

16 Candidates Seeking Local Council, School Panel Berths

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If an unusually large number of candidates and two hotly debated referendum questions are ways to stimulate interest, Portland's 23,000 registered voters should be out in force Monday.

No less than 16 candidates are vying for City Council and School Committee berths, and only seven of them are incumbents. Four council and three school panel seats are up for grabs.

The referendum questions deal with the way in which councilors and school panel members would be elected. If passed, six of the nine councilors would be chosen by voters in their respective districts only. At present, six councilors must live in specific districts, but voting is at large.

AT PRESENT there are seven school committee members, all elected at large, and with no district residency provision. If the new method of election is adopted, the membership would be expanded to nine, and six members would be elected by the voters of the districts where they live.

Both referendum changes were passed by the 102nd Legislature, so local voters could decide. If the measure

passes, things will stay just as they are.

The only uncontested race is for the at-large council seat held by Ralph American.

The most colorful entry in this year's race is once again veteran candidate Popkins Zakarian. This year he's outdone himself by running for both the council and school panel, simultaneously.

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Light Turnout Is Anticipated In South Portland Voting Today

SOUTH PORTLAND — A 2 and 3 board of education candidates.

A very light absentee vote was reported and the campaign has failed to generate any great overriding issues to lure voters to the polls.

UNLESS NEIGHBORING Portland, there are no referendum questions to be decided here Monday, another factor which will make for a small turnout.

Probably most interest will center on the three-way District 1 council contest, where councilor Clyde Bartlett will be seeking voter endorsement for a third term.

Hoping to unseat the veteran councilor will be Garth L. Good, a former board of education member, and Chester B. Konecki, businessman and associate member of the zoning board of appeals.

Most observers give Bartlett

the edge in the three-cornered contest, despite what they feel will be a strong showing by Good.

Bartlett has waged a direct mail campaign for votes, covering the city with flyers and circulars. He's been the only candidate to do so, however.

The District 2 council battle pits incumbent chairman F. Lyle Flynn, who seeks a second three-year term on the

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Wreckage Of Propeller-Driven Constellation

Kept Death Toll To 4

Pilots Hailed As Air Crash Heroes

NORTH SALEM, N.Y. (AP) — Shaken survivors and seasoned crash investigators credited two hero pilots Sunday for the miraculously low death toll of four in a collision of two airliners high over New York's suburbs.

One pilot lost his life after he fought his unyielding four-engine

Constellation, with 84 persons aboard, to a fiery pancake crash against a rural hillside here, near the Connecticut state line 50 miles from Manhattan, Saturday.

The other pilot guided his crippled Boeing 707 jetliner, with 38 persons aboard, to an emergency landing at Kennedy

Airport with 30 feet of left wing tip missing.

All the dead and 22 still hospitalized, four of them in critical condition, were aboard Capt. Charles J. White's Eastern Air Lines Constellation flight from Boston to Newark, N.J.

Standing in a soft snowfall beside the charred wreckage,

Oscar Bakke, regional director of the Federal Aviation Agency, remarked: "All I can say is it is a fantastic that people walked away. The pilot must have done a wonderful job."

The last time two commercial aircraft collided over the metropolitan area — on Dec. 16, 1960, in aviation's worst disaster — 134 persons on the planes or on the ground in Brooklyn and Staten Island were killed.

The only injured person aboard Capt. Thomas H. Carroll's Trans World Air Lines nonstop jet flight from San Francisco to New York was a stewardess whose nose was bloodied when she was slammed to the floor by the collision two miles up in a dark sky.

"I think we certainly can give the captain credit for a magnificent job of landing the plane with that much wing gone," said another federal investigator, George A. Van Epps of the Civil Aeronautics Board. "It was excellent piloting."

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French Voters Forcing De Gaulle Into Runoff

PARIS (AP) — French voters denied President Charles de Gaulle a majority in Sunday's presidential election.

In a painful blow to his pride and prestige, his countrymen forced the 75-year-old general into a runoff election to remain as chief of state.

The runoff, with only the two top candidates left on the ballot, will be held Dec. 19. Francois Mitterrand, supported by Communists, Socialists and some radical Socialists, got 32 per cent and placed second.

De Gaulle led the field of six, but obtained only 44 per cent of

the vote in nearly complete runoff. He had asked for "massive" support.

Jean Lecanuet, 43, a middle-of-the-road who styled himself the "French Kennedy," cut sharply into De Gaulle's support, although he ran behind Mitterrand.

There was fear, among some of De Gaulle's supporters that he would spur a second contest. As usual, De Gaulle maintained an aloof silence at his country home.

This was the first time that De Gaulle had gone before the nation in a popular vote. He did it under the presidential election system which he himself inaugurated. It was only the second time in French history the electors participated directly in presidential elections. The first was in 1948.

Official returns including 21,189,812 votes out of a total of 28,949,809 registered voters, gave: Charles de Gaulle — 3,322,216 for 44 per cent

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FRB Hikes Interest Rate, President Deplores Action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board ordered a substantial interest-rate increase Sunday night and President Johnson immediately deplored the action.

Effective Monday, the board ordered an increase from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent in the discount rate which banks pay when they borrow money from the Federal Reserve.

It also raised from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent the maximum interest that may be paid on deposits put in banks for a specified time period. It left unchanged at 4 per cent the interest ceiling on regular savings accounts.

The board described its orders as aimed at forestalling inflation. But the action ran counter to the often-stated administration position that no interest-rate increases are needed to prevent "overheating" in the economic expansion now nearing the five-year mark.

Johnson issued a statement from his Texas ranch noting that the board is an independent agency and acted on its own, then saying:

"I regret, as do most Americans, any action that raises the cost of credit, particularly for homes, schools, hospitals, and factories."

He said further that he particularly regrets that the board's action was taken before James A. Lovell Jr. sped through the second of their world record 14 days in orbit Sunday — and got a news report of an air crash on earth.

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All's Well In Gemini 7; New Spaceship Readied

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possible to launch the sister ship that will track down and catch Gemini 7 in space a day earlier than that. A final decision must be made by Monday night.

Kraft said the flight was as normal that there was little or nothing to report in the main news briefing of the day.

There was a minor equipment problem that postponed some star-tracking experiments, and the astronauts failed in their first attempt to spot some patterns laid out on the ground at Laredo, Tex.

Mostly the astronauts were quietly and contentedly going about their business, but there was one brief flurry of conversation during the medical check.

They asked for the score of the Houston Oilers-Buffalo Bills football game — and showed a little loss of a sense of earth time. The game hadn't been played yet.

At 1:55 p.m., Mission Control reported that Gemini 7 had been given a go-ahead for another day in orbit.

In their first major medical examination since Saturday's launch, they told the chief flight surgeon, Dr. Charles Berry, that they got four to six hours

Prayer For Today

Almighty God, before Whom face the generations rise and pass away, all our tomorrows are in Thy keeping. Thus we may live in this present day without nostalgia or remorse toward the days that are gone, and without anxious care for the days that are yet to be, and so may be fully present in this day which Thou hast made; through Jesus Christ, the Carpenter from an high Amen.

— Dwight E. Stevenson, Lexington, Ky., professor of homiletics, Lexington Theological Seminary.

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Occasional light snow today. Generally fair, cool Tuesday. Full report on Page 26.

SUPPORT GROWING in the state for an oldtime sailing ship to show Maine products at Montreal's big 1967 world exposition. Frank Sheper on Page 13.

JOHNSON-RHARD MEETING won't answer problem of nuclear management in the alliance and German participation in it. Page 16.

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Weekend Toll Six

Rockland Youth Dies In Thomaston Crash

A Rockland youth died when his car slammed into a tree near the Maine State Prison at Thomaston early Sunday morning. The death of Robert Swanson, 18, was the sixth highway death recorded over the weekend.

Four persons were killed Saturday in separate head-on collisions in the Penobscot County towns of Arzoo and Orrington.

Mrs. Sally Stout, 19, and

Miss Carol Smart, 22, both of Howland, and Lucian Arthur Jr., 36, of Lincoln, died in a head-on crash on a new stretch of Interstate 95 at Arzoo.

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On Friday night, Mrs. Carmen Hamard, 40, of Kittery, was struck and killed by a car as she crossed the bridge linking that community with Portsmouth, N.H.

Their deaths brought the state's highway fatality toll to 212, only five short of the all-time record of 217 set in 1933. The figure was also 26 more than the toll at this time last year.

THOMASTON — A Rockland youth was killed and his companion critically injured when their car crashed into a tree across from the Maine State Prison here early Sunday morning.

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17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

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Highway Fatalities	1965	1964
	212	186



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Getting Ready

The Gemini 8, which with two astronauts hope to rendezvous and then fly in formation with Gemini 7, is raised at Cape Kennedy Sunday.