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Our Fight for Representation

Secretary of State Howell Appling's plan for legislative reapportionment comes as another blow and shock to Eastern Oregon which is getting pretty used to taking a buffeting in reapportionment ideas as Western Oregon population soars.

The Appling plan, which comes as a result of a Supreme Court order to comply with the state constitution, would particularly hurt Umatilla county, which would be forced to share a senator with Union and Wallowa counties, and would share two representatives with Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties. At present Umatilla has one senator of its own, Sen. Loyd Key, and two representatives, Rep. Stafford Hansell and Rep. Raphael Raymond.

Morrow would continue to share its senator with Hood River, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties. While this county would share two representatives when it now only shares one, the result is not inviting because Umatilla would be included in the district.

Umatilla's population is 44,352. Morrow's is only 4,871. The combined population of Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler, bed partners with Umatilla in this plan, is only 13,108. Umatilla has the total outnumbered more than 3 to 1! Thus, it won't take much guessing to figure out where the representatives from this district would come from, and we wouldn't enjoy Umatilla's dominance much more than we now enjoy Multnomah's dominance over the rest of the state.

Secretary Appling's plan hurts Eastern Oregon considerably worse than House Bill 1665. As compared with the House plan, Eastern Oregon loses one senator. Yamhill-Benton loses one, and Multnomah and Lane each gain one.

In the House of Representatives, Eastern Oregon loses three in the Appling plan as compared with House Bill 1665. Multnomah picks up one, Benton-Lane gains one, and Jackson gains one.

If representation is to be dependent on population alone, we have to yield, but that is not the wholly fair and just criterion. It is not the democratic way. To stifle Eastern Oregon's voice in the legislature in the long run serves no real good for the state because Eastern Oregon contributes too much to the welfare of the entire state. Someone has to look out for its interests. It has to be represented adequately by someone who understands it and its problems.

Secretary Appling, in a letter written to the East Oregonian and copy of which was sent to this paper, makes it clear that he does not like the plan he submits. He agrees that it weakens legislative representation by joining counties whose interests are not in common, and he also concludes that large districts will ultimately stifle the voice of the political or geographical minority.

He was ordered to form a plan in accordance with the constitution, and this he apparently believes he did. He declares, "The decision as to the basis on which reapportionment would be done was made by the voters of Oregon when they adopted the 1952 constitutional amendment."

It is to be fervently hoped that this plan will shock Eastern Oregonians enough so that they will unite solidly and strive to do something about it. Secretary Appling advocates the federal plan of one senator from each county and the balance to be apportioned by population.

This, however, requires state constitutional amendment, and the big problem comes up, "How can you get Multnomah, Lane and other big counties to go for it?"

To be just and right under the democratic concept, they should be for it in order to guarantee the voice of the minority as assured by the United States constitution. We also firmly believe that it serves the best interests of all for each segment to be adequately represented, for we here are important to Multnomah county, to Lane county, and to all of Western Oregon. To shut us off is to stifle themselves.

This is a matter of vital importance to Eastern Oregon. Let's speak out and be heard.

Well, Did He or Didn't He?

Now that Roger Maris has cracked out his 61st home run, topping the great Babe by one homer, the great debate in sports is on—did he beat the King of Swat's record or didn't he? All sports fans know that Ruth clouted 60 in a 154-game season while Roger hit 61 in a 162-game season.

It doesn't make much difference to Joe Doakes, and a housewife, sipping a cup of coffee while glancing at the sports page, might yawn and say, "So what else is new?"

But we in this country place great moment on records. Maybe it is the spirit of competition and the desire to excel, which are fundamental to our system, that keep us striving for records in all things.

To Roger Maris, as a professional athlete, breaking the record of the immortal Ruth means more than the prestige and lasting fame in baseball. It also means thousands and thousands of dollars. His achievement places him in a very satisfactory bargaining position salary-wise, and he undoubtedly will pick up fortunes in testimonials. We expect Roger Maris endorsements of cereals, sports equipment, razor blades and most everything else.

Maris will make the wealthier Yanks wealthier. Yankee Stadium has been dubbed "The House that Ruth Built," because he packed them in enough to pay for the place. This year's American league pennant chase took second billing to Maris' and Maris' assaults on Ruth's record.

The big "M's" packed them in, too. Any close observer could probably see the dollar signs written across the smiling faces of the Yankee management.

But by official edict of Commissioner Ford Frick, Roger didn't top the Babe because of the 8-game differential in the seasons. Thus the crown still belongs to the King of Swat.

There are a great many who think Maris deserves full credit for a record. This camp will say that pitching today is tougher than it used to be. Others will come back with the idea that having 10 teams in the American circuit brings in hurlers who should still be in the minors. The Old-timers will vow that the ball is livelier today than it used to be, and that fences have been moved closer.

Other things should be considered in this Great Argument. For instance, how many intentional walks did the Babe draw as compared to Roger?

One thing is sure. Until some power hitter pounds out at least 61 home runs in 154 games there is now plenty of fuel for the sideline cowboys to argue about for days to come.

But inevitably Ruth's record will fall, just as the 4-minute mile was broken. And when it is shattered, there will still be those crusty old diamondmen who will croak, "He don't nowise compare wid de Babe."

Chaff and Chatter

By Wes Sherman

ARNOLD RAYMOND, master of the mechanical end of the Gazette-Times, was expounding on deer hunting.

"Do you realize that hunters spend on the average of \$90 to get a deer?" he exclaimed.

But, shucks, that's nothing. Almost every husband has spent a fortune on the deer he married.

ONE BUSY fellow is Tommy Howell, across the street from us at Economy Market. He has the job of cutting up and wrapping all the deer brought in to him.

We still don't know whether he was just too busy Wednesday or whether he has no interest in baseball at all.

The G-T staff got up a little pool on the World Series. "By Jo" (Pettyjohn) went over to ask him if he'd like to participate in this World Series pool.

Tommy was nice about it but firm.

"No," said he. "I don't know anything about football."

I guess that would bring Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris back to earth.

LOOKS TO US that among the best hunters of all are the state police. They have carted a good many deer to the butcher, not to mention a nice spike elk. We understand that they not only got their deer but they got their men, too.

ONE OF the most nervous deer hunters we've heard about was Mrs. Ed (Rachel) Dick. She was out hunting the other day and had put her gun down to warm her hands. As she looked down the hill, she saw a big bear cordially ambling up towards her.

Rachel couldn't decide whether it was open season on bear, whether bears should be shot or protected, or whether she should run or try to make friends. She finally compromised, grabbed her rifle and took a shot in the general direction of bruin. He ambled off. Other hunters, hearing the shot, came up and with no indecision whatever struck after him, but he got away.

A PICTURE of the lone football team may have saved Bob DeSpain from being charged with contempt of court the other day. The lone man was assigned to jury duty and was supposed to report to the courthouse at 9 a. m. Tuesday.

Coincidentally, at about 9:30 a. m. Tuesday we were trying to figure out how to identify boys in the football picture we

planned to run. We called Darrel Reich at Lone High and asked him if he knew of anyone in the school who was coming to Heppner. DeSpain was in the office and overheard Reich's conversation. Then came the flash that he was supposed to be in Heppner. DeSpain was out of the office and on his way before Reich put the phone down.

We understand that Bob wasn't held in contempt even though an hour late. And to bring a completely happy ending to this little anecdote, he dropped in and identified the boys in the picture.

FRIENDS of the Phil Blakneys, now of Prosser, Wn., may be interested to know that they recently dispatched us a note saying that they have recovered much of their recent robbery loss because of the publicity of this and other papers on the crime. A great many of those who had given checks to them were good enough to come in, arrange to stop payment on the stolen checks and write new ones.

BILL BLAKE and Ernie Winchester went to Canada a fishin' last week; They came back with: 1. Some pretty nice Kamloops trout. 2. Two new Canadian tires (one brand of which they had never heard before) as a result of two bad flats. 3. Some real whing dingers of colds. (We're surprised that the border patrol would allow them to bring the cold bugs across the line). While we were tormented by this beautiful sunshine down here, they were basking in four days of snow and one of rain. They fished on a placid lake with waves only two to three feet high.

THERE WERE quite a few disappointed people last week because of so many stories being left out of the paper. One of the toughest things on an editor is to decide at the last minute which stories are going to be used to fill the last remaining

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Library Stocks New Loan Books

The following new books have been received in the Heppner public library for loan.

Those recommended for adult reading are:

Gold and Cattle Country, by Herman Oliver; Seed From the East, by Bertha Holt; The Voice of Strangers by Duncan; My Life in Baseball—the True Record by Ty Cobb with Al Stump; Arundel by Roberts; Stories to Remember, Vol. 1 and 2 by Costain and Beeroff; The Oregon Almanac and Book of Facts, edited by Brooks.

For the young adult are A Girl and Five Brave Horses by Carver, and The Book of Joe by Price.

In the children's group are The Turnabout Twins by Daringer; David and the Phoenix by Ormondroyd; Dwarf Long-Nose by Hauff, and Madeline and the Gypsies by Bemelmans.

space and which must be left out. The available "news hole" seldom jibes with the demands on it.

Here's one tip to you who want "your story" in for sure. Get it to us plenty early or tell us about it in advance. Often times in making early runs we have to grab whatever is available, without regard for local importance, when we are later deluged with good local copy.

Ullman Asks Action Of BLM On Range

Cooperation between Oregon ranchers and Bureau of Land Management is needed to solve critical public range problems, Rep. Al Ullman said in Ontario last week. Representative Ullman met with ranchers to get their views on critical grazing problems. Top BLM officials also participated in the session. Judge Oscar Peterson attended the meeting to represent Morrow county.

"The ranchers and BLM have been feuding long enough," Rep. Ullman said. "Now is the time for both sides to bury their traditional distrust and weld a new spirit of cooperation."

Ullman also stressed the need for full multiple-use development. "The general public has a stake in rehabilitation of public range lands," he said. He sharply criticized the BLM for "dragging its feet on range seeding and brush control measures," and said it would take more than 85 years to complete the needed seeding and more than 400 years to complete the brush control at the present rate of progress.

Ullman is making a tour of the 2nd District to talk over the area's problems with civic leaders.

Mrs. A. E. Loyd, La Grande, was visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loyd, last week. Mr. Loyd will drive her home Monday.

Former Editor Here

Art Crawford of San Francisco, former editor of the Gazette-Times was visiting in Heppner last week, the first trip here since 1955. He was editor of the paper when it moved to its present location and bought the newspaper press in 1919 that is still used in printing the paper. In Heppner, Crawford visited with his sisters, Mrs. J. O. (Virginia) Turner and Mrs. Leonard (Mary) Schwartz. Art is a nephew of O. G. Crawford of Delake who also previously was in the newspaper business here. He returned south later in the week.

Lamb Attends Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lamb were in Astoria September 23 and 24 to attend the mid-winter conference of Lions clubs and on Sept. 25 they were in Portland where he attended the meeting of the Oregon Cooperative Council. Lamb is director of the council and is a past president of the organization.

STAR THEATER

Fri. Sat. Oct. 6-7
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Sun. Mon. Oct. 8-9
Pepe

This peppy, happy romp is a medley of entertainment led by the charming Mexican wonder clown Cantinflas ("Around the World in 80 Days") and Dan Dailey. As Pepe follows a magnificent white horse to which he is devoted, to Hollywood and Las Vegas, an opportunity is given 35 guest stars to appear: Frank Sinatra and Co., Debbie Reynolds, Maurice Chevalier, Bing Crosby and on and on. Bright color points up scenic backgrounds. Johnny Green gives fine finish to the tremendous score. For the Family. Sunday at 5 and 8, Monday at 7:30.



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