

Election Returns By News Media Not Curtailed

Salem - (UPI) - Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. announced Wednesday he plans no action to prevent news media from distributing Oregon primary election returns statewide even though this may occur before the polls close in many sections.

The unusual situation is being brought about by Oregon's split daylight-standard time.

All election polls close at 8 p.m. But when it is 8 p.m. in Multnomah and four adjacent counties May 18, and returns start becoming available, the rest of the state's polls will be open for one more hour. Multnomah and the four other counties are on fast time while, officially, the rest of Oregon is on standard.

The one other exception is Malheur county, which is on mountain time, meaning the polls there also close an hour earlier than in most other counties.

Poll Taken
Some months ago Appling said he was taking a poll of the five fast time zone counties around Portland, plus Malheur, to see how the county clerks felt about the situation.

Appling said they generally favored an administrative order forbidding distribution of any returns until after all polls in Oregon closed, but he added: "What it boils down to is that we do not feel the problem is serious enough to warrant action on our part."

"The results are not available until almost an hour after the polls close anyway because not all polls have counting boards during the day and some don't start counting until after the polls close."

The secretary, who is chief state elections officer, said he doubted if an earlier distribution would affect anyone still going to the polls.

Tizekker Named Prudential Agent

James E. Tizekker, 610 South Holly st., Medford, has been named agent here for the Eugene district agency of the Prudential Insurance company, Manager Dewie N. Turner, has announced.

Tizekker is a native of Coaldale, Pa. He attended schools at Oak Grove, Medford High and Southern Oregon college.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserve as a clerk typist. He is a member and former president of the Ashland Gamma Theta Upsilon fraternal organization and is a graduate of the Oregon Police Academy, obtaining a certificate in 1961.

ISSUES DRAFT CALL
Washington - (UPI) - The Army will draft 5,000 men in July, 1500 less than the call for June and the smallest of the year. But the Defense Department said Tuesday it would be enough to keep the Army at its approved strength of 960,000.



OFFICIAL MEETING - President Kennedy met with members of the commerce committee for the Alliance for Progress, a group of top level businessmen newly organized to expand the contribution of U.S. private initiative in Latin America. Kennedy is shown chatting with J. Peter Grace, left, chairman of the board of W. R. Grace and Co., and Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges, right. (UPI)

Capitol Memo Ballot Measures In Primaries Rare For Oregon Voters

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Salem - (UPI) - Oregon voters have something special in store for them when they troop into the primary election polling booths next week - two statewide ballot measures.

Even one measure at a May primary election is rare, and there hasn't been two or more since 1934.

Both are constitutional amendments, referrals by the 1961 legislature.

Measure No. 1 would make it earlier for new taxing districts to set up their initial tax base. It also would give districts leeway in calling an election to propose a hike in a tax base. Now, such elections must be held either in May or November.

A third provision would let a district keep its tax base intact even if a levy wasn't made for three or more years. Sponsors say the provisions amount to correcting a defect in existing law, adding that passage would not increase taxes. Opponents have no quarrel with the provision about protection of the tax base, but they charge that the package would, indeed, raise taxes.

The legislature in passing the plan on to voters approved it unanimously.

Measure No. 2 would let the legislature set its own salary.

If ballots were made of flesh and blood, the issue of legislative pay would fit like a comfortable old shoe - it has been, in one form or another, before the people 16 times since 1908.

Fifteen of those times, the proposals were defeated. The last time was in 1960, when the voters asked for a doubling of their admittedly poor \$600 a year salaries. The last pay raise was 12 years ago - when it was upped to the \$600 a year.

This time the legislators aren't asking for a specific amount, but rather the general right to pay themselves a decent wage.

There is no organized opposition.

Sponsors point out that if a legislature went wild and voted itself huge salaries, heads would roll at the next election. So, there isn't likely to be any such political suicide.

Various experts on the Oregon constitution say it is degrading for the same document to: (1) Let the legislature set the salary of the governor and other officials, and at the same time (2) keep a straitjacket on legislative pay.

Court Considers Bids for Tractor

The county court took no action on bids for a crawler type tractor for the roads department yesterday.

The bids were submitted last week, but awarding of the contract was delayed pending further study. The court and county engineer are concerned over the cost of parts for the various tractors offered.

Haupt Tractor company, Medford, was the lowest of three bidders at \$43,990. Other bidders were Howard Cooper, Medford, \$45,545, and Crater Lake Machinery, Medford, at \$47,027.

BUREAUCRACY
London - (UPI) - The employer of a new bride dutifully sent to the Ministry of National Insurance her insurance card and marriage certificate which it had requested. A ministry official then phoned the firm and asked, "Why did we ask you to forward those papers?"

Poll Indicates OK For Medical Plan

Washington - (UPI) - Rep. Thor C. Tollefson (R-Wash.) reported Wednesday that President Kennedy's proposal to finance medical care for the elderly through Social Security was endorsed by two-thirds of 13,000 persons in his district who responded to a mail questionnaire.

Tollefson conducted the poll and said he has not decided what stand he will take on the proposal. It is opposed by most Republicans.

"I'm flexible," Tollefson told a newsmen.

Residents Object To License Renewal

Five persons living adjacent to the H and H Wrecking yards, 3245 South Pacific highway, sent a petition to the Jackson county court opposing renewal of the wrecking yard's county license, the county court has reported.

The residents complained in the petition that the business is a fire hazard, is not conducive to promotion of business or livelihood of others in the area, and the operators of the wrecking yard do not own the real property so it would be "very little hardship" to them if the license should not be renewed.

The petition was signed by Fred Marchbanks, M. M. Roberts, George S. Green, George L. Bronson, and Cecil Watson.

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Dentists Adopt Prepaid Plan

Portland - (UPI) - The Oregon State Dental association Wednesday announced a prepaid dentistry plan.

The program will be available immediately for adults, children and families under group coverage. Costs will vary depending on the size, sex, age, and geographic location of the group covered by the plan, according to Dr. Paul W. Kunkel Jr.

Dr. Kunkel, president of the new Oregon Dental Health Foundation which was set up to handle the plan, announced the innovation at the Oregon State Dental association convention here.

He said 1,200 dentists have signed up to participate in the group program.

The program will be only the third of its type in the nation. Washington and California were the first two to establish the prepaid plan.

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