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Constitutional Amendment Needed

Now that Secretary of State Appling's reapportionment plan has been declared constitutional, the only fair thing left to do is to amend the state constitution. It is a certainty that Eastern Oregon is taking a severe and unfair blow under this plan, which will cut its representation in the legislature.

Population alone is the basis for representation as the constitution now stands. This should not be. Area should figure in the matter.

Eastern Oregon should steadfastly unite in a move to work towards amending the constitution. This can be started by initiative petition, but the same problem exists—insufficient population in Eastern Oregon to swing the needed vote.

It might be possible to sell the rest of the state on an equitable plan, for certainly upon the welfare of Eastern Oregon rests a sizeable chunk of the welfare economy of the whole state.

Giles French of the Sherman County Journal, Moro, has been credited with starting a "secession" movement. This probably was not proposed seriously in a literal sense, because it is hard to conceive that eastern counties would want to secede from the rest of the state even if it were possible.

However, an "economic secession" might be more feasible and might give Multnomah and other western counties a more significant idea of the importance of Eastern Oregon to Oregon as a whole. Railroads, trucking companies, barge lines, wholesalers, suppliers, and hundreds of firms have lucrative business connections with Eastern Oregon outlets. Think of the importance of our wheat and livestock industries, just to mention a couple, to Portland firms.

Now, what if we turned in another direction—say to Eastern Washington—Walla Walla, Spokane—and took our business there. The populous western Oregon counties would surely feel the impact. Just one small illustration occurs to us. This newspaper deals with Portland paper houses. A Walla Walla firm would like to do more business with us. They will compete with Portland on price, and they can give even faster service. The little business we do wouldn't hurt Portland one iota if we "seceded economically" and went to Washington, but if the thousands of businesses and industries all over Eastern Oregon did the same thing, it would be felt.

This is not to propose such "economic secession," but when salesmen come through and when every Eastern Oregon business trades with the western part of the state, we should impress them with this problem and ask for support for adequate representation. It is fair and right, because what is for our welfare is also for their welfare.

Several plans have been proposed for a more equitable plan of representation. One of the foremost is the federal plan, which would have one legislative house based on population, and the other with each county represented, regardless of population. Thus Morrow would have at least one senator or representative of its own in the one house, as well as sharing at least one with neighboring counties in the house based on population.

Editor French points out that daily press has referred to the federal plan as "radical." He wisely points out that it has not been considered radical on the national level as it has been used to contribute to the development of our country.

As a matter of fact, we can see little justification for the expense, trouble and confusion of a bicameral legislature (two houses) at all if our representation is based solely on population. A unicameral system (such as in Nebraska) would seem much less costly, less cumbersome and certainly more efficient.

Our Moro neighbor says, "Any plan must be voted on by the people. Any plan will have opposition. Any plan that wins must be easily explainable."

He's right on all counts. Let's get together on an equitable plan, gather our funds and resources for the job, and work towards a constitutional amendment that embraces the chosen plan. In the meantime, let us not lose any opportunity to point out to our western Oregon friends why it is only democratic and to their best interests for us to have adequate representation.

Chaff and Chatter

By Wes Sherman

A LIVELY MAN is the merchant who can get the soap and wax off his store windows on November 1 before the day's customers start to arrive. A lot of them were at it Wednesday morn.

MRS. BILL FARRA accused Ambrose Chapin, the barber, of shaving his window on the morning after Halloween. He was out with one of those big broad-bladed razors scraping the window. It wasn't shaving soap on the window, although he may have been working himself into a lather.

A GOOD result of Halloween was noted at the telephone booth by the Northwestern Motel. The booth, which had collected soap and wax for a couple of years without being cleaned, was spiffed up by an unidentified young man Thursday after it had undergone another coat of wax Tuesday night. It is now clean as a whistle for the first time in many a moon.

SOROPTIMISTS did a fine job of entertaining teen-agers here with their party at the fair pavilion Tuesday. They had a whale of a crowd, and the Sorop members worked long and hard on preparations for the party. Mrs. Jewell Hager, chairman, and all her helpers are certainly owed a vote of thanks by the community for this fine job of entertaining the youngsters.

WHEN YOU think of the damage done in years of yore as compared to that of a Halloween of today, you'll have to admit that the worst pranks now are mild. The word, "delinquent," just hadn't come into vogue a generation or two ago. I guess they were known as "hellions" then.

WHEN YOU see all the honors Morrow county youths are piling up, you can realize that a lot of them don't have time for tom-foolishness. Libby Van Schoick brought new honors this week by winning the Make-It-With-Wool contest at Pendleton. Beverly Davidson moved on in the Soil Conservation Speech contest by winning at Pendleton after taking the local contest earlier. Of course, Gary Van Blokland and Sandra Eubanks topped the P. I. with their grand champion farm animals. And remember Jan Beamer's achievement in becoming Miss Rodeo Oregon in September. The lone football team enters state quarter-finals. Our local younger generation is really piling up the honors. "Achievement" is their middle name.

CHANGING THE subject a bit, an item comes in from Leslie Salt Co. as a news release which says, "Pigs raised on concrete may become anemic unless they are fed a trace of mineralized salt." Anemic! Wow, we'd think the concrete diet would founder the critters!

SCOTT BROWN, ex-old timer around here and now in Portland, dropped in the other day to say he likes the paper fine, except for one thing—we don't give green stamps with subscriptions. Well, Scott, maybe we will have to print some green stamps to give away.

MRS. BILL DOHERTY dropped in Thursday and said the windstorm brought so much dust out her way that she couldn't see the road. We cautioned her not to bring the wind to Heppner. Whereupon she offered this bargain: The Lexington area would take any rain we get here for any wind they get there. (Now who would get the best of that bargain?)

HAROLD ERWIN said he was trying to change a flat tire on his truck in the wind and was afraid the vehicle would be blown off the jack. But he added that Thursday's wind was nothing and pointed out that when his family settled in lone around

1918 the wind blew so strong at times that it whisked the buttons off clothes. Not when the duds were on a person but when they were on the clothesline and whipping around. That being duly explained, we'll buy that.

WE HAVE HEARD some pretty gusty tales here, all right, but no one has yet reported a straw being blown through a 2x4.

STATISTICS Department: Herman Green declares that he collects twice as much debris and garbage in Heppner than he did just a few years ago, even though the population has remained relatively constant. One big factor, he thinks, is the ever-increasing number of throw-away cartons and new methods of packaging. And then, of course, there is the junk mail that especially inundates the businessman.

JOHN EUBANKS suffered a broken bone in his ankle and three cracked ribs when a horse fell on him at the P. I. recently. But he wasn't hobbling around any worse Monday than his friend, Roice Fullerton, who claimed his aches stemmed from attending a dance Saturday night.

HEADLINE in Wednesday evening's paper says, "Khrushchev, Avowed Atheist, Often Invokes Deity." The premier must be one of those who declare, "Thank God, I'm an atheist!"

Masons Attend Meet

A group of Masons went to The Dalles Tuesday evening to hear an address of Grand Master Howard Belton at a two district meeting of Masonic lodges. Attending the meeting from here were Paul Jones, Harold Becket, R. B. Rice, Larry Cook, Don Turner, Clarence Baker, and Oliver Creswick.

Youngs Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Young announce the arrival of their second son and fifth child, born Sunday morning in Pioneer Memorial hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was named Ronald Richard. Grandparents are Mrs. Carl Kissinger of Maryville, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Young, also Maryville. Sisters of the new son are Marcia, 10, Deborah Jean, 12, and Brenda, 14, and brother is Bruce, 3.

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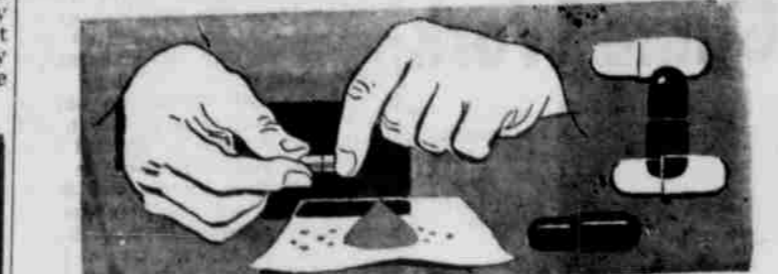
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American Legion Hall
Ralph J. Richards, Br. President
Priesthood meeting, 8:30 a. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.
Sacrament Service at 11:30.

LEXINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Walter Smith, pastor
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Worship 11:00 a. m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. M. Carlton Sober, Pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m.
Nazarene young peoples society 7:00 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Meeting in Seventh Day Adventist church. Everyone welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Ione
Rev. Chester Crammins, Pastor
Sunday services at 9:30 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.
Sunday evening service at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
Rev. Raymond Beard
Heppner
Sunday Masses, 6:30 and 10 a. m.
Weekday Masses, 7:30 a. m.

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. C. Bruce Spencer, Rector
Holy Communion daily (except Mondays) 7:30 A. M., Sundays 7:30 and 10 A. M.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Austin McGhee, Pastor
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.

IONE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rev. Rod MacKenzie, pastor
Church school service, 9:45 a. m. A class for everyone.
Morning Worship regular schedule, 11:00 a. m.
Choir meets each Monday evening, 8:00 p. m.

ST WILLIAMS CHURCH
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Rev. Raymond Beard
Sunday Masses, 8:15 a. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Charles V. Knox, minister
Morning worship at 11:00.
Sunday School at 9:45.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Homer Wolfington, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Evening service 7:00 p. m.
Thursday evening, family services, 7:30.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Kenneth Robinson, pastor
Alfalfa Street
Worship services, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

VALBY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Kenneth Robinson, pastor
Worship and Sunday school every Sunday at 9:00 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Heppner
Old City Library, City Hall
Charles Murphy, Missionary Pastor
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
7:00 p. m. Sunday evening service.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
David Bauer, Pastor
Saturday services
Sabbath school, 9:30 A. M.
Church service, 11:00 A. M.
"Quiet Hour" radio broadcast over KGO every Sunday, 8 P. M.

Mrs. Joe Hay returned Monday following a trip to be with her mother, Mrs. Ralph Tautfest, Independence, who is a patient in Salem Memorial hospital. Mrs. Tautfest underwent an operation and is improving steadily.

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Legion And Auxiliary Plan Many Activities

A potluck supper for Legionnaires, auxiliary members and families is set for Monday, November 6, 7:00 p. m. in the Legion hall. The auxiliary will hold a short meeting followed by social entertainment for everyone to participate.

Funds from a baked food sale Saturday, November 4, 9:30 a. m. in the Heppner Red and White and sponsored by the Legion auxiliary, will be used to buy gifts for the Christmas gift shop in the veterans' hospital. Mrs. Frank Hamlin, auxiliary president, says any member not able to bring baked goods may bring a gift and leave it at the Red and White store.

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