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29 Persons File Before Deadline; Primary on 23rd

The deadline for becoming a candidate in the city election expired at 9 p.m. Friday, but there were no last-minute filings to kindle the fire under the political pot.

The last petition was handed to City Clerk Marguerite Strange at 4:40 p.m. It was from Henry D. Thomas, 722 S. Broadway, a candidate for commissioner of parks and public property.

Thomas said Saturday that he has a background in research in science and education.

Mayor Vic Shalkoski Jr. and the City Commissioners held a special session shortly after 9 p.m. Friday to approve the petitions filed since their last regular session Tuesday night. There were six.

There are 29 candidates for 11 positions to be decided on at the general election April 6. The primary on March 23 will narrow the field to 21 candidates.

The primary will cut the number of candidates for mayor and for three of the four places on the city commission to two for each office.

The primary will have no effect on the Waterworks Board, Board of Education and commissioner of finance and revenue races. However, voters will be able to give so-called complimentary votes to candidates for the Waterworks Board and the one commission race but not to the five candidates seeking the three vacancies on the Board of Education. Their names will appear only on the general election ballot.

Friday night also was the deadline for persons to register.

Mrs. Strange said there are 9,200 qualified voters. This compares with a registration of 11,000 for the presidential election last November. The number of votes cast in that election was 8,000.

Under fair skies and mild temperatures, 4,250 votes were cast in the primary March 19, 1963. The turnout was about 40 per cent of the registered voters. At the general election two weeks later, about 6,000 ballots

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—Snow, Colder—

AREA FORECAST — Snow ending by noon with little or no accumulation. Cloudy and turning colder tonight. High today near 40. Low tonight in the 20s.

TEMPERATURES—Saturday:

Early High ..... 53 at 2 p.m.
Low ..... 26 at 6 a.m.

Friday's Range:

High ..... 48 at 2 p.m.
Low ..... 31 at 6 a.m.

One year ago today: 73; 48.

RIVER STAGE — 8.06 ft, same as yesterday and 10.94 feet below flood stage.

SUNRISE—6:33, and sunset, 6:23.

April Term Court Panel Is Selected

The jury panel for the April term of District Court has been drawn, Mary Kate Gausz, clerk of District Court, announced Friday. Miss Gausz noted however, that those chosen should not report for jury duty until notified by the Sheriff's Department.

The court term begins April 12.

Those selected are: Glenn Robinson, 922 2nd Ave.; Joseph Medill, 1008 S. 4th; T. J. Steele, Basehor; Reginald Cook, 929 Kiesup; John Andrema, 106 S. Esplanade; Francis Williams, 1910 Cherokee; Sharon Mura, RR 4; Jennie Purcell, 947 Michigan; Edward Kromhole, 1224 Lawrence; M. L. Bridges, Basehor.

Matt Vlademar, 1132 Santa Fe, Chauncey Bishop, 1025 Ironmoulders; James Simpson, Tonganoxie; Everett Rhoades, 1915 Pottawatomie; Jane Snyder, 200 S. Esplanade; Thomas Cheal, 810 Maple Ave.; Jason Snyder, 312 Michigan; Mary Alice Helm, RR 4; Gerald Gerleman, 114 Allen; Gene Kaegi, 214 W. 7th.

Fern Davis, 913 6th Ave.; Frank Minnis Jr., 1100 2nd Ave.; Margaret Gwartney, 425 S. 9th; John Reeder, RR 3; John Landauer, Basehor; Richard Bell, 131 Cheyenne; Agnes Mogy, 424 8th Ave.; Harold Hand, 716 Shawnee; Mary Workman, RR 4; Alex Grabeal, Lansing.

Helen Zielinski, 102 Olive; Harvey Weyer, 1229 S. 16th; Edward Schultz, Tonganoxie; Ruben Nutter, 115 Kickapoo; Clarence Worley, Basehor; Dorothy Wentworth, 506 Columbia; John Rothenberger, 311 5th Ave.; Raymond Lyons, 813 Olive; Robert Baskas, 704 Osage; Lorene Hammond, 326 Maple Ave.

John Gurss, Easton; Daniel Christ, 315 3rd Ave.; Gilbert Harris, 228 9th Ave.; Walter Coldren, 1007 6th Ave.; Jack McMillian, 1401 Seneca; Emma Giles, 908 Pennsylvania; Clinton Drennon, 400 Garland, and Floyd Parsons, 1216 Pennsylvania.

3 More Acts Of Vandalism Are Reported

Three more acts of vandalism have been reported to the Police Department—all occurring Friday.

Vernon Ochs said a large window at the Dairy Queen, Broadway and Delaware, was broken during the night. He said the loss would be more than $400.

Two plastic windows on a sports car owned by Robert G. Anderson, 28 Pennsylvania, were torn from the auto when it was parked for about five minutes Friday night at 510 Shawnee. Anderson told Patrolman Frank Zink the loss would be about $18.

A tire on a car owned by Edward J. Monney, 1503 Osage, was slashed while the auto was parked near 6th and Cherokee. Monney told Lt. Bill Katzung he left the car about 4:30 p.m. Friday and discovered the vandalism 40 minutes later.

The new wave of vandalism started on the weekend of Feb. 27-28. Ten cases were reported during that period, and 14 cases were investigated by police last weekend. Reports of holes in windows of cars and business places continued on a day-to-day basis during the past week. However, none was reported on Saturday through mid-afternoon.

Officer A. E. Fick last Tuesday night apprehended three boys near 5th and Shawnee, who, he said, admitted some of the vandalism. They are expected to be brought into Juvenile Court this week.

Fire Damage Is Minor at Salon

Fire in a waste paper basket, ignited from the heat of a furnace, caused minor damage late Saturday night to a storage room at Tom and Ron's Beauty Salon, 303 N. 5th.

According to firemen, towels and hair in the basket ignited after overheating. The flames burned some wiring in the furnace and the gas and electricity to the furnace had to be turned off. A portion of a wall was scorched by the flames.

LEAVENWORTH REPRESENTED AT SELMA — A member of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Sister Gregory, second from right, crossed arms and sang freedom songs with other demonstrators in Selma, Ala. Friday. Sister Gregory taught at St. Joseph School in Leavenworth about 10 years ago. She had been transfered from a school in Leadville, Colo. to Kansas City in August to serve as school supervisor of Catholic elementary schools in the Kansas City- St. Joseph Diocese. In order to take part in demonstrations in Selma, Sister Gregory received the permission of Mother Leo Frances, Mother General of the Sisters of Charity here. Sister Gregory went to Selma with a group of Sisters from Kansas City. The other two Sisters are from the Maryknoll Order, a missionary group. (AP Wirephoto)

At Legislative Luncheon

Review Foundation Plan, Water Lots, Apportioning

The most controversial real estate in Leavenworth at present—those vacant Waterworks Department lots on Delaware—came up for some heated discussion again at Saturday's legislative luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

State Sen. Ed Reilly Jr., who introduced a bill at this session of the Legislature which would permit the city to use land acquired by the Waterworks Board for parking facilities, conceded that the bill had not been discussed with the Waterworks Board prior to its introduction at Topeka.

In response to a question from the audience, he said he felt the matter was pertinent to the entire city, and felt that his position on the bill and the vacant lots was plainly stated in last Friday's Leavenworth Times.

He said he was simply trying to follow the wishes of the City Fathers.

G. G. Jerry Boling, a member of the Waterworks Board, said it is true that the board did not know about the bill prior to its introduction. He asserted that the city had never formally asked the Waterworks Board for the surplus property in question.

Mayor Vic Shalkoski Jr., responded that conversation with Board Chairman Egisto Mezzera and Waterworks Manager H. H. Kansteiner left the City Fathers with the impression that these two Waterworks officials were considering erection of a memorial to former Waterworks Board members—something with a 30-foot fountain—on a portion of the idle property. This is what prompted the action of the City Commissioners, Shalkoski said.

Boling countered that Kansteiner doesn't "run the board" and said that whatever might have been mentioned was not official because it had not been a part of the Waterworks Board's minutes. He reminded that the Waterworks Board had been willing to sell the lots several years ago and said that even though there was a buyer

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No Indication Hanoi Wishes To Stop War

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson said Saturday that the United States still has not had any indication from North Viet Nam that it is "prepared, is willing, or is ready" to stop operations against South Viet Nam.

This, he declared, is the missing element in all talk about negotiations to end the conflict.

The President told a news conference that in any negotiation there must be someone to negotiate with and someone willing to negotiate.

He described the situation in South Viet Nam as "very difficult" because of changes in the government there.

He said he did not think things had improved in the last weeks — roughly the period in which the United States has been making air strikes against bases in North Viet Nam.

Kerr, Meyerson Agree Stay On

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — University of California President Clark Kerr and Acting Chancellor Martin Meyerson late Saturday withdrew their resignations after a five-hour closed meeting with the board of regents.

They had announced their resignations last Tuesday after a six-month-long uproar on the university's Berkeley campus over student political activity.

The president of the far-flung university announced at the close of the extraordinary meeting of the regents, "After discussion with the board, Acting Chancellor Meyerson and I have decided to withdraw our resignations pending further discussion with the board."

Blaze Away at V.C.'s Testing Base Defense

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — U.S. Marine guns blazed away in the predawn darkness Saturday at Communist guerrillas trying to feel out the defenses of the air base at Da Nang.

These were the first shots fired in action by any of the Marines since 3,500 swarmed ashore last Monday to guard Da Nang, the important air base from which U.S. planes take off for raids on Laos and Communist North Viet Nam.

Marine officers said 12 Viet Cong tried to feel out the Marine positions on Hill 327, which dominates the base 380 miles north of Saigon.

Three times the guerrillas approached but were driven back by a hail of machine-gun and mortar fire.

The guerrillas were located in the underbrush by a special radar that the Marines use to detect infiltrators. A Marine officer said the guerrillas appeared to be well-trained, judging from their actions as seen on the radar screen. No bodies were found when Marines went out to look for the intruders.

A dozen miles west of Saigon, Viet Cong guerrillas unleashed a mortar barrage on Duc Hoa, killing 5 and wounding 33. Two U.S. Army helicopters were called into action against the guerrillas, who dispersed.

Nguyen Phan, 38, a North Vietnamese said to be a Peking and Moscow-trained political commissar captured Friday, was displayed near Da Nang by Brig. Gen. Chanh Tri, 1st Army Corps commander. Phan is he highest ranking North Vietnamese ever captured. Thi said.

A slight man, Phan told reporters at an impromptu news conference he joined the Communists in North Viet Nam in 1953 during the war against the French.

Phan said he was given a year's indoctrination and training in Peking in 1959 and then was sent to the Soviet Union for six months.

He infiltrated into South Viet Nam Feb. 2 in a group of 300 political commissioners sent to oversee the Viet Cong, he added. He held the rank of submajor.

North Viet Nam released two pictures of Lt. Hayden J. Lockhart, Springfield, Ohio, who the North Vietnamese say was captured after his plane was shot down March 2 in the U.S. air raid on Quang Khe.

'Nation Must Remain True To Tradition'

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard M. Nixon said Saturday that in the face of racial agitation in the land the Republican party must remain true to its Lincoln tradition.

This means, the former vice president said, the party should support both legislative and other programs that will serve the cause of equal rights for all U.S. citizens.

"It must not compromise its strong position on civil rights for the purpose of gaining votes in Southern states," he said.

Nixon discussed the future of the Republican party in an interview with The Associated Press in his law office.

The 1960 presidential nominee, speaking of forthcoming elections, called the Johnson administration foreign and domestic records vulnerable. He predicted the GOP would come back from its crushing 1964 defeat and make a real "horse race" of the 1968 presidential contest.

He also forecast that the Republicans would pick up a minimum of 35 seats in the House of Representatives and perhaps a half dozen seats in the Senate in the 1966 election.

Legislative 'Main Event' Upcoming Next at Topeka

TOPEKA (AP) — Other than congressional redistricting, nearly everything that has happened so far in the 1965 session of the Kansas Legislature has been of a preliminary nature.

But the main event is scheduled to open during the coming week.

Sen. Glee Smith, R-Larned, said the Senate's Education Committee is scheduled to report Monday that it is recommending passage of the school foundation finance plan.

Smith, president pro tem of the Senate, said this would mean floor debate of the foundation finance bill on the floor of the Senate Wednesday.

This plan would pump approximately $36 million a year additional state money into financing elementary and school schools.

It carries a No. 1 priority in the legislative program of Gov. William H. Avery.

Upon its hinges his entire fiscal program and his recommendation for $60.9 million in new or increased taxes.

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— Late Sport —

Championships

Class AA—Wyandotte 48, McPherson 44.

Class A—Chapman 55, Larned 52.

Class B—Osage City 72, Ellsworth 53.

Class BB—Strong City 48, Montezuma 47.

NCAA Regional — Wichita 54, Oklahoma State 46.

NAIA—Central State of Ohio 85, Oklahoma Baptist 54.

Persist in Selma Effort to March

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Civil rights demonstrators, growing impatient by the hour, tried twice Saturday to break through police lines.

They were turned back each time, although one small group slipped through and reached the courthouse before hurrying back behind the police blockade to avoid about 15 white youths who said they were waiting for them.

During the tense late afternoon, one Negro woman was taken by ambulance to a hospital. It was not known how she was hurt or by whom.

Demonstration leaders told city safety director Wilson Baker that President Johnson said they had a right to stage a march and that was what they were doing.

More than 1,000 demonstrators — white and black—were involved in the attempts to break through police lines. At one time the entire area in the midst of a Negro housing project was sealed off.

A throng of marchers once came face to face with club-carrying state troopers who stood guard across a wide street.

The troopers pushed them back.

About 50 white persons milled about an intersection and began yelling at the marchers. Troopers shved back one white man who broke into the group of demonstrators.

The troopers used their clubs to shove the marchers back, but did not strike anyone.

"Well, President Johnson told us we could demonstrate, didn't he?" one marcher shouted.

Baker told leaders of the march that he feared trouble if they went downtown.

"I don't want you to take a chance," he said.

The first group of more than 1,000 marchers included Negroes and white ministers, nuns and students.

Policemen locked arms and blocked the marchers. Some of the demonstrators tried to push through. The officers held firm.

The massive demonstration ended when the swelling ranks of marchers retreated from police lines.

The objective was the courthouse where the demonstrators wanted to have a memorial service for the Rev. James J. Reeb, a Boston minister fatally clubbed by a white gang here Tuesday night.

Minutes after the march started, leaflets from an airplane wafted down on the tense scene. The leaflets appealed for funds for the four white men charged with Reeb's slaying.

Gray skies shrouded the scene. It turned colder. In the darkening overcast a motorcycle policeman wore dark glasses.

Tension built anew in advance of the demonstration in this where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has centered his massive Negro voter drive.

Worst Is Over

Sister Gregory, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, told other Sisters at Saint Mary College by phone Saturday that she now knows that her responsibility is to "improve the conditions that exist at home so that Selma will not be duplicated."

Sister Gregory crossed arms and sang freedom songs with other demonstrators in Selma, Ala., Friday and again Saturday, after receiving permission from Mother Leo Frances to go to Selma and participate in civil rights demonstrations. She is with a group of 19 sisters from Kansas City.

Calling from Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma, Sister Gregory said that she feels the worst of the violence is over, although several people suffered minor injuries in the demonstrations Saturday. She said that a few persons were being brought into the hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

She added that the 2-day stay in the city has been a "tremendous experience, because for the first time I have encountered hatred."

Sister Gregory also reported that at one time she thought she was going to be arrested. She said that her group was surrounded by police for several minutes, but that finally the police told them to leave the scene and then left them alone.

She is expected to return home today.

LBJ Pledges Troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson promised Saturday to use "all the resources of this great and powerful government"—even federal troops, if necessary—to achieve victory in what he termed the civil rights "battle of human dignity."

The President also announced he will send to Congress on Monday a special message proposing legislation which he said would strike down all "discriminatory restrictions used to deny people the right to vote."

Johnson voiced his pledge to achieve civil rights victory in an opening statement at a chilly rose garden news conference which, almost at the last minute, was opened to live television cameras and radio microphones.

The President, who had wound up a 3½-hour conference with Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace shortly before, expressed support for peaceful demonstrations—in Selma, Ala., and in fact, on the street in front of the White House—by people who feel voting rights are being denied.

The chief executive began by tearing this a time of "very deep and painful challenge to the unending search for American freedom."

He said that before the challenge is ended, "every resource of this government will be directed to insuring justice for all men of all races, in Alabama and everywhere in this land."

Asked if he had alerted federal troops for possible peacekeeping duty in Alabama, he said he knew that FBI agents, federal marshals and Army units all were ready to carry out any order he might find necessary to issue.

Says a Laborer Slain

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Col. Albert J. Lingo, commander of Alabama's state troopers, disclosed in court Saturday that one of his officers shot a Negro laborer during a night march Feb. 18 at Marion, Ala. The Negro died eight days later.

Lingo's disclosure came while he was under questioning by a civil rights lawyer during a federal court hearing to determine if a Selma-to-Montgomery march may be staged.

The trooper commander had said he knew of no instance where Sheriff James G. Clark's posse of special deputies used brutality on Negroes.

Lingo also testified he did not want tear gas used to break up an attempted march from Selma last Sunday but that even so he permitted use of the gas.

Attorney Fred Gray, a Civil Rights lawyer, asked:

"Do you know of any instance where a state trooper shot a Negro at Marion?"

"Yes. And I made an investigation immediately," Lingo said.

He did not identify the trooper. Nor was he asked to do so. The Negro, Jimmie Lee Jackson, was shot in the abdomen during the demonstration in Marion.

Jackson said before he died that he was shot by a trooper.

Prayer Service For Oppressed

Protestant and Catholic churchmen and laymen will hold a prayer service at St. Joseph Church Monday night in sympathy for the plight of oppressed citizens of Alabama.

Format for the service will include readings from a Papal encyclical by the Rev. Valentine Boyle, O. Carm., of St. Joseph. The Rev. Thomas Rehorn, associate minister of the First Methodist Church, will read resolutions on religions and race, and both Catholic and Protestant laymen will read from Scripture.

The 7:30 p.m. service is open to the public.

Prayers will be offered on the part of all present for a just and charitable solution to the problems facing our country and its people, Father Valentine said Saturday.

"We are not calling this service in a 'holier than thou' attitude to point a shaming finger at the people of Alabama," the Rev. Mr. Rehorn said.

"Certainly we are disgusted and horrified at the brutality and the disregard of the most fundamental of all human rights. But more than this, we are ashamed, ashamed of our smugness, our unconcern, and our own involvement in the disenfranchisement of twenty million people," the minister said. "We are having this service to call the people of God to a new commitment to the cause of Christian brotherhood."

Students Launch A Rights Group

TOPEKA (AP) — Students from six Kansas colleges and universities formed a Kansas Collegiate Civil Rights Council here Saturday.

Bill Hartzog, president of the Washburn University chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was elected provisional chairman of the council. George Ragsdale, past president of the Civil Rights Council at the University of Kansas was elected temporary vice chairman.

Stated purpose of the organization, a spokesman said, is to provide a coordinating body for various equal rights campaigns currently underway or planned on the six campuses.

In Lawrence, about 200 persons marched silently through the downtown area Saturday in sympathy with racial protests in Selma, Ala.

Bill Cody Stage Returns to U.S.

ASCOT, England (AP) — Buffalo Bill's Wild West "Deadwood" stagecoach is going back to the United States. It was bought at auction for $2,128 by John F. Cuneo who has a museum already containing 75 coaches in Chicago.

Buffalo Bill — William F. Cody — brought the coach to England more than 60 years ago as part of his Western show.

News Digest

National

White and Negro demonstrators come up against police blockades in Selma, Ala., as those determined to march test those determined to prevent any such demonstrations.

Richard Nixon says Republicans must maintain the "Lincoln tradition" and not compromise for Southern votes.

Washington

President Johnson confers with Governor Wallace of Alabama and then announces that all necessary steps will be taken to protect the constitutional rights of Negroes in Alabama.

The President says that the U. S. still has not had any indication that North Viet Nam is prepared, willing or ready to stop the war against South Viet Nam.

International

U. S. Marine guns blaze away at the Viet Cong in the vicinity of the Da Nang air base.

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