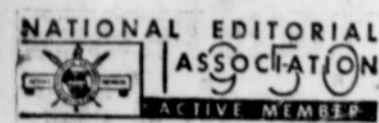


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## OUR \$400,000 PROBLEM CHILD

Voters in the Nov. 7 election will be practically snowed under by all the special issues on the ballot. Some have been referred to the people by the state legislature, others have been ordered by petition of the people. In all, there will be nine state issues and two county matters to settle.

These proposed amendments and laws will be included on the large ballot with the various candidates. Cottage Grove voters, however, will also receive a special ballot on which they will mark whether or not they approve a \$400,000 bond issue to cover the cost of construction of a complete sewer and drainage system in the city.

Reasons for this bond issue have been presented in previous issues of the Sentinel. But essentially, it boils down to this:

The state law says cities may not dump raw sewage into the rivers or streams of Oregon after a certain date. This was approved by the legislature as well as by the people in referendum back in 1938. That date has since been set at Jan. 1, 1952. Therefore, we must comply with the law.

The total estimated cost of the sewer program, as outlined in the plan submitted in March, 1948, was placed at \$450,000. A previous city council took steps to raise part of that sum, and as a result, the north side trunk line sewer is now under construction. More than \$50,000 has been set aside to pay for that trunk line.

Monthly cost to each water user has been estimated at approximately \$1.50. After eliminating the present 55 cent sewer charge (which will be done if the bond issue is approved), each water bill will be increased by only slightly more than a dollar.

A new and complete sewer system is a necessity for Cottage Grove. Members of the city council feel that the best method to finance this project is by issuing bonds. If this measure should fail to pass, it means that a special election will be called in a few months and voters will cast an opinion on another way of raising the money.

No one knows whether it will cost more or less later on, but guesses are that the individual levy will be higher if the issue is put off. To paraphrase an old saying, he who hesitates may find more cost.—K.C.

## REAPPORTIONMENT MEASURE IMPORTANT

Many regard the bi-partisan balanced county plan of reapportionment of the state legislature the most important of the nine measures to be voted on in the November election because it vitally affects the welfare of the state. Whether the state legislature is reapportioned as to its number of state senators and representatives on the basis of the population plan, which would give the most populous sections of the state a bigger voice in state government or the balanced plan, which would give recognition to the areas of less population as in eastern Oregon, will be up to the voters to decide.

Reapportionment of the state legislature can occur every ten years when the census count has been completed. If the population plan is adopted, eastern Oregon with its varied interests would be a political step child of the western part of the state. The merit of the balanced plan is that each county would have at least one representative and one senator for any three adjoining counties of smaller population. Under the plan the remaining 24 representatives would be placed on the basis of proportionate population.

The balanced plan would prevent a populous county like Multnomah to dominate everything political in the state, such as might be a possibility if strong pressure groups decided to enter the political field.

The important thing to consider when you cast your ballot on this measure is to consider what in your judgment the legislature should represent, whether it should represent the economic interests, which are tied to forestry and agriculture often found in the smaller counties or whether it should represent the population centers only.

## INCREASING BASIC SCHOOL SUPPORT

One of the problems facing the state by reason of its increased population is that of providing school facilities for an increasing enrollment. The basic school support fund would provide a \$30.00 per capita fund in addition to the \$50.00 per capita fund approved in 1946. While the basic school fund act to be voted on in November provides for a state tax levy, the \$30.00 per capita additional would be taken out of the state tax fund.

One other way to meet the problem would be by local taxes, but we have about reached the limit as to how much the average advalorem tax payer can pay. The logical way to provide for the increased enrollment would be through a state source and the \$30.00 per capita tax.

According to the best current estimates, we may expect the public school enrollment to about double in the next ten years, which means more teachers as well as more class rooms. In Lane county alone, public school enrollment has increased from 12,553 to an actual enrollment of 23,180 in 1950. In another ten years the enrollment is expected to reach 50,000.

The question to be decided is how shall we meet the problem of offering even fair school facilities for the future child and taking care of the increasing numbers. We think the prime reason that local voters have been willing to increase school expenses as the need arises here in the past is the belief that if we are to remain a strong democracy, we have a high stake in the kind of training offered by the public schools.

## VOTERS FACING SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY

In looking over the voters pamphlet, which has recently been distributed over the state, we have concluded that the voter will face a serious challenge as well as a grave responsibility in deciding on the nine measures which will be voted on in the November election along with a list of the regular party candidates. Unless you study these measures very carefully, you may vote "Yes" when you mean "No" or vice

## CABIN IN THE SKY



## Oregon School Support Is High Compared With Other States

This is the fourth in a series of six articles on the survey of Oregon's elementary and secondary public schools made by Dr. T. C. Holy, school organization authority of the Ohio State University.

Dr. Holy's 400-page report, released September 9, contains 275 recommendations, on every aspect of the public school system.

It is the result of an interim committee study ordered by the last legislature to be made under the direction of the State Board of Education.

"Oregon is doing well in support of her public schools, in comparison with other states."

This, the recently released "Holy Report" calls a "reasonable conclusion," after submitting a good many pages of comparative statistics. The figures are preliminary to detailed plans for distribution of money from the basic school fund—two plans, one if the pending measure to raise support from \$50 to \$80 per census child passes, and one to be used if it fails to pass.

The 400-page report which chronicles results of a survey ordered by the last session of the legislature, was recently released by Dr. T. C. Holy, Ohio State University school expert, who headed the study. Whatever the reception by the interim committee and the State Board of Education through whom the survey was sponsored, it will undoubtedly be background for coming school legislation.

Core of the extensive study and its 275 recommendations, is urgent advice to Oregonians that they must reorganize their hit-and-miss collection of local school districts if they are to get value received



ELGIN, OREGON: Mayor Rex Rautel and a party of three just made a three and half day trip down the Snake river in two small rubber boats. The crew is full of stories relating to the dangerous voyage—not the least of which is about the large sturgeon that could not be discouraged from following even when they rapped them with their oars.

SEATTLE, WASH.: Who's doing what to whom? That's what a federal narcotic agent is wondering now, as a one John Joseph Becket, alleged dope peddler, is coming to trial for bilking the agent out of \$50.

It seems the agent—posing as a customer—bought a half pound of talcum powder with the understanding it was heroin. He made the purchase in the best of faith and sure too that he had Becket cold, but now the case doesn't look so hot.

JOSEPH, OREGON: Sign of the week award goes to one reading: "This little town is Heaven to us. Don't drive like Hell through it."

SEATTLE, WASH.: Veep, our Valentine vice-president, is bringing his pretty Mrs. to Seattle for a Democratic rally. This will be the second lady's first visit to the West.

versa. The ballot is undoubtedly the most complicated one to face the voters.

One of the problems the state is facing through the legislature is the revision of the state tax structure to meet the growing demands of the public as well as the demands of the so-called pressure groups. The state is facing the possibility of a state tax levy, higher state income taxes or a sales tax. Eventually we may find a so-called new source of taxable revenue, but the important thing to remember is that it is impossible to uncover any new source of revenue without cost to the taxpayers. We will pay either directly or indirectly and the decision as to how strong we want to go depends on us.

## What Other Papers Say . . .

"This country is up to its ears in eggs. But you certainly wouldn't know it by going to the store to buy them—about 72 cents a dozen for grade AA large."

Representative Mitchell of Washington has been protesting that we are buying dried eggs from Red China, which we are. And this despite the fact that Uncle Sam had in storage on July 17 some 107 million pounds of dried and frozen eggs—and it takes about three dozen shell eggs to make a pound of dried eggs.

For market manipulation and monopolistic withholding Uncle Sam himself is giving the consumers the biggest rooking they have had for years.

During the first half of 1950—with warehouses bulging with eggs—Uncle Sam bought \$57 million worth more—with tax money, of course.

A few months ago we sold to Britain for \$7 million nearly 32 million pounds of eggs that cost the U. S. government \$40 million. Last May we shipped 80,000 pounds of dried eggs to Hong Kong to be given needy persons in China—when the Red leaders will permit it. And all the time we're importing dried eggs from Red China.

Government aides are trying to give dried eggs away to relief agencies and school lunch programs. How many they'll have to dump down the sewer is yet to be seen.

From a commonsense viewpoint it's one of the nuttiest programs since they dumped potatoes and imported them from Canada. And the Canadian crop is larger than ever and headed for American markets.

It's assumed that the farmers and egg industry are benefitting from this tax-supported scheme that sees Uncle Sam taking our tax money and going out and buying eggs which he doesn't need so that we'll have to pay a higher price for them.

If a private individual pulled such a trick on such a scale, he'd either be strung up on the nearest tree or put in the booby hatch.

—Oregon Journal

## Lady Mail Carrier Does More Than Just Put Letters In Boxes

"Pet peeves?" Her blue eyes spoke volumes. Mrs. Orval Whaley, Silk Creek, who puts the mail in the boxes while her husband drives, didn't have to wait a split second to tell me the first one in answer to my question.

"It's stamp licking! People put out a letter and three cents, may be day after day. We carry stamps as a convenience—why can't they buy a few extra for next time?"

I could imagine the three cents would be a problem, too, when it was rainy or cold, and of course, time-taking. Well, why can't we have a few stamps on hand? (She didn't catch me on that one, but she did, later on, when I asked about boxes.)

"We drive 58 miles on our daily route," Mrs. Whaley said, answering other questions. "With what we drive to and from the post office, it adds up to 70 miles every day." No wonder they have a new car every year! "We have 385 boxes and 435 families on our route."

She spoke with much feeling about the boxes which still carry the names of people long gone! "Do you know what I'm going to do on my vacation?" There was determination in the blue eyes—you knew she would do it, too! "I'm going to go over our route and mark every box with the right name if it doesn't have one now."

I'd heard of a postman going for a walk on his day off, but thought it just a joke. But maybe the man in the joke was marking mailboxes, too?

"Height of boxes? Oh, that's another thing. People never seem to realize the new cars are lower. Thirty-eight inches is the right height. Well, your box is a little high but it's all right. You do have a flag on it, and use it, and your name is plain. One woman complained to the postmaster we didn't pick up her letter. She thought we were mind-readers. I guess. The postmaster asked, 'Did you have your flag up?' She said, 'Well, no.' We could have told him she didn't have any flag to put up. It was broken off."

We chatted quite a while. A

## SOCIAL SECURITY

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UNDER the new Social Security law now in operation there is a 77½ percent average increase in benefits, while beneficiaries are permitted to earn up to \$50 a month outside. Persons over 75 years of age may earn an unlimited amount without suspension of benefits. Minimum monthly benefits are now fixed at \$20 for a single person and \$30 for husband and wife (C. P.)

simple solution to the mail carriers' problems and peeves would be for the patrons to do unto the mail-carrier as they'd like a patron to do unto them if the roles

were reversed. Don't you think so? (From "The Mending Basket" by Vinnett S. Martin, Roseburg News-Review.)



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- STATE  
FOR GOVERNOR  
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