

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

LEGISLATIVE WISDOM VERSUS POPULAR VOTE

Ever try handicapping an election?

An election tout might make money. People will bet on anything. But it's unlikely his dope sheet would contain much more than statistical odds.

Despite 20-20 hindsight, it's doubtful anyone aside from the pollsters can predict election results with consistent accuracy. Now and then even the professional opinion pulse-takers err.

Significance of Oregon's Nov. 3 General Election has been belabored by news media for months. In spite of its "off-year" connotation, next month's statewide ballot is important for its political significance. Partisan forces believe newly elected Legislators may determine the state's political balance of power for the next 10 years when they convene to reapportion that body as required by federal law.

Candidates aside, however, the 11 ballot measures aren't creating too much of a stir. Only two show signs that a really organized contest is under way. And those battles may turn out to be minor skirmishes when you consider Oregon business and labor come within a fraction of applying identical endorsements to the whole batch.

Nonetheless, a glance at the Oregon Blue Book provides some intriguing statistics concerning the law-making process at the polls. A leader among the states in so-called "enlightened" election laws, Oregon has vested the voters with direct legislative power since 1902. Since then the people have petitioned by initiative 219 times and attempted referral of legislative acts on 48 occasions. No ready record reveals the number of times elected lawmakers have referred their acts to the people for final approval. But the solons have to obtain voter-sanction to amend the Constitution and they have tried that 104 times since 1943.

Ready figures beginning with the General Election of 1944 show the people generally go along with lawmakers on these Constitutional changes, at least two-thirds of the time they do.

Initiative petitions don't fare nearly as well at the polling place. Since '44 only 12 of 31 initiatives have been approved and the last successful petition achieved voter sanction back in 1958.

Since 1944 only 12 acts have been referred by petition and five were repealed at the polling place.

Statistics must be brought up to date periodically though, and after November 3 the odds may change. It's been a full 10 years since Oregon has posted as many statewide measures as those appearing on this year's ballot. And in "modern" times, only the Legislatures of 1957 and '59 came near being as prolific as our 1969 lawmakers. The '57 session referred 12 Constitutional amendments and the '59 session tried to make 13 changes.

The '69 Legislature placed six amendments on last May's Primary ballot and eight on the November "bedsheet."

How come all the Constitutional activity? Our lawmakers have been trying diligently for years to revise and modernize the document. A revised Constitution finally got out of the '69 session but died an inglorious death in the Primary. The other 13 amendments (five in the Primary and eight in the General) were mostly embodied in the defeated revised version and could be considered "hedge bets" appearing before voters twice on a priority basis.

Only two of six Constitutional amendments were okayed by voters last May and that's the reverse of voter action over the years on a percentage basis. If the odds hold up at least five of November's eight should get the nod.

Final vote tally on this year's three initiatives is just as hard to forecast. Smart statistical money says maybe one of the trio will make the grade. The election-horse race allegory can be carried past the dope sheet stage, however. A muddy track is supposed to keep voters away from the polls. A "favorite" issue can falter in the back stretch if the taxpaying jockey is carrying too much weight already.

When the winners are boot-ed home, it'll be advertising and promotional money they've been fed to get their energy—and that ain't hay!

Sec. of State Clay Myers is making a fingers-crossed voter turnout prediction next November 3 of 70 per cent plus. His caution is enhanced by the fact less than 56 per cent of Oregon's electorate showed up at the polls last May. Maybe the get-out-the-vote people have been using the wrong tactics. How about an initiative petition to legalize pari-mutuel betting on elections?

CHURCH NEWS

Seventh Day Adventist
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G. M. Richardson, Pastor
11 a. m. Worship service
7 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting.

St. Catherine's Catholic
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Holy Day and First Friday
7:30 P. M.

Mill City Presbyterian
Rev. Wayne Blake, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:30.
Morning Worship Service at 11 a. m.
Nursery through adult classes.
Men's Study Group, Monday at 10 a. m.
Women's Study Group Tuesday, 6:15 a. m.
Senior High Breakfast and Study, Thursday at 6:45 at Pastor's home.
Senior Youth Fellowship at 3 p. m. Sunday.

First Christian Church
Minister Charles E. Fultz.
Bible School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening service at 7 p. m.
Bible Study each Wednesday 10:00 A. M. and 6:30 P. M. at the Church.

Canyon Conservative Baptist
Rev. Robert Lathrop
Services in New Church
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Hour, 6:00 P. M.
Wednesday evening Bible Evening Service, 7 o'clock.
Study and prayer time 7 p. m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
George J. Rolfe
Phone 769-5417
Branch President—585-4442
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Sunday School 10:30
Sacrament Meeting 6:00
Relief Society Tuesday 7:30
MIA Wednesday 7:30
Primary Thursday 4:30

Free Methodist Church
North Mill City
Rev. John DeMain
10:00 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. Morning Worship.
5 p. m. Evening Worship.

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Mill City Community Church
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in Lyons
Mass: 1st, 2nd, and 5th Sunday.

Idanha Community Church
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