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EISENHOWER AGAIN

The report of the heart doctors a couple weeks ago was an indication of the consent given by the president to again be a candidate if the delegates at the convention wanted him. Until that time the favorable outlook seemed unlikely.

Mr. Eisenhower has won, as popular a following as any man even in a nation given to idolatry of public figures. He apparently tries to be entirely fair in all his dealings and to make his position clear to the press and through them the public. It is not likely that he will be defeated.

Never in the history of this nation have so many been at work at good wages, never have profits been so sure and so large. We are at peace. The inflation that endangered the savings of older citizens and made social security a mockery has been slow until a dollar is worth as much today as it was last month for the first time in over 20 years.

Under these circumstances—presuming that they continue until November—it does not seem probable that the voters will want to exchange their fortunate position for something different, however, alluring the promises might be.

FOREIGN POLICY

There seems to be an effort to make the nation's foreign policy an issue in the political campaign. We think that will be impossible, or it should be impossible. No factual basis for it exists because our foreign policy has not changed materially since the war.

We are still helping foreign nations, friend (old and new) and foe (old and new) with a free hand; we are still buying land and building bases; we are still trying to contain communism with money and still losing the ideological battle.

There are some reasons for such a policy. Among them is the fact that we need friends overseas, that we are wealthy and our international neighbors are broke and need our help to get their economy in shape, that the poor and disorganized people will turn to communism unless we take the leadership of the free nations.

It is our opinion that the case is not entirely proved. Foreign nations seem inclined to take our cash and remain pretty independent of our ideals; our props of cash appear to weaken the will of as many nations as they have helped; there is no assurance that continued transfusions of cash will be possible without injury to our own economy.

But whether one likes the present foreign policy or not it is about the same as we have had and is no legitimate issue in the campaign. Both parties have followed it and both criticized it. Probably the outs will criticize it some more and undoubtedly the ins will praise it, both on the detail instead of the major features. It is actually a bi-partisan foreign policy which, in fact, means that the leaders of both parties make it up and follow it without having to tell the people about it at all.

ELECTION LAW

Voters are going to find some changes in effect when they go to the polls to vote at the next election.

The regulation about residence in the precinct has been strengthened. It always was the law that anyone had to vote in the precinct of his residence but it has not been observed. Some property owners preferred to vote in the precinct where they held property and one objected especially. Now it will be stopped.

Also voters will have to sign the poll book. This has been common in many states but is new to Oregon where voting has heretofore been conducted rather carelessly.

Perhaps the reason for some of these changes is that there has been a suspicion that some were voting who had no actual residence of long enough duration. Of course, there will be complaints about the new laws and charges about this and that. The average cit-

izen will be willing to try them out and protest only at the things that are shown to be inequitable, if any.

Voting is a privilege. Expressing a free choice of candidates is a privilege known only in a few countries. Everyone who has opinions should express them at the polls. Only about half of the Americans eligible do vote and perhaps that is about the percentage that have opinions. It is no help to representative government to have persons voting if they are uninformed or if they go to the polls at the urging of some one else. Individual opinions are needed.

THAT 38 PERCENT

News accounts are to the effect that the farmer's percentage of the consumer's food dollar has dropped to 38 per cent and there is much to do about it.

Perhaps it needs some analysis. The handlers of food are doing more than they ever did before. Not many homes are equipped to care for food in the form grandpa used to buy it when the farmer got three quarters of the consumer's dollar. How many housewives can take a dressed hog and cut it up and smoke it and make sausage out of it? Grandpa used to buy raw, green vegetables and can them for winter; now grandpa daughter buys them in a package already frozen.

Farmers still sell the raw, whole product and while their prices compare favorably with what they used to get the consumer pays more. And a larger part of it goes to the persons who freeze it, package it, cut it up, wrap it. Brightly lighted stores are open longer, have a bigger selection of foods, keep them cleaner. They get more money for it.

Farmers resist the suggestion that they should process foods and make them nearer ready for consumption. Perhaps they are right for that is a specialty job. And even if they did they would be depending on profits from handling in addition to their profits from production.

It seems likely that the farmer's percentage will continue to drop as long as consumers demand more service, more convenience. The difficulty for the farmer is that his part of the price is the flexible part. When prices drop because of surpluses his price drops; when prices go up his part goes up. It has its bad side and its good side.

SCHOOL PROBLEMS

What claims to be the biggest teachers' union in Oregon, the Oregon Education Association (OEA) will meet in Portland this week end with several questions to be settled by the delegates.

Of first importance is the matter of advocacy of a sales tax to enable the state to raise half of the cost of grade and high schools by taxes other than local taxes on property. It does not seem to this writer that this question is of importance other than in theory. Meaning that it won't pass anyway. So many unions are against it.

The teachers will also consider a recommendation for or against SJR 4 which would repeal the emergency clause restriction on new taxes. Now the legislature cannot put an emergency clause on tax legislation so that opponents can always initiate against any new tax. If SJR 4 passed it would be possible to pass new tax laws and force the people to try them for a year and a half anyway.

The agenda for the OEA meeting includes a request for a \$400 increase in minimum salaries. As long as conditions are such that it is possible for a teacher to get a job any place such a law is of little consequence although any minimum salary law serves to hold up the wages of starting teachers to the disadvantage of those with more experience. Actual salaries have kept well ahead of the legal minimum.

Also up for consideration is the proposal to replace the rural school boards with county educational boards, which is probably alright if the brightness of a new name will make those concerned more happy. It is also proposed that all county superintendents be hired instead of elected, proponents perhaps thinking that the counties now doing that are getting along well enough.

And teachers are unhappy about the March 15 hiring date and want to be served with a bill of particulars in case the board decides to hire a replacement. Sounds like the incompetent are trying to find out why which is a good thing, although of no particular value to the school in general.

It does not appear probable that much will come of the Attorney General's ruling that the Idaho Power and PGE are criminally liable for starting work on dams in or partly within Oregon. It is true that the state law prevents such starts without a license but a decision of the supreme court ruled that the state did not have the authority in such matters.

Your Income Tax

The 1954 internal revenue act provides a tax credit for retirement income which is a new feature for taxpayers who at some time in their lives have had earned income of at least \$600 a year for 10 years.

Eligibility for this credit is different for taxpayers under 65 and those over 65.

For taxpayers under 65, pensions and annuities received from public retirement systems, such as civil service retirement, teacher retirement, and various state and municipal retirement systems, are the only items that qualify and are used in computing the credit. Retirement pay from private pension plans do not qualify.

For taxpayers over 65 the base on which the credit is computed is materially broadened to include all pensions and annuities that are taxable, whether from public or private retirement systems, retirement pay from the armed forces, interest, rents and taxable dividends.

In both classes of retirement income the law establishes a maximum of \$1,200.00 on which the credit is to be computed and reduces this by any amounts received under the social security act, the railroad retirement act, or other retirement income which is not taxable; and, in cases of taxpayers under 75 years of age, all income received from personal services above \$900.00.

For the computation of retirement income the gross rentals received before deduction for expenses is used and 30 per cent of the income from a trading partnership is presumed to be from personal services. In computing any reduction due to personal income in excess of \$900.00, the amount of the retirement credit is further limited to the amount of the tax computed on the face of the return, less any dividends received credit.

Be sure you have all your information on retirement income ready before you start to file your return or to seek professional assistance.

Wasco News
Mrs. Joe Drinkard

Recent weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk were Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ross and family of Salem. Sunday the Funks and guests and Mrs. Ida Everett and Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and her daughter Lois Ann Everett were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg.

The Wasco grade school teams played their last games for this season with Moro Friday February 24. The scores for the afternoon, all favored Wasco with the girls volleyball game 22-19, and the boys basketball 35-22 and pee wee basketball 9-5.

The annual Blue and Gold banquet for Cub Scouts and their parents was held Friday evening February 24. About 78 attended the pot luck dinner. District representative Dick Carson of The Dalles was present and led the crowd in singing two humorous songs. Awards for the month were made by Richard Bruner, Cub Scout master. He also announced a contest for the boys and their fathers for the month of March. The three dens combined to give a pantomime entitled "Pirates in Penitence". A comedy and a movie "Count of Monte Cristo" was shown.

The Sam Gordon bridge club met recently with Mrs. E. H. Watkins. Enjoying the 1:30 desert luncheon and afternoon of bridge were Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. Hildred



Elmo Smith

TRAFFIC FINES HUGE

Traffic fines and other penalties imposed for violation of the motor vehicle code totaled \$448,218 in 1955, according to a tabulation completed by State Treasurer Sig Ulander.

This money will be placed by Ulander in the state highway fund for use in road building and maintenance.

The money derived from fines and penalties in 1955 was \$47,000 more than the \$401,352 collected in 1954, Ulander said.

With the exception of 1953, traffic fine revenue has grown steadily during the past six years. In 1950, the receipts from this source totaled \$270,410; in 1951, \$327,297; in 1952, the receipts climbed to \$393,409; dropped in 1953 to \$386,070, then went up to \$401,352 in 1954 and \$448,218 in 1955.

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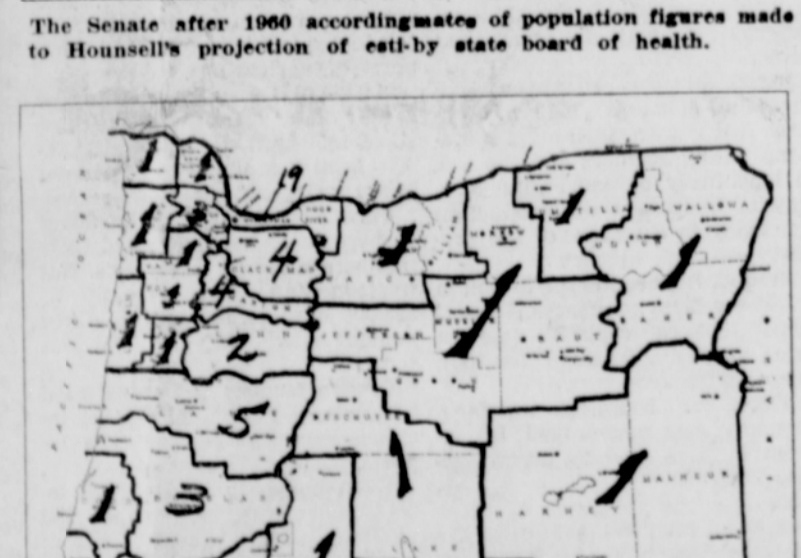
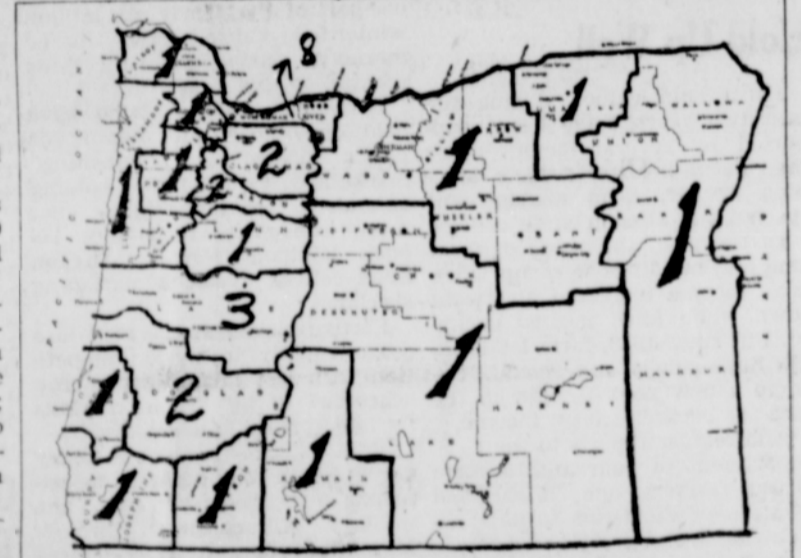
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Zell, Mrs. Francis Watkins, Mrs. B. E. Hailey, Mrs. Art Smith and Mrs. John Foss who received the guest prize. Mrs. Hugh White held high for the club. Valentine decorations were used.

Mrs. Henry Richelderfer was hostess to the Wednesday evening bridge club at her home February 22. Mrs. George Macnab received high score prize and Mrs. Harry Adams low. Each one present had brought a gift for Mrs. Macnab's new adopted baby. The next meeting is to be March 14 at the home of Mrs. Virgil Larimore.

Tuesday, February 21 the bridge club met with Mrs. Art Smith. A member Mrs. A. C. Kaseberg, who has been absent for several weeks returned home from California and was present. Others enjoying the luncheon and cards included Mrs. B. E. Hailey, Mrs. E. H. Watkins, Mrs. Augusta Huckin, Mrs. Harley Dutton, Mrs. Harry Van Gilder, Mrs. L. P. Haven and a new member Mrs. Francis Watkins. Mrs. Huckin will be hostess

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Senator John Hounsell has taken the population estimates made by the state board of health and projected them into 1960 assuming the same rate of population change for the next five year period as has prevailed for the previous five years.

From these figures Senator Hounsell has apportioned the Oregon senate and house in the way he thinks it would be done

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Eva Cantrall, clerk

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REAPPORTIONMENT OF OREGON SENATE BASED IN BOARD OF HEALTH ESTIMATE OF POPULATION TO 1960, ACCORDING TO PRESENT CONSTITUTION.

Dist	Counties	Population	Senators	Over	Under
1	Marion	115,983	2		8,857
2	Linn	66,583	1	4,138	
3	Lane	170,721	3		16,464
4	Douglas	94,000	2		30,190
5	Jackson	74,014	1	11,619	
6	Josephine	52,778	1		9,617
7	Cook	67,548	1	5,151	
9	Polk-Yamhill	62,848	1	209	
10	Washington	89,685	1	27,290	
11	Clackamas	109,744	2		18,046
12	Mult-Hood River	584,455	8	88,295	
13	Benton-Lincoln	85,117	1	22,722	
14	Clatsop-Columbia	54,771	1		7,824
16	Gilliam-Grant	63,816	1	921	
17	Morrow-Sherman	51,936	1	10,459	
18	Wasco-Wheeler	42,923	1	19,478	
19	Crook-Deschutes	45,466	1	18,929	
20	Harney-Lake	66,004	1	3,709	
	Jefferson				
	Umatilla				
	Union-Wallowa				
	Baker-Malheur				

Districts 8-15-21 Eliminated

as the legislature is presently constituted. There may be serious doubt that Multnomah with 85,000 above the requirement for eight senators would permit Douglas to have two senators when 30,000 under the requirement for two. But basically the pictured apportionment follows the constitutional provisions as to population and all districts are composed of contiguous counties.

Klamath and Umatilla are low in population for a full senator and might be combined with other counties although this would reduce the population of other districts. Equalization of a sort has been made by giving Klamath and Umatilla a senator and restricting them to one representative.

Josephine and Curry are combined although there is almost no communication between them. Benton, Lincoln and Tillamook would be an unwieldy district.