

VOTERS OK MEASURES

Referendum and Proposals

Turnout One Of Smallest In History

By WALLACE MYERS

Both the county road and municipal swimming pool measures were approved by thumping majorities in yesterday's special election.

Only a handful of citizens thought the issues important enough to ballot on; there was an unofficial total of 2,886 votes cast against an eligible voter total of 21,500. That makes an approximate 13 1/2 per cent turnout.

The county road levy was approved by almost three to one and the municipal swimming pool bond issue by more than four to one. Unofficial totals were: road levy—yes, 2,010, no 840; swimming pool bonds—yes 1,172, no 270.

ROAD LEVY
Continuation of a 3-mill levy for construction and improvement of county roads was the county measure approved. The present such levy expires this year.

The swimming pool measure had to do with a switch in financing plans. A 5-mill levy for the pool, designed to raise some \$150,000, was approved by voters in last year's primary. At the time, city officials said it would be possible to have the pool constructed by about July 1, this year, if the levy were approved. Later, however, it was discovered that funds could not be obtained until the levy had been collected for a matter of about seven years.

It was then decided to switch financing plans, substituting a bond issue for the special levy. This, it was said, would make it possible to begin construction of the pool right away and would not cost taxpayers any more than the special levy.

NEGATIVES
Thirty of the city's 32 precincts gave the swimming pool switch a majority, most of them by wide margin. The two precincts which turned down the pool plan were No. 12 (14 to 8) and No. 14 (8 to 5). A majority of No. 12 voters, going negative all the way, also voted no on the county road levy (12 to 10).

In all, seven of the county's 77 precincts had a majority of no's on the road levy. Besides city No. 12, there were city Nos. 14 and 17 and the following county precincts: Chemult, Crescent Lake, Ocell and Wood River, all in the north end of the county.

County Clerk Charles DeLap, remarking on the disappointingly small voter turnout, said the election would cost roughly \$2.50 for each ballot cast.

Boy Wounded By Air Gun

State Police today were investigating the serious wounding yesterday afternoon of a 5-year-old boy. The youngster, while in the near vicinity of the Altamont Grocery, was shot in the left buttock with a pellet gun and police said the pellet penetrated the boy's flesh to a depth of four inches.

The wounded boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Childers, 3333 Boardman.

It was some time before the nature of the boy's wound was discovered. At first, it was believed he had sat on a nail since there is some construction work in progress at the grocery. Later a doctor probed the wound and removed the large metal pellet.

Police say the pellet guns have practically the same power as .22 caliber guns and should be regarded as deadly weapons.

Early this afternoon the person who fired the shot which struck the youngster was apparently still unknown.

Quick Action On Part Of Bystander Ends With Quick Capture Of Would-Be Thief

City police are giving Louis Adams, Negro employee of Ashley Chevrolet, a strong measure of credit for the quick capture and jailing yesterday of a daring thief.

Here is the story as recorded by the Police:

A little before noon yesterday, Adams was in the K Cafe, 808 Klamath, when his attention was drawn to a white man who complained of being down on his luck and in need of a cup of coffee. Adams bought the man coffee.

A few moments later, Blackie Newsum, cafe operator was in the kitchen and the lone waitress was at the service window with her back to the counter. Suddenly, the white man leaped over the counter, grabbed a handful of currency from the cash register, scrambled back over the counter and ran out the front door.

It took Adams only a minute or so to decide such action wasn't entirely kosher. He also ran out the door and up Klamath Avenue in the direction the bold bandit had disappeared. As Adams approached the Bus Terminal at 9th and Klamath, he saw his prey emerge from behind the terminal. In the short span since leaving the cafe, the white man had shaken a pair of striped overalls and a jacket so that his appearance was greatly changed. But



ON HIS WAY HOME after two and a half years in a Red prison camp in Korea is Johnny Martin (left) of Tulelake. Johnny is shown here in the press tent at Freedom Village with his buddy, Pfc. James Ball of Bellburn, W. Va. Johnny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Martin of Tulelake.

Allies May Demand Return Of More POWs From Reds

By MILO FARNETI
PANMUNJOM, Korea (P)—The U.N. command Wednesday night called for a meeting with Communist liaison officers Thursday, touching off speculation that the Allies might again ask the Reds to return more disabled captives.

The U.N. prisoners already freed have told of many sick and injured Americans and other prisoners still in Communist prison stockades.

The official announcement said only that the meeting was called "to discuss matters in connection with the current repatriation operations."

The session is set for 10 a.m. (5 p.m. Wednesday Pst.), an hour after the Reds start turning over 14 more Americans and 86 other U.N. and South Korean prisoners. The exchange began Monday.

American and U.N. captives in Japan on their way home Wednesday added bitter new accounts to the stories of death in Communist stockades and on brutal marches.

Associated Press Correspondent Robert Emswiler said the figures add up to 1,500 dead.

The Reds, meanwhile, made propaganda capital of the sick and wounded exchange, describing prisoners returning from Allied camps as "mutilated, emaciated wrecks."

RNA Confab Slated Here

The 23rd annual district convention of the Royal Neighbors of America will convene here Friday, April 24 in the K.C. Hall.

Presiding will be State Supervisor Mae Logan, Portland.

Mrs. Ada Barlett, Klamath Falls, District Oracle and Mrs. Jessie Steele, Klamath Falls, District Deputy, Elsa Walker, Medford and Goldie Gibbs, Lakeview, District Deputies, will also be present.

The district is comprised of lodges from Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Grants Pass, Talent, Lakeview, Jacksonville and Klamath Falls.

Some 125 delegates are expected.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and the session will convene at 10 o'clock. Luncheon will be served in the K.C. Hall at noon.

The banquet at 6 p.m. will be held at Jen-Eds with Mayor Paul Landry giving the address of welcome.

A class of candidates will be initiated at the evening meeting and the program that follows will be open to the public.

KUHS Band Sets Concert Here

Klamath Union High School's Concert Band, assisted by the Boys and Girls Club, is to appear in concert tomorrow, 8 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

It is a benefit to raise funds for new band uniforms required by growth of the unit.

KU band members and vocalists recently carried off 27 first places in the annual Southern Oregon music trials at Ashland.

Parking Gadgets Don't Pay Off

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Police attempting to cope with the parking problem have another headache today. Somebody has a master key to 8,800 parking meters.

Detectives discovered yesterday a thief had emptied 80 of the meters of several hundred dollars.

The meter looter customarily works just one jump ahead of the regular collectors to be assured of a maximum haul, officials said.

Oregon Legislature Winds Up 2nd Longest Session

SALEM (P)—Weary but happy, Oregon's legislators finished their 100-day session at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday night. The adjournment was orderly, with the closing minutes being given over to speeches praising the fairness and competence of Senate President Eugene E. Marsh and House Speaker Rudie Wilhelm Jr. There was applause and singing after passage of the adjournment resolution. Then the lawmakers went to a downtown hotel for a farewell party given by the lobbyists.

The Joint Ways and Means Committee estimated Wednesday the state would have a \$2,337,639 surplus at the end of the two-year budget period which begins next July 1. The Legislature appropriated \$196,790,306, and revenues for the next biennium were estimated at \$199,127,946. Both houses operated at full speed until the dinner hour, and the evening sessions were devoted to cleaning up the odds and ends.

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (P)—The Oregon Legislature, second longest in history, passed about 700 bills to set a new record, and among that number are some measures with far-reaching effects.

The 10 most important pieces of legislation will do these things:

1. Expand Oregon's teacher training program by adding training of high school teachers and liberal arts courses at the colleges of education, adding elementary training at the university and state college, and provide four-year liberal arts courses and teacher training at Portland State College.

2. Simplify the state's tax system by putting income tax receipts into the state's general fund.

3. Make it illegal for public eating, lodging and amusement places to discriminate against minority groups.

4. Open up the welfare rolls to public inspection and tighten the law that makes relatives care for the needy.

5. Permit sale of 32 million dollars of highway bonds to complete the highway commission's five-year emergency road building program.

6. Ban organizational picketing by labor unions.

7. Permit sale of liquor by the drink, scheduled to start in about two weeks.

8. Construct eight million dollars worth of new state buildings, including a dental school, reformatory, new wing at the state hospital, chemical engineering building at Oregon State College, and journalism building at the university.

9. A new law code, which is a re-written version of all state laws.

10. Stronger forest fire fighting laws, with an increased timber severance tax to create a state fire fighting fund.

Of the almost 700 new laws, Gov. Paul Patterson already has signed 434 of them and vetoed none. He has 20 days to act on the rest of them.

The 1951 session, which was 116 days long and was the longest in history, passed 645 bills.

A new record, 1,263, was set for a number of bills introduced. The previous mark of 1,214 was set in 1951.

The Legislature balanced the budget for the two years beginning July 1. But if economic conditions take a downward turn, the state could go into the red easily, because income tax receipts are sensitive to economic conditions.

Here is a summary of other important legislation that was passed or which failed to pass:

FINANCES
Legislation was approved to make personal income tax exemptions conform with the federal \$800 exemption for everyone. This will mean lower taxes for families with two or more children, the blind and persons over 65 years old. Working parents who have to hire baby sitters will get additional exemption.

The Tax Commission was required to make it public when it writes off income taxes it considers uncollectible, which is a far cry from the governor's recommendation that all tax compromises be made public.

State officials, judges and district attorneys got pay increases, but the state employees didn't. An interim committee was created to study property taxation.

In the defeated or buried category were measures to let the Legislature put the emergency clause on tax bills, and to remove the excise tax exemption that is given to corporations getting more than 95 per cent of their income from rents.

Highways
Oregon joined Washington in permitting tolls on the Vancouver-Portland highway bridge, the money to be used to build a second bridge. The amount of insurance required under the state financial responsibility law was doubled, and motorists were prohibited from installing devices in their cars where drivers could see them. An interim committee was ordered to study all highway problems, and motorists were banned from throwing lighted material from their cars at any time.

Measures which failed would have banned billboards on highways, cut Multnomah County's share of highway funds by 20 per cent, put photos of drivers on drivers licenses, and created a fund to pay doctor, hospital and funeral expenses of traffic victims who can't collect damages when the other driver is at fault.

Government Reorganization

The Legislature voted to have a legislative council to draft bills and revise the laws, and it let the governor take over the Board of Control's duty to appoint the Tax Commission. An interim committee was created to begin work on a new Constitution.

The proposed State Department of Revenue will be studied two more years, as will the proposed State Department of Motor Vehicles. Legislation for a full-time Parole Board, with the right to fix prison sentences, died in committee.

The Ways and Means Committee rejected the idea of having a legislative analyst check on operations of state departments, and the bill to have a lieutenant governor was defeated.

Power and Water Resources
A two-year study of water resources was ordered to try to find a way to end the constant bickering over use of water. Oregon's Interstate Co-operation Commission was directed to begin helping other Northwest states in writing a Columbia River Compact, and a Klamath River Basin Commission was created to work with California in writing a similar compact. A bill was passed to require public hearings after electric companies add surcharges.

One of the most hectic battles came over the Portland General Electric Company's "Pelton Dam" bill to allow appeals from the Hydroelectric Commission. The bill was defeated and then buried in committee. Another bill which died would have made city-owned electric utilities pay taxes on their property located outside their home cities.

Elections
Measures passed would require more signatures on initiatives to amend the Constitution, amend the Constitution to permit dividing legislative districts, require that an appointee to any vacancy be of the same party as his predecessor, let counties use voting machines,

require elections before construction of housing projects, and put "price tags" on ballot measures that reduce revenue.

Failing to pass were bills to let candidates withdraw from the state's presidential primary, and require candidates for national party conventions who file by petition to agree to support the winner of the presidential primary.

Liquor
The many bills to restrict liquor sale died in committee, as did the bill to pay salaries to the liquor commissioners.

Labor
Labor failed in its efforts to get higher unemployment and industrial accident benefits. Its bill to extend unemployment insurance to firms with fewer than four employees also failed. On the final day the Legislature banned picketing by a union that is not the workers' recognized bargaining agent.

Education
Attempts to get school reorganization by simple majority vote in a proposed consolidated district failed.

Legislation was approved to continue operation of Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls, settle the dispute between the Board of Higher Education and Civil Service Commission, officially change the name of Oregon Agricultural College to Oregon State College, and being Oregon's participation in the Western States Compact to pool higher education facilities.

The House defeated a move to put the state into educational television, but the Legislature did ask the governor to take all steps to reserve the two educational TV channels that have been set aside for Oregon.

Two school bills which died in committee would have increased minimum teacher salaries, and reduced the maximum school age from 18 to 16.

Fish and Game
The governor was allowed to postpone hunting seasons during periods of great forest fire hazard. The bill to transfer game law enforcement from the state police to the Game Commission never got out of committee. The bill to close the Coquille River to commercial fishing passed the Senate, but died in the House.

Food and Farm
The bills passed would regulate aerial sprayers of farm crops, create commodity commissions to increase the butterfat content of milk from 3.2 to 3.5 per cent, ban sale of horse meat in markets where other kinds of meat are sold, provide stronger Bang's Disease controls, reimburse for loss of hogs which are slaughtered because of venereal exanthema, and ban feeding of uncooked garbage to hogs.

Legislation which didn't make the grade would have provided state meat inspection, and let the milk administration keep milk distributors out of each other's markets.

Other Bills Passed
The deadline for the veterans bonus was extended until next December 31, and veterans' farm and home loans got higher maximums. The state got its first oil and gas drilling code, and state and other public employees got bigger retirement benefits by combining the state retirement plan with federal social security.

Several bills were passed to tighten the abortion laws, as was a bill to make it tougher for sex criminals. County Courts were given authority to set salaries of county officers.

Other important new laws will provide out-patient service at the state hospitals, let the Department of Agriculture license rainmakers, create a State Development Commission to attract new industry, set up a pool of state automobiles in Salem, permit courts to order blood tests in paternity cases, allow the Department of Agriculture to order removal of ragweed, and relieve radio stations of liability for statements by political candidates.

Legislation Failed
The Legislature buried a bill to legalize those pinball games which reward the player with free plays, and all efforts to change the distribution of racing money to the fairs were beaten down.

After doing all that work, the Legislature voted to ask the people to boost their \$600 annual salaries to \$1,200. The people will vote on it in Nov. 1954.

California's Condors Said To Be Starving

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (P)—The last of North America's greatest birds, the California condor, were reported today by a naturalist as dying out from starvation.

Lewis Wayne Waker declared their only hope of survival was in captivity or by artificial feeding in their 35,000-acre preserve in the Coast Range Mountains north of Los Angeles.

He said he had counted only 12 of the great birds, with wing spreads of 10 to 11 feet, during three months of efforts to trap a pair for the San Diego Zoo. This was a sharp decline from the 34 counted in the preserve during an artificial feeding period of observation in 1934, he said.

Condors, despite their great size, do not kill and in natural state must depend for food upon carrion left by animals of prey or hunters.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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Fighting In Korea Dies; Planes Out

REUL (P)—U.S. Sabre jets flew double duty as fighters and bombers today as the 155-mile battle line remained relatively quiet for the third straight day.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said one group of Sabres swept north to the Yalu River hunting for Communist MIG jets while modified Sabres smashed a Red supply center on the Haeju Peninsula in fighter-bomber strikes.

The fighter Sabres fought three high-altitude duels with MIGs but made no claims of destruction or damage, the Air Force said.

Marine Panther jets destroyed 20 buildings and a heavy weapon position northwest of Huan.

Before dawn, B-26 bombers reported destruction of 71 trucks and a supply buildup area five miles south of Wonsan, on Korea's east coast. Pilots said gasoline tanks went up in a chain reaction of explosions that lit the sky with orange flames.

On the ground, South Korean raiders threw a light rail at Chinese Reds north of Chonwon on the Central Front just before midnight.

The ROKs killed and wounded 30 of the Reds in a flash firefight that lasted less than five minutes, the Army said.

Nineteen Chinese Reds were killed by four ROK defenders in a close-range four-hour fight on the slopes of an Allied outpost less than a mile and a half south of Panmunjom.

In Western Europe, which is made up of a lot of states averaging about the size of Texas, the big ones being France, the U.S. and Great Britain, the little ones are the size of Rhode Island—it's difficult to say.

There, when you cross a river you go through all the usual police inspection of papers, customs inspection of baggage and no oil, and, worst of all, you leave one language behind and take on all the intricacies of the stumbling blocks and misunderstandings and the utter bewilderment that come with a spoken to in a strange way and not having the faintest idea of what is being said to you.

It's little wonder that our country does so well in the comparatively short time we have been in and that the countries of Europe have done so poorly in comparison in the long, long time since they got there.

Thank the good Lord that our Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution that had the wisdom and foresight and the wisdom to forbid flatly the holding of any barriers whatever in the way of free interchange of EVERYTHING—goods, money, commodities, ideas, information, goods, good, and decent political notions and to have you among all of our countrymen one of the big ones for our greatness. One realizes that so vividly as he drives across our great country from coast to coast.

Yes, I forgot one thing. The Panama big stations. They are exceptions. Only at the borders are you stopped and asked to submit to an examination of your possessions.

Know the story, I've listened to it ever and over of the state to the border, who are inclined to be back from elsewhere and the borders of their own state have to be "inspected," even if it's literally to do people from states who cross into California.

I know that without the inspections the Florida citrus might wreck California's citrus industry. And so on through the list.

Of Southern Oregon don't say anything like that to happen, California is too good a customer of ours.

I DO hope, and hope sincerely, that this business of bug inspections and other quarantines seem to get around the clear mind of the Founding Fathers to the sure that NEVER in American history there be prohibition of exchange of goods, services, and PEOPLE from one state to another doesn't spread beyond its limits.

It is fortunate in our system it is GRAND!

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Chest Sets Meet Tonight

A public hearing on the possibility of establishing a United Fund Drive (Detroit Plan) here is being sponsored tonight, 7:30, by the Klamath County Community Chest at the Chamber of Commerce.

Several discussion sessions have been held on the matter and it is hoped tonight's parley will draw representatives from all interested groups.

The United Fund Drive plan calls for one major drive annually, with all worthwhile agencies participating rather than several individual drives at frequent intervals throughout the year. Many cities and counties have successfully adopted the United plan and it is becoming increasingly popular.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through Thursday. High Thursday 66; low Wednesday night 40.

High yesterday 70
Low last night 37
Precip last 24 hours 0
Since Oct. 1 11.83
Normal for period 9.97
Same period last year 14.22