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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO Mr. Speaker DATE September 9, 1981
FROM: Don Roberts
SUBJECT: Speech for Clermont County Democratic Picnic

Event: Clermont County Democratic Picnic

Date: Sunday, September 13th

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Pattison Park. Directions attached and received earlier by Jodie as a hand drawn map.

Contact Person: Harlan Washburn, Chairman, Democratic Central Committee, Clermont County, 232 Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103

Note: This speech is a "go gettum" Democrats one. Also, I've attached some notes on Issue 2 in case you want to cover that.

JUL 23 1981



**CLERMONT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
CENTRAL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

232 MAIN STREET, BATAVIA, OHIO 45103

July 21 1981

Mr. Vern Riffe, Speaker
Ohio House of Representatives
State House
Columbus, Ohio. 43215

Dear Speaker Riffe:

We are delighted that you are able to be with us September 13th for our Democratic Picnic. I am enclosing a hand drawn map for your directions.

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Should you have any news release that you would care to get out please send it along, we will have it printed in the News Papers.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 13th. I am sincerely yours.

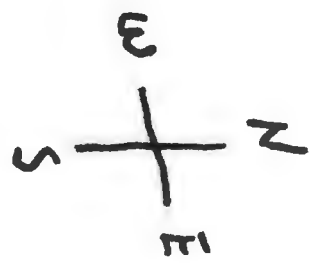
Harlan Washburn, Chairman
Democratic Central Committee
Clermont County

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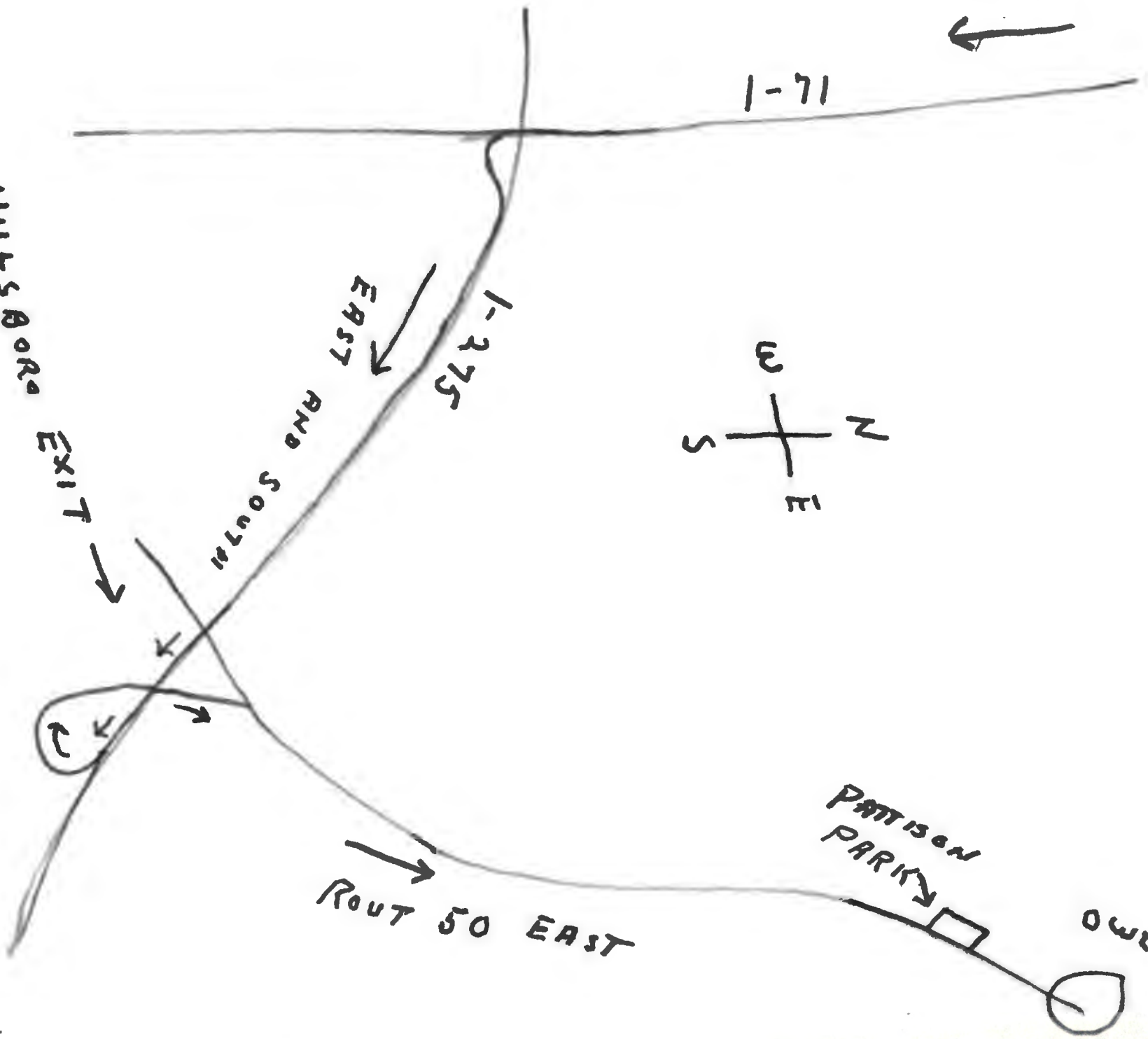
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Sept. 13. - Sun. - Speak



JUN 23 1981

**CLERMONT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
CENTRAL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**
302 ~~xxx~~ MAIN STREET, BATAVIA, OHIO 45103

*Write -
Yes 3:30
annual*

June 16 1981

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Mr. Vern Riffe, Speaker
Ohio House of Representatives
State House
Columbus, Ohio. 43215

Dear Speaker Riffe:

On Sunday September 13th. this year we in Clermont County will hold our annual Democratic Picnic. It starts at 1:00 PM. and lasts 'til.

We would like very much to have you as our Speaker of the day, we will advertize by news paper, radio and television. We usually introduce our Speaker about 3:30 or 4:00 PM. that is when the crowd seems to be the greatest. However if your schedule would require a different time we can adjust to suit your schedule.

Hoping for a favorable answer, I am sincerely yours.

Harlan Washburn
Harlan Washburn, Chairman
Clermont County Democratic
Central Committee

The Picnic will be held at the Pattison Park on U.S. Route 50, one mile west of Owensville, Ohio.

ok. 3:30 am.

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SCHEDULING

DATE OF EVENT: Sun, Sept. 13

TIME OF EVENT: 3:00 P.M.

EVENT: Clermont County Clem. Picnic

LOCATION: Owensville

YOUR PARTICIPATION: Speak to the group

CONTACT PERSON: Harlan Washburn

COMMENTS:

See me.

YES _____

NO _____

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PREFERRED DRIVER:

TIP _____

DUFFEY _____

SPICER _____

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY MUST BRING THE GREATEST GOOD
TO THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

SPEECH, THE CLERMONT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1981

3:30 P.M.

INTRODUCTION

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY MUST BRING THE GREATEST GOOD TO THE
GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

1. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME THIS LONG AGO.

2. MENTION HARLAN WASHBURN, CHAIRMAN CLERMONT COUNTY

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND OTHERS.

HOW DO WE DEMOCRATS DO THE JOB OF BRINGING THE GREATEST GOOD
TO THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

WE WORK HARD AS:

BUSINESS PEOPLE

LABORERS

SKILLED CRAFTSMEN

PUBLIC SERVANTS AND OTHER JOBS.

WE VOTE: WE SPEAK OUT AND WE SHARE THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARTY: AND

WE WORK TO WIN ELECTIONS.

JUST HOW DO WE DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS GO ABOUT DOING THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE?

THE DEMOCRATS IN THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY DO MORE FOR MORE PEOPLE IN MANY WAYS.

SPECIFICALLY THROUGH LEGISLATION IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE DONE THE FOLLOWING:

1. ENERGY CREDITS THE DEMOCRATS CREATED AND EXPANDED THE ENERGY CREDITS PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP LOW INCOME ELDERLY AND DISABLED PAY THEIR WINTER HEATING BILLS.

2. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. DEMOCRATS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCREASED ELIGIBILITY LIMITS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROGRAM (RAISED FROM \$10,000 TO \$15,000)

3. PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK. DEMOCRATS SAVED OHIOANS \$45 MILLION IN PROPERTY TAXES BY ROLLING BACK ASSESSMENTS ON REAL PROPERTY AN ADDITIONAL 2 1/2 PERCENT.

4. EDUCATION. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RECEIVED AN APPROPRIATION OF MORE THAN \$785 MILLION FOR THE LAST TWO-YEAR STATE BUDGET BIENNIUM THAT ENDED IN JUNE. AS THE 114TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKS, WE ARE LOOKING AT EDUCATION FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE. NEW HEARINGS START TUESDAY IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$774 MILLION. OHIO IS SUFFERING FROM ECONOMIC ILLS, BUT WE WILL FIND ANSWERS. WE HAVE AN INTERIM BUDGET UNTIL OCTOBER 31. BETWEEN NOW AND THEN WE HAVE MANY DECISIONS TO MAKE.

5. ENERGY. DEMOCRATS CREATED THE STATE CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND PROVIDED FUNDS FOR ENERGY RESEARCH. THE REPUBLICANS IN THE OHIO SENATE ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THIS

DEPARTMENT. DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING TO RETAIN IT.

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE DEMOCRATS ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR HEALTHY BUSINESSES. MOST OF OUR PEOPLE WORK FOR A LIVING.

DEMOCRATS HAVE PROVIDED TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS TO STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT.

7. HEALTH. THE DEMOCRATS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED LAWS TO HAVE DRUGS LABELED BY THEIR GENERIC NAMES, TO PROVIDE PATIENTS IN NURSING HOMES WITH A BILL OF RIGHTS THAT CREATED A NURSING HOME COMMISSION THAT PROVIDED MILLIONS FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH.

8. LABOR WE DEMOCRATS HAVE CREATED AND ESTABLISHED AN EXCELLENT WORKER'S COMPENSATION SYSTEM. I HATE TO THINK OF THE

EXTRA AGONY THAT SO MANY FAMILIES WOULD BE EXPERIENCING NOW
IF WE DID NOT HAVE OUR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SYSTEM THAT
KEEPS FOOD ON SO MANY TABLES DURING HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT.

THE LIST GOES ON. I COULD MENTION GREAT STRIDES MADE IN
SUCH AREAS AS MENTAL HEALTH, MINORITY RIGHTS, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS, TRANSPORTATION, WELFARE AND OTHER AREAS.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT DEMOCRATS DO FOR THEIR
FELLOW MAN; THE MOST GOOD FOR THE MOST PEOPLE.

HOW DO DEMOCRATS THINK?

DEMOCRATS ARE HUMAN. THEY THINK OF OTHERS AND OF BEING
ACTIVE IN THEIR GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL.

DEMOCRATS MAY GET LAZY AND APATHETIC AT TIMES. THAT IS ONE
OF MY CONCERNS.

IN THE LAST ELECTION, WE LOST THE MAJORITY WE HAD IN THE

OHIO SENATE AND WE LOST SIX OF OUR SEATS IN THE HOUSE.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT WE ALL WORK HARD AND REGAIN CONTROL OF THE OHIO SENATE AND INCREASE OUR MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE.

IN ORDER TO SERVE THE PUBLIC BETTER, WE MUST REGAIN FULL CONTROL OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WE MUST STRENGTHEN OUR PARTY. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEEDS:

SUPPORT - FINANCIAL - TIME AND TALENT

COMMITMENT - WE MUST BE DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE.

UNITY - WE MUST WORK TOGETHER - SUPPORT - TRUST AND RESPECT EACH OTHER.

CLOSING

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. WE HAVE MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

WE MUST DOUBLE AND TRIPLE OUR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO HOLD OUR MAJORITY IN THE OHIO HOUSE AND TO WIN BACK OUR MAJORITY

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IN THE OHIO SENATE.

DEDICATE YOURSELVES TO THESE GOALS -

"THE MOST GOOD FOR THE MOST PEOPLE".

Vote NO on Issue 2



WHAT IS ISSUE 2?

Issue 2, also referred to as the F.A.I.R. proposal, is a petition proposal to be voted on in November, and sponsored by the Ohio Republican Party. F.A.I.R. is an acronym for Fair and Impartial Redistricting, the name of its sponsoring committee.

The passage of Issue 2 is so important to the Ohio Republican Party that it is raising \$1.6 million to buy signatures to assure its passage on the November 3 ballot. The issue they are fighting is the same one they spent \$1 million to pass in 1967!

IS THE F.A.I.R. PLAN REALLY FAIR? NO!

Q) WHY NOT?

A) Governor Rhodes alone will divide cities and neighborhoods, but most important, he will be able to single-handedly split rural and medium-sized counties and townships. The Ohio Constitution now goes to great length to ensure that these governmental units are placed in one district to assure a united voice in the legislature. Thus, current districts follow natural governmental boundaries whenever possible. No city, ward, township or county is divided unless necessary.

The passage of Issue 2 would ensure no such community integrity, or as the petitioners' own summary states, "There is no requirement that districting plans preserve the geographic integrity of any existing county or any township, municipal corporation..." No rural or medium-sized county would be guaranteed a voice in the legislature. By defining districts in strictly cold, mathematical terms, rural counties will be carved and parceled as afterthoughts between 3 or 4 other legislative districts. The legislative district will become a whole new costly level of government, bureaucracy and confusion.

Q) WHY DID PETITIONERS WAIT SO LONG TO PROTEST?

A) The Republican Party recently lost control of the Ohio Apportionment Board which re-draws legislative districts every ten years. The Board is now controlled by a majority of statewide elected Democratic officeholders chosen by the voters. The Republicans want to oust this elected board and substitute a commission of appointed officials — officials accountable to no voter. They want to change the rules in the middle of the game since voters elected a majority of Democrats, and it is time to re-draw legislative districts.

Present districts conform to a constitutional amendment written by the Republican controlled legislature—an amendment also supported by newspapers throughout Ohio in 1967. For example, The Columbus Dispatch editorialized in 1967 about our current Constitutional language, labeling it an

"EMINENTLY FAIR LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT PLAN...UNDER SUCH A PLAN CONTIGUOUS, COMPACT, EQUABLE DISTRICTS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND GERRYMANDERING PREVENTED. EVERYONE'S VOTE WOULD CARRY EQUAL WEIGHT."

That quote referred to our current plan of apportionment approved by voters in 1967. So why do Republicans want to change the Constitution again?

What is their new, more costly proposal? RHODES-MANDERING, a political system in which the governor alone engineers the division of many townships, counties and municipalities, ignoring boundaries if he chooses in order to benefit his political party.

Q) WHAT IS THE HURRY?

A) This November ballot issue proposes changing the Ohio Constitution. It is an important change that will decide both state and federal legislative districts and your representation for the next 10 years.

Yet, there is only one month after the governor submits his building blocks for everyone to formulate a complex political districting plan. These dates for this proposal are speeded so the Ohio Republican Party can draw the districts for control of the legislature during this decade.

CONCLUSION

If Issue 2 passes, anyone can come to Ohio and submit a plan of impersonal mathematical squares, legislative districts which recognize neither Ohio's history nor culture. Computer drawn squares do not ensure good government.

Issue 2 will result in multiple divisions of most counties, add to voter confusion, and diminish legislative voting power of rural districts.

The Ohio Republican Party is waging another expensive war. They are spending \$1.6 million to fight a plan that both their party and newspapers throughout the state endorsed in 1967. Republicans seek this constitutional amendment to change Ohio's current redistricting plan, not because it is unfair, but because it did not elect enough Republicans.

VOTE NO ON ISSUE 2

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Paul Tipps, Chairman

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Issue 2 - Vote NO