

State School Superintendent Remarks on Measure 9 Defeat

Once again the voters of Oregon have demonstrated good faith and common sense by defeating Ballot Measure No. 9, according to Dale Parnell, State School Superintendent. Their common sense message is that they refuse to be stampeded into passing a measure that provided no alternative means of financing public schools and community colleges. Oregonians do not want to endanger the education of their children. On the other hand, Oregonians are greatly concerned about the inequities built into the heavy property tax in support of education.

The voters have shown they are willing, in good faith, to trust the legislature to reform the school finance structure in

Oregon. This places the responsibility for tax reform squarely on the shoulders of the men and women who were elected to our Legislative Assembly Tuesday. As state superintendent of public instruction, I pledge my active support to Governor Tom McCall and the legislative leaders who are already working hard to hammer out a tax reform package that will finance education at a quality level and in a manner that will bring stability. My sincere hope now, Parnell said, is that every legislator will make a personal commitment to consider no other legislation until the Assembly passes and the Governor signs a new school finance and related tax program.

Savings Bonds As Gifts

"This year, U. S. Savings Bonds make better-than-ever Christmas gifts," Thomas S. Prideaux, Oregon State Chair-

man for the Treasury's Savings Bonds Program, said today. "The interest rate is higher than ever, and the popular E

Bond has a shorter-than-ever maturity period."

There are other reasons for buying Savings Bonds as gifts, Prideaux pointed out. "You don't have to worry about style, size, shape, or color. And they're priced to fit almost any pocketbook. They're patriotic, too. And the higher interest rate makes them increase in value rapidly as the years go by."

"It's easy to buy Bonds. Your bank has them available in denominations ranging from \$25 to \$1,000. And you now have a choice of four colorful -- and free -- gift envelopes."

"While Savings Bonds are especially appropriate at Christmas time, they are ideal gifts for almost any occasion," Prideaux added. "For birthdays, new babies, anniversaries, graduations, weddings -- you name it -- Savings Bonds are the gift that keeps on giving."

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Dr. Pobanz Selected To Health Planning Council

Sam Pobanz, M.D. of Ontario was selected as a member of the Treasure Valley Comprehensive Health Planning Agency's Advisory Council during its quarterly meeting held Friday and Saturday, November 3-4 at Shore Lodge in McCall.

At that meeting, the Council voted to go on record in support of repeal of the Idaho statute which restricts the dissemination and advertisement of birth control information.

--Approved expansion plans for St. Luke's Hospital in Boise and approved a request for Hill-Burton funds for Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario to make an addition to the Hospital's outpatient department and provide a new emergency entrance.

There was considerable debate on the question of public funds being granted to an institution which restricts the use of the hospital on religious grounds. The particular point was sterilizations, vasectomies, etc., which are procedures often not allowed in in-

stitutions operated by a religious group.

--Endorsed a Review and Comment procedure for the Agency on requests for Certificates of Need or Hill-Burton funds to be based on need and benefit to the area involved.

--Approved a contractual arrangement with Health Systems, Inc., to provide immediate staff resource to TVCHPA in the way of three staff persons who will be paid by Health Systems, Inc., but who will be utilized as employees of TVCHPA.

Community College Enrollment Doubles

Oregon community college enrollment has more than doubled over the past five years, Dale Parnell, superintendent of public instruction, announced today.

Parnell said enrollment at Oregon's 13 community colleges has climbed to 66,301, roughly a five and one-half percent increase over comparable fall term figures of one year ago, 62,878, and more than twice that of five years ago, 31,763.

Registration at the colleges is still not complete as some have unique open enrollment policies which allow students to register late in the term.

Here are figures reported after the fourth week of registration: Blue Mountain 1,509; Central Oregon 2,200; Chemeketa 5,200; Clackamas 4,000; Clatsop 2,013; Lane 9,032;

Linn-Benton 4,094; Mt. Hood 9,700; Portland 22,000; Rogue 1,058; Southwestern 2,511; Treasure Valley 993 and Umpqua 2,094.

The increase is not as dramatic as in the past as community college enrollment appears to be leveling out, comparable fall term figures during the last ten years indicate:

1963 - 8,959
1964 - 13,554 (51.3 percent increase over previous year)
1965 - 18,108 (33.6 increase)
1966 - 22,422 (23.8 increase)
1967 - 31,763 (41.7 increase)
1968 - 36,551 (15.1 increase)
1969 - 47,127 (28.9 increase)
1970 - 55,520 (17.8 increase)
1971 - 62,878 (13.3 increase)
1972 - 66,301 (5.4 percent increase over previous year)

U.S. Army Offers Heavy Equipment Training

"You've seen them before and you'll see them again: the heavy-duty construction equipment used to build our highways, work in industry and construction," said Sergeant First Class Lawrence Holt, U.S. Army Recruiter in Ontario. He continued, "The operators that run them have a wide variety of equipment to work with including power shovels, cranes, derricks, hoists, pile drivers, concrete mixers, paving machines, trench excavators, bulldozers, tractors and pumps."

Most operators are usually known by the company they keep--the machines they operate. Some are crane men, some derrick operators, some bulldozer operators, or heavy-equipment mechanics. Their skills vary according to the machines they work on. Some are simple, some complicated, the more training is required. The more training required, the better the pay. In some locations for example, crane operators make in excess of \$7.50 an hour. A few, even much more.

But how does a young man get into this field? Most experts recommend completing a 3-year apprenticeship as one of the best ways to qualify as journeyman operators. But the opportunities to get beforehand experience are very limited and the Modern Volunteer Army is probably one of the few places where young men can gain experience in the construction business. Young men in the Army Corps of Engineers can be operating their own rig at 18 years of age. For every piece of equipment used in industry, the Army has the same and more.

Like nearly every other job, the entire category of heavy equipment operators is a professional program offering the best training anywhere. In the Modern Volunteer Army, every man, every woman is expected to be outstanding in his chosen job. The Army Engineers, too, are the very best around.

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Star for Seals. Famed TV and motion picture star Eddie Albert is distinguishing himself in yet another field—he is serving as 1972 National Honorary Christmas Seal Chairman. Albert asks everyone to contribute to the Christmas Seal campaign to fight emphysema, TB, and air pollution.

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Community To Hear Handel's Messiah

The Nyssa High School choir and Community Choir will present the third annual performance of Handel's Messiah Sunday, December 10 at the LDS Stake House, under the direction of Gary Condon, choir director.

"Hallelujah" means "Praise Jehovah" and it is part of the greatest and most imperishable of Handel's Works, the Messiah.

It is reported that Handel spoke of having composed the "Hallelujah Chorus," which so triumphantly closes part II of the Messiah, under influence of great emotion -- "I did think that I did see all Heaven before me, and the Great God Himself."

Georg Friedrich Handel was born in Germany in 1685. He showed an early aptitude for music. At the age eleven, he had composed six sonatas for oboe and bassoon. He learned to play the harpsichord, the violin, the oboe and the organ. Music was his all consuming passion; his wife, his mistress, his life.

The figure of Handel was large. He was corpulent and unwieldy in his motions--but his countenance was full of fire and dignity that gave the impression of superiority and genius.

He had a quick temper, was impetuous and rough, but totally devoid of malevolence. His general expression was somewhat heavy and sour "but when he did smile, it was like the sun bursting out of a black cloud. There was a sudden flash of intelligence, wit and good humor beaming in his countenance, seldom seen in any other."

He was a sincere Christian and (within the limits which human nature commonly attains) a consistent one.

In the Spring of 1759, while attending a production of his

Messiah, he suffered a fainting spell and was taken home to his bed, never to rise from it again. He expressed the wish that he might die on Good Friday, "In hope of rejoining the Good God, my sweet Lord and Savior on the day of his Resurrection." His wish was fulfilled, for it was in the early morning of Holy Saturday (April 14, 1759) that the musician met his Messiah face to face.

The intimate sense of Handel's music was falsified in the Century which followed his death by the English interpretations. They performed the Messiah in a pompous rigid, and stolid manner with an orchestra and choir far too numerous and badly balanced, with singers frightfully correct and pious--without any feeling or intimacy--This has established the tradition which makes Handel a church musician--He was never this--He wrote mostly for concerts, operas and open air theatres.

His music is not typical of any time or place, it is universal, hence it's appeal. There is a nobility to his music. He was never trivial! When composing, he sat at work all day on thru the night and thru the following day. He composed the Messiah in three weeks.

Handel painted pictures with his music, and he who is satisfied with listening to his music without seeing what it expresses; who judges this art as a purely formal art, and who does not feel the expressive and suggestive power, will never understand it. It is a music which paints situations and emotions.

It is--this writer's opinion that the "Messiah" is literally "Soul Music."

TVCHPA, Inc. Asks For Information

The Treasure Valley Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, Inc., urges any citizen in Treasure Valley who knows of any health problem--whether it is personal, mental, or environmental--which can affect the health situation of the area to write to the agency and inform the staff of the problem.

TVCHPA, Inc., focuses on the people of Treasure Valley and the circumstances and actions that contribute to, or interfere with, their health. The 39 volunteers that comprise the advisory council of the agency see, as one of their major goals, the determination of the health needs of the people of Treasure Valley. The agency seeks to act as the advocate of the

people in all health matters. This is why the agency strongly urges all citizens in the 12 counties which make up the area (Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, Washington and Malheur and Harney in Oregon) to inform the agency of their health needs. The Agency's address is 1090 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83705.

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