

Five districts sought by backers of county measure

There will be only one measure listed exclusively on the ballots of Clackamas County voters in the Nov. 7 election but if passed, the proposal could have a profound impact on county politics.

The measure seeks to add two additional members to the Board of County Commissioners bringing the total to five. Each commissioner would be elected from a geographic area in the county.

Proponents of the measure argue that district alignment on the county board will bring greater representation for all areas of the county, especially rural pockets located away from the county seat.

Those opposed say the addition of two county commissioners will increase the size of government bureaucracy in Oregon City at a time when voters are clamoring for less.

The measure, 3-13 on the county ballot, was debated Thursday night in the county courthouse before the Democratic Central Committee. Former commission candidate Jean Baker of Milwaukie spoke in favor of its passage. Commissioner

Robert Schumacher spoke in opposition.

Schumacher scoffed at the idea that rural citizens would get more representation under the five commissioner district plan.

"Rural representation under five districts isn't there," he said. "They (Commissioners) are still going to be elected from the cities. That's where the people are."

Schumacher added that under the measure, each commissioner will favor his own district over others which could lead to "pork barrel politics."

Mrs. Baker countered that Clackamas is the largest county in the state in terms of population which still has three commissioners.

"The people of Clackamas County want reform," she said. "We're getting too narrow a scope of interests in decisions now."

"With five commissioners, there would be more information brought to bear on a given issue," she added. She also said the addition of two more commissioners would save the county money in the long run by serving as watchdogs on county spending.

Mrs. Baker also attacked

the growing trend in county government of administrative assistants making top level decisions which should be made by elected officials.

Schumacher countered that aides do not make policy decisions and that the county has only one more aide now than it did 20 years ago when the county had a population of 50,000.

If passed, the measure would go into effect Jan. 5, 1981. Each of the five districts would be of substantially equal proportion.

The proposed districts are:

District 1 — Oregon City,

Wilsonville, Molalla, Barlow, Canby, Dickey Prairie, Ladd Hill, Marquam, Yoder and adjacent precincts.

District 2 — Lake Oswego, West Linn, Lake Grove, Rivergrove, Southwood Park, and adjacent areas.

District 3 — Gladstone, Jennings Lodge, Johnson City, Beavercreek, Carus, Colton, Mulino, Redland and adjacent precincts.

District 4 — Milwaukie east to 82nd, Oak Grove and adjacent precincts.

District 5 — Sandy, Estacada, Happy Valley, Boring, Clackamas, Damascus, Eagle Creek, the Mt. Hood Corridor and adjacent precincts.

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Library funds

non-fiction selections," Mrs. Newlands said.

The funds will be received within two weeks and the new books should be in circulation before the end of the year. "We might be allowed some leeway in the expenditure of funds, so we could purchase other educational materials, such as puppets for our story hour," she explained. "But most of the money will be used for books since that is our greatest need."

Mrs. Newlands expressed hope that the new books would attract local children to the library. "Only one-sixth of our circulation now is among children," she said.

"We'd like to get ideas from users of the library on the kinds of books we should purchase with the grant," she said. "We'd especially appreciate suggestions from youth on the books they'd like to read."

Two other Clackamas County libraries, Gladstone and Molalla, were also awarded grants from the state library fund.



Coloring contest judged

WINNERS PICKED by judges (left to right) Meri Lang, Bill Johnston and Sharon Sizemore in a merchant-sponsored Halloween coloring contest include Kenneth Barton, first in the fourth-grade division, Tony Dunlap, first in the fifth-grade division, and Laura Schnee, first in the sixth-grade division. Best of show entry was colored by Don Schnee. These and other winners go on display in store windows during the Sandy merchants' annual "Moonlight Sale" from

7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27. Other winners were Kristine McMahon, second place, fourth grade; Laura Williamson, third, fourth grade; Kelly Hubert, second, fifth grade; Mary Abbott, third, fifth grade; Steve Grable, second, sixth grade; Bud DeLude, third, sixth grade; Rusty Comer, age 5; Russell Woodcock, age 8; and Mike McMahon, age 13. Winners may claim their drawings in the stores next week.

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Precautions can make Halloween safe

More than 338,000 Oregon school children will make for their annual Halloween trek

from door to door next week. The Insurance Information Institute has issued a warn-

ing to parents and motorists about the potential hazards of Halloween activities.

According to the Institute, the highest incidence of accidents involving pedestrians is among children ages 5 to 9. Many of these accidents occur between intersections and their frequency increases sharply at night, especially in urban areas.

The report emphasized that the child's vision should not be obstructed by masks. Children should not be dressed in loose fitting

costumes that could cause them to trip and fall.

The Institute offers the following safety tips: Never allow young children to trick or treat alone; use make-up instead of masks or headgear that obstruct the child's vision; and use reflective tape on dark colored clothing and on trick and treat bags.

Parents should also make sure that all costumes are made of non-flammable material, keep lighted jack-o'-lanterns or candles away from children, and inspect all treats before allowing

children to eat them.

Halloween parties should be planned at home or at neighborhood facilities whenever possible, the Institute recommended.

Halloween motorists are advised to drive slowly and to be alert in case a child darts out from between parked cars. The Institute also urged motorists to honk their horn occasionally on dimly-lighted residential streets and to be extremely cautious when backing out of driveways.

obituaries

Frank Bennett

Frank Bennett, a Sandy resident for 33 years, died in a Sandy nursing home on Oct. 22. He was 68.

Mr. Bennett was born Francis Julius Bennett in Peace Valley, Mo., on Dec. 22, 1909. He was raised in Missouri, where he attended school.

Mr. Bennett was a member of the Sandy Masonic Lodge No. 158.

He is survived by his three brothers: Orval Bennett, Boring; Henry Bennett and Ivy Bennett, both of Sandy; four sisters: Nola Emerick, Missouri; Evedene Gunter, Albany; Evelyn Smith and Ina Gibson, both of Colorado.

Funeral was held in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home on Wednesday.

Interment was at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Hannah Carden

Services for Hannah Carden, a Boring-area resident, was held Tuesday in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home.

Interment was at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Mr. Carden died in Gresham Oct. 22, after a lengthy illness. She was 77.

Mrs. Carden was born

In 1941, he entered the Army, serving in Australia and New Guinea.

After his discharge in 1945, he made his home in the Sandy area. He was employed by the State Highway Department until ill health forced him to retire.

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Survivors include seven children: Pauline LaValley, California; Nat Carden, Florida; Floyd Carden, Texas; Harvey Carden, Estacada; Alice Thompson, Boring; Martha Culp, Portland, and Orville Carden, Sandy; two brothers: Cling and Gurnie Humphrey, both in Tennessee; 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services are pending for Berton Eugene Bolat at Sandy Funeral Home.

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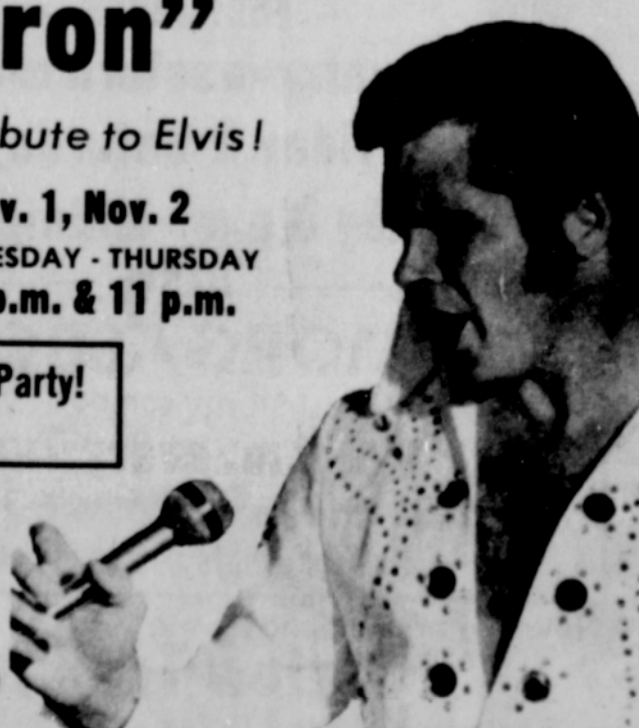
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