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Many Decisions Face Oregon Voters

With the great mass of words and controversy which came out of the 1963 legislature, one of the postnotes to the session may have been overlooked by many people.

It is that Oregon voters will cast ballots on three proposed changes to the state's constitution next year. Set for votes are: (1) Issuance of up to \$30 million in general obligation bonds for higher education facilities construction; (2) removal of the death penalty from the constitution; and (3) exemption of state leases not exceeding 20 years from the state debt limit.

The vote on higher education construction money will take place at the May 15 primary election.

If voters approve this change, laws already approved by the state legislature will take effect. The legislature has given its approval to allow the state Board of Higher Education to continue a construction program to meet growing needs at the state's colleges and universities.

The most controversial question, however, comes up Nov. 3 at the general election. It would remove the mention of the death penalty from the state constitution. The constitution presently sets the penalty for first degree murder as death.

By striking this language from the constitution, the legislature would be allowed by law to set whatever penalty it wished.

The last time the subject was brought up for a vote, the death penalty was re-

tained by more than 12,000 votes. That was in 1958.

The legislature this year approved a bill which sets the penalty for first degree murder at life in prison and extends the amount of time necessary before parole will be considered to 10 years. This new law will take effect if voters approve removal of the death penalty from the constitution.

The death penalty was outlawed once before in Oregon. That was in 1914. Voters did away with capital punishment by 157 votes. Then, during the next six years, a series of brutal murders was committed, and the death penalty was reinstated.

In Oregon, 48 people have been executed under the death penalty law in the history of the state.

The last issue to be voted on is that of allowing the state to expand its debt limit somewhat by exempting those leases of less than 20 years. This vote will also take place at the general election.

Of course, still pending is the possible vote Oct. 15 on approval or rejection of a \$48 million increase in taxes which the legislature okayed this year. Albany Publisher Francis Howard is still working feverishly to secure the 23,000 names necessary on a petition which would make a vote possible.

In all, it seems Oregon voters may have a year of many decisions. And these four sound like requests for votes of confidence from the legislature.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Borge Becomes Witty Yachtsman

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In addition to being a comedian, pianist and poultry farmer, Victor Borge has in recent years become a yachtsman.

He has his 68-foot sailing vessel at anchor here this week while playing an engagement at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. And the other afternoon he took a group of us reporters on a cruise down the Potomac.

A stiff wind was blowing across the river as we pulled away from the dock. Borge obviously was impressed by the towering grey-caps. (The Potomac is too dirty to have whitecaps.)

"My!" he exclaimed. "Look at the angry seaverage!"

"How big is your yacht, Mr. Borge?" someone asked.

"It's two-masted," Borge replied. "Or three, if you count my son."

"What is the top speed?" another reporter inquired.

"The speed is the same on top as it is on the bottom," Borge said.

A luncheon, featuring dishes imported from his native Denmark, was served to us on the wind-swept deck. Borge was asked to identify one of the delicacies.

"That's a hard-blown egg," he said.

"What kind of fish in this?" asked a guest. "Tuna?"

"Yes," Borge said. "It's a piano tuna."

"You have been giving piano concerts for many years," someone observed. "Do you ever play at home for your own enjoyment?"

"Oh, yes," Borge said. "I'm the only one who does enjoy it."

"You certainly have a wonderful tan," another guest commented. "Where did you get it?"

"I got most of it on my face," Borge said.

Borge, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient, was asked for his opinion of the Far East.

"Sometimes I don't think it's far enough," he said.

One of the crew members told us that Borge had sailed the yacht on the open seas in all sorts of heavy weather. We asked Borge if he had ever had any serious difficulty with the vessel.

"Yes, I've had some trouble paying for it," he said.

At this point we passed the Mount Vernon excursion boat, which was loaded with tourists.

"That must be Liberae's yacht," Borge said.

I guess that sailing with Borge is what is meant by the old expression "down to the sea in quips."

Blood Bank Is Kiwanians' Goal

One of the civic projects of the Glide Kiwanis Club is a Community Credit Blood Bank, correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby reports.

The club will keep account of all the credits, and whenever anyone in the community, which includes Idlewild Park, Steamboat and Toketee, is in need of blood, they can contact the Kiwanis Club and use these credits to replace the blood they have received, according to Mrs. Robert R. Franks, blood recruiting chairman of Douglas County Red Cross. These blood credits can be transferred to any blood bank in the United States whether private or Red Cross.

The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the Red Cross bloodmobile at the Glide Community building Aug. 23 from 3 to 6 p.m. in an effort to get blood donors to build up credits in its blood bank. At present, the club has five credits.

"The Kiwanis Club appeals to residents of the community to be blood donors to build up blood bank credits which will help you and your loved ones if you are ever in need of blood," Mrs. Selby said.



NORTH		16
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A8543	A97	
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A1074	A963	
Q73	A84	
Q102	J8	
KQJ	A6432	
SOUTH		
KJ85	J652	
K87	K103	
No one vulnerable		
West	North	East
1 Pass	2 Pass	2 Pass
1 Pass	2 Pass	2 Pass
Opening lead—K		

I don't know the nameless bridge player who said, "I don't care who makes the nation's slams as long as I can make the nation's part scores."

I have to agree with him.

North should really have made a diamond overall instead of the takedown double in which case South would have raised diamonds. Three diamonds makes easily and so should two spades, but South timed his play rather poorly and fine defense set him.

He won the first trick with dummy's ace of clubs and led a low spade to his king. West won with the ace and played two clubs. South ruffed the second club, led a diamond to dummy's ace, came back to his hand with the king of diamonds, and led a heart. Dummy's nine forced East's ace and

Baptists To Present Study Tour Speaker

Dr. Dwight Dodson, executive secretary for the Oregon Baptist Convention with headquarters in Portland, will be speaking about his tour of Europe and the Republic of Congo at the First Baptist Church of Roseburg Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Dodson recently completed a study tour of Europe with a large group of Baptist state and city executive secretaries. Their trip was climaxed with a two-week visit to American Baptist Mission stations in the Republic of Congo.

The public is invited to hear Dodson's report of the tour.

The Almanac

Today is Friday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 1963 with 137 to follow.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mars and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1961, the federal government prohibited union states from trading with the confederacy.

In 1896, gold was discovered in the Klondike.

In 1923, the Carnegie Steel Corporation established the eight-hour work day.

In 1945, Winston Churchill said that the atomic bomb had saved the lives of 1,250,000 British and American soldiers.

A thought for the day — playwright Henrik Ibsen said: "The spirit of truth and the spirit of freedom — they are the pillars of society."

West Makes Key Defense

(Written For NEA)
By OSWALD JACOBY

East threw dummy in with the queen of trumps. A diamond lead near Myrtle Point was destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$10,000 despite efforts of the fire department and dozens of volunteers.

Several hundred thousand Utah rainbow trout are to be released soon from the state Game Commission fish hatchery at Rock Creek.

President Eisenhower told Congress today western nations should strive for greater self-help toward collective security because American aid "cannot do the whole job."

The head of the AFL-American Federation of Teachers declared today that federal aid is the only possible method of adequate school financing.

A wild typhoon ripped across the China mainland after side-swiping the big American base at Okinawa.

Q—The bidding has been: North 4 East 1 West 3NT. Pass.

You, South, hold: ♠A Q J 7 6 5 4 ♣A K 8 8 7

What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. There may be a slam in clubs.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner continues to three no-trump. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

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"Relax on That One. How About Trying Your Hand Over Here?"



News Analysis

'Dialogue' Continuation At Ecumenical Is Eyed

United Press International

Notes from the foreign news cables:

Quiet Optimism: There is quiet optimism in liberal circles in Rome that there will be a continuation of the "dialogue" between the Roman Catholic and non-Catholic churches. Pope Paul VI has not spoken out directly about the subject since his election, but he has indicated that he will carry forward the late Pope John XXIII's double goals of bringing the Roman church into line with the times and working for Christian unity through the Ecumenical Council—the second session of which he has set for Sept. 29. The approach to Christian unity under

Pope Paul may be more an intellectual one through the head than through the heart as it was under Pope John. But though Pope Paul's approach may seem more cautious in its approach to unity, its aim will be no less committed. This position is expected to receive new impetus at the reopening of the council at the Vatican next month.

Berlin Outlook: West Berliners feel the Moscow talks and their aftermath of a partial nuclear test ban treaty and exploratory discussions on lessening East-West tensions will once again focus world attention on their city and its problems. However, there is little expectation in authoritative quarters that there will be any spectacular moves forward toward a solution of the Berlin situation. A long standing Western proposal for a mixed international commission to supervise the West's access rights to Berlin is expected to be relieved, but little else.

Red China: The word from Hong Kong is that there are definite indications that Communist China's party leadership is extremely sensitive about the possibility of subversive pro-Russian elements within its own ranks. The first sign of this came in a communique issued by the Peking central committee after a meeting last

fall. It referred to "subversive activities within our state and our party" which were attributed to "modern revisionists." The current jargon for followers of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and his policy of peaceful coexistence with the West. Another indication turned up last July 14 when the Soviet party newspaper Pravda printed an open letter saying that "the Chinese leaders say that Soviet society is becoming bourgeois." The Peking People's Daily reprinted the letter six days later, but omitted a key line saying: "These people are not very sure of their political power."

Stikker Plan: The so-called "Stikker Plan," which would have given responsibility for Western Allied strategy in Europe to a group of international civil servants under NATO Secretary General Dirk U. Stikker, has been quietly pigeonholed. Diplomats say it will stay that way, at least until the NATO Ministerial Council's spring meeting next May—by which time Stikker will have retired. The French, who dislike Stikker personally, hotly opposed the plan on the ground that it would give the United States broader control over NATO planning. Some smaller NATO members also were lukewarm. So the plan is dead.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO
Aug. 16, 1923

Pears from the Winston district are being loaded at Green and shipped direct to the Newberg canery.

Nearly 50 people were injured as a result of a spectacular battle in the streets of Steubenville, Ohio, during the night, between 3,000 citizens and a hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan.

A forestry official announced the christening of a 6,000-foot-high unnamed peak of the Cascades in Washington, Mt. Harding in honor of the late President.

Dear Abby!

She's Steaming!
— By ABIGAIL VANBUREN —

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to blow off a little steam about the ridiculous practice of businesses that give kiddies candy suckers when they come in with their mothers. I find myself avoiding the places where this is done. I don't know of one mother who approves of it. If she refuses to the child accept the sucker, she is "mean." If she accepts it, she is building her child's dental bill and spoiling the child's appetite for the next meal. Doctors, believe it or not, are among the worst offenders. Banks, grocery stores and shoe stores run a close second.

IRATE MOTHER

DEAR IRATE: Telephone (or write a note) to the "offenders" and suggest they give out balloons instead. But don't hold your breath.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married soon and many problems have come up. My family is small. My future husband comes from a very large family. His mother gave my mother a list of 66 "close relatives" she wants invited to the wedding supper. My father says he is willing to pay for OUR side of the family, but he is not feeding 66 strangers. Abby, how can I tell my future-in-laws this? I am even ashamed to tell my boy friend.

ASHAMED

DEAR ASHAMED: Tell your father that the bride's family pays for the wedding. If a wedding supper is too costly for your father, have a reception instead. It's nothing to be ashamed of.

DEAR ABBY: People are always so reluctant to take a loved one with a mental disorder to a psychiatrist for treatment. If they only realized what an injustice they are doing to that person! With all the wonder-1 drugs and

treatments they have today, there's no reason for mental cases to go on living miserable lives when they could be normal and happy. Believe me, I know because we had it in our family. Mental illness sometimes takes on strange forms and is hard to recognize as such. Then, too, some people refuse to accept the truth and will admit to anything but a mental illness. I only wish we had taken the step sooner. It would have saved us all a lot of unhappiness. Please pass this on to your readers, Abby.

A. M.

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The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

'Hot Rod' Teen-Age Driver Shows Consideration Lack

A few nights ago I observed an automobile halted at a stop street. The driver was a teen-ager. When the light changed, he took off with a squeal of tires, marks of burned rubber and a clashing of gears. He sped down the street at a rate several times that set by law.

I presume he felt himself to be a very capable driver, a real hot shot, quite proud of his demonstrated ability.

Yet anyone with knowledge of proper operation of a motor vehicle knows that this young man is an exceedingly poor driver and in many respects unworthy of the license he carries.

This teen-age driver made a show of his ability by a fast start and excessive speed.

He was driving a very fine car—one of the more expensive kinds. Quite evidently it was the family car.

Any good driver knows that the power plant of an automobile, particularly a good car, is a well constructed piece of machinery. Its several parts depend upon the functioning of one another. The engine is capable of withstanding a great deal of abuse. But abuse shortens the life of the motor through excessive strain and wear. Function is impaired by mistreatment.

The teen-ager I watched driving this automobile clashed gears as he sped away.

Damage Noted

A good driver would never think of abusing the car's power plant. Too, he would pride himself upon his ability to change gears smoothly. He knows that the clashing sound is a sign of excessive wear; that bits of metal are apt to be chipped off and mixed with the grease, which can be very damaging.

Another sign that this prideful young man was far from being the perfect driver he apparently thought himself to be was to be seen in the marks left on the pavement as he spun his car's tires.

He was driving a very fine automobile. Apparently he took great pride in the car. Yet by his handling he possibly caused flat spots on his tires. This would increase vibration and would impair driving ease and comfort. In any event, he shortened the life of the tires by taking off a considerable quantity of the tread. Only a few starts, such as I saw him make, would take many months off the serviceable life of the tires and would cause a considerable expense to the car's owner.

By his poor showing in the manner of handling his vehicle, the young man demonstrated a total disregard of an automobile as a lethal weapon. Inconsiderate of the proper use of an automobile as a vehicle of transportation, he patently gloried in speed and in showing off.

Thus, by his disregard of law, rules of safety and knowledge and consideration of mechanics, he gave a good demonstration that he is not deserving of the confidence of the public which, through the State of Oregon, has awarded him a permit to drive a car.

Another cost accompanying this foolish demonstration was the matter of gasoline consumption. Probably the expense didn't amount to much. However, any good driver knows that accelerating the motor unnecessarily uses a large amount of fuel. The car probably could have been run for a considerable distance on the amount of fuel this young man wasted by his show-off tactics.

This teen-age "squirrel" driver evidently flattered his own ego by his performance. But it was a rather disgusting spectacle if a person is to consider proper driving tactics.

But the abuse of the car and the extravagance involved could not be considered the most serious aspect of the case.

The car hurtled down the street at a high rate of speed; a far greater speed than the law permits. The driver might just as well have been playing with a loaded gun, insofar as danger to himself and others was concerned.

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