

Officials Fear Home Rule Means County Manager Form

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Portland - A fear that county home rule might mean a county manager type of government seemed to prod many of the county officials attending a session on county home rule during the annual convention of the Association of Oregon Counties in Portland Friday.

One of the county judges or commissioners attending the convention Thursday and Friday, remarked that he doubted if charter government or home rule government "will be used extensively in Oregon." Less than 25 per cent of the counties in California have tried it, he remarked.

Another of the audience remarked that a dictatorship could be established in the county by the county charter committee through appointment procedure to name the county's administering officer or body. Initiative and referendum powers carried within the charter would prevent this, it was pointed out.

"Who's to say how long a county manager stays in office? Who appoints him?" another wanted to know.

Three Types of Government

A number of the audience insisted that at least three types of county government under the home rule charter be designated. What fits some counties might not fit others, it was pointed out.

Sam R. Haley, legislative counsel, answered that the home rule charter amendment does not specify the type of county government which would have to be adopted. The county court system could be continued, he emphasized.

County Judge Raymond Lathrop, Josephine county, gave the background of the county home rule amendment, as one of the panel speakers on county home rule Friday afternoon.

Separate Government

Counties should be a definite and separate form of government outside the cities. Now there is no guide for suburban development, he pointed out. The counties have no authority in this state for development of any suburban area. Counties also have inadequate legal authority.

Studies made by the interim committee on local government showed that county government is not equipped to meet the demand for these suburban services. It has an

"By speaking to the various structure and proceedings to meet suburban needs. Grant county started a study of home rule charter nine years ago, County Judge O. L. Dickens, a member of the panel, said.

"This study was made only as it affected our county," he said. "Two certified public accountants were hired to recommend changes to shorten

the processes in county courts." The study of various county offices revealed that two different offices were keeping a duplicating set of books. "This was eliminated voluntarily by the offices concerned," he said.

Trouble With Proposal

"One trouble with a proposal like county home rule is lack of information given the county citizens," the county judge said. "You must spend so much time in educating the people as to various terms used such as the word ratio."

By speaking to various groups the Grant county court was able to find out what the people wanted in the way of information," Judge Dickens said. "This enabled us to get the thinking of the people."

"You couldn't sell the county manager form of government to the people in a thousand years. They want somebody they know. . . . Can come and talk to. If you don't have that information, you'd better get it quick!"

Judge E. E. Larkin, of Benton county, told of how a running argument between the Benton county court and the Corvallis Gazette-Times got the court started on an approach to county home rule.

"Following enactment of the 1958 amendment, we didn't appoint the committee. We considered it ignored," Larkin said.

Establish Committee

"However, the editor of the Gazette-Times and one of the heaviest tax-payers each came out with a plan of his own. The editor insisted we had the money to finance the committee. He was wrong about that, but we passed an order establishing a committee."

"This committee was to investigate home rule and, according to the law, we have 60 days in which to appoint a committee. We are still resting on our laurels after the 60 days."

"If the editor is so ambitious why doesn't he come up with a petition to set the committee? But, guess we will appoint one in 60 days. Anyway, the editor will be out of our hair for awhile."

Dr. Pomeroy Named To Fairview Home

Salem—Dr. J. M. Pomeroy, a physician with many years experience in Oregon Tuberculosis hospitals, was appointed by the State Board of Control today to be the new superintendent of Fairview home.

Dr. Pomeroy, 44, will succeed the late Dr. Irvin Hill. The appointment is effective Jan. 1.

Pomeroy was born in Louisiana and graduated from the Louisiana State university and that institution's medical center in New Orleans.

He worked as resident physician at Greenwell Springs TB hospital and at Charity hospital, both in Louisiana.

He also worked at TB hospitals in Portland, Salem and The Dalles.

Medford Site of 20-30 Convention

Medford will be the host city for the 1960 Area I convention of the 20-30 club.

Medford won out over Reno, Nev., which also wanted the convention next year. The choice was made at the 20-30 Club convention in Vallejo, Calif., recently.

Delegates from Medford passed out Douglas fir trees and pears to all the people registered at the Vallejo convention.

The Medford club was recognized at the convention for traveling the most miles and giving the largest donation to the Rheumatic Fever fund.

Area I includes Nevada, northern California, and Oregon.

NATO Heads Wind Up Conference

Washington—NATO parliamentarians wound up a five-day meeting today by recommending that a NATO "Summit" conference of the 15 allied nations be held every year.

The annual meetings of the chiefs of state were advocated in one of a series of resolutions adopted unanimously at the closing session of the fifth annual conference of members of NATO parliamentary bodies.

Another major resolution urged Free World leaders to exert "more initiative" in bringing about a workable disarmament plan with effective controls and inspection.

Adoption of the resolutions submitted by the Political Committee completed the formal program.

Grange Notes

Bellview
The regular meeting of the Bellview Grange was held Tuesday with Master Lloyd Hoadley, presiding.

Committee reports were made by George Nichols, agriculture; Clint Boughman, community service; Frank Mallin, dances; and Leonard Johnson, insurance. Mrs. Howard Gillette, home economics chairman, announced plans for a bazaar to be held Dec. 5.

Visitors for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Vandierp, formerly of Shady Cove and now living in Ashland.

During the lecturer's hour, pictures were shown by Mrs. Ray Clary and Henry Enders of their trip to Alaska last July.

During the social hour refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Owen Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoadley.

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