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THE FEDERAL PLAN
Petition for placing the Federal Plan for legislative Reapportionment on the ballot in 1956 has been filed and when 40,000 signatures have been obtained it will be officially on the ballot in November of next year.

There is no great organization behind it, merely some students of government who feel that the federal method of setting up the two houses of congress is good enough for Oregon. That it would put the state in better position to develop is axiomatic.

MONOPOLY
There is more monopoly in these United States than ever before if indications are correct. It isn't that the "big" fellows are doing it but there are so many in the big class.

Labor unions are the worst offenders—or maybe just the latest offenders. Farmers are not in the race and that is one of the reasons why they are getting a lower percentage of the consumer dollars. The man who drives the bakery wagon may get as much out of a loaf of bread as the man who grew the wheat and his organization probably decides what bakeries can exist and what cannot.

The cost of building homes has been increased tremendously by the monopoly of labor unions for one example and the great increase in general costs comes from similar monopolies. Also the quality of work is down.

Government has tried to prevent monopolies in business although without perfect success and it is doing nothing to prevent those of labor.

Early day liberals opposed monopolies. Now those who call themselves liberals condone labor monopolies for political reasons.

The government itself engages in monopolistic enterprises and there are those in public life who would give the government a monopoly on power production. Many states have a monopoly on the sale of liquor.

"Competition is the life of trade" used to be an accepted truism and it may be accepted now but it is not observed. A high percentage of laws passed are for the purpose of establishing or extending a monopoly.

We talk about the brilliance of Americans in finding ways to do things and make things cheaper and then permit some group to obtain the advantage the new inventions bring. The public does not get the benefit.

Our capitalistic form of economy is endangered as much from the growth of monopoly as it is from the threat of Communism. Either stifles the inventiveness of mankind.

KEYBOARDS
Some investigator, a professor probably, has discovered that the keyboard of a typewriter is not very efficient. It never was. Strange that so many girls should become proficient on it.

The vowels should be in the center instead of at the end where the little fingers must hit them for even typing. A linotype keyboard is much better but the right hand has a larger percentage of the work on that one, handling as it does all the caps and figures as well as some of the lower case letters. It is faster, not so much because of the keyboard itself but because there is little chance for jamming which is easy on a typewriter.

But we think that nothing will be done about it, habit being so large a part of human activity. If the learned gentleman who raises the protest should invent another keyboard there would be those who would criticize it and we would have a controversy going. We Americans love controversies and the opportunity to take a side and do battle, and

now that things have calmed down a bit another one probably would not hurt us. Heretofore obsolescence as applied to stenographers has not been because of keyboard changes but it may be if the professor prevails.

Rufus Personals
Mrs. George Fox
Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti, teacher at Rufus school was elected president of the Oregon Education association of Sherman county. Other officers are Harold Arbow, principal of Grass Valley as vice-president; Mrs. Christianson of Moro as secretary and treasurer; representative council class room teachers was Bob Leck of Wasco and Les Hascall of Rufus as first alternate.

The boys of Rufus high school went to the county health office in The Dalles Friday to get a physical check up before the basketball season.

The high school students at Rufus were among the ones in The Dalles Tuesday to hear the Coon vs Neuberger debate on The John Day dam.

The few deer in the north end of Sherman county were in more than a hurry when the hunters pounced on them early Saturday morning as the deer season opened. Among the lucky ones bringing in their bucks were Mr. and Mrs. Will Hack, Curtis Neal, Pat Macnab, Bob Davis, James Fox, Don Macnab, Howard Ross, Ray Curtis and Earl Fields.

Mrs. Curtis Neal was taking a political poll on the Republican party Friday for the Rufus area. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford and sons, Frank and Grant, were overnight guests of the George Foxes Friday.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Henry Deyo that their daughter, Eunice Irene, was married to Marvin Esten Minaker, Saturday, Sept. 17, at 8:00 p. m. in the La Conner Methodist church at La Conner, Wn.

There was a reception following the wedding in the church social room. Eunice Irene's twin was married last spring. The bride lived with her parents in Rufus as a small girl. Her grandmother, Mrs. Helen Deyo, and an aunt, Mrs. Carl Thompson, make their home in Rufus at present.

Weekend guests of the James Foxes were Mrs. Fox's nephews, Alec and Ig Wand and Ig's son, Jerry, all of Troutdale.

Mr. and Mrs. John Addington of Dufur spent some time last weekend with the Don Macnab family.

Mrs. Jessie Meyers of Portland is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meyers. Bill is her nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson are making a foundation for a green house, which they expect to have soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris were among the Rufus residents planning to make an extended hunting trip in eastern Oregon. They left Friday.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933.

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Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Giles L. French, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Sherman County Journal and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 1177, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

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Wasco News
Mrs. Joe Drinkard
The Marion Rebekah lodge met Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. A very short meeting was held with Mrs. Floyd Haines, acting as noble grand. Immediately following the closing Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watkins, Charles Steel and Mrs. Sadie Rich left for the reception being held in The Dalles for Russell Larkin.

The Wednesday afternoon bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Virgil Larimore. After a 1:30 dessert cards were played by members, Mrs. Malcolm McDermid, Mrs. Clem Weik, Mrs. George Macnab, Mrs. Henry Richeiderfer, Mrs. John Hilderbrand, Mrs. Elton Medler and guests Mrs. Bob Bish and Mrs. Al Dormaier. Prizes went to Mrs. McDermid, Mrs. Bish and Mrs. Dormaier.

Mrs. Pete Macnab entertained the Thursday evening bridge club with guests Mrs. George Macnab and Mrs. Ira Fridley, who was taken in to the club as a new member. Others were Mrs. David Richeiderfer, Mrs. Gerald Nisbet, Mrs. Al Dormaier, Mrs. Pat Macnab, Mrs. Dewey Thomas and Mrs. Stuart Macnab. First second and low prizes went to Mrs. Fridley, Mrs. Geo. Macnab and Mrs. Nisbet.

A surprise housewarming party was given Mr. and Mrs. Pat Macnab at their home Saturday evening, September 24. Guests from The Dalles were her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sherrer and Bob Macnab, Frank LeMaster was here from Portland and local guests included Mr. and Mrs. Pete, George, Tom, Bill, Don and Stuart Macnabs, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler, Mr. and Mrs. David Richeiderfer and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fridley. Pot luck refreshments were served after an evening of poker, bridge and visiting. The Scherrers remained overnight and were taken home Sunday.

Miss Geraldine Hozaphel started tap dancing classes for grade school students Monday. Lessons are to be on Mondays and Wednesdays at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk are home from a two week vacation trip to Los Angeles, California.

The Reverend Charles Neville of Corvallis and Mr. Moynihan of Lebanon were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sargent and Miss Vivian Trounce were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reid in The Dalles.

Tom Striker and Jack Rothery are camping at the Alfred Merritt ranch hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams are parents of a baby boy born in early September and named, Darrell Lee. Grandparents are Mrs. Grace Medler of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenson of Salem. The Adams also have another son Chester, who is two years old.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer and family were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howell and children, Marvie and Brenda of The Dalles.

Overnight guests last Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Keith McDonald were Mrs. Carol Aisman, worthy matron of Roosevelt chapter OES in Portland, Mrs. Helen Gloss, worthy matron of Portland chapter and Mrs. Florence Weneger, worthy matron of Orchid chapter, Mollala.

Mrs. Keith McDonald left Tuesday on an overnight trip to Mollala where she was to be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Weneger and visit Orchid chapter of OES.

Guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McDonald are her brother in law and twin sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rayner of Havre, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert are on a moose hunting trip in Canada.

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fus grange Booster night were Mrs. Sadie Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse and daughter, Carmen and Merry Drinkard and Mrs. Ruth Fields.

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Miss Sparling wore a gown of Chantilly lace with long sleeves and fingertip veil and train and carried white chrysanthemums. Matron of honor was a sister of the bride, Mrs. Peter Soderlund of San Marcus, Texas. Other attendants were Mrs. Douglas Gelsbers of Forest Grove, Betty Shideler of Corvallis, Sylvia Kane of Medford, Sue Nelson and Diane Nicholson of Portland. All wore emerald green and carried bronze chrysanthemums.

Margo Norton and Darlene Shideler passed the groom's cake. E. J. McDowell was best man and ushers were Eugene Lueman, Ed Sandlin, Edward Barrows, Elwyn Thom, Elliott Hanson and Richard Green, a younger brother of the groom.

A few days after the ceremony the couple left for Camp Devens, Mass., to live while he is stationed there with the army.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Shades of Tom Sawyer!
Hack Willis had just stopped the tractor so's he could cool off at the pump, when a young insurance salesman came up the drive. Hack was tired of plowing, and needed insurance on his new n. But he also needed to get that winter rye in fast. The salesman, an eager kid, noticed hesitation. "I come from a farm," he said. "Why don't you look at these booklets—get all the dope—and I'll take that plow a couple of rounds for you." Young fellow laid off a pretty straight furrow, too. It was almost dark before Hack—sitting

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