

Regional Roundup

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Reapportionment of the state senate is on the ballot in California again this November, and it figures to be one of the most interesting issues of a campaign already highlighted by the Brown-Nixon race for governor.

At present, California's legislature is apportioned under a plan similar to that used in apportioning U. S. Senators and Representatives. The California "house," called the assembly, has 80 members, apportioned strictly on the basis of population. The state senate with 40 members is apportioned on the basis of area, with no single county having more than one senator. Some of the counties are combined into two or three-county districts. (For instance, Sen. Randolph Collier of Yreka represents both Siskiyou and Del Norte counties.)

As a result of this system, Sen. Richard Richards of Los Angeles county represents more than 6,000,000 people, while some northern California senators represent less than 100,000 persons. But Los Angeles county is represented by 31 of the 80 members of the assembly. (The number will climb to 38 after the next election as a result of reapportionment after the 1960 census.)

Unsuccessful Proposition

Two years ago a state senate reapportionment proposition was placed on the ballot. It called for dividing the state senate equally between northern and southern California counties, giving the north 20 senators and the south 20. Los Angeles county would have gotten seven senators. The proposition was opposed by the boards of supervisors of 57 of California's 58 counties. Only the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors endorsed the plan. At the election it was defeated by more than a million votes. It lost in every county except Los Angeles, where it won by a relatively slim margin.

Proposition 23 on this November's California ballot is a milder reapportionment plan. Instead of completely reorganizing the senate it would merely add some additional senators to give the state's most populous counties more representation. Specifically, proposition 23 provides that any county with more than 800,000 but less than 1,200,000 residents shall have one additional senatorial district, and those with 1,200,000 residents or more shall have two additional senatorial districts, plus one additional district for each 1,000,000 residents over 1,200,000.

What this boils down to is that under 1960 census figures, Los Angeles county would receive five senatorial districts in addition to the one it already has, and the counties of San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Diego and Orange would each get one additional district. The senate membership would be expanded from 40 to 50.

The Basic Arguments

Despite the fact that the new proposition is a much milder reapportionment plan, many of the same state leaders appear to be lining up against it, particularly in the more sparsely settled areas of the state. Dorothy Stewart, one of our Yreka correspondents, reports that Supervisor Earl Ager of Siskiyou county is chairman of a Nine Northern County Supervisors association committee in opposition to proposition 23. She quotes Ager as stating, "This is nothing more and nothing less than an effort by Los Angeles county to pack the senate. Los Angeles county will have 38 out of 80 votes in the senate while some counties will have only a half or a third of a vote. It would destroy the federal system of representation which has served all of the state of California and the United States so wonderfully for so many years." Harry Crebbins, Yreka Chamber of Commerce manager, who is secretary of the Inter-Counties Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, and State Sen. Collier are also reported working actively to defeat the proposition.

Caught in the Middle

Your editor finds himself somewhat caught in the middle of this issue. We have lived in Los Angeles county (in the district represented by Supervisor Frank Bonelli, instigator of the initial reapportionment proposal) and we've also had frequent contact with residents and leaders of California's more sparsely populated areas. Both sides have their points. Los Angeles county people (6 million of them squeezed into an area only two-thirds the size of Siskiyou county) feel that too much of their tax money is being spent outside of their county, while the northerners are afraid that senate reapportionment would deprive them of any say in the state's affairs, since they are already "outvoted" in the assembly.

In the end, however, we will have to admit that we like the federal system of checks and balances, whereby heavy population centers dominate one house and the sparsely populated areas the other.

District 9 Schools Will Open Sept. 17

Eagle Point — The opening date for all schools in District 9 was set for Sept. 17 by directors at a board meeting Thursday night. All vacations will be cut to a minimum during the school year with school dismissed June 7, 1963.

This delay was deemed necessary to allow additional time for the contractors to finish classrooms. According to Superintendent Glenn D. Hale, the offices, library, cafeteria, and multi-purpose rooms of the primary school and the band and multi-purpose rooms of the high school will probably have to be finished after school starts.

The new administration offices are nearly completed and should be occupied by Aug. 15. All school transportation is coordinated in the district thus making it more expensive and undesirable to start the lower grades in Shady Cove and Elk Trail earlier, Hale explained.

Hansen Resignation

The written resignation of Mrs. Maxine Berryman Hansen was accepted by the board. No replacement has been made for the combined library and girls' physical education position in the elementary school being vacated.

Authorization for \$6,500 for laboratory equipment for the new biology room has been received from the National Defense Education Act. Plans and specifications were explained to the board members with the assurance that bids were or had been called for on all materials and equipment for the room with the lowest bid being accepted.

Two new buses have been received by the district. Superintendent Hale told the board that a tentative schedule would have to be set up for the first day. He will meet with the drivers and set up a permanent schedule when all of the population changes

have been placed as to location. Several new houses and subdivisions have taken place in the district this summer.

In other action, the board voted to hold their regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the new Administration building. Darrell Stanley was elected chairman of the board and Mrs. Beryl Hickson re-elected as district recorder at the July meeting.

The board voted to accept the low bids for school all consumption as submitted by Western Oil and Burner, Valley Fuel, and L. G. McLaren companies.

The summer recreation program as set up, was not serving youngsters in the entire district. Hale told members of the board when questioned as to why Eagle Point did not have a ball club this year. The swimming program was conducted as usual, however.

After discussing the issue the board of directors agreed that the summer recreation program should be planned and carried on by the service clubs, city, and the school jointly in each area instead of by the school alone.

Louise Lull, Dance Instructor Returns From Class Series

Central Point, dance instructor for the Colleen Hope Dance Studios, recently returned from a series of dance classes in Portland and Carmel, Calif.

The subjects involved were tap, jazz, ballroom and ballet. Miss Lull will leave again for a vacation in Utah before she begins her fall classes in the Faber building.

Dancing on this trip will consist of square dancing at Klamath Falls when she and the other Y-Knot Twirlers regain their banner.



NUMBER 19—The Yreka Junior Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of Yreka Western railroad, will pluck this 45-year-old steam locomotive (not the girl) from semi-retirement to conduct train rides from the fairgrounds at Yreka to Montague this week end during the Siskiyou county fair. Rides will depart at 2, 4 and 6 p.m.

Siskiyou County Fair To Be Held This Week End

Yreka — Siskiyou county's annual fair will get under way tomorrow night, holding forth at the county fairgrounds for three and a half days.

Attractions will range from a junior horse show Thursday evening to the fair parade, starting at 12 noon Saturday at Miner and Gold sts. in Yreka.

One of the main events at the fair will be the Yreka Jaycees train ride. Locomotive power will be provided by engine No. 19, an old engine built in 1915 and used in the Mexican Revolution. The trip is for the entire family. Departure times are 2, 4, 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is free at the fair, but parking costs 25 cents a car load. The fair officially opens at 10 a.m. Friday. Judging will begin in all departments at 9:30 a.m. The exhibit buildings will open at 10, as will the midway concessions and West Coast Carnival show at this time also.

There will be a one-man dance band in the person of Larry Bryant, who plays six instruments at one time. He plays rhythm guitar with his two hands, beats the bass drum with his right foot, the solo-vox with his left toes while manipulating the steel guitar with the same foot strapped to a roller skate crosswise on the heel.

There is also a gold-panning attraction for those folks who have never had the thrill of panning for "real" gold. You get to take home the gold nugget you find too.

There will be a barbecue from 5:30 to 7 p.m. served by the Yreka Chamber of Commerce with the meat barbecued by George Solus. This will be held at the Armory building with an admission charge.

The Dick Hemsted rodeo will perform at the grandstand arena on Friday evening from 7:30 p.m. on. The announcer is Chub Bronson from Mineral, Calif.

The same evening a teen dance will be held at the Armory Building, following

Council Reviews Anti-Noise Law

Gold Hill — Because of complaints voiced about power mowers being operated during early morning hours here, the Gold Hill city council recently reviewed an ordinance which in part prohibits running motors, hammering of nails, other noises associated with carpentry work before 7 a.m.

Some residents perhaps are not aware that the city has such an ordinance and have been violating it, councilmen theorized.

Because of a written complaint to the council of a dog barking at corner of Fifth ave. and Eighth st., Chief of Police Bill Young was instructed to investigate the situation.

Council voted to have the city recorder have recorded a warranty deed that concerns A. A. Walker deeding 300 ft. by 50 ft. piece of his property to the city for a street.

The council had previously voted to accept the street if decided to the city by Walker. That action took place during the April council session.

Since the Labor Day holiday conflicts with the next regular council meeting date, the next regular session will be held Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m.

The Niagara river is only about 34 miles long.

Central Point To Elect 3 Members Of City Council

Central Point — Voters in this city will elect a mayor, recorder, treasurer and three councilmen this November.

The Mayor, recorder and treasurer each are elected every two years. Up for election on the council will be three four-year terms, in Ward I (southwest part of town), Ward II (southeast part of town) and Ward III (northeast part of town).

Nominating petitions may be obtained at the city hall. These petitions must be returned to the city hall by August 28, 1962, to be checked and nominees placed on the ballot.

Acceptance forms must be signed at the city hall by each nominee.

Montague Rodeo Grossed \$7,654

Montague — This community's recent junior rodeo grossed \$7,654. It was announced this week. The Shasta Valley Community club voted to use \$2,000 of this money to retire the note on the city's new swimming pool, thereby clearing the pool of all debt.

The Shas' Valley garden club will do the landscaping on the pool grounds with the aid of the community club.

A barbecue is planned Sept. 8 for all helpers whose donations of time and money made the pool possible. Beef is being donated for the barbecue by Byron Boyce of Wonderland, Calif., winner of a steer at the rodeo.

Rural Reflections

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley — This is the story of a purse, the police and the folks who left the purse on the Applegate while they went on to the world fair in Seattle.

The visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Cunningham of Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Cunningham left the purse at the Pearson home. She didn't miss the purse until she was nearing Eugene, and it contained all their travelers' cheques, cash, her driver's license, and other essentials.

Not being sure whether the purse was left at the Pearsons', and knowing the family did not have a telephone, she contacted the state police headquarters in Eugene. They radioed the Medford state police to send a trooper to the Pearson home to inquire about the purse.

At Picnic In the meantime the Pearsons had gone to McKee Park for a picnic, and left a note on the door, expecting Mrs. Cunningham to return. When the policeman arrived he read the note, went to McKee park, and began a party-by-party search for the Bill Pearsons.

When Mrs. Pearson saw the officer she shouted, "Here we are over here," much to the amazement of all the other picnickers who pondered why the Pearsons were so happy to see the police.

The officer radioed to Eugene to determine how to return the purse, only to find the Cunninghams were to be contacted in Portland. From that source he found he was to send the purse via Greyhound bus to the main station in Seattle, where the purse and owner made contacts the following day. As the Pearsons enjoyed their picnic, the patient policeman sat in his car attending his radio messages.

Mr. Cunningham is assistant superintendent of the Contra Costa Juvenile Hall in Martinez, Calif., and planned to attend the annual conference of the National Institute on crime and delinquency in Seattle.

O'Brien-A preliminary plot for Peacock Heights, subdivision owned by Edwin Christy of Ashland and adjoining his father-in-law's property on the Illinois river west of O'Brien, was approved by the Josephine County Planning commission recently.

John Patrick Describes European Experiences

Shady Cove — John Patrick, Shady Cove boy who won an FFA trip to Europe, wrote home some of his experiences. Accompanying Patrick was Larry Ritchie of Phoenix.

Patrick reported that he arrived at Edinburgh, Scotland, July 19 and saw and heard a bagpiper in full costume at the airport. "There are no poor families in Scotland," he commented, stating that the average Scot family farms 70 acres, with barley and oats as chief crops. Scotland is the home of the Ayreshire, he said, commenting, "They all look so good that they could have stepped from a show ring."

The boys next went to London, where they saw London bridge, London tower, Westminster abbey, Buckingham palace, including the changing of the guard, and St. Paul's cathedral. Patrick reported they were "very busy and very tired with average five hours sleep each night." The boys also saw the London House of Wax, which prompted Patrick to write, "What a sight, no wonder it is world famous."

On July 24 Patrick and Ritchie flew to Paris. They saw Notre Dame cathedral ("absolutely marvelous. One of its stained glass windows is over 1700 years old") and Napoleon's tomb. Two days were spent visiting agriculture around Paris, dining with local agriculture officials and embassy attaches when available.

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