

# County Voters Set For Pivotal Election

Interest will center on presidential, State Senate and district attorney contests Tuesday when some 50,000 Washington County residents vote in the primary election from 8 to 8.

Intensive campaigning by several presidential hopefuls throughout the state in recent weeks has heightened enthusiasm in both parties as national convention time nears.

Oregon's presidential primary again has assumed great significance nationally, and returns will be watched by candidates and party leaders throughout the nation.

With some 30 per cent of the Oregon vote expected to be ready to report on a computer print-out right in Salem after polls close at 8, trends may be known by that time, election officials said.

Roger Thomssen, Washington County elections director, said the county vote count should be completed by 1 a.m. Wednesday at Riviera Motors computer center in Beaverton.

Democratic interest concentrates on the presidential contest among President Lyndon Johnson and Sens. Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy, only three candidates on the ballot. The president has declared himself out of the race and Vice-president Hubert

Humphrey has entered, making votes for Johnson a possible indication of favor for Humphrey.

Kennedy made another visit to Washington County Sunday, addressing some 1000 persons at a hastily called rally in Hillsboro high school, and shaking hands at Beaverton area shopping centers.

A Mexican band played during the Hihli rally and migrant workers attended as the candidate promised to "come back to the people" if he is elected.

Republicans will find two names -- Richard Nixon and Gov. Ronald Reagan -- on the presidential ballot. While Nixon is winding up a concentrated campaign in the state in effort to stay ahead in the contest for GOP nomination this summer at Miami Beach, Reagan has not visited the state and has said he is not a candidate.

His backers, nonetheless, have worked hard in his behalf -- they visited Hillsboro in a Reagan mobile unit Saturday -- and Tuesday's state-wide result is certain to influence the party's campaign future, observers have pointed out.

Races are scarce on the local level, with only one county contest and three legislative duels.

Most closely watched of these finds Sen. Victor Atiyeh of

Broadmoor opposed for the GOP State Senate nomination by E. G. (Bud) Kyle, Tigard mayor. Gloria A. Lee of Beaverton has no opposition for the Democratic Senate nomination.

Two of three House seats are contested on the Republican ballot, with Rep. Hugh McGilvra of Forest Grove opposed by Joe St. Martin of Beaverton in position 1, and Rep. Tom Hartung of Beaverton by Mrs. Mary Kangas of Rt. 1, Scappoose, in position 2. The third representative, David Frost of Hillsboro, is unopposed in position 3.

Democrats had no filings for any of the three House positions.

The county competition involves District Attorney Richard Smurthwaite and his former deputy, County Counsel Ray Robinett, seeking the Republican nomination for district attorney.

A County Bar Assn. poll favored Smurthwaite, who was appointed to office when Hollie Pihl was elevated from DA to District Court judge last year. Sheriff Warren Barnes is supporting Robinett.

Incumbent Republican County Commissioners Clayton Nyberg of Tualatin, John Anicker of Sherwood and Burton Wilson Jr. of Raleigh Hills all are unopposed, as is GOP Sheriff

Barnes of Hillsboro.

Both Nyberg and Democrat Lyell Gardner of Gaston have been soliciting write-in votes for the at-large commission post now held by Nyberg.

Edna M. Fayton of Tigard, who will face Anicker for the district 2 Commission position in November, is the only Democrat to file for county office.

Voters will decide on two measures -- enactment of a dog control ordinance and a \$50,000-a-year levy for four years to finance county fairgrounds improvements and maintenance. A home rule charter repeal proposal was ruled off the ballot earlier.

Hillsboro city officials will be elected in November, but Beaverton voters will choose their leaders Tuesday. Ex-Councilman James R. Moore is unopposed for mayor. City Council contests find Clyde A. Logan against William H. Young for position 3 and Donald J. Lynch vs. Gerald L. Smith in position 4.

Thomssen forecast a turnout of about 80 per cent of the county's 35,020 registered Republicans and 70 to 75 per cent of the 32,673 Democrats. Registration is at a record high of 69,054, compared with 58,465 in May of 1966.

## Primary Lineup McCarthy, Nixon Lead Straw Vote

### PRESIDENT

Democrats—President Lyndon Johnson; Sen. Robert Kennedy; Sen. Eugene McCarthy.

Republican—Richard Nixon, Gov. Ronald Reagan.

### VICE-PRESIDENT

Democrat—Vice-president Hubert Humphrey.

Republicans—None.

### US SENATOR

Democrats—Sen. Wayne Morse of Eugene; Robert B. Duncan of Portland; Phil H. McAlmond of Portland.

Republicans—Robert W. Packwood of Portland; John S. Boyd of Medford.

### US CONGRESSMAN

First District Democrats—Thomas S. Baggs of Portland; Vic Davis of Portland.

First District Republican—Rep. Wendell Wyatt of Gearhart.

### SECRETARY OF STATE

Democrats—M. A. Yegoe of Eugene; George VanHoomis-

A flurry at the close of the Argus presidential poll indicated a Democratic victory for Sen. Eugene McCarthy in Washington County's primary election Tuesday, and Richard Nixon prevailed by a wide margin in the GOP straw ballot.

McCarthy finished strong on the polls final day and wound up with 51 per cent of the Democratic vote, after he and Sen. Robert Kennedy had been even in returns through last Thursday.

Kennedy wound up with 15 per cent of the vote, Vice-president Hubert Humphrey and George Wallace had 13 per cent each, and other candidates received 8 per cent.

Nixon's edge on the GOP side was even more pronounced as he gained 63 per cent of the ballots. Gov. Ronald Reagan garnered 13 per cent, and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Wallace each polled 6.5 per cent.

McCarthy had 5 per cent, and other candidates 6.5.

Only five names will be on the presidential ballots Tuesday -- McCarthy, Kennedy and President Lyndon Johnson on the Democratic ticket, Nixon and Reagan on the Republican.

Supporters of other candidates have encouraged write-in