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REAPPORTIONMENT AGAIN

State Senator Phil Hitchcock, chairman of the interim committee for the study of reapportionment of the Oregon legislature, said after the hearing held in The Dalles last Friday that no where had the committee found witnesses so unanimous in their opinion about the problem. At The Dalles every one spoke in favor of the federal plan of reapportionment and only one was willing to deviate from it in the slightest.

Reasons given were economic as well as philosophical—politically philosophical, that is.

The economics of the matter are readily apparent to all for eastern Oregon is 68 percent of the state; it has the greatest potentiality for development because there is so much more of it. In eastern Oregon there are almost 13 acres of tillable land per capita against the state's 2.7 acres and in addition there are millions of acres of range land to supplement stock feed. The power resources of the state are in eastern Oregon. This means that this part of the state will grow. It may be—and was argued that this economic growth would mean that eventually this part of the state would have enough representation even on a population basis. But there will be need for legislation to develop conditions favorable to development.

It is probable that the argument for the federal plan is stronger from the point of governmental theory; that each established unit of government—as a county—is entitled to representation. To put this representation on the basis of one senator for each county is to follow the ideal of the federal government which no American can deny. Other plans, even those that promise adherence to the principle of recognition of both area and population would elect both senators and representatives on a dual basis. It is much simpler to solve the conflict between area and population by electing members of one house on one plan and the other on the other. That means the senate on an area basis, the house on a population basis. That is the federal plan.

The argument that this would give too much power to eastern Oregon immediately runs counter to the fact that states west of the Mississippi have as many senators as do the eastern states. It overlooks the fact that upstate legislators have often been recognized as the most competent and the most interested in the welfare of the city itself. It fails to note that the population plan would give control of both houses to the small, Willamette valley counties.

There is danger in apportionment laws, danger to the state for if it becomes divided geographically its growth may be handicapped. Eastern Oregon is more important to the western part of the state than the reverse condition. But it isn't only eastern Oregon; it is all rural Oregon that is concerned about having its future in the hands of those who are uninformed about its problems.

MR. TRUMAN

It is becoming apparent that the United States cannot expect very responsible government for the next nine months. The voluntary retirement of President Truman which looked like a solution to a part of the problem of poor government, may encourage him to throw his now considerable weight around without consideration for the effect on the nation. His presumption that he has the power to take over the newspapers if "in the interest of the majority" has no background in our government. It is not the function of an American president to decide what is best for the majority of the people. That is the function of the legislative branch of government. The executive's job is to enforce, to execute, the expressed will of the people's delegates, who are the congressmen and senators. Except for the wartime measures the president would have had no power to take over the

steel industry, nor perhaps the railroads. Those powers should have been repealed long before they could be used by a man with such exalted ideas about his knowledge of what is best for the people.

No man given to thought would presume that he was the sole judge of what is best for the people. There are 531 men elected, most of them every two years, to determine what is best for the people. It is hard enough for them to reach a conclusion that is correct but they do have many more connections with the people than can any individual.

From such arrogance comes dictators. Furthermore the president has always been more interested in his party than in his country.

THE OLD SONGS

They do not sing the old songs. Occasionally the words sound familiar but the arrangements are so different as to make them all but recognizable. Barber shop singers of the old days were often of a beery sort who sang their songs plain without even knowing who was the lead or the baritone. They just sang. There was volume, too. It might have been expected. Such singing is old fashioned and if there is anything we will not tolerate it is being old-fashioned. We may revive old fashions and call them new, or polish them up (like square dancing) but we are interested only in new things in entertainment.

No one sings in a barbershop anymore although the name remains. Gone also is the lustiness of the old singing. It had vigor and volume. Tune was secondary. Harmony seemed excellent at the time. Well, why not, the lustiness has gone out of many things.

Rufus News

By Mrs. George L. Fox

Tommy Thompson, county agent, put on the program at the Rufus grange when it met in regular session Thursday evening. Roland Johnson, master, conducted the meeting for the 22 members out.

The master appointed Atlee Wilson as degree captain. Wilson will have charge of the degree work Rufus grange is to put on May 1st for all Sherman county third and fourth degree candidates. Wilson called a practice meeting for Monday evening.

Mr. Thompson explained the reason and duties of the county agents. He also answered questions of the grangers.

Mrs. Susie Mason of Spokane is visiting her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg who now live in Wasco.

David Reid who has been going to school at Cascade Locks is now enrolled in the Rufus school and is in the fifth grade. David is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Reid.

Nineteen Rufus grange members went to Harlandville Saturday night to see them put on the initiation for the first and second degree. State deputy and Mrs. Vern Lantz of Redmond were there also.

Friday Rufus went to Heppner to their track meet. Gerald Parsons took Charles Wilson, Al Blake, Paul Blackburne and George Fox Jr. Al Blake won 2nd in shot put, 3d in discus, 3d in the javelin throwing. Paul Blackburne won 3d in the 220 yd. dash.

It was windy and a bit cool here all week. The clouds looked as if they were going to put down some rain, but no such luck. Things are really getting dry and we could use rain. The grass has already begun heading out and starting to dry up. Unless some rain comes this won't be a very good year for pasture. The wheat needs rain, especially that which was seeded late and hasn't a very good start yet. The wheat has a lot of leaves on it, and some wheat men are turning their cattle in the wheat so some of the leaves will be eaten off. They are just something extra for the stock to support. Our rain maker can really work this year, we need him.

A group of neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson April 12 to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Besides the honors guests there were the Sam Brooks, Malcolm Guys, Geo. Drinkards, Lester Grays, Harland McDonalds and Mrs. Grace Medler. Pinochle was played with high scores going to Malcolm Guy and Mrs. Geo. Drinkard, low to Roland Johnson and Mrs. Guy. Refreshments brought by the guests, chicken sandwiches, chocolate cake and coffee were served and the Johnsons were presented a lovely large brass plate.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox attended the funeral of Mrs. Roy Brown held in The Dalles last Thursday. Mr. Fox was a pall bearer. Mrs. Leland Medler attended confraternity of Christian Doctrine which was held in The Dalles Monday. During the day Barbara Medler was a guest of Mrs. George Fox while her mother was away.

Electric Motors, Barney's G. V.

TROPHY PRESENTED

Eleven of the original squad were present for the picnic. Included in this number were Arthur Belshee from Corvallis and the three Fraser brothers, Paul of Moro, Gordon with the ECA in Germany, Tom from Umatilla County, and Russell Belshee, Ted, Thompson, Howard Ross, Bob Belshe, Max Belshe, Clair Adams and the coach Homer Belshe.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeting of the board of equalization for Sherman county. The taxpayers of Sherman county, Oregon, notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon, will attend at the County Court Room of the Sherman County Court House, State of Oregon, on the second Monday of May, or May 12, 1952 and publicly examine the assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description or quantities of lands, lots or other property assessed by such assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and shall be filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session; and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the board. Each such petition or application shall state thereon the address to which notice of the action of the board of equalization shall be sent.

Carlton L. Pepper Attorney for Administrator

Rubber Paint, Barney's G. V.

NOTICE OF DISTRICT ROAD MEETING, DISTRICT NO. 1, SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of a petition duly signed by the required number of freeholders and bona-fide residents of Road District No. 1, Sherman County, Oregon, a district road meeting of the legal voters of said District No. 1 will be held at the court house in Moro, Oregon, on Wednesday, May 14, 1952, at 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of voting an additional tax not to exceed 10 mills on the dollar on all taxable property in said road district—the fund to be raised by such additional tax to be expended under the supervision of the County Court upon the roads within said road district within one year from the collection of said tax.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1952.

C. A. Tom County Judge

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids for the purchase of Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 2, Grass Valley, Sherman County, Oregon, will be received by the undersigned as agent for the owners until 10 o'clock a. m. April 29, 1952. All bids to be mailed or delivered to the office of Cella L. Gavin, 502 U. S. National Bank Bldg., The Dalles, Oregon. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Lena Gosh, Agent, for Naomi Bradberry, Bessie Stevenson, Gladys Hurst and Mamie Warnock.

Mixmasters, Barney's G. V.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of State Representative from the 22nd Representative District comprising Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman and Morrow counties, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the primary election May 16, 1952.

Robert Smith Condon, Oregon

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that John M. Rolfe, as administrator with the Will annexed of the estate of Theodore M. Rolfe, deceased, has filed his final report with the clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and that said court has fixed Saturday the 3rd day of May, 1952, at the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day and the courtroom of said court in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing all objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

John M. Rolfe Administrator

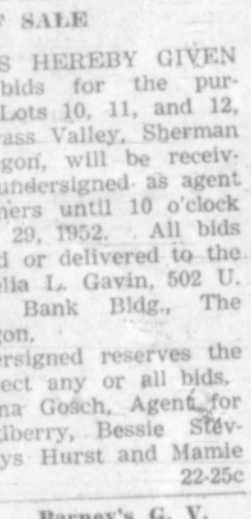
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Want Ads

WANTED—Work, baby sitting, typing, etc. Phone 416, Moro, 2412. WANTED—Dressmaking or alterations. Hazel Workman, Sewing Center, 312E 3rd St., The Dalles, phone 3070. 24-27p. HARTS CHIX—every Tues. Folder and price list by return mail. Harts Hatchery, Beaverton, Ore. 15-24c. FOR SALE: 1950 Chev. 1-ton Pickup with 4-speed trans. stock rack. B. McNeely, Grass Valley, Oregon. 13c tm. NEED AN ALL-PURPOSE CAR? Then see the Willys Station Wagon on display at WILLIS MOTOR CO. All-steel body, overdrive, plenty of carrying capacity means safety, economy and practical transportation. Also New

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Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. Floyd Lane, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge, No. 116

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Josephine Gentry N.G. Helen Martin, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Clyde Gillmor, W.M. H. D. Pinkerton, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.

Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Bonnie May, W.M. Gwen Ross, Secretary

Giles L. FRENCH

REPUBLICAN for Congress

WHO HE IS:

An alert, aggressive legislator of 17 years experience. Acknowledged authority on taxation. Recognizes the need for intelligent economy. Works for it and votes for it. Twenty years mayor of Moro, Chemical warfare service in World War I. Editor of oft-quoted Sherman County Journal.

WHAT HE SAYS:

"The first duty of a legislator is to be completely informed about his district and the problems of its people. He should work steadily and conscientiously for their solution. "The welfare of eastern Oregon depends on the continued development of Columbia river basin power together with transportation and irrigation; upon getting grass to grow on its sage-covered range lands; upon further utilization of timber resources; upon a foreign policy that will permit the development of markets in the Pacific; upon keeping as much of our power at home as we can use; upon keeping all of our water; upon a tax policy that will permit citizens to buy and improve property."

MORE NEXT WEEK

Vote 92 X GILES L. FRENCH

CHARLES A. TOM

Candidate for Republican Nomination for Representative 22ND DISTRICT

- Farmer—Wheat and Cattle
- Chairman Land Economics Committee and Taxation Committee, State Agricultural Planning Conference
- Graduate O.S.C. and Cornell University
- Veteran Granger

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