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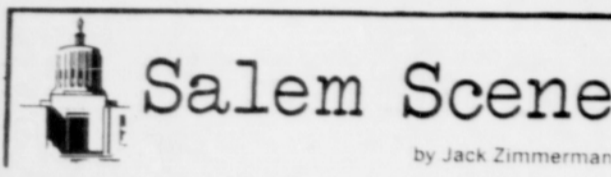
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by Jack Zimmerman

Voter Registration Record "Ain't Necessarily So"

Record voter registration for Tuesday's special cigarette tax election is misleading on one hand, and on the other, tends to negate speculation the "youth vote" will seriously influence ballot results.

When it comes to claiming current Oregon voter registration is an all-time record, one is reminded of Sporting Life singing, "It Ain't Necessarily So" to the assembled cast of George and Ira Gerstein's 1935 Broadway musical, "Porgy and Bess."

Sec. of State Clay Myers' office at voter registration deadline released figures showing a total of 1,029,296 Oregon residents signed up to vote. That figure considerably outstrips the 1,081,017 registered prior to the state's 1970 Primary Election and is even further ahead of the 955,459 who signed up to ballot during the General Election on the same year.

But the discrepancy between Primary and General Election registration totals is the tip-off to the fact current registrations "ain't necessarily so."

Oregon election officials are quick to point up the misleading nature of the current voter roll. State law requires the Secretary of State to purge voter lists following each Primary Election. This is necessary, of course, to eliminate voters who have passed to their ultimate reward and who have moved to another state. Keeping voter rolls as clean as possible helps eliminate fraud at the polls. And this biennial housekeeping also saves money.

Each registrant receives an official Voters Pamphlet before Primary and General Elections. An accurate voter roll certainly saves to printing and mailing this pamphlet. It also saves candidates considerable campaign money when they start mailing literature to would-be constituents.

Sec. of State Myers said the Voters Pamphlet is the key to Oregon's every-other-year voter purge. Each bears a "return" request and the Postal Service brings back undeliverable pamphlets. Following the May 1970 Primary, some 143,000 pamphlets were returned. About 33,000 returned pamphlets belonged to persons who had moved elsewhere within the state without leaving a forwarding address, or had been misdirected for one reason or another. But about 110,000 voters' names actually were removed from voting rolls.

Valid new registrations by persons achieving majority, moving to the state or registering for other reasons for

the first time made the actual difference between 1970 Primary and General Elections only 62,558. So one has to presume registration today is vastly overblown by non-valid registrants and the "record" total will be reduced considerably following Primary balloting this May.

Current registrations -- accurate or not -- also fail to change significantly the differences between types of voters going to the polls next Tuesday. A Republican increase of 4.8% leaves the GOP with 41.8% of the voter total. Democrats, registering an 8.8% gain, have 55.1% of the total. And those registering Independent, no party or a variety of others -- despite an increase of 35.9% -- still only represent 3.1% of Oregon's enfranchised citizenry.

Election officials figure the 18-20-year age bracket includes some 100,000 potential new Oregon voters this year. And trends show the greatest percentage of voters in that age category registering "Independent." But the total of all such registrants -- lumped with everyone not otherwise registered as Democrat or Republican -- is only 31,398!

Reasons for registering one way or another are many. But as a bloc, it's doubtful a potential 10% youth vote will solidify sufficiently to register and perform at the polls.

Affirming this assumption is performance of registered voters at Oregon polling places in the past. Democrats usually poll 70% to 85% of their registrants. Republicans are a few percentage points stronger when it comes to actually voting. But Independents and all others always turn out in smaller percentages when it comes time to express themselves in the voting booth.

Film, Quiz Are Sunday Fare

Sunday evening services on Jan. 16 at the Community Church will be especially geared for young people. The first event of the evening will be a Bible Bowl quiz football game with the junior age group challenging the senior youth group to an exciting contest. Kick-off time is set for 7 p.m. The Bible Bowl will be followed by a special showing of the 32-minute color film, "Gateway to a Miracle." A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the community.

Curry County Polling Places

SPECIAL ELECTIONS DIVISION OF OFFICE OF LICENSING CERTIFICATE THE JANUARY 18, 1972 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	ADAMS-ILLIAC	COMMUNITY COUNCIL BLDG.
2	FLORIAN CREEK	LANGLAIS FIRE HALL
3	SIDES	SIDES GRANGE HALL
4	SIX RIVER	CITY HALL (COUNCIL ROOM)
5	PORT ORFORD	AMERICAN LEGION HALL
6	CHETCO	CHETCO GRANGE HALL
7	WILCHUCK HARBOR	HARBOR WATER DIST. BLDG.
8	BROOKINGS	CITY HALL--COUNCIL ROOM
9	BROOKINGS	CITY HALL--MULTI-PURP. ROOM
10	BROOKINGS	CITY HALL--MULTI-PURP. ROOM
11	BROOKINGS	CITY HALL--MULTI-PURP. ROOM
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20	BROOKINGS	CITY HALL--MULTI-PURP. ROOM
21	BROOKINGS	CITY HALL--MULTI-PURP. ROOM
22	BROOKINGS	CITY HALL--MULTI-PURP. ROOM

ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED FOR ALL COUNTY PRECINCTS WILL BE HANDLED BY A SPECIAL ELECTION BOARD THE MORNING OF JANUARY 1972 AT THE CURRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

FOR THIS PARTICULAR ELECTION THE STATE HAS PERMITTED AND SUGGESTED COMBINING OF PRECINCTS WHERE PRACTICAL. CERTAIN PRECINCTS (AS BRACKETED ABOVE) ARE COMBINED FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ELECTION.

(PRECINCT # 2, W. CHETCO, IS A NEW PRECINCT CARVED OUT OF OLD #16. CHETCO, BY IS THIS PORTION OF PREC. # 18 LYING INSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE HARBOR WATER DISTRICT. BOTH PRECINCTS WILL BE IN THE SAME POLL BOOK FOR THIS SPECIAL ELECTION AND WILL VOTE AT THE HARBOR GRANGE HALL. SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS.)

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR

The staff of Curry County Public Welfare Department and Children's Services Division would like to express their thanks to the many organizations and individuals who contributed to the Christmas gifts for needy children in the county. The response to our appeal this year was tremendous. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to: Beta Sigma Phi, Gold Beach; Rogue Arts, Gold Beach; Tops Club, Gold Beach; Linda Main, Gold Beach; Rotary Club, Brookings; Chetco Grange No. 765, Harbor; Gold Beach PTA, Gold Beach; Rotary Club, Gold Beach; Soroptimist Club, Brookings; Brownies Troop, Gold Beach; Eastern Star, Gold Beach; Eagles, Gold Beach; Soroptimist Club, Gold Beach; American Legion and Auxiliary, Brookings and Harbor; Trinity Lutheran Church, Brookings; Dr. Anderson, Gold Beach; Jean Pierce, Gold Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Van Leer, Gold Beach; Martha and Jill Wentzel and Mrs. Collatt; Lion's Club, Gold Beach; K-Lynn Fashions, Gold Beach; Alma's Fashions, Gold Beach; Rotarymen, Port Orford; Lions Club, Langlois; Don Andrews, DVR, Gold Beach; Curry County Commissioners.

OBITUARIES

Ray O. Fromm

Graveside funeral services for Ray Oswald Fromm, 59, Port Orford, were held at 2:30 p.m. at Port Orford Cemetery with Rev. Andy Baxter of the Community Church officiating. Fromm, a retired logger and construction worker, was a lifetime resident of Curry county. He was born Dec. 13, 1912, at Wedderburn and married Lela Fromm Dec. 28, 1936, in Roseburg. He died Jan. 3, 1972. Survivors include the widow, Port Orford; two sons, Donald of Springfield and Darrel of Port Orford; one brother, Kenneth, Eugene; his mother, Nellie Fromm, Eugene, and four grandchildren.

Ragwort Control To Be Subject

Tansy ragwort control methods and the poisonous effect of this noxious weed will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Curry County Livestock Association this Friday, Jan. 14, in Gold Beach.

Dr. William Nagel, Oregon State University professor of entomology and the principal researcher on biological control methods of tansy, and Dr. Guy Reynolds, OSU Extension veterinarian, will speak on the work being done in efforts to control this weed that annually costs livestock producers many thousands of dollars.

The meeting is open to all interested persons but should be of particular interest to livestock men and horse owners, noted Walt Schroeder, Curry County extension agent. The meeting will open with a steak sandwich dinner at the Sunset Inn, at 7:30 p.m. A short business meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. will be followed by the discussion on tansy. Reservations are necessary and may be phoned to the extension office in Gold Beach, 247-6654.

Training School For Judges Set

A clothing and knitting judges training school will be held in Corvallis on Feb. 16, 17, 18, Jane Shearer, Curry County extension agent, announced this week. Any adult interested in judging 4-H at county fairs may apply for this training. Application blanks may be picked up at the extension office in Gold Beach before Jan. 20, Miss Shearer said.



Dellenback Reports

by Rep. John Dellenback



Attack Against Cancer

Almost everyone in Oregon's Fourth Congressional District has been deeply affected by the death from cancer of at least one relative or close friend. For this reason, statistics on cancer sometimes seem rather superfluous. Even so, the grim statistics published this year by the American Cancer Society have a chilling impact.

According to the Society's '71 Cancer Facts and Figures, a community with a population of 1,000 experienced an average of three new cancer cases in 1971. And the Society estimates that at least one of those cancer patients will die. In fact, if the present rates continue, 150 persons out of that community of 1,000 will eventually die of cancer.

When we project probable cancer rates into communities in Oregon where we're dealing with relatives and friends, the urgent need to find a cure becomes all the more evident. To this end, President Nixon proposed in a message to Congress in February of 1971 a greatly expanded cancer research program. As the President put it:

"In the last seven years we spent more than \$30 billion on space research and technology and about one-twenty-fifth of that amount to find a cure for cancer. The time has now come to put more of our resources into cancer research and -- learning an important lesson from our space program -- to organize those resources as effectively as possible."

Congress responded quickly by passing a special appropriation of \$100 million for a stepped-up government campaign against cancer. The funds were held up for several months, however, while Congress debated how to organize the federal research effort.

Proposals ranged from a bill proposing a completely new and independent government agency to be in charge of federal efforts against cancer, to bills proposing to expand the efforts of the existing National Cancer Institute within the National Institutes of Health. Supporters of a new agency felt that it would be the best means of mounting an all-out attack against cancer, while those in favor of the latter approach felt that cancer research would proceed most effectively as part of other scientific research carried out at the National Institutes of Health.

The controversy over the organization of the research effort was finally resolved in a House-Senate Conference Committee after the two chambers had passed different versions of the cancer research bill. The Conference Reports was agreed to with overwhelming support in both the House and Senate, and signed by the President on December 23, 1971.

The final version which became law expands the research efforts of the National Cancer Institute of NIH, and authorizes \$1.59 billion over the next three fiscal years to carry out cancer research. The director of the Cancer Institute will be appointed by the President, along with a three-member panel which will monitor the national cancer program and report directly to the President.

One important point brought out during Committee hearings and Floor debate in both the House and Senate was the great danger of possibly misleading the public into thinking that a "crash program" of cancer research would certainly lead to a cure within a short period of time. We have no assurance that it will. But at least our hopes are more soundly based as the all-out attack against cancer gets underway.

South Coast Employment Down, Retail Sales Up

Total employment in the South Coast area declined in December, however, this was somewhat offset by a seasonal increase in retail trade. Inclement weather conditions and seasonal factors contributed toward the overall drop in employment.

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS
Retail trade experienced a seasonal improvement in total hires, and a pronounced overall advance in sales. Business conditions, generally, were reported as being well above those of a year ago. On the other hand, completion of the holiday season also meant the release of most of those hired temporarily for the holidays.

There was very little hiring activity in lumber, wood products and logging. As reported in the most recent months, the turnover rate continued to be quite light. Work in seafood processing was slow in the preparation of available crab and bottom fish. Most of the plants worked only about one-half of the month, as bad weather and a short supply of crab kept them idle the other days.

Longshoring maintained a good momentum in December. Even the casual type longshoremen were busy during the month. It is anticipated that this situation will continue at least through January 17, 1972 when the latest extension of the labor dispute ends. The construction trades were

adversely affected by the bad weather plus the completion of several projects. Not much change is expected until sometime in the Spring of the year.

OUTLOOK FOR JOBS
Generally, replacement hiring will continue in the mills and woods. The seafood processors can always utilize additional filleters for the bottom fish, but more crabpickers will not be needed due to the poor cycle year for crab. Job openings for tree planters have started to come in, and should continue into February. Dairy hand opportunities usually increase this time of the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS
The minor changes indicated in the comparative unemployment figure for December 1971 and 1970 are due to basically the same weather conditions and seasonal layoffs during the respective months.

Convictions See Increase

Oregon courts reported 347,550 traffic violation convictions to the Motor Vehicles Division during 1971. This was a two per cent increase over 1970. Convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol increased 20 per cent last year with 8,413 reported.

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Funeral Home Facts

By Paul Litty



We are asked many questions about funerals and will attempt to answer some of the most commonly asked questions in the weeks ahead. If you have other questions you would like answered, please write or call and we will do our best to answer them.

QUESTION--Do I have to be embalmed?

ANSWER--No, not if burial or cremation can take place no later than 24 hours after death. This is required by Oregon state law.

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SAMPLE BALLOT

Special Election
CURRY COUNTY

State of Oregon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1972

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check (✓) in the Voting Square After the Word "Yes" or After the Word "No".

REFERENDUM ORDER BY PETITION OF THE PEOPLE

1. INCREASES CIGARETTE TAX -- Purpose: This measure increases the tax on cigarettes from 4¢ to 9¢ per package.

YES

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL EFFECTS: The annual recurring state revenue from this measure is estimated to be between 12 and 15 million dollars. There will be no increased annual administrative costs.

NO