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## New Election Laws Kill Old Customs

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM (AP) — The old Oregon custom of voting in the wrong precinct has come to an end, thanks to some new election laws.

Many voters, moving out of their precincts, have continued to vote in their old precincts. Nobody ever did anything about it because nobody cared.

However, the 1955 Legislature, at the urging of Republican Party officials, passed some laws that will compel voters to vote in the precincts in which they live.

If they don't, they can be sentenced to two years in jail and fined \$5,000.

For the first time, voters in the 1956 elections will have to sign poll books, attesting to the residence shown on the registration list.

Also for the first time, when voters register they will have to swear that they meet the residence qualifications.

On the registration blank something new has been added. It is a warning that any false statements shall be punished by two years in jail, \$5,000 fine, or both.

The Legislature's elections committee research staff is critical of that penalty. It points out that a person could make an honest mistake, like incorrectly listing his place of birth, and be subject to the penalty.

Signing of the poll books means that members of election boards will have to be on their toes to spot violations of the residence requirement. And just to keep them on their toes, the Legislature provided a maximum penalty of three years in prison and \$2,000 for election officials who don't follow the law.

A careless slipup could get some honest board member in the toils of the law.

In all, there are 12 new election laws that are being used this year for the first time.

The others, of lesser importance, will accomplish these results:

Require candidates to be filed by 5 p. m. on March 9. This means that mailed candidacies, even though postmarked before that time, won't be accepted.

All campaign letters and circulars must contain the names of the authors and publishers. This law is designed to stop anonymous smear campaigns.

Authorize county clerks to give each voter a precinct memorandum card, showing his name, address and precinct.

Divide Multnomah County into five subdistricts for electing state representatives. This means that each voter in the county will vote only for three or four representatives, instead of 16.

Place information in the Voters' Pamphlet on requirements for voting, when to register, absentee voting, and how to get registration certificates.

Limit pictures in the Voters' Pamphlet to portrait cuts. This will eliminate maps, cartoons and similar types of material.

Put all candidates for the same office in the same column on the ballot, and prohibit any duplication of ballot numbers, which occurs sometimes when there are two or more ballots.

If a candidate for county school superintendent or state superintendent of public instruction dies after being nominated, other candidates can get on the ballot by convention or petition.

Let candidates or party organizations get recounts of election contests by paying for them.

Those are all the changes this year. But the 1957 Legislature will consider rewriting the entire election laws.

The interim committee's research staff has already come up with recommendations, although the committee has taken no action.

Among these recommendations are proposals to change the primary election from May to September, eliminate the presidential primary, put all offices on a single ballot, raise the pay of election officials, and have the polls open on election days from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

**NO SPEED LIMIT**  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Joseph Browning learned yesterday that there's no speed limit for police cars. But he learned it the hard way. He was fined \$25 in traffic court for keeping pace with a squad car doing 35 miles an hour in a 25-mile-an-hour zone. Patrolman George Weber remarked, "A lot of people think they can drive as fast as a police car is going, regardless of the speed."



**MALIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS** and junior high girls competed for the honor of carnival queen at the annual school carnival held Saturday night. Contestants were, from left: Maxine Paris, Susan Chernaboeff, Marcia Prescott, Arlene Zeiders, Barbara Dutton and Mary Jayne Fisk. Marcia Prescott, a senior, was crowned queen as the high point of the carnival. — Photo by Virginia Blohm.

### High School Holds Circus

MALIN—The Malin High School gym was crowded with people attending the annual School Carnival, Saturday night, January 21. Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Carnival Queen Marcia Prescott. Each junior and senior high school class chose a candidate for queen, and the class selling the most carnival tickets had the honor of its candidate being crowned queen.

The following girls and their escorts walked to the stage on which a throne had been placed for the queen: Marcia Prescott and Jim Johnson, seniors; Arlene Zeiders and Len Dobry, juniors; Susan Chernaboeff and Farrell Wilson, sophomores; Maxine Paris and Jim Owens, freshmen; Barbara Dutton and Edwin Stastny, eighth grade; and Mary Jayne Fisk and Leonard Morris, seventh grade.

Ray Johnson, student body president, placed the crown on the head of Queen Marcia, proclaiming her queen of the 1956 Malin School Carnival. Junior attendants for the coronation ceremony were Terry Lee Petrasek, Kathy Detrick, Greg Spolek, and Jeff Wagner.

### Air Line Gets Bomb Threat

DENVER (UP) — United Air Lines substituted planes on its 10:50 p. m. MST flight from Denver because a crackpot said the plane originally intended for the flight would be blown up.

United officials were sure the sabotage warning was a phony.

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### Tunis Rebels Renew Efforts

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Isolated rebel bands and grenade-hurling terrorists have begun to reappear in Tunisia after 18 months of faltering progress toward self-government.

Most of the outbreaks, which began two weeks ago, have been small. But they underline the political and economic difficulties of the French North African protectorate.

Nationalist violence all but ceased after Pierre Mendes-France, while France's premier, made his dramatic flight here in July 1954 to offer Tunisians a large measure of autonomy.

Habib Bourguiba, popular leader of the nationalist Neo-Destour party, returned from exile to a tumultuous welcome. Moderate nationalist Tahar Ben Amar was named premier, and the two men began negotiating with the French and working at home to improve Tunisia's lot.

Mendes-France's regime toppled before he was able to attain his goal. But his success or Edgar Faure carried through to parliamentary approval of a program of partial home rule last August.

The new setup gave Tunisians considerable control over their home affairs, but the French continue to direct defense and foreign relations.

Friction arose when Bourguiba's once-close friend, Salah Ben Youssef, refused to go along with anything less than full independence. Ben Youssef began denouncing the agreements with France.

**FIVE KILLED**  
TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Chinese newspaper reports Wednesday said five persons were killed in the Pescadores Tuesday when one picked up an old hand grenade and it exploded.

### Neuberger Says Ike Not To Run

PORTLAND (AP) — President Eisenhower will decline to run this year. That is the prediction of Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore).

"I base this on one assumption. Much as I disagree with the President on many major issues I have faith in his common sense on so personal a matter as his own health," Neuberger said in his regular news letter to Oregonians this week.

The senator discussed the rigors of a presidential campaign and the danger of rumors about health under such conditions.

"That is why I, with no inside sources of information to go on," he said, "still think those prophets wrong who predict the President

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