor Loses Leg in Accident
Hollywood—UPI—The accidental smashup of a stagecoach Monday during filming of the "Laramie" TV series cost actor Bert Spencer one of his legs.

The 50-year-old actor was "riding shotgun" on top of the stagecoach when it flipped over and crushed one of his legs. Doctors had to amputate the leg at St. Joseph's hospital.

Medford May Get Highway Office
Salem—UPI—The State Highway Department for reasons of "efficiency and economy" has eliminated three road maintenance headquarters in the state—at Tillamook, Bend and Burns.

Carl Hobson, personnel manager, said two jobs were abolished in the process and the third position absorbed, at Tillamook.

Service will not be affected, according to maintenance engineer I. A. De France. The new operation leaves Oregon with 16 maintenance headquarters placed strategically throughout the state.

The current issue of the department's magazine says another move contemplated in the reorganization is eventual shifting of the headquarters for District 3C from Grants Pass to Medford.

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"We judge Mr. Thornton on his past record, his experience and believe he will continue to be an efficient public servant. We believe on this basis he is superior in all ways to his opponent."
— BAKER DEMOCRAT HERALD

"Attorney General Thornton was ordered into the (Portland vice) investigation by the then Governor. . . . The public should be reminded that the mess resulted not from any one man's failure but from the fact that the vice situation was blown all out of proportion. And out of peanuts, the attorney general was supposed to manufacture a broken conspiracy."
— COOS BAY WORLD

"We think the attorney general is much more than just the governor's own legal arm, but belongs to all public officials in our state. He should be free and independent of the governor, not his appointee and hand servant."
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"Mr. Thornton has above all exercised his office in the interest of a clean Oregon, a responsible state in freedom from vice, corruption and crime. The state during the past few years has had high-level encouragement, within his powers to do it, to enforce its child support laws, close down gambling and eliminate racketeering."
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The Salem Capital Journal Poll of 37 High Schools (accredited in last election) shows Thornton leading his opponent with the highest vote of any statewide candidate in all sections of the state, 8044 to 4701.

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