

Printing Begins on Ballots for General Election This Fall

The ballot titles for proposed constitutional amendments and measures to be voted upon in the general election in November have been received here.

Election ballots, according to County Clerk Mae K. Short, are now in the process of being printed. Secretary of State Robert Farrell this year requested that ballots be sent to the printers as early as possible so that they would arrive in time for men and women in service overseas to vote.

Constitutional Amendment Providing Monthly Annuities From a Gross Income Tax—Purpose: To create state retirement and disability insurance in substitution for present old-age assistance; authorizing a tax on gross incomes of not less than 3 per centum nor more than 5 per centum, payable monthly, to create a fund sufficient to pay every qualified citizen of the state of Oregon, aged over 60 years, and over 18 years if totally and permanently disabled or blind, a minimum monthly annuity of \$60; empowering the state tax commission to levy and collect said tax, adopt rules and regulations for its administration, and providing penalties for violations thereof.

Bill Imposing Tax on Retail Sales of Tangible Personal Property—Purpose: To impose a privilege tax measured by gross receipts from retail sales of tangible personal property, to provide state funds for distribution, 20 per cent for old-age assistance, 60 per cent for property tax reduction, and 20 per cent for common school support. Empowering the state tax commission to collect the tax and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Amendment to Authorize Legislative Regulation of Voting Privilege Forfeiture—Purpose: To amend section 3, Article II of the Oregon Constitution which now denies the privilege of voting to any person who is insane, idiot or insane person, and provides that such privilege shall be forfeited by conviction of any crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary; by substituting the words "mentally diseased" in lieu of the word "insane," in providing further that the conviction of any crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary shall cause forfeiture of the voting privilege "unless otherwise provided by law," thus permitting modification or abolition of such forfeiture by act of the legislature or the people by initiative.

Amendment Authorizing "Oregon War Veterans' Fund"—Purpose: Empowering the state to incur indebtedness not exceeding 3 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property therein to raise money to be loaned on security of farms and homes to be acquired by residents who have served honorably in the army, navy, marine corps, or any auxiliary thereof, for at least 90 days after September 1, 1940, and before the end of actual hostilities with any of the axis powers; levying a 2 mill additional tax outside 6 per cent limitation upon property for the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued to create such fund.

Amendment to Authorize Change to Managerial Form of County Government—Purpose: To amend Article VI, Oregon Constitution, by adding a new section thereto authorizing the legislature to prescribe the method and means whereby any county, by majority vote of the electors therein, may adopt a manager and commission form of county government in lieu of its present form of government.

Amendment to Provide Alternative Means for Securing Bank Depositors—Purpose: To amend section 3, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution which now makes stockholders of corporations or joint stock companies carrying on a banking business liable for the indebtedness of the corporation or company to double the amount of their stock at par value; continuing such double liability but authorizing banking corporations in lieu thereof to provide security through membership in the federal deposit insurance corporation or other instrumentality of the United States or otherwise for the benefit of the depositors equivalent in amount to such

double liability of said stockholders.

Constitutional Amendment Increasing State Tax Fund for Public School Support—Purpose: Adding to Article VIII, Oregon Constitution, a new section requiring the legislative assembly to create state fund, in addition to common school fund, for support of public elementary and secondary schools; fund to include revenue from taxes now provided by law for school support and sufficient to provide not less than forty-five cents per child per day of attendance for preceding school year. Taxes levied or imposed for fund not subject to six per cent constitutional tax limitation. Until 1950, \$8,000,000 to be applied annually to reduce property tax levies in local districts without affecting tax bases within six per cent limitation.

Bill Providing Educational Aid to Certain Veterans, World War II—Purpose: To provide educational aid to certain war veterans of World War II who were residents of Oregon for one year prior to entrance into service, authorizing the levy of taxes each year equal to two-tenths of a mill on the dollar of the total value of the taxable property of the state to provide funds therefor, and directing the superintendent of public instruction to investigate educational institutions receiving financial aid thereunder.

Burke Bill: Only State Selling Liquor Over 14 Hundredths Alcohol—Purpose: Requiring all intoxicating liquor containing over 14 per cent of alcohol by volume, including fortified wine, except for sacramental purposes, to be sold exclusively by stores and agencies operated by the Oregon liquor control commission, and making it unlawful for any other person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale, or give to any person any such wines or liquors, except for sacramental purposes. Violation of this act is made punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

Grocers Rejoice Over Disappearance Of Blue Tokens

PORTLAND, Sept. 8 (AP)—Grocers rejoiced today at the news that blue ration tokens are to disappear from the American scene. They never complained the food dealers, had enough. Mountains of blue chips went out in change, but the housewives—hoarding for future use or building up a poker chip supply—brought very few back. "We were always," chorused the grocers, "racing to the bank to get a new pile of tokens."

Now they are wondering—will all those hoarded blue chips flood in like a torrent before October 1?

SPARE THAT TREE NEW YORK—It's now: Resident spare that tree. The department of parks, because of a manpower shortage, has appealed to the public to care for New York City's 1,500,000 trees. Spade the earth six inches deep and pour 10 gallons of water twice weekly, they say.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press
LESS SALT, PLEASE
DENVER—Salt's salty language shocked native South Sea Islanders, it was reported in a letter from Robert E. Kinney of Denver, radioman. He wrote this notice was posted on a bulletin board by a native chief: "Americans working with natives unloading ships are asked to be a little more careful of their language, as they use quite a few of the words your missionaries have taught us are bad words, and you are ruining the good work they have done among us."

STOP SIGHIN'
MILES CITY, Mont.—A highway department crew wanted to stop motorists to direct them over a detour. So they stationed a pretty blonde at one end of the detour and at the other—a brunette.

CUSTOM
POCATELLO, Idaho.—The Mexican custom of coming late to parties cost a group of Mexican fliers stationed here a good meal.

Sorority girls, dressed in their best, waited for the fliers until the food was cold. The girls ate alone and were ready to leave when the Mexican officers arrived, flashing smiles and guitars. One of them explained that in Mexico parties "begin very late and end very late."

BEST EXCUSE OF YEAR
STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Arthur Ray Warnock, Penn State dean of men, thought he heard every excuse for cutting classes until a freshman asked to spend a weekend at home. "Mother is in the WAC," said the freshman, "and dad gets lonely."

MISS M'FEE LATEST WAVE RECRUIT HERE

Newest WAVE from Klamath Falls is Louise McFee, who has just completed her enlistment in the women's reserve of the U. S. navy, yesterday reported Recruiting Specialist D. T. Schreiber, recruiter in charge of the Klamath Falls U. S. navy recruiting substation. Miss McFee is scheduled to report soon to the U. S. naval training station for WAVES, New York City. Following the six weeks' training, she will be assigned to a naval station or to an advance school to learn a specialized navy job.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McFee, 118 N. 7th, and was graduated from Yakima high school, Yakima, Wash., where she was active in the Girls' Sports club, and was business manager of the school paper. She attended the University of Washington, the Central Washington College of Education and Oregon State college 1940-1941, 1944, where she received a B.S. degree.

Prior to volunteering in the WAVES, Miss McFee worked as an assistant laboratory technician from June, 1944, to October, 1944, at the University of Oregon medical school.

Second member of her family to join the armed forces, Miss McFee has a brother, Malcolm McFee, who is a lieutenant in the army air corps.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



Receives Medal—Second Lt. Donald Leslie, formerly of Klamath Falls, recently was awarded the Air Medal in the Mediterranean theater of action.

He has been assigned as a pilot in the oldest B-25 medium bomber group in the AAF and at the time when he was awarded the medal he had 10 missions to his credit. He arrived in the Mediterranean in July.

Leslie is a graduate of KUHS. He was married before leaving for overseas duty and his wife now resides in Beaumont, Tex. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Leslie, now live in Compton, Calif.



Wilda Mae Hackland, 263 Kane, enlisted recently in the WAVES through the local recruiting office. She reports for active duty to the transportation corps, port of embarkation, Los Angeles, on September 17.



MERRILL—Corporal Beth Robely, former Merrill girl now serving with the WAC in the European theater of war, wrote this week to Mrs. Roy McNeill that she was "somewhere in France," one of eight women chosen to serve with a newly organized detachment. She continues to work in the communications department but is now serving with the signal corps on a switchboard.

She writes that she has "seen unbelievable sights, that she is quartered in a French home where living standards are much lower than in the United States. Streets are narrow and filthy and in the rush and hurry of the transportation from England to the continent, the young women found meager accommodations, finding it necessary to wash in water poured into helmets."

A Red Cross photographer who took pictures in a Red Cross club room is sending the negatives to the Portland Oregonian and included in the shots are Miss Robely and a man by the name of Mayfield, one time state police officer of Oregon who resided in Klamath Falls.

Miss Robely was employed while living here on the switchboard of the local telephone office. Her present address is APO 6604 WAC Detachment H. Q., Normandy Base Section, A.S.C.Z.—A PO 562 Postmaster, New York City, N. Y.

On Furlough—Pvt. Ray A. Peck is home for 18 days visit-



RECEIVES PURPLE HEART—Sgt. Bill Sykes, who was wounded in action in France on July 25, has been awarded the Purple Heart, according to word just received by his wife.

Sgt. Sykes was with the Fifth Armored division when he was wounded. He was sent to a hospital in England and is now at a convalescent hospital in England.

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND STATION, England—Sergeant Walter R. Frymire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Frymire, Klamath Falls, Ore., is stationed at this strategic air depot bomber repair base where he makes sheet metal and fabric repairs on battle-damaged heavy bombers of the VIII air force.

He was graduated from the Klamath Union high school in 1935 and prior to his entry into the army September 14, 1942, at Fort Lewis, Wash., he was employed by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company. Sergeant Frymire has been stationed in the European theatre of operations 14 months. His brother, Pvt. Harry Frymire, is stationed at San Antonio, Tex.

BOY SCOUTS TOP GROUPS FOR SERVICE

Boy Scouts in the nation rendered services to 36 agencies directly or indirectly related to the war effort or to public welfare during 1943, according to a war service report just published by the Boy Scouts of America.

The office of civilian defense reported using scouts more than any other organization, topping that of the Red Cross, war chest organizations and war bond committees. More than 100,000 scouts were definitely reported to have participated in Red Cross work, while more than 75,000 took part in war bond drives. Among many other service activities were ration board assistance, U. S. army and hospital aid.

"This record is one of which Scouts can be proud," stated Robert H. Lamott, local Boy Scout executive, in releasing the report Thursday. "The national figure is based on actual reports rather than on any average estimate, and probably not more than half of the troops of the country sent in the detailed reports," Lamott said.

Locally, scouts have taken part in nearly all salvage campaigns, in all war bond drives, in Red Cross activities on request, in the Victory book campaign, tuberculosis campaigns, war chest campaigns, the annual Fourth of July rodeo, and other minor services. In addition, the Boy Scouts here have just terminated a year's service for the office of war information as dispatch bearers.

ing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peck, route 3, box 1052. He arrived Monday from Camp Swift, Texas, where he is stationed with the 10th division of ski and mountain troops. He expects to return to Camp Swift.

OPA Action On Lamb Too Little, Too Late, Says Thomas

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (AP)—"Too little and too late" was the office of price administration's action in releasing an extra ration stamp for the purchase of lamb in the Pacific northwest, Senator Thomas (R-Idaho) declared yesterday.

The senator said in a statement there never was any need for rationing lamb and that OPA had been warned by the western sheep industry in advance that storage space would be glutted as the lamb marketing season opened.

With its usual lack of foresight the OPA delayed action and then, by issuing a spare stamp recently in a limited section of the country, acknowledged the accuracy of the advice it had been given—but the action again was too little and too late," he declared.

Work On Memorial Park Now Underway

Work on the driveway for the new cemetery, Klamath Memorial park, is underway near the Keaton road. Most of the grading has been completed, and the concrete curbing is going in. C. A. Dunn is contractor for the project.

900 Men Battle Idaho Forest Fire

ST. MARIES, Ida., Sept. 8 (AP)—Nearly 900 men, civilian and military, fought today to control a 800-acre blaze near Sanderson, Ida., in the St. Joe forest. The blaze, now in its second day, moved swiftly through cut-over land.

The initial force of 550 fire fighters was augmented last night by almost 400 men re-

crutled from Glacier Park, Kane, and sailors from tug, Ida., naval yard, Portland.

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