

Legislators Report

Two Supreme Court decisions -- one in Washington, D. C., and the other in Salem -- have been the topic of legislative discussion during the past week.

The U. S. Supreme Court decision ordered two states, New York and Missouri, to reapportion their Congressional districts on the grounds that the population discrepancy between districts was too great.

The Salem high court decision sent shock waves rippling through the Capitol building. That decision overruled a Marion Circuit Court decision, and named former State Rep. Lee Johnson as Oregon's new Attorney General.

Some observers interpreted the U. S. Supreme Court decision to mean that the current session of the Oregon legislature would be required to redraw Congressional District lines.

Those who urge this action point out that the Supreme Court ruled that a population variance of about three per cent in the state of Missouri was too great.

Oregon presently has a discrepancy of some 8.5 per cent between its districts.

The high court decision, if taken literally, would require exact numerical equality in all Congressional districts.

However, legislative leadership agreed on Monday that it would be foolish for this session of the Oregon legislature to attempt to solve this Chinese puzzle at this late stage of the game.

It is reasoned that the 1965 legislature, meeting in special session, reapportioned Congressional districts as a result of the Court's original one-man-one vote decision.

At that time, it was assumed by all states that a maximum variance of 15 per cent between districts would be acceptable.

The legislature, acting in good faith, reapportioned and kept well within that maximum figure. Our districts are still within that guideline.

The Supreme Court jumped New York and Missouri because they were defiant of the

COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT - 7 P.M. Executive PTA members will meet in school cafeteria.

TONIGHT - 8 P.M. Public meeting to introduce Nyssa (Dist. 26) school board candidates in Nyssa public library meeting room.

TONIGHT - 8 P.M. SRV Music Teachers association spring recital at LDS church in Ontario.

MAY 2 - 1 P.M. Rebekah Friendship Circle's Mothers' day potluck luncheon at home of Mrs. Owen Gann.

MAY 3 - 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. Job's Daughters rummage sale in former liquor store building, North Second street.

MAY 3 - 8 P.M. Charlotte Elwood's piano recital at W. W. Jones school in Arook.

MAY 6 - 7:30 P.M. Treasure Valley Christian Business and Professional women dinner-meeting at La Paloma cafe in Ontario.

MAY 8 - 8 P.M. Nyssa PTA unit regular meeting in school cafeteria.



GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL MADE A GIFT TO SECRETARY of State Clay Myers of the pen used to sign into law a bill to strengthen Oregon's presidential primary election. The bill, which Myers had recommended to the legislature, deletes the affidavit of disavowal for presidential candidates placed on the ballot by the Secretary of State. The measure also removes the vice presidential portion of the law, since experience has proved it to be meaningless.

the lower court opinion which had declared Robert Y. Thornton winner of the race for Attorney General even though he had been soundly defeated in the November election by State Rep. Lee Johnson.

Thornton had accused Johnson, who won the election by 80,000 votes, of violating the Corrupt Practices Act by making false statements and by spending more than is allowed by the law.

The case revealed that there are many loopholes in the Corrupt Practices Act, that many portions are hard to understand and that candidates are, in many cases, left in the dark as to what their responsibilities are.

Assuming that this is the Court's final word on the subject, the legislature now has a clear legal interpretation of the law and it will be possible to make changes to eliminate the present shortcomings.

Unlike the U. S. Supreme Court decision, this is one area that requires immediate attention. The 1969 legislature will not have done its job unless it restores citizen confidence

in our election laws by making necessary changes. We know there the problems are. We must now resolve these problems before another election is held.

Superintendent Discusses Individual Instruction

BY SUPT. W. L. MCPARTLAND - NYSSA

In spite of the work that we are doing with pre-school children there are many areas where special help is needed for a large number of individuals whom we may classify as disadvantaged. From the first grade through the high school, individual work must be done to help certain students to keep up with their age group. If this is not done we will lose them before high school graduation.

We have concentrated so far on the lower levels particularly in the primary areas, although we have not ignored the upper grades entirely.

In what would ordinarily be the first and second grades we have provided special teachers with Spanish speaking aides to carry on a somewhat similar program to that of the pre-school children. They progress as rapidly as possible in reading and arithmetic according to their individual capacities. These classes provide a reading readiness program for youngsters that have had very little exposure to the English language. The two classes for these children come and go with the other primary students and are in class for the regular school day.

Another program provided in the Junior High takes care of students who are having difficulty with specific areas of learning. As an example let's say the science teacher has one or more students who have become confused in the conception of the forces of gravity. This teacher refers the students to the special teacher for help.

Malheur County Nursing Home To Increase Rates

April 8 there was a meeting of the Malheur Nursing Home Board at the Starlight cafe ... present were Chairman Mrs. G. Y. Chester, Dr. Dorin Daniels, Mrs. Martha Romans, Jacob Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wilks, Commissioner Maag, Judge Ellis White, and H. T. Hartwell, County Auditor. The motion was made and unanimously approved to increase the rates at the Nursing Home to a minimum of \$300 with additional charges dependent upon the amount of care required for the individual patients. Mrs. Chester and Bud Wilks are to formulate the future plans for needs of the home, and the Board recommended that a Depreciation Reserve for both equipment and the building be set up. Mr. Hartwell is to work up the detail for this.

COUNTY COURT BRIEFS, APRIL 8

The Parks and Recreation Committee met with the Court to discuss recreational needs. Ontario's request for 1969-70 Federal Outdoor Recreational

Fund of \$2,500 was approved for park to be expanded to a Tournament Baseball Park to be used jointly with TVCC. Cities of Nyssa and Vale to receive additional share 1970-71.

The Committee recommended that the Court request State Hiway Dept. install floating dock and lighting at Ontario, and request BLM to provide Boat Dock on Lake Owyhee at Leslie Gulch.

Representatives from Nyssa, Ontario and Vale, and the County Sanitarian met with the Court for consideration of joint operation and maintenance of Land Fill Dumps for solid waste material. Commissioner Esplin was given responsibility for working with the 3 cities and formulating a plan for recommendation to the Court.

Judge Newton Hotchkiss, Burns Chief of Police De Lange and Rocky Rockwell, Juvenile Counselor for Harney County met with the Court with Sheriff Ingram and Auditor Herb Hartwell for discussion of enlargement of the 14th Administrative District, to include Grant and Lake Counties.

Harney and Malheur Counties also discussed and agreed to use the \$2,000 grant received from the Office of the governor on Planning for preparation of a two-county communications system covering more than 20,000 square miles; and for 60% Federal Matching fund application estimated at \$50,000.

Nyssa To Lose 12 Instructors

Three teachers are retiring from the Nyssa School System this year - Mrs. Gladys Engelhardt, employed in 1953, Mrs. Zette Bumgarner employed in 1946 and Mr. Kinsey Keever employed in 1944.

Only three teachers in the school system have been employed for a longer time than Mr. Keever and two of the three just one year before.

Teacher turnover is more rapid than generally realized. Out of a staff of 67 certified teachers 34, or over half, have come to the district in the last seven years.

In addition, resignations have been accepted for the following teachers:

Mrs. Martha Northrup, 3rd grade.
Mrs. Lorraine Bauman, 4th grade.

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Mothers may give their families a gift of healthier hearts and longer life through a fat-controlled, low cholesterol diet, Oregon Heart Association says.

Nursing Home Activities

Royce Cole, activity director at Malheur Memorial nursing home reports that a number of gifts have been given by area residents.

Students in Mrs. Jan Wilson's sixth-grade class made wooden place card holders and presented them to the home. The LDS Nyssa first ward relief society gave a steam iron, ironing board and cover. Donations of money for crafts were presented by Mrs. Martha Lorensen, ANK Garden club members and Mrs. Arleigh Adams.

Projects being conducted at the nursing home include sewing (potholders, tea towels, cushions and a pieced quilt); crafts (hot mats, coasters, belts, coin purses); planting of seeds; and making paper flowers (being sold almost as fast as being made).

Articles still needed include plastic bleach bottles, wooden spoons, current magazines, and books (light, easy-reading novels or condensed versions).

Entertaining nursing home residents recently were women of ANK garden club. The evening was spent with Mrs. Barbara Powers showing color-slides and serving of refreshments.

Earl McMilen, a concert singer of sacred music, spent an hour singing and visiting with nursing home residents. He was on a concert tour in the area.

The woman in the kitchen is in a key spot to help reduce her family's risk of heart disease by adopting a fat-controlled, low cholesterol diet, says Oregon Heart Association.

Make no drastic changes in your diet without consulting your physician first, says Oregon Heart Association.

For helpful publications on a diet that reduces your risk of heart attack, ask Oregon Heart Association for "The Way to a Man's Heart" and "Recipes for Fat-Controlled, Low Cholesterol Meals."

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IRS REQUESTS TAX REFUND RECIPIENTS TO WAIT 10 WEEKS
Ten weeks from the date a Federal income tax return calling for a refund is mailed, the taxpayer either has his check or a letter explaining why it is held up, A. G. Erickson, District Director of Internal Revenue for Oregon, said recently.
For this reason, a taxpayer who has not heard about his refund should wait ten weeks before writing IRS. By waiting this length of time, most taxpayers will find their inquiry unnecessary, Mr. Erickson said.
If it becomes necessary to write, the taxpayer should indicate where and when he filed his return and give his name, address and social security number, Mr. Erickson said.
Millions of tax returns are handled every filing season at the Eastern Service Center which serves Oregon taxpayers. The volume of processing operations there makes it practically impossible for IRS to locate a particular return and to answer any question about it until processing is complete.

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