## CHURCHES ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL Choir practices: Girls

CHURCH-Episcopal Holy communion, 8 a. m.

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Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11. Junior Y. P. F., 6:30 p. m. Week day services: Holy communion Wednesday at 10; Friday

Wednesday at 4 p. m. Adult choir, Thursday at 8 p. m. Boy Scouts, Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9.

Archery classes on Saturday. Boy Scouts, 9; Girl Scouts, 10; Cub Scouts, 11. . . .

METHODIST CHURCH J. Palmer Sorlien, Minister Morning worship and sermon m.

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL
Choir practices: Girls choir, Paul McCoy, director

Sunday churen school at 9:45, Oliver Creswick, superintendent. Youth Fellowship class, Adult Bi-ble class and a class for every

ton Sunday afternoon. We will LEXINGTON LUTHERAN leave the church here at 1:30 p.

Wednesday, mid-week prayer 11. Next Lutheran service will be ervice at 7:30 p. m. unday, Dec. 18. Thursday, choir practice at 7:30

The Woman's Society of Christian Service meets first Wednes-day of each month. Suzanna Wes-

There will be no Lutheran service in Lexington Sunday, Dec. characters.

Rev. A. Rietz.

LEXINGTON CHURCH-Your Community Church

The young people of the church ley circle of the W.S.C.S. meets will attend a youth rally at the third Wednesday of each month. Christ, and in the dark room of 11 a. m. Morning worship and affiletion. God is de-communion service. Special music sorrow and affliction, God is de-communion service. Special music veloping some of His lovellest by the choir, Sermon theme, "The

Church school 10 a. m. Worship and preaching 11 a. m. Singing and preaching 7:30 p. m.

HEPPNER CHURCH OF CHRIST Glenn Warner, Minister

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## Rep, French Outlines Plan For Reapportioning Membership of State Senate in Speech Before Oregon Wheat League Convention in Heppner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rep. Giles L. of the state constitutions.
French delivered the following What California Voters Did address before the state convened the Oregon Wheat League convention in Heppner Saturcourtesy of Mr. French.

I am here to talk about reapportionment of the Oregon legis-lature. In this discussion there are three methods to keep in mind. The first is the present method of apportionment established by the Oregon constitution back in 1857. We now elect 30 senators from 24 districts and 60 representatives from 33 districts. These districts are not equal in either area or population. No general apportionment has been made since 1911 except a partial reapportionment in 1931 and according to the constitution this must be done after each decennial census which means in 1951 in the next session of the legislature if not done previously by initiative petition.

Second method to keep in mind is the one proposed by the Oregon voters, too.

American Federation of Labor at Problems of Areas, Production its June convention in Eugene. The AFofL has been joined by the CIO and some young Republicans and some young Democrats. The Farmers Union and the Grange are expected to follow because of the strange alignment that has made them bedfellows with labor. This proposal would redistrict the state by strict apportionment by Two Choices of Highways population and would give not more than a third of senators and proposal gives more power to the city and less to rural Oregon, the producing area.

I hereby propose another plan. A bill is now in process of being written that will give to each county a senator and apportion the representatives on a popula-This plan follows tion basis. closely that followed by the makers of the American constitution and is the American plan.

Benjamin Franklin's Wording Back in 1789 when the constitu

tional convention met in Philadelphia to draw up the document we know as our American constitution there was a great struggle the city of Portland that that city over this very problem. They met in May and it was late in that month before all the delegates had arrived. They argued all through the month of June over the problem of how the delegates ernment. If each county had a to the congress were to be appor-tioned. First proposal made was the Virginia pian, brought to the convention by the delegates from that state, then the largest in be promoted.

The Virginia plan would have the large states much more pow-

This plan was opposed by the smaller states, particularly by New Jersey which had the support of Delaware and Connecticut, then a sizeable state itself. It was not until July 8 that a compromise was reached. It was suggest-ed by Roger Sherman of Connecticut, a man of humble birth who had attained his position by had attained his position by working up from the ranks. Benjamin Franklin, himself, wrote the amendment which is incorporated in our constitution. It gives to each state two senators and apportions representatives according to population. George Washington presided at those meetings, the states which now pay only group of men ever brought to-

gether in this country. Mort Than One Basis

By that compromise these men decided that in representative government it was necessary to Economy Close to Home elect delegates upon more than one basis; that other things must be taken into consideration than every nation with a democratic government since that time. It has never been challenged. Those nations that deviate from it are those that have seen their democracy slip into some other form, and a review of recent history will prove that statement,

It is used in France to a great extent and Switzerland has a de mocracy almost identical with that chosen by our patriotic fore fathers in that great constitution-

its senator. Applied in Other States

There are many methods of apportioning legislatures used by Lake counties are each Twenty eight states give each

tion their legislators according to or Lake. in them than do those that have two methods of apportionment the people do not permit too much power to get into the hands of the represent her and speak for her cities and in this the people are wiser than those who wrote some

In Oregon we have a very fine tion of Oregon Association of example of this in the Oregon Counties, and was published in senatorial district composed of The Oregon Voter. He address- Lake, Klamath, Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties. It takes 72,000 persons to elect a senator day morning, using substan from that district and only 52,000 from Portland. This came about out. We publish the text by some years ago when some fine political finagling was done resuiting in Josephine county, then with some 10,000 persons, getting a senator all by itself while five counties have to share a senator. That is typical of what happens when the population method alone is used. It happens every

> Much is being made of the ex-ample of New York which has a restriction of the number of senators so that no one county can have more than a third of the total. The rest of the story is that in New York every county but one, Hamilton, has a representative. And in New York the one third is a real restriction.

In California, the city of Los Angeles has but one state senator and the city of San Francisco has but one senator. That law rather recently passed by the California

In the Oregon legislature many of the problems are not about

people at all, but about areas, about production, about taxes. The seriousness of a problem cannot be always indicated by the number of people involved. If a proposal is fair, it is fair for a

hundred or ten thousand. Recently I attended the formal opening of the Warm Springs cut. representatives to one county.

This is a restriction of little value from central Oregon to Portland. for I doubt if Portland is now, or It is a fine road, built at the soli-will be, a third of Oregon. This citation of residents of that rapidly growing area. It may be recalled that a few years ago, when Portland had an opportunity to choose the location of a new road, it was built to the coast so that city dwellers could get to the sea. That is a fine thing, for recreation is necessary. But it is pertinent to consider that when central Oregon had its choice of a road it

was built to Portland. Rural Oregon Interested in

Portland It cannot be successfully controverted that rural Oregon and the legislators rural Oregon has sent to Salem have done more for has done for itself. Rural Oregon is interested in the city, too.

Another thing that this one enator from each county would do is to help strengthen local gov

Keep Government With People apportioned the congress accord-ments. We need to keep govern-We need stronger local governing to population and given to ment close to the people. Proposer than they now have. It would have kept the power among the planters of the south and preventment. It is true we have better ment. It is true we have better ed smaller states and rural areas roads and faster cars and that from achieving the development they later made. ment should retain and use, not throw away in an effort to keep government as far from the peo

> Counties Are Real Units by vote of the people. They are recognized as economic and political entities and many are geo graphical entities as well. The comment is made that they are not sovereign as are the states. They are not, but centralization is taking away the sovereignty of about 60% of their bills, leaving the remainder to the federal gov-

ple as it was in grandfather's

something to strengthen states,

ernment. This plan would stren-

gthen counties - and we need

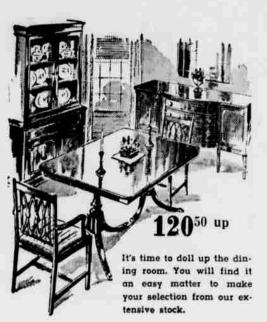
There is cost to be considered in speaking of strong local gov-ernments. A dollar paid in county mere population. That system of electing delegates in democratic nations has been used in nearly cents of it back in services. A dollar sent to the state perhaps re-turns 60 to 70 cents in value. out a dollar sent to the federal government is a thin and weary lime before it returns to the tax. payer. Local government is the ost economical government.

We do not have small counties in Oregon although some are smaller than others. Lavin county, Texas has 285 citizens and Al ne county, California has 323 al convention. Every canton has the separator 4500 people. We are fortunate in that we have so few counties. Not all are represented. Harney and the states of the United States, than either of the states of Mass ichusetts, Connecticut, Delaware county at least one representative and New Jersey. Yet, neither has and at least 10 give each county any are a senator. Large numbers of counties is the reason why it is not who represent them are conscientious and able, but they do not entious and able, but they do not population have more inequities fastest growing county in Oregon, Jefferson county, the a county that is rapidly changing from range and wheat to irrigated one for the senate and one for the fields, has no direct representahouse. Regardless of what the laws and the constitutions say, lemis certainly entitle deffersor lems certainly entitle Jefferson

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ounty to have some one directily







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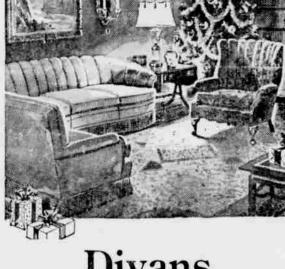
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