

# A. Yturri Explains Reapportionment Law; Sees It as Most Controversial Problem Facing Present Legislature

Offers His 'Modified Federal Plan,' Based On Population, Area as Aiding E. Oregon

By SENATOR ANTHONY YTURRI

Reapportionment is a subject of vital importance to Eastern Oregon.

That area east of the Cascades comprises virtually three-fourths of the geographic area of our state. Despite this large percentage of territory, Eastern Oregon is represented in the legislature by only six (6) senators and thirteen (13) representatives. The remaining 24 senators and 47 representatives come from that part of Oregon which lies west of the Cascade mountains.

The grim fact is that we may have even less in the very near future. This may result from the legislature's action at this session.

### Present Law Discussed

The constitution of Oregon provides that the apportionment of both representatives and senators will be based upon population. No consideration is accorded to the extent of territory. The constitution further provides that there shall be only 30 senators and 60 representatives, and to determine the number of legislators who shall come from each county or district, there exists a constitutional formula. This formula is applied by dividing the last federal census by the number of senators and representatives permitted by law. In the case of senators, if we divided 30 into our population of approximately 1,760,000, you will see that there is to be one senator for each 58,900 of population and one representative for each 28,500.

A provision in the constitution states that if a single county has enough population to justify a senator or representative, then it shall have one. On the other hand, if a county does not have enough population to justify a senator or a representative, but does have more than one-half of the population required, then it may be entitled to a senator or a representative as the case may be.

The constitution also provides that if a county does not have sufficient population to justify a senator or representative, it can be added to an adjoining county or counties and a district created for representation.

### Some Counties Grow Rapidly

The truth is that Multnomah, Clackamas, Lane and Marion counties have grown rapidly in population and as a result are entitled to more representation than they now have, if the strict constitutional interpretation is followed. The additional representation for those counties can only be provided at the expense of sparsely populated areas of Eastern Oregon. This, in turn, means that the districts in Eastern Oregon may be enlarged by adding more counties to a district and reducing the total number allowed for Eastern Oregon.

Consequently, it is not only conceivable but probable that an effort will be made to reduce representation from Eastern Oregon—both in the number of senators and representatives. For example, for senatorial purposes, Baker, Lake, Crook, Wheeler, Morrow and even Wallowa counties could be added to the 21st district, because the total population of these counties, including Grant, Malheur and Harney counties, would not be more than one and one-half times the magic figure of 58,900 people.

In the case of representatives, Malheur, Harney, Lake, Grant and even Wheeler could be joined as one district, with one representative. And the result could well be to reduce the number of senators to three (3) and the representatives to nine (9) or even less!

**Sees Inequitable Situation**  
Wouldn't it be a tragic situation for three-quarters of the state to have three out of the 30 senators and only nine out of the 60 representatives? This appears to be highly inequitable from the standpoint of representation. The significance of this problem can be graphically brought home when you consider the fact that to a large extent the actions of the legislature in Oregon affects, and frequently controls, your money as well as the water, state lands, penal and health institutions, your children, and in effect your very lives. Nevertheless, this is the situation that exists and it is my intention to alleviate it insofar as it is in my power to do so.

### Legislature Action Imperative

It is imperative that the legislature act at this session because the constitution provides that if, following the federal census, this legislature does not reapportion the state on the basis of the formula above described, by July 1 of this year, then the secretary of state is required to perform the

## Nu Acres News

By Farmerettes Club

Mrs. P. M. Jorgenson who had been ill all winter returned to work Monday at Ore-Ida plant in Ontario.

Sunday afternoon guests at the P. M. Jorgenson home were Mr. and Mrs. Grant C. Peterson and daughter, Donna of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Franklin and family of Caldwell were weekend guests at the Bert Richsen home. Their daughter, Vicki, stayed the remainder of the week with her grandparents.

Mrs. John Wolfkiel has returned home from the hospital greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hawks and family were Thursday evening visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hawks of Ontario.

Katie and Patsy Hawks attend-

Miss Linda Moncur of Boise spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moncur.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Armstrong and Jimmy of Wilder visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. George McKee.

ed an MYF youth rally Sunday at Ontario First Methodist church.

Friday evening guests at the Omar Betts home were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Unwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conner and family called Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Conner at Nyssa.

Sunday visitors at the Omar Betts home were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Chesney.

Miss Carol Jennings of Fruitland was a Sunday guest of Miss Barbara Howard. A guest of David Howard that afternoon was Hal Hunt of Fruitland.

Sunday visitors at the Quentin Speas home were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moss and family of New Plymouth.

### ADRIAN LIVESTOCK GROUP TO VISIT NEW COURTHOUSE

Adrian Livestock club members met Feb. 9 for their third session with junior members meeting in the high school and the senior group meeting in the ag building.

At the junior meeting members judged dairy cattle and appointed Mark Stringham and Clinton Chamberlain to attend "Know Your County Government" day when a 4-H group will visit the new courthouse in Vale.

Pauline Butler and Gene Wenden were named delegates to visit the courthouse, during the meeting of the senior group. They also judged dairy cattle.

Refreshments were served.

—Mary Laan, Reporter.

Evelyn Kabow of Lebanon, Ore., was a Tuesday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram following a meeting in Ontario. Mrs. Kabow is secretary of Oregon State Woman's Bowling association.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cox who recently moved to Nyssa from Alamosa, Colo., left last week for Hugoton, Kan., to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of his parents.

### BROWNIE TROOP MEETS AT CLARENCE CLAPP HOME

Brownie troop 120 met Wednesday at the Clarence Clapp home for their regular weekly meeting with eight members present. Following the Brownie pledge, the group sang songs and played games. Mrs. Clapp served refreshments.

—Joyce Jennings, Reporter.

### RESIDENCE CHANGES NOTED

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Griffiths and Eugene moved Friday from their former home on route 2 to 711 Emission avenue in Nyssa.

Another couple recently moving into Nyssa from route 2 is Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Kurtz. They are now living at 302 South Fifth street, the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guthrie. The Guthries have moved to a home on route 2 where the Ward C. Lundy family was previously located.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy and two sons are now residing on the Frank Jayo ranch on route 1.

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