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Fair and Equal

To the Editor: One measure on the November ballot affects every voter in the state of Oregon and their representation in the state legislature. This is Measure 9 for legislative apportionment, which deserves the study of every Oregonian and a yes vote on Nov. 6.

The many citizens and groups who do support the grass-roots movement initiated by 56,248 of your neighbors from every county in Oregon, want the true picture concerning the merits of Measure 9 presented. A natural way to accomplish this is through your local newspaper where the staff is able to analyze the data and deliver it in an objective manner in an objective manner in editorial columns.

Stated simply, Ballot Measure 9 maintains majority rule on a population basis while it assures that every part of the economy of the state will have a voice in the legislature which understands the problems of that segment of our economy. It also restores to Oregon's citizens a guarantee that no person be too far removed from his representative; nor will a representative be too far removed from the communities of interest that he represents.

The measure will eliminate the political manipulation possible under the present setup. In my own district, a new one, where I have both Democratic and Republican nominations for re-election, I will represent 7,158 Lake county people who are now combined

with 47,475 Klamath county residents to share a representative. This is but one example of the glaring inequities that exist throughout our state in combining counties. Logically, as provided in Measure 9, Lake county should be combined with a county of comparable size which would give everyone a fair shake.

Ballot Measure 9 will correct these inequities. The desire to be fair to all parts of Oregon is the simple reason why so many people, who have taken the time to become informed on Measure 9, feel that it is a good plan for big and little counties alike.

It is our hope that our fellow Oregonians will fully inform themselves on the merits of Measure 9. Thoughtful study will convince every voter that Ballot Measure 9 deserves a YES vote to restore fair and equal representation to all of Oregon.

George Filtecraft, State Representative, District 30, 1946 Earle st., Klamath Falls, Ore.

Morse's Philosophy
To the Editor: It would be wise for all Oregon voters wanting to uphold the government of the United States to decide for themselves just what is Wayne Morse's political philosophy.

Political parties frequently draft platforms or programs identifying their political philosophy. Candidates if elected to office, are bound to follow these programs. "It sometime appears" (record of Wayne Morse) "a candidate

may be learned as a member of the Medford Toastmistress club. One may enjoy in addition, the friendly atmosphere of interested members. One is given not only constructive criticism, encouragement and advice in one's endeavor for improvement, but is taught how to evaluate the performance of others. Opportunity is given to exercise one's talents whether it be in the way of planning meetings, dinners, table decorations or speaking. In other words the Toastmistress club provides leadership training.

The Medford Toastmistress club is interested in women of all ages who are concerned with these features of self-improvement and self-expression. For information call Miss Voda Brower, 773-5039 or the president, 773-2427.

Mrs. Ruth Acord (V.E.) President of Medford Toastmistress club, 3976 Crater Lake highway, Medford, Ore.

Objects to Hospital
To the Editor: The VA in Washington objects to a hospital at Camp White, for the reason that it is too far from a medical school.

Should veterans be made guinea pigs of by these medical students? Camp White could be staffed by a skeleton medical staff. Specialists could be flown there when needed on short notice.

Veterans hospitalization is very crowded now. Just what will it be 10 years from now? Every veteran and citizen should fight hard for this hospital.

C. W. Corey, Phoenix, Ore.

Only One Vote
To the Editor: Re: M.T. editorial of 10-17-62.

Your overwhelming generosity in giving Mr. James Dunlevy the office of mayor is not your privilege. You can cast only one vote-YOURS.

Freedom of the press is a great American privilege to express one's opinions. But you, an editor of a paper, have an obligation to the voting citizen to state ALL the facts, not just biased ones.

What is Mr. Dunlevy's actual PLATFORM? Or is he still artfully riding the fence, per usual?

He is articulate - for his benefit; personable, yes; well-liked, yes; sense of humor, I question. Mr. E. A. aren't your qualifications describing a PROP rather than a candidate?

Just one more question: isn't Mr. Dunlevy a personal friend, and have you PERSONALLY met the other candidates?

Your editor instincts, I feel, will overcome your personal ones to print this. Karle Lumsden, 817 1/2 Niantic ave., Medford.

Board Against No. 10
To the Editor: At the regular meeting of the Medford School Board, members of the board unanimously went on record as opposing repeal of Oregon's reorganization law as stated in Proposition 10.

This action was taken because the board members believe it would result in confusion and be a backward step for Oregon's education program if the law were repealed. It is the belief of the board that the current law has brought about more efficient, logical, and better organized districts and would continue to result in better education for the boys and girls of Oregon at the most economical cost.

Therefore, our board recommends that citizens of Oregon be urged to vote against Proposition 10.

L. B. Mayfield, Superintendent, Medford Public Schools

JFK Should Pay
To the Editor: When one considers that President Kennedy's decision not to give air support to the Cubans invading Cuba at the Bay of Pigs until it was too late for these Cubans to give up their

ill-fated attempt, it would seem only fair for the President, personally, to pay the ransom demanded for the prisoners release.

This might give other countries a great feeling of confidence in the behavior of our state department.

Mrs. George B. Dean, 265 Janney Lane, Medford.

On Measure No. 9
To the Editor: At the convention of the National Association of County Commissioners held in New York City a couple of months ago it was pointed out by a number of speakers that the gradually weakening position of rural governments with reference to urban governments was forcing rural people to take a close look at Home Rule as the best means of maintaining rural independence from big city domination.

Many states, Oregon and California among them, have large rapidly growing cities that draw political power away from the rural areas. Here, as elsewhere, rural counties that are losing out in the population race are nevertheless trying to maintain the legislative power that was once theirs by apportionment schemes that give advantage to the rural vote. Measure No. 9 on which we will vote in November is such a proposition. It is the usual approach to the problem. It is designed to increase the already oversized voting power of voters in rural Oregon.

Observations in the east coast and Chicago area schools will be centered around teaching methods such as team teaching, flexible scheduling, intern teacher program, and other new developments in methods of teaching as well as plant facilities.

The methods will be studied in detail to provide ideas on how new programs may be adopted in Oregon, and specifically in schools in this area. Participants in the visitation will be required to submit written reports to local school officials as well as the

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Advance Party of Visitation Group Will Leave on Tuesday

An advance party of six people will leave Medford Tuesday, Oct. 23, for Lexington, Mass., where they will begin an in-service observation session in connection with the Oregon Program to improve education.

The Oregon Program is being financed by a \$3.5 million Ford Foundation grant over a three-year period. It is a program designed to study and implement ways of improving education and teaching in Oregon.

Participating in the program in this area are Southern Oregon college, Ashland, and the Medford school district.

People planning to leave Tuesday are Miss Gladys Durrant, elementary supervisor, Medford public schools; Dr. Betty Lou Dunlop, associate professor of education, Southern Oregon college; Bill Ruck, Oregon Program director for Medford; Dr. Irene Hallberg, state department of education, Salem; Stanley Jobe, superintendent of Ashland public schools; and Charles Meyer, superintendent of School District 8C, which includes Central Point, Gold Hill and Sam Valley.

Accept Invitations
Jobe and Meyer accepted invitations from Medford school officials to accompany the group. Ashland and Central Point districts, although not participating in the Oregon Program this year, are interested in new teaching methods used in schools to be visited.

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state department of education. The 22-member party visiting the schools will be the largest single delegation from Oregon on such a trip, and the study and observation of teaching techniques and programs planned will be one of the most complete ever conducted by an Oregon group.

Not to Buy Anything
Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford schools who has worked closely with the Oregon Program along with Ruck, stressed at a meeting Friday of visitation participants that the group is not "going there to buy anything." He said the group will see how new innovations in teaching work, how they are accepted, and how effective they are.

Architects Wayne Struble, Medford, and James Payne, Salem, will accompany the party which leaves Friday, Oct. 26. They plan to study plant facilities at McPherson, Kans., Lexington, Mass., and Norwalk, Conn., and how they have been adopted to new teaching techniques.

Some of these building innovations may be incorporated in a new high school planned in Medford for which Payne and Struble are architects.

Other schools where teaching techniques will be observed include Wayland High school, Wayland, Mass.; Newton South High school, Newton, Mass.; Evanston Township High school, Evanston, Ill.; Highland Park High school, Highland Park, Ill.; Ridgewood high school, Norridge, Ill.; Bloom Township High school, Chicago Heights, Ill.; and University of Chicago Lab school, Chicago.

Not all members of the party will visit all of the schools. Members of the Medford and Central Point school boards, Delos Williams of the state department of education and architects will visit McPherson, Lexington and Norwalk school only. They will be gone one week.

Dr. Leonard Mayfield, Medford superintendent, will visit the same schools, and continue to the Chicago area. Other members of the group will remain at Lexington and Norwalk for longer times, and others will spend more time in the Chicago area. Most of them will be gone about two weeks.

Central Point school board members accompanying the

group are Bill Anhorn and Wilton White, Medford school board members include Keith Hockersmith, board chairman, Mrs. Carroll Haupt, Dr. David Bools and William Barker.

In addition to Dr. Hallberg and Williams, the state department of education also will be represented by Tom Calkins.

Others in the group include James Backen, head of the English department, Medford High school; Miss Josephine Kirtley, assistant principal, Medford High; Alex McDonald, dean of boys, Medford High school; Bruce Metzger, principal, Jackson school, Medford; and Mrs. Jo Anne Smith, head of the social studies department, Medford High school.

Speech Contest Winners Listed

Miss Carole Foote, junior at Crater High school, won first place in the annual soil and water conservation speech contest sponsored by the Rogue district of the Soil Conservation Service. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foote, Central Point.

The contest was held in the district's office, 711 East Main st., last week. The topic was "Water Conservation."

According to Harlan Cantrell, chairman of the board of supervisors, Miss Foote will represent Rogue district in the area contest Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vo-Ag room at Illinois Valley High school, Cave Junction.

Second place was won by Dave Force, Gold Hill. Other winners were Lorraine Hixon, third and Larry Ford, fourth. All the winners are Crater High school students.

Central said each winner will receive a cash award from the district. C. W. Jensen, Rogue River, was contest chairman. Judges were Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Joe Dugan, Talent and Bert Caster, Central Point.

Miss Foote's brother, Dave, won the contest when he was a student at Crater High school.

Washington - (AP) - The Defense Department has ordered the armed services to cooperate closely with local civil defense organizations to provide fallout shelters at military installations.

Pentagon Defends Drug Purchases

Washington - (AP) - The Defense Department has told a House subcommittee it buys large quantities of medicine overseas because it is not convinced the prices set by American drug firms are fair.

The Pentagon's position was set forth in a letter made public Thursday by Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.). The letter, written by Assistant Defense Secretary Thomas D. Morris, was included in a 91-page House military operations subcommittee study of Defense Department drug purchases.



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Poets' Corner

Conducted by Arnold Eugene Jenny

All Beautiful Things
I love all beautiful things. I seek and adore them; God hath no better praise. And man in his hasty days is honored for them.

I too will something make. And joy in the making; Although tomorrow it seem Like empty words of a dream Remembered on waking. —Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Problem Child
Atoms are a problem Mathematically deriving, For when they start to multiply It seems they're just dividing. —Evelyn D. Young, Portland, Ore.

Oriental Reflections
Bamboo forest. Paper flags. Fields of rice. Boys in rags. Shuffling of a hundred feet. Wooden wheels on cobble street. Rickshaw runner, blind and old. Evening mist when night was cold. Temple bell and incense smoke. Silence, when the aged spoke.

Dust and rain. Fireflies. Cherry blossoms against the sky. Pagoda. Moonlight. Giant gong. Clouds at dawn. Night bird's song. Morning sun on a mountain peak. Silken screen. Polished teak. Bamboo fence. Pillowed floor. Bitter tea—but wait, there's more: My own heart—without a door! (Copyright, 1962) —Emile Abbott, Los Angeles, Calif.

Centered Perspective
When star-laden branches glow Through my midnight window, Illusion prints a pleasing scene. Disposing of all space between Tree limbs and lights; yet fades from the surety That One who designed the night-gemmed tree Designed the lighted spheres; made measuring And challenging of space a human thing. —Ruth Cowley, Tigard, Ore.

Snow
Down from the sky white rain comes, falling, falling So white and pure the falling flakes seem to be. Some time has passed and now white rain to slush has changed. Slush! Dirty slush! Blackish—Brownish—Dirty—Slush!

Is this the way our life must be? —James A. Albright, Medford

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