

Ballot Plan Approved By State Board

SALEM (AP) — A proposal to broaden Oregon's presidential preference primary by putting all approved candidates on the ballot was approved Tuesday by the Legislature's Interim Committee on Elections.

The committee instructed its research staff to draft amendments which would:

1. Place on the state's presidential ballot the name of any candidate who is running in another state primary.

2. Place on the ballot the name of any candidate who has formally announced he is running for president.
3. Require the consent of other persons before their names could be put on the ballot.

The changes will be recommended to the 1957 Legislature. State Sen. Mark Hatfield, Salem, a committee member, said "This would be a major step toward having a national presidential primary. It would give the Oregon voters a chance to express their real preference, and it also would eliminate the names of persons who are not candidates."

Under the present system, names are entered in the state's presidential primary either by payment of a filing fee by a candidate, or by signatures of 1,000 voters. By this petition method, candidates may be entered without their consent.

The committee also voted to eliminate the vice presidential preference primary.

It decided to have a literacy test prepared for persons who register to vote. The Constitution now says that voters must be literate, but the county clerks don't have any measuring stick.

Another change recommended by the committee was to change the warning statement which each person must read when he registers to vote.

This statement warns of severe penalties for giving false information when registering. The recommendation is that the penalty be assessed only when the giving of false information is intentional.

The committee also decided to prepare regulations for the use of voter registration lists by political parties. This matter now is left to the discretion of the county clerks.

NO VOTES CAST

MULESHOE, Tex. (AP) — Not a single vote was cast Saturday at Bailey County bond and tax election called to provide funds for improving county roads. The reason was a blizzard that dumped from 16 to 24 inches of snow over the county, blocking all roads.

Morty Meekle



Presbyterians To Hear Guest

Dr. Paul Stuart Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, moderator of the 167th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, will be present on Friday, February 10 as



DR. PAUL S. WRIGHT

guest speaker for the annual men's dinner and services at the First Presbyterian Church.

As moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Wright holds the highest honorary office in the Presby-

terian Church, which has a membership of 2,658,903. His term of office is for one year.

Dr. Wright was born of missionary parents in Tabriz, Iran, and came to America in 1910. During his years in Iran he learned to speak both Turkish and Armenian.

In the Presbyterian Church nationally, he has served in many posts since his graduation from College of Wooster in Ohio, and service in the U.S. Army in Europe in World War I.

He was called to the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, in 1941. Under his leadership it has become a church of 3,500 members, sixth largest in the denomination.

Dr. Wright who has given generously of his time for leadership to civic groups and organizations, is mentioned as one of the most dynamic speakers in his field.

The 6:30 p.m. dinner will be prepared and served by men of Presbyterian churches from Klamath Falls, Merrill, Malin, Lakeview, Mt. Laki, Peace Memorial and Tulelake.

The service that follows the dinner will start at 8 p.m. The public has been invited to hear Dr. Wright.

Guidi Family To Visit Italy

Mr. and Mrs. John Guidi, son Gregory and daughter Margaret of Pelican City left today for New York City from where they will sail on February 13 aboard the Italian liner, Andrea Doria, for Italy.

The family will visit Mr. Guidi's parents in Bagnone, and other relatives in that country. They will spend two days sightseeing in New York City before sailing and will visit Washington, D. C. upon their return.

They will arrive in this country April 13 aboard the S.S. Independence of the American Export Line.

Talk Contest Nears Finish

The final round of the 1955-56 speaking contest of the Modoc Toastmasters Club of Klamath Falls will be held at a "ladies night" function at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Winema Hotel.

The winning speaker of the four who will participate in the event will represent the club in the district contest to be held in Yreka on March 3.

The speakers Saturday, who have already survived two rounds in the contest, will be the Rev. Leo Horner of the First Christian Church, Dr. Robert Harrahill, Klamath Falls optometrist, Howard Hansen, Dorris banker and John Heyden of the county school office.

Toastmaster at the affair will be Joseph W. Mercer, club president, and the general critic will be Dr. Raymond Rice, the topic-master, who assigns each member with a one-minute impromptu speech, will be Dr. William Holford.

Special guests at the dinner-meeting will be the wives of club members, and the members of the

Mt. Mazama Toastmistress Club, club are also invited. Mercer Past members of the Toastmaster said.

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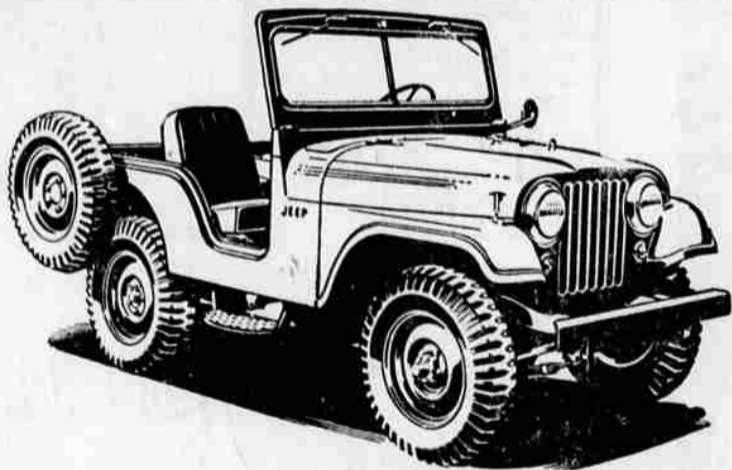
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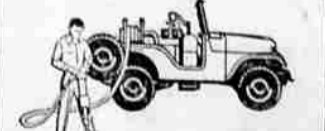
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