Salem Scene

by Robert H. Elsner

Revised Constitution May Go to Voters

Oregon's Constitution is more than 100 years old. It has been amended 111 times. Over the years, it has grown into a cumbersome document, containing much excessive language.

In recent years, there has been an increasing number of Oregonians who have felt that the Constitution should be modernized. The 1961 Legislature appointed an 18-man interim Constitutional Revision Commission. This group determined that it would be better to draft a new document, rather than attempt to revise or reconstruct the old one, piece by piece. After many lengthy hearings and work sessions, the commission came up with a new charter, and submitted it to the present legislature.

Since mid-January, the House and Senate Constitutional Revision Committees — meeting jointly—have taken that proposed document and scrutinized it, line by line. Numerous changes were made, and many controversial features were eliminated.

Some veteran observers felt that it was such a tedious, controversial task, that nothing would be really determined this session.

It wasn't given much chance for passage in either the House or Senate, since it needs a two-thirds majority vote.

But last week, the House—by a one-vote margin—approved the new charter, 41-19. If it clears the Senate—and it needs at least 20 votes there—it will be submitted to the voters next year for final approval or rejection.

Debate in the House on the revised Constitution lasted from 10:30 a.m. until nearly 3 p.m., with an hour out for lunch.

One of the chief proponents was Rep. John Dellenback (R-Jackson Co.), who is chairman of the House Constitutional Revision Committee. He outlined five major reasons in support of a revision. They are:

(1) To remove obsolete material, (2) to transfer some provisions to the statutes, (3) to transfer some provisions to other articles, (4) to clear up ambiguities, and (5) to take care of inaccuracies.

"The question is not whether the new document is perfect," Dellenback told the House members. "It is a question whether it is better than the one we have now."

House Speaker Clarence Barton (D-Coos Co.), who served as a member of the interim Constitutional Revision Commission, relinquished his gavel and went to the floor to speak in support of the new Constitution.

Governor Mark Hatfield, commenting later on the House action, termed it "the most momentous action thus far taken by the Legislature." He said if it gains Senate approval, too, and is submitted to the voters, "it could be the session's greatest legacy."

One of the leading opponents in the floor debate was Rep. J. E. Bennett (D-Multnomah Co.). He said "the U. S. Constitution has been around many years longer than that of Oregon, and I haven't heard of anyone wanting to scrap it."

Most of the House opposition was directed at provisions in the proposed Constitution which would make the governor the only executive officer, and also create an 8-year term auditor's post. The legislative apportionment provision also drew some opposition, although it is basically the same as under the present Constitution.

The new document would eliminate the present elective offices of attorney general, labor commissioner, state treasured, and secretary of state.

The secretary of state position would be retained, but would be given new functions. This elective official would primarily serve as an auditor, independent from both the executive and legislative branches. He would serve for a term of eight years, and could not become a candidate for any other office during this period.

The new Constitution also calls for a consolidation of the many state agencies into 20 principal departments. At present, there are more than 100.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gould, Coquille, were week-end house guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chapin.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke spent a few days over the week-end at Long Beach, Wn. They returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Bernard Doherty, Mrs. Bill Van Winkle, and Martha Doherty attended Mother's Week-end. They were guests of Dennis and Roger Doherty and Linda Van Winkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelly and family, Umatilla, visited Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Lena Kelly, and sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saling.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Queen of the "500" Festival, who will ride in pace car and present the Borg-Warner trophy to the winning driver of this year's 500-mile classic on May 30, is Linda Lou Mugg, 20, Windfall, Ind., a blue-eyed brownette. Miss Mugg, a junior from Indiana University, is an honor student.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinard McDaniel, Hermiston, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman, and family.

Sunday dinner guests at the Ernie McCabe home were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow and son, Don, Ione, and Nellie Doney.

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IONE-LEXINGTON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Proposed Budget for tax year 1963-64

IONE-LEXINGTON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NOTICE OF 1963-64 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law" (ORS. 294.305 to 294.415), notice is hereby given that the budget committee of the Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District, Morrow County, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on May 8, 1963, the budget estimates for the Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District, Morrow County, Oregon, for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964, are set forth in the accompanying schedules. All persons are hereby notified that on Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. Oregon Daylight Savings Time, in the Ione Legion Hall, Ione, Oregon, said budget estimates may be discussed with the Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District Board of Directors, the levying board for the Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

Budget Committee Members:
Chairman Roy W. Lindstrom
Oris Padberg
David Rietmann
Edgar E. Peck
C. W. Troedson
Albert Lindstrom

The Outstanding indebtedness of the Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District, Morrow County, Oregon, at April 11, 1963, was as follows:

Nature of Obligation None — **Amount** None

Disbursements Fund	7-1-62 to 6-30-63	1963-64 Estimated
Machine Rental	None	$ 4,100.00
Labor	None	5,770.00
Office Expense, Publication costs, Election costs, Bids, Printing	None	150.00
Audit	None	100.00
Legal, attorney and Recording	None	1,000.00
Surveying	None	500.00
Utilities	None	300.00
Maintenance and Supplies, Landscaping, Weed Conirol	None	1,500.00
Fencing	None	2,500.00
Insurance and Bond	None	275.00
Emergency	None	1,000.00
Total	None	$ 17,195.00

(Note: District newly organized and this is its first Budget.)

Income Source	7-1-62 to 6-30-63	1963-64 Estimated
Grave Openings	None	$ 400.00
Liners	None	400.00
Space-Graves	None	40.00
Annual Care	None	180.00
Perpetual Care	None	1,300.00
Total	None	$ 2,320.00

(Note: District newly formed and this is first Budget.)

Total Disbursements	$ 17,195.00
Total Income	2,320.00
Total Amount to be raised by taxes	14,875.00

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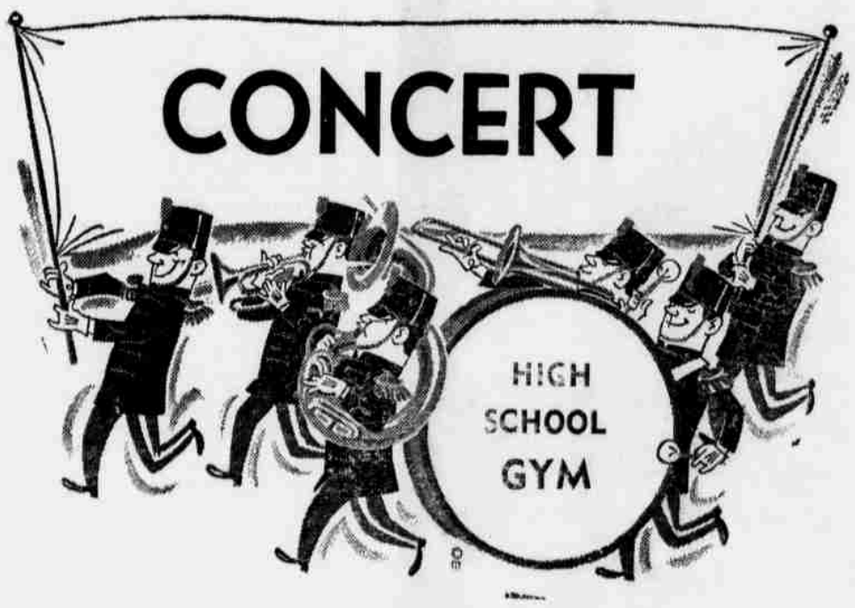

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