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Malheur Voters Called Upon To Help Decide Eight State Ballot Measures; Also Road Tax, Courthouse

Geography was a headache in the past for many school youngsters who are now taxpayers and voters and are finding, in Eastern Oregon at least, that geography continues to be a big problem, only in a different way.

Voters have five referendum issues and three initiative measures they will have to help to decide at the general election Nov. 2. Several of them are somewhat vague to the average voter and may be passed up when the ballot is marked. Most of them cost the voter money in one form or another and should have the services of each individual who serves the dual role of voter and taxpayer.

Raise Legislators' Pay
Measure No. 1 give voters an opportunity to amend that part of the Oregon constitution which sets salaries of \$600 a year for legislators. The legislature would be permitted to fix salaries of its members and would permit expense allowances up to any limitation contained in the statute, if the measure is approved.

Arguments in favor of the measure include the appeal for a wider representation of individuals seeking the office of state senators and representatives. Higher salaries, the proponents maintain, would make it possible for men of ability to serve in the legislature and receive enough compensation for their expenses, as contrasted with what they maintain is a situation requiring the expenditure of their own funds just to stay in Salem during the biennial sessions.

Opponents contend that the substitute measure, which would replace the existing portion of the constitution, would leave the door wide open for a small group of legislators to shove through fantastic salary measures. No limit is set on the substitute proposal, however, the arguments have little backing in the elected senators and representatives still have to answer to their respective constituents.

Subdivide Counties
The second measure is another constitutional amendment for subdividing counties for electing state legislators.

The measure, like so many presented to the voters (as well as to the legislature) had its birth in Portland where much of the thinking seems to be geared to "what is good for Portland is good for Oregon." Proponents use Multnomah county as an example of heavy population and argue that voters have little opportunity to know their candidates, their views and qualifications.

Proponents contend that the amendment would be difficult for the legislature to administer since it will be its responsibility to divide up a county.

We suggest a "no" vote on this amendment with the thought in mind to eventually change the constitution and permit the federal plan for selection of legislators. Almost every election sees proposals for minor changes that does Eastern Oregon and other sparsely settled areas no good, and can, in the long run, bring us farther and farther away from representative government and closer to complete domination by Multnomah county—or the city of Portland. Vote "no."

Mental Hospital
Measure No. 3 asks the voters to declare that a domiciliary hospital for the treatment of persons afflicted with mental illness of the aged, authorized by voters two years ago, shall care for and treat persons afflicted with any mental illness.

The home for the aged, approved Nov. 4, 1952, by the voters was to have been built within 20 miles of Portland, but apparently nothing more has been done. Now, it is asked that this institution be a mental hospital in addition to the home for the aged.

Proponents assert that mental hospitals at Salem and Pendleton are overcrowded and that Portland metropolitan area supplies about 45 percent of the patients in those two hospitals.

Opponents argue that a home for the aged and for mental patients should not be mixed, contending that the mental patients might be neglected. They also point out that a "no" vote would allow the state to proceed with the specialized domiciliary hospital as previously authorized.

Voters Signatures

The constitutional amendment, measure No. 4, which proposes to increase from 8 to 10 percent the number of voters' signatures required to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot, might leave the average voter with the question, "what's the difference?"

Proponents say their proposal does not take away the right of petition to initiate constitutional amendments, but it would prevent the state constitution from being turned from a statement of laws of general interest to a repository of special interest and trivial legislation. The affect in thickly populated areas would be noticeable when petitions were circulated, but in such areas as Malheur county, not more than 20 or 25 additional signatures over the number now required would be necessary.

A Tax Question

Measure No. 5 is complicated in that many voters might be confused and think they are voting one way when they vote another. Since there have been no state property tax levies imposed since 1940, and since most taxpayers are conscious of the six percent limitation as it applies to cities, counties and schools, they might be inclined to think approval of this measure would give the legislature free rein to levy taxes as they see fit, in the event income tax revenue drops off.

Quite the opposite is true, backers of the measures say, since the act would make it impossible for the legislature to increase the capacity above 10 percent and that body can now change the law to fit its own needs as the situation now stands.

Time and Time Again
Another "what's the difference" measure is No. 6 which would establish daylight saving time in all time belts in Oregon now having Pacific standard time. Malheur county would not be affected because it is on Mountain time.

For such a trivial matter, this issue has attracted as many attacks on both sides as any other issue. Those for it are definite in their views while the opponents are just as expressive in arguing against daylight time.

Prohibiting Fishing

Measure No. 7 would prohibit certain fishing in coast streams has not attracted the interest of land-locked Malheur county residents, in spite of the fact that what affects the coastal area economically affects Eastern Oregon.

Proponents argue that fish, particularly salmon, are decreasing and affects the tourist trade. Opponents of the bill contend that its passage would throw commercial fishermen and canning plant workers out of employment.

We suggest the reading of the voters pamphlet and try to determine which is the best way to vote—there are plenty of strong arguments on both sides. It might be well to follow the old adage and when in doubt, vote "no."

Milk Control Law
Sufficient "yes" votes would repeal the milk control law Oregon has had since it was enacted in 1933 following a milk "famine" in Portland. This measure probably can bring out stronger arguments when the subject is brought up than any other issue on the ballot.

Most distributors and part of the producers are opposed to repeal of the act, arguing that it is the consumers' safeguard. They contend that without controls and regulations, there would be a chaotic market, a reduction in

the supply and possible lowering of butterfat content. The law's backers remind the voters that they have defeated attempts to repeal the act two different times in the past.

Opponents of the measure, who want a majority of "yes" votes are led by Elmer Deetz of Canby, whose chief argument is that a milk monopoly has been formed by the act. Other opponents of the milk act argue that the consumer has no choice in his purchase of milk insofar as butterfat content, price and service is concerned. They also argue that prices are set by a board with little or no consideration to other economic factors or prevailing prices of other products in given areas.

A distributor stated recently that he would like to see the act repealed "so it would take the heat off me" which might clearly state the views of many not closely connected with production and distribution and those not being harmed, for the time being, as a consumer. The milk measures does represent rigid controls affecting few products or activities in the nation. Arguments dating back to the early 30s when the country's entire economy was top-sy-turvy hardly have their place now.

Many dairy farmers acknowledge that the law is unfair and might even be a hindrance to better prices, improved herd conditions and at least partial dissolution of surpluses. However, they also are not certain about any noble experiment to start all over again. 21 years after the act was passed, just to prove their theories might be right.

Townpeople and small-town merchants are generally in favor of the act as it exists insofar as their voting is concerned, but they'll condemn it to high heaven in private conversations. The trouble here is that part of the urban population take stock in the "gloomy 30s" stories and fear their children might go without milk "that would be poured down the sewer" if the act were repealed.

Other townpeople are of the opinion that "farmers are 100 percent in favor of milk control" and cast their votes to please the dairyman rather than follow their true convictions.

We predict the act will remain as it is now.

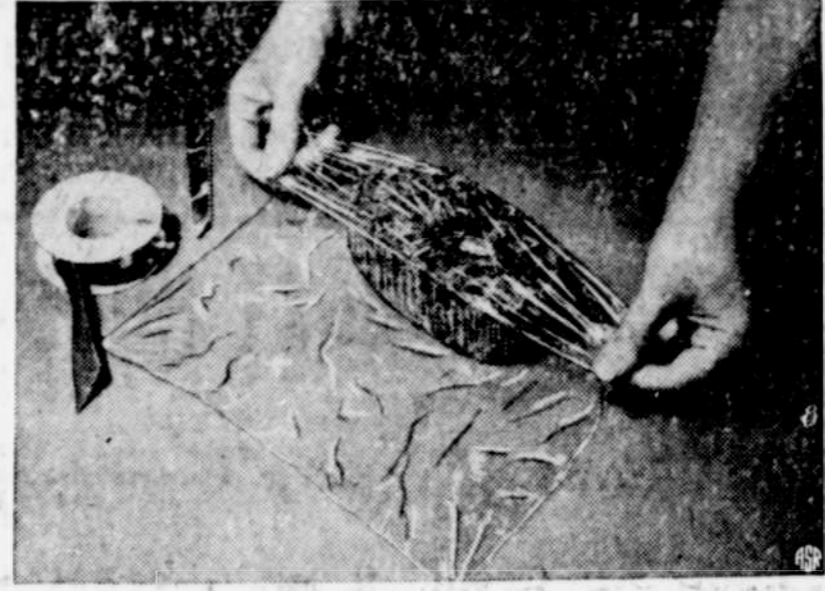
10-Mill Road Tax, Courthouse Issue

In Malheur county there are two issues for voters to decide: they will vote for the third time on a county-wide 10-mill road tax and they will decide whether or not the county should spend \$125,000 for the purchase of Vale's union high school for a county courthouse.

The road tax has been defeated twice in the past. At the primary election in May, 1952, 2,807 voters expressed opposition to the tax and 2,251 voted in favor of it. At that time all Nyssa area voting precincts voted in favor of the issue. At the general election Nov. 2, 1952, the measure was again defeated with a 3,672 to 3,112 vote. The Nyssa area joined the rest of the county in defeating the tax at the second election. The 10-mill road tax had been in effect for five years and expired June 30, 1953.

The special tax raised approximately \$15,400 in the county and was used primarily as matching funds for state and federal aid

Merry Christmas



Too early? Not at all; now is exactly the time to be baking the individual fruit cakes you love to make for those special holiday gifts. Wise homemakers know fruit cake improves with age and always allow at least a month for the cakes to "ripen." However, keeping cakes as fresh and moist as when they came from the oven can be troublesome. Now you can solve this problem by using a new saran plastic food wrap. This sparkling clear moisture-proof film provides perfect protection; cakes can be wrapped for storage in a jiffy because the film clings to itself, needs no rubber bands or string. If cake must be handled considerably, a transparent tape will insure a neat package.

When minutes are precious during the holiday rush, simply bring out the cakes, add a gay satin ribbon, and your glamorous gift is ready. See how easy? Just use your own favorite recipe or try this one which makes five one-pound cakes or, if you prefer, one large ring mold:

- Christmas Fruit Cake**
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| 6 ounces butter (1 1/2 sticks) | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1 cup light brown sugar | 1 tsp. mace |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | 1/2 tsp. nutmeg |
| 3 large eggs (1/4 cup) | 1/2 tsp. allspice |
| 2 1/2 cups cake flour | 1 lb. raisins |
| 1 tsp. baking powder | 1 lb. candied pineapple, cubed |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1 lb. candied cherries, whole |
| 6 ounces pecan halves | |

Cream together the butter, sugar and vanilla. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Sift together the dry ingredients. Sift about half over the fruit in a large bowl and stir to coat well. Add remainder to creamed mixture. Combine the two, stirring to blend evenly. Bake in moderate oven (300° F.) two hours for small cakes or 3 hours for large. Cool; decorate with Christmas motif; wrap in saran, leaving top clear to show decoration; and store in freezer or cool place until time for giving. For best flavor allow at least one month for "ripening."

You'll find these little fruit cakes in their glamorous holiday costumes perfect for all those extra remembrances on your gift list.

for various road improvements. Since the tax applies to personal as well as real property, Nyssa road improvement district No. 2 received funds equal to 10 mills of the total assessed valuation of the district and the city of Nyssa received funds equal to four mills of the total valuation of the town. District City Vote Levies

Since expiration of the original county-wide tax and its subsequent defeat two different times at the polls, voters within the road district have twice imposed an additional 10-mill tax upon themselves for periods of one year each to make up the loss and residents of the city of Nyssa voted overwhelmingly to tax themselves five mills for street improvements.

According to reports, a lot of campaigning has been underway to get a favorable vote Nov. 2. Although dire predictions that "county roads would go to pot," "Nyssa's road district will be dissolved" and "general chaos will reign without the tax," have all been proven exaggerated, the general public has considered the problem from every angle and there seems to be more sentiment in favor of such a tax.

Although farmers of the Nyssa area who live within the road assessment district and residents of the city have solved their problem by voting their own special tax, a vast majority realize the value of the county-wide mill

levy.

In dollars and cents, taxpayers of this area pay no more one way than they do another and receive about the same amount of service. The exception is in Nyssa where the fee is one mill higher than it was on a county-wide basis. Most taxpayers, however, are progressive and assume that what is good for the county is good for the local community. That fact was demonstrated when a majority voted yes the first time they were asked to continue the tax, but they voted no at a later date when they were made to realize the greatest opposition was in other parts of the county where the need was the greatest.

We believe this should have a yes vote.

Courthouse Purchase
Patrons of Vale's union high school district paved the way last week to make an issue already on the ballot "legal." They voted 220 to 7 in favor of selling their high school building to the county, providing county voters approve the issue at the general election.

The proposal became a "hot" political issue last summer when a small group at Ontario opposed the purchase, but after the county court agreed to place the issue on the ballot for the voters to decide, discussion became less heated.

A special building fund was

set up several years ago and now has \$106,513.96 as was shown in the budget for the first time this year. Total cost of the building and grounds will be \$125,000 in addition to funds to renovate the building for county use.

On this matter, sufficient pros and cons have been expressed in all parts of the county to enable the voters to make a fair decision. The Journal had opposed the outright purchase of the school building without approval of the voters, but since the issue has been placed on the ballot we believe the voters can decide.

Malheur county does need either a new courthouse or complete renovation of the present structure. It's a forgone conclusion that the county seat will remain at Vale, as it should, and no one should vote with the idea that a change might be made sometime in the future.

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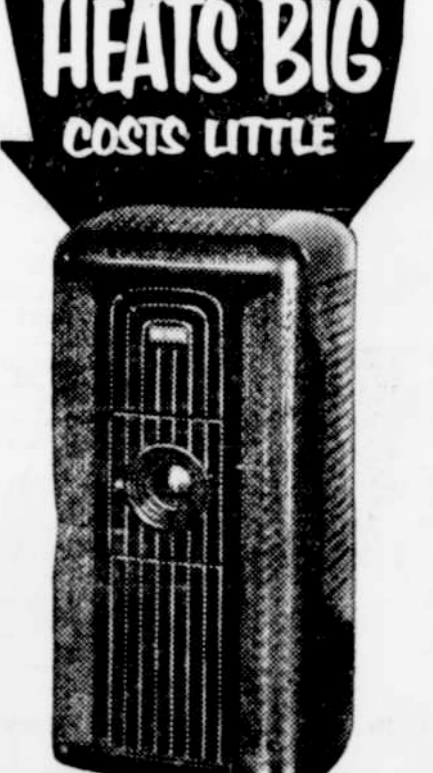
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