

The First Methodist church, Medford, will observe its 75th anniversary this week. A history of the denomination in Medford is told on page 6A of today's Mail Tribune.

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Medford Elector Calls Electoral System Outdated

Stathos Sends Views To Both Party Heads

Donald L. Stathos, Medford, a Republican elector, has asked the chairman of the two major political parties to take steps which would eliminate the electoral college.

Stathos, along with five other members of the electoral college, will vote Dec. 19 in Salem for the winning Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates in Oregon.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Republican candidate for the Presidency, carried Oregon.

The letters were sent to Sen. Thurston B. Morton, chairman of the National Republican committee, and Sen. Henry M. Jackson, chairman of the National Democratic committee, both in Washington, D. C.

System 'Outdated'

Stathos said the electoral college system "is far outdated in our society."

He noted that "thousands of the voters' dollars are being spent for expenses of the electors, although 99 per cent of the voters do not approve of the political system. The members of both political parties, plus Independents, seem to be in accord with this."

The system, Stathos noted, could result in a minority of the voters selecting the President.

He asked Senators Morton and Jackson to exercise all the resources "at your command to do away with this outdated system, and let the selection of our President be by the popular choice of the voters."

Kennedy Victory Closest in Years

Washington -UPI- The percentage of Sen. John F. Kennedy's popular vote margin over Vice President Richard M. Nixon last night was the lowest in any presidential race in 76 years.

His numerical margin of 391,080 was the closest since 1892 when Democrat Grover Cleveland defeated Republican Benjamin Harrison by 372,736 votes.

A tabulation by United Press International at 12 p.m. (EST) from 165,264 of the 166,143 precincts gave this tally:

Kennedy - 33,834,395 or 50.29 per cent.

Nixon - 33,443,315 or 49.71 per cent.

The percentage of the two-party vote was closer than this in only two previous presidential elections.

Cleveland-Blaine Close

In 1884, Democratic Grover Cleveland beat Republican James Blaine in the popular vote by a margin of 50,115 per cent to 49.85 per cent. In 1880, Republican James A. Garfield beat Democrat Winfield S. Hancock by 50.22 per cent to 49.78 per cent.

Cleveland's numerical margin in the popular vote in 1884 was 29,214, an all-time low. Garfield's was 39,213, second lowest on record.

Mann Elected Leader Of Oregon Cattlemen At Convention Here

The Oregon Cattlemen's association concluded its 48th annual convention, the first in Medford, Saturday after passing 41 resolutions, electing new officers and establishing Pendleton as the 1961 convention site.

Irvin Mann, Stanford, Ore., was elected president of the association just prior to adjournment.

Viet Nam Rebels Defeated; Diem Again in Control

Saigon, Viet Nam -UPI- President Ngo Dinh Diem's secret police Saturday rounded up opponents of his regime, and arrested the American-trained colonels who staged a bloody revolt against him Friday.

Diem apparently was firmly in control. He broadcast a pardon to the paratroopers but not the officers, who attacked the palace, and he promised to "find a solution" to the troubled economic and political situation in the country.

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One American was wounded slightly when a ricocheting bullet nicked his arm. He was identified as Clarence F. Barber of Vienna, Va., a U. S. embassy official.

The revolt leaders, Col. Nguyen Chanh Thi, 30, and his deputy, Lt. Col. Vuong Van Dong, were seized in the central city of Nanga Trang where they fled by plane. They were arrested as they stepped from the plane.

The revolt leaders said the upheaval was "anti-communist and anti-rupture." The charged that Diem, while opposing communism, did not combat it properly and that he was making his family a dictatorship over the country.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with intermittent rain in morning. Variable cloudiness with widely scattered showers this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight and Monday. Colder night time temperatures. High today 59. Low tonight 28 to 30. High Monday 52 to 55.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today 4:51 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:01 a.m. Moonrise tomorrow 2:29 a.m. Precip. to 3 p.m. Yesterday .06

PROMINENT STARS

Square of Pegasus, high in south 8:09 p.m. Visible Planets

Yenus, sets 6:24 p.m. Jupiter, sets 7:00 p.m. Saturn, sets 7:45 p.m. Mars, rises 8:51 p.m.

"Now, With Just Another Small Switch—"



Louisiana Calls Holiday; Seeks Integration Delay

Rogers Tells Davis He Will Use Powers

New Orleans -UPI- Louisiana's state superintendent of education last night declared Monday a state-wide school holiday in an effort to delay integration of New Orleans schools at least one more day.

However, the declaration by Education Supt. Shelby Jackson threw the situation into greater confusion and brought this statement from New Orleans Supt. Dr. James F. Redmond:

"This announcement comes as a complete surprise. Therefore, we will have to consider the legal implications before making any announcement concerning the girls and boys of New Orleans public schools."

Redmond emphasized Jackson's announcement should not be taken in itself as meaning that New Orleans schools would be closed Monday. Earlier in the day, U. S. Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers telegraphed Gov. Jimmie Davis that he will bring down the full powers of the justice department upon him if he tries to stop the integration of New Orleans schools by five Negro girls.

Davis, who calmly went off to work after his lunch, has sworn that he will go to jail rather than let any public schools in his state be integrated. The New Orleans school board is ready to carry out a federal court's order to integrate Monday morning.

Rogers telegraphed the warning to Davis. He assured New Orleans Mayor Delesseps S. Morrison, who has not objected to integration, that the justice department will cooperate fully with local authorities in preventing disorder or violence.

Trying to stop the Negro girls from going to school will constitute violation of federal law on five counts, Rogers told Davis.

Football Scores

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Includes College and High School scores.

IKE MAY VISIT JAPAN

Tokyo, Sunday -UPI- President Eisenhower, whose scheduled visit to Japan last June was cancelled because of leftist demonstrations against the new U.S.-Japan security treaty, may visit Japan in the "not-too-distant future," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said Saturday upon his arrival.

Snow Falls, Chains Needed at Crater Lake

Chains were required on Highway 62 in Crater Lake National park late yesterday, park rangers reported.

Chains also were required on the road from park headquarters to the rim. Snow fell all day Saturday, and park rangers estimated about 6 inches on the ground late Saturday afternoon.

HAWAII GOES NIXON

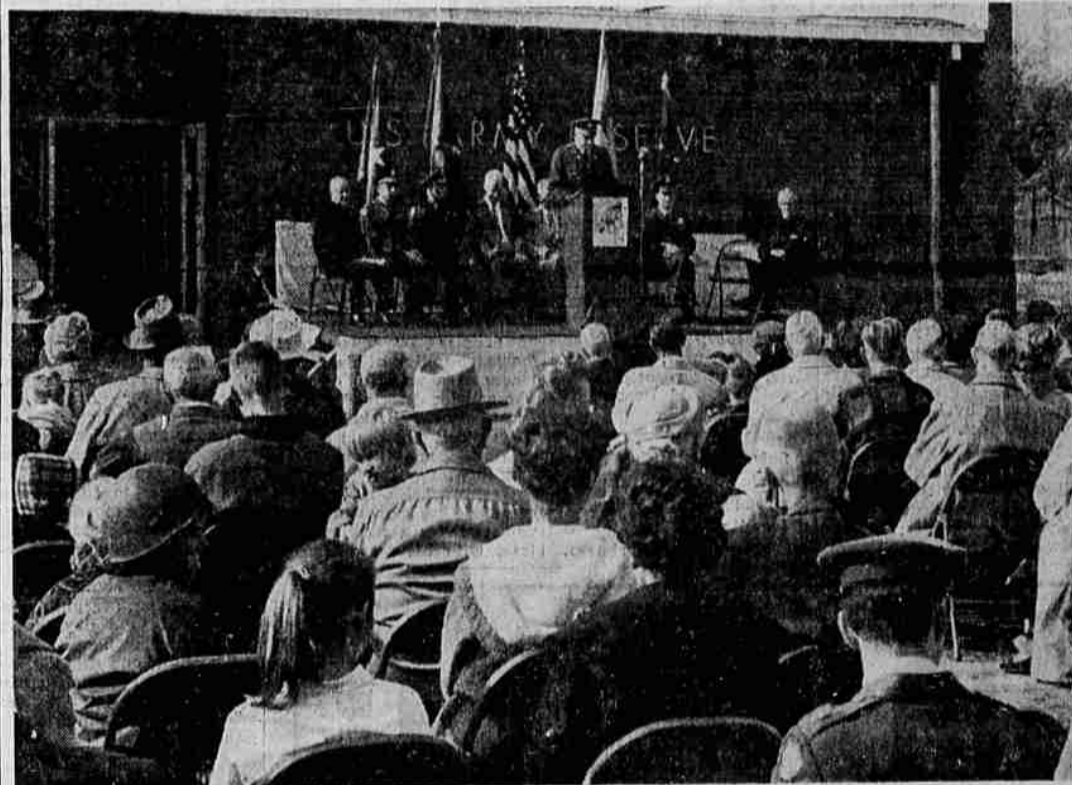
Honolulu -UPI- An unofficial but complete canvass of Hawaii's presidential vote showed Saturday that Vice President Richard Nixon won the state's three electoral votes by exactly 96 of the 184,904 ballots cast.

Cleveland, Ohio -UPI- About 50 persons picketed in front of the music hall of Cleveland public auditorium last night to protest the appearance of a Yugoslav chorus. Police said there was no violence.

Nicaraguan Invasion Fails



VETERANS PARADE—Thousands lined Main st. in Medford Friday to watch the Veterans' day parade. More than 45 units participated in the parade, one of the largest in Medford's history. The groups pictured above are passing the reviewing stand, under the watchful eye of retired Maj. Gen. William Dean, parade marshal. The McLoughlin Junior High school band is on the left. Carrying the flags are veterans of World Wars I and II.



BUILDING DEDICATED—A crowd of several hundred persons attended the dedication ceremony of Medford's new Army Reserve Center, named Santo hall, following the Veterans' day parade Friday. Above, Brig. Gen. William H. Prentice addresses the gathering prior to the cutting of the ribbon that officially opened the hall for use. Refreshments and open house were held following the ceremony. (See stories on page 2.)

Train, Car Collide At Medford Crossing

A Southern Pacific freight train collided with a car at the railroad crossing on Eighth st. in Medford at 8:07 p.m. Saturday night.

The front end of the car was damaged extensively. The driver, Robert Lee Brechies, 315 Apple st., Medford, was apparently uninjured, according to Medford police.

The car was pushed about 15 feet down the tracks before coming to a halt, police said.

U.S. Launches New Discoverer Satellite

Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. -UPI- An advanced new Discoverer satellite - which kept scientists guessing for two hours - was fired into orbit Saturday, moving the United States closer to Sky Spy systems to help guard against a space age Pearl Harbor.

The Air Force announced the new Agena B satellite had gone into orbit after a track-

Dry Kiln Explodes; Damages Garage

Fire resulting from an exploding dry kiln destroyed two cars and extensively damaged a garage and kitchen at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Lemery, 200 Windsor ave., Friday evening.

Medford firemen said they received the call about 7:33 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Lemery, who is an amateur ceramicist, reported the blaze to firemen then went to fight the fire with a fire extinguisher. In the process of using the extinguisher, fluid from it got in her eyes.

A neighboring physician treated Mrs. Lemery. Other than being uncomfortable, her eyes were not harmed, the physician said.

The dry kiln was located in a laundry room adjacent to the garage, firemen said. Smoke damage, and some fire damage to an attic, also was reported. Firemen were on the scene until about 11:24 p.m. Friday.

Washington -UPI- President-elect John F. Kennedy's advisory committee on defense department reorganization is considering a proposal to eliminate the secretary of the Army, Navy and Air Force and to give stronger power to the Secretary of Defense, it was learned Saturday.

Fifty Units March in Parade Friday Under Watchful Eye of General Dean

One of the largest parades in Medford history rolled down Main st. and in front of the watchful eye of parade marshal Maj. Gen. William F. Dean Friday.

The parade contained approximately 50 units representing all branches of the armed services, veteran's organizations, marching bands, fraternal organizations, and local agencies.

Cloudy skies vanished as the parade got underway at the corner of Eighth and Ivy sts. It followed a route up Eighth to Central ave., Central to Fifth st., Fifth to Front st., Front to Main st., ending at the courthouse.

Thousands lined the streets to see the parade pass. It was estimated to be more than a mile long, taking 45 minutes to pass the reviewing stand.

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President Asks Halt To Discrimination

Augusta, Ga. -UPI- President Eisenhower issued an appeal from his deep-south vacation retreat Saturday for every American to halt discrimination based on race, religion or sex.

In his only official action of the day, the President signed a proclamation designating Dec. 10-17 as "Human Rights Week" and sounded a new call for U.S. leadership in promoting equality around the world.

The chief executive, secluded since his arrival at the National Golf club here Wednesday, apparently was taking no interest in the controversy over alleged irregularities in the presidential election.

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