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A SENATOR FOR CURRY?

Petitions are to be circulated to put on the 1956 election ballot a constitutional amendment to re-appportion the State Legislature on the so-called federal pattern.

This proposed amendment would provide for one Senator from each of Oregon's 36 counties. The membership of the House would be apportioned according to population.

This amendment would materially benefit Curry County, and give us a state senator, where now we are hanging on the shirt-tails of Coos County.

Approximately 40,000 approved signatures will be required to put the amendment on the ballot.

We are strongly in favor of this, of course, and if in the near future somebody approaches you with such a petition, please go ahead and sign it. It seems to be the only fair way of giving the small counties a break, and it has worked very well on a national level as the strength of our country testifies.

But, and there is always a but, we don't think the amendment has much of a chance, although the report we got on the subject didn't say so.

The facts are that the heavily populated areas such as Portland, or in the valley wouldn't be benefited. They would, in fact, be hurt by the amendment. Consequently they would vote against it, and by the simple expedient of having the most voters, we think that they could defeat the measure.

But it is worth a try.

Brookings Trooper Attends School

Sgt. Gerald Dirks, son of Mrs. Kathryn Smith, Box 1004, Brookings, is presently attending Army Field Medical Service School at Fort Houston, Texas. Sgt. Dirks, who is on temporary duty from Medical Company, 188th Abn Inf, a unit of the famed 11th Airborne Division (ngels) of Fort Campbell Kentucky, will attend school for approximately sixteen weeks in which time he will become more familiar with the latest scientific methods of medical treatment and instruction.

Sgt. Dirks will return to Fort Campbell to "gyroscope" with the famed 11th Airborne Division to Germany, where he will serve the remainder of his tour of duty.

WELL CHILD CLINIC HERE OCTOBER 21st

There will be a Well Child Clinic at the Brookings Grade School on October 21, 1955, between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Paul Ronniger will give physical examinations and immunizations, assisted by Dorothea Miller, Public Health Nurse.



VISUAL PERCEPTION—Part 14

In previous articles, I have discussed the various protective mechanisms the body uses, to make continued life or health possible. A complete nervous break down, is most often nature's way of protecting the system from strain, which could otherwise be fatal. The unconscious will to live, is like a ship's captain, who would rather throw the cargo overboard than sink the ship.

The human eye is kept in working order by many protective devices. The amount of light which the eye needs or can handle, is regulated by the pupil, while the color of the light is kept constant, by the filtering system, which

partially filters colors that would otherwise be too stimulating. If the eye is exposed to a patch of bright color, the color registers more subdued colors. A large patch of warm gray, can give the same warm sensation as a small spot of pure red. You can live indefinitely with a more moderate amount of color. By the same token, a large area of pure color is not disturbing, if it is just seen now and then.

There are other considerations, such as the size of the room, in which the picture is hung, that must be taken into account. The walls of my studio are covered with huge abstract paintings, which are done in bright flashing colors, while my apartment, has only a couple of unobstructive pictures.

The pictures which hang in the studio belong. They stimulate excitement and life. But in my apartment, where I do most of my writing and reading, would be like neon-signs, flashing on and off. It would be difficult to concentrate under these conditions.

Often the difference between something exciting, and something gaudy, is very slight. The human nervous system has a wide margin of tolerance, for certain kinds of

stimulus, but the moment the stimulus exceeds a certain limit, the human system rejects it all together. It is comparable to the idea of the "straw that broke the camel's back."

I mentioned that a pleasantly stimulating sensation is a small amount of pain. Most people like to have their scalp or back massaged. It is amazing what vigorous massaging, some people find soothing. It seems to give them a feeling of being alive, but if the masseur presses just the slightest bit harder, they complain.

A stimulation which is painful to one person, may be considered soothing by another. Also, body resistance to certain elements varies greatly, from one person to another. For example, the amount of sunshine which one person finds healthy, may put another person in the hospital. It seems plausible that personal preference for certain colors is not, as so many people believe, entirely a matter of imagination but might depend on other factors, such as differences in chemical properties in the body tissue, of various individuals.

ers as a "color sensation." Whether or not the color sensation is pleasant, depends largely on the intensity of the color, and the length of time the eye is exposed to it. The brighter the color, the more quickly it tires the eye.

It is important for the artist to realize that size, intensity and time, are factors which constitute total visual sensation. All things being equal, you could write the formula SIXTY equals total stimulus.

A bill-board poster can use a large area of brilliant red, because the length of time the eye is exposed to it, is so slight. While a picture in a home, which you have to look at day after day, requires

of tolerance, for certain kinds of

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