

OREGON TODAY

By Don Willner

The Oregon legislature starts again on January 8th with both presiding officers coming from small towns. Senate President-elect Jason Boe comes from Reedsport (population 4,126), and House of Representatives Speaker-elect Dick Eymann

comes from Marcola, an unincorporated area near Springfield.

In 1952 when the Oregon legislature was reapportioned on a population basis, the fear was expressed that this would mean big-city domination. Each apportionment of the legislature thereafter has meant more legislators coming from the Portland metropolitan area. But throughout recent history the trend has continued that most of the presiding officers and

most of the members of the State Emergency Board which carried out some of the functions of the Legislature between sessions have come from smaller communities.

At the 1971 session, Speaker Bob Smith was from Burns. Senate President John Burns was a notable exception since he was from Portland; however, he was brought up in Condon in Eastern Oregon and went out of his way to stress his Eastern Oregon background. In 1969 Smith was also the house speaker while the senate president was Debbis Potts of Grants Pass. Potts was also president in 1967 while the house speaker was Monty Montgomery

of Eugene. Montgomery was speaker in 1965 and the senate president was Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls. In 1963, the senate president was Ben Musa of The Dalles and the house speaker was Clarence Barton of Coos Bay. The present State Emergency Board with 9 members only includes two from Multnomah County.

The legislative battles between the Portland area and the rest of the state tend to concentrate on the distribution of state funds, especially basic school support. Portland always wanted school funds distributed on the basis of number of pupils in the school district, while most of the Willamette Valley

school districts wanted equalization, which took into consideration assessed property valuation. This split has been somewhat less apparent recently as it has become generally recognized that the formula for distributing school funds did discriminate against Portland. Furthermore, now we have the famous Serrano court case out of California which held that under the circumstances of that case all school funds had to be distributed on a per-pupil basis.

The Portland area and the rest of the state have also differed some on priorities for the expenditure of money. Highways are often the lifeblood of

a smaller community and legislators from "downstate" other than Eugene have typically opposed any "diversion" of highway funds for other purposes.

Economic differences are actually more important in the way legislators vote than geographic differences. Wealthy farmers in the legislature tend to vote in favor of the private power companies, the banks and the railroads even though many of their constituents might disagree. Similarly, big-city legislators tend to be far more influenced by the wishes of organized labor.

But even though geography is actually of diminishing impor-

tance in the way legislators vote on issues, it remains of great importance in the way they vote on selection of presiding officers. Senator Potts of Josephine County gave a very candid reaction when he said in the 1971 session that his swing vote on the selection of a senate president would be cast in a way longed to Tom Eldredge. The interests of Southern Oregon. He expressed the unexpressed views of many.

Even though the population of the state is shifting toward the Portland metropolitan area, up to this point it is very clear that the interests of Oregon's smaller communities are well protected.

FIRE CALLS!

The Nyssa Volunteer Firemen were called to a haystack fire on Eureka Avenue at approximately 6:20 p.m. Friday, December 22. The stack belonged to Tom Eldredge. The firemen fought the fire until 10 a.m. the following day. The haystack was estimated to contain approximately 400 tons of hay, and about half of it was saved. The firemen would like to thank all the neighbors who helped move the good hay from the stack.

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KINGMAN KOLONY - Sunday dinner guests in the Wayne Robb home were Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Robb of Nyssa; Julie and Gwen Robb and Ron Miller and Robert Edmondson of Portland and May Lytle of Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright and children of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bowers and family were Saturday afternoon visitors in the Charles Bowers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapin visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brandt in Nyssa Friday evening.

Mrs. Bill Toomb left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss Jeanette Martin at Clarkston, Washington and her daughter, the Vincent Scott family at Culdesac.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freitag of Nyssa were Christmas eve dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conant visited Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Conant and family Sunday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests in the Myron Osborn home were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Osborn and family, Big Bend, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith and Todd.

Friday, Mrs. Ed Nedrow and Jimmie visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Godin in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters of Nyssa visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nedrow Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Laan, Mrs. Bernice Toomb and Mrs. J. R. Osborn attended the A.K.H. Home Extension Group Christmas luncheon at the Myron Osborn home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Campbell were Wednesday evening visitors in the Carl Piercy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Macy of Riverside, California came Thursday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Laan and other relatives.

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