

Spotlight Focused On State Election Campaign In 1956

Background for '56: This is the first in a series of articles about what to expect in Oregon's political campaigns next year, combined with background about what happened in recent years. This political primer for voters and candidates was written by The Associated Press correspondent in Salem, who has covered Oregon's political scene since 1937.

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Oregon, having earned a national reputation as a key state in politics in 1948, 1952 and 1954, is headed for the spotlight again next year.

In the primary election on May 18, the country will be watching Oregon to learn its choice for the presidential nomination.

And the general election Nov. 6 will have national importance because U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse, the Republican-turned-Democrat, will be up for reelection.

Only 19 states have presidential primaries, viewed as tests of public sentiment to guide the national conventions in choosing their presidential nominees.

Six are regarded by national party leaders as the important ones. These are New Hampshire March 13, Minnesota March 20, Wisconsin April 3, Nebraska May 15, Oregon May 18, and California June 5.

Oregon's primary is unique in that a candidate's name can be filed without his consent. Candidates file their own candidacies, but petitions, bearing 1,000 signatures, can force any reluctant candidate into the race.

Oregon's presidential primary first assumed national importance in 1948. In that year, Thomas E. Dewey and Harold Stassen

stumped the state like candidates for sheriff, with Dewey winning 117,554 to become the choice of Oregon's Republicans to win the Republican nomination for president.

Dewey won the GOP nomination that year, and most political observers say that his Oregon victory had a lot to do with it.

In the general election that year, Dewey carried Oregon against

President Truman by a 248,635 to 225,265 margin.

That year, 1948, was the first time in 20 years that Oregon went Republican in a presidential election. President Roosevelt carried the state all four times he ran.

In 1952, when President Eisenhower still was in Paris as NATO commander, Mark Hatfield, then a state representative, became one of the first men in the country to launch an Eisenhower-for-President drive.

Hatfield, now a state senator, distributed the petitions that put Eisenhower on the primary ballot. Eisenhower won handsily in the GOP primary. So Oregon gave the President a good send-off.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Estes Kefauver was the choice for the presidential nomination. He got 142,440 votes to 20,353 for Adlai Stevenson, who did not announce his candidacy until the Democratic National Convention that nominated him.

In the November election, Oregon stayed in the GOP column, Eisenhower getting 420,825 votes and Stevenson 270,727.

The results of the presidential primary are binding upon the Oregon delegates elected to the national party conventions.

Next year, Oregon will have 18 delegates to the Republican National Convention. Ten will be elected from the state at large and two from each congressional district. There will be 12 delegates to the Democratic National Convention, four from the state at large and two from each congressional district.

These delegates, along with the national committeemen and committeewomen for each party, will be elected at the May 18 primary election.

The Oregon delegates are pledged to use their "best efforts" to bring about the nomination of the candidate who has won their state presidential primary. This customarily means they have to keep on voting for him at the national convention until he releases them.

The candidates for delegate have until March 9 to file their candidacies, and they take the pledge at that time. However, candidates for delegate sometimes file by petition, and thus avoid having to sign the pledge to follow the people's wishes, but none who did that has been elected in the past 35 years.

Each party has one national committeeman and a committeewoman for each state. They serve four years, and are generally considered the party leaders for their own states.

In the presidential primary, the Democratic race in Oregon likely will see Adlai Stevenson, Estes Kefauver and Averell Harriman on the ballot, whether they want to be or not.

If President Eisenhower runs again, he probably would be the only candidate in the GOP race in this state. If he doesn't, several Republicans probably will be entered by their supporters.

Next: What does it cost to run for office?

COMMUNIST BROADCAST

TOKYO (AP) — Peiping Radio Tuesday broadcast an interview with Prof. Li Chung-wu, a nuclear physicist recently returned from the United States, who said he found "an overall atmosphere of prosperity and calm" in Red China.

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WINNER OF A FOOD FREEZER, Archie Stots, right, poses with Don Stevens, center, manager of the local Firestone Store which gave the freezer away. Stots won the freezer by signing up with Elmer Edwards, left, at his Texaco Station at Weyerhaeuser Junction. The prize is part of a national Firestone contest offering \$100,000 in prizes.

Lakeview Scouts Elect Two Councilmen; Plan Program

LAKEVIEW — Election of two new council members, discussion of observance of Boy Scout Week in February and plans for a winter Scouting program were the order of business for the Lake district Boy Scout committee meeting on December 1 at the courthouse.

The Rev. David St. George, vicar of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, was appointed chairman of organization and extension for the Lake district. He was active as a scout during his boyhood in New Jersey.

Named as advancement chairman was Dewey Merydith, who was active in Seascout activities in Astoria, his former residence. Last year he was chairman of the Seascout committee for the Astoria district of the Portland Area Council.

The Lake district committee of the Modoc Area Council governs the Cub, Boy Scout and Explorer program for Lake County and Bly and is composed of Charles Waldron, district chairman; Phil Quisenberry, vice chairman; Glenn Tyler, training; Hugh Mercer, commissioner; St. George, Merydith and institutional representatives.

Clifton Windle for PTA and George Manning for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Ex officio members are John McDonald, vice president of the Modoc Area Council, Judge Charles Foster and Douglas Fetisch.

A guest of the meeting was James Harpole, Klamath Falls, scout executive for the Modoc Area Council.

Waldron announces the next meeting will be December 19 at the courthouse.

HUBCAP THEFTS

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Lakeview Plans Christmas Party

LAKEVIEW — Weather permitting, the Lakeview Elks Club's Christmas party for children will be held at E and Center streets by the courthouse square, according to Bill Armer, date is Friday, December 16, at 7 p.m.

If it is stormy, the party will be held in the former Lakeview Mercantile building.

Robert Shotwell will lead group singing and Santa Claus is expected to arrive by Jeep, by way of Bullard Canyon, to bring treats to all of the children.

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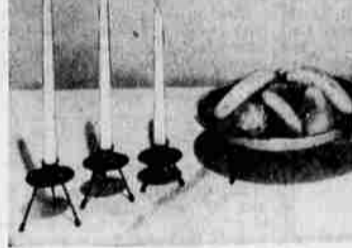
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