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**FARMERS AND ELECTION**

Not being among those who believe that farmers, laborers, business men or any other industrial group votes as a unit, we are certain that there will be many opinions about the election on the part of farmers and a division in voting that will not vary much from that dictated by prejudices acquired by inheritance.

American farm policy has been established for another three years or until 1955 and it is unlikely that it will be changed much until then. Whether it is changed then or not depends more on conditions than in force than on the political party that happens to be in power.

There are some very good reasons for the present farm policy. The government is using wheat as a factor in international relations, as a part of foreign policy. The cost of the wheat used to aid and influence other nations and other peoples is small compared to the cost of overall foreign policy. The government needs lots of wheat and is willing to pay for it. It does.

Because we here in Sherman county, and in general in the northwest, have a section that will produce wheat bountifully (as long as the rains are above normal) we are exceedingly prosperous. And we enjoy it even though a large part of the income goes back to the government.

Both parties are pledged to maintain a prosperous agriculture. Traditionally the Republican party is more concerned with farmers and the Democratic party with labor although the Democrats are credited with the present agricultural program. Labor and farmers are always on different sides. Labor wants high wages and cheap food. Farmers want high food prices and labor costs low enough that prices of machinery, etc., do not soar. It is a contest for the consumer's dollar.

The farmer has been so successful in following the homesteader's dream (which was to buy out all his neighbors) that there aren't many farmers left anymore. In agricultural Oregon only 15.2 percent of the population are farmers. They are almost weak enough politically for a plucking. Some groups are much weaker than others. When it becomes politically advisable to put the head of the wheat grower or the cattlemen on a platter to appease labor or some other large group, the action would gain more votes than it would lose.

So the farmer is a little guy—politically. The big farmer is a very little guy—politically. To maintain his position he has to have and to keep allies. We do not think that farmers can count on labor as an ally, nor expect a labor dominated party to help them in a pinch.

There should be no doubt that Eisenhower is better able to lead us toward peace than Stevenson. Eisenhower knows more about the problems upon which peace is based. Farmers' incomes are often boosted by war but we think few farmers want a big income at that price.

Farmers will be better off if they can get their crops out of politics and demand exclusively. A stable government is better for a man who harvests but once a year, and a stable economy without inflation is better for his pocketbook. Inflation has not helped the farmer. His price is set by politics; his costs go up with inflation.

These are not normal times. We are led from emergency to emergency, from war to war, are frightened by Hitler and by Stalin; and all for the use of an administration that is grasping more power by creating the emergencies and the fears.

We think it time to get rid of this hysteria and to change to quieter, more honest government.

Well, anyway Margaret will not be bothering the Swedes for much longer.

**LIQUOR BY THE DRINK**

On the ballot in November will be an initiated measure to permit the state to license clubs, fraternal and veteran organizations, railroads and restaurants to sell hard liquor by the drink. The matter will probably be decided by the prejudices of those who vote. There is no new information about the subject, and none has been presented for years past and is not likely on tap now.

Washington passed a liquor by the drink law and while it made quite a furore when it went into effect it hasn't seemed to change things much. Prices run about six-bits per drink which is about 150 percent of the price in Oregon including the purchase of the drinkers own whiskey. No reduction in the number of beer joints was noted.

Oregon's Knox law has been very successful. In theory it is supposed to lead toward temperance. And in theory the state liquor commission is supposed to be pandering to the demon rum entirely on a temporary basis and in the expectancy of ultimate salvation. Actually the liquor commission is asked to make a profit—and it does, and in spades.

There are those Oregonians who feel that a bar-room is a poor place to drink liquor at best. The quality may be poor, the mixer content high and the lights negligible. Such persons prefer to mix their own and probably will vote against the proposal.

Beer sellers will probably oppose it and certainly those who despise the demon in all forms will oppose it.

Those who like a drink without the necessity of buying a bottle will favor it and those who want to go into business selling liquor will do likewise. It does have certain attractions to tourists.

We do not think that it is a very important question, nor that it involves a moral standard. It might work better, but it is our opinion that it would work less well than does our present law.

**IN PRAISE OF STUBBORNNESS**

We are thinking of those who adhere to principle because they think it is right. We mean those who are not diverted to a different course of action by promises of awards whether they come in the form of money, entertainment, trips, social prestige, political preferment, or soft spoken words of praise (perhaps the cheapest pay one can receive for principle).

The world owes a lot to stubborn people. Nearly every invention has come from those who stayed with an idea until success came and nearly every social reform has come from those who stayed with principle.

We moderns make it very easy to abandon principle. It can be called old fashioned—argued around in various ways and from many points of view—and shown that it doesn't pay. For anything not to pay is sort of sin with us.

Neither does it make too much difference what a man believes—as long as he believes it strong enough to keep on believing it. It is not error we are concerned with; it is weakness.

Stubbornness in matters that are subject to change or are modified by daily events can be very trying. Anyone should listen to reason—judging for himself what is reason.

But there are matters that are not subject to argument and these are the matters pertaining to right and wrong. A man might better be stubbornly wrong than weakly right. He must stand somewhere, but first he must stand.

**DANGERS OF FOREIGN AID**

This week one could read from Fred Sparks, Pulitzer prize winning columnist, that the retention of communism as a threat is very important to Europeans. Without communism it would be much more difficult to get money from Americans who are afraid of communism.

Sounds reasonable. Even sounds smart. It is a way that wilful and precocious youngsters treat dotting parents. Furthermore, it works.

Then the U. S. News has a map showing the places where we have bases or are giving military or economic aid. It looks as if the only people entirely dependent on themselves now days are the Russians. Others are living from our fear of the Russians it seems.

The "bottle of milk for each Hottentot" school, fostered by Henry Wallace in his balmier days has succeeded in spreading aid all over the world through our generosity or our fear of

for some reason not given. Now the aid given under Point 4, if properly done, could be of great aid to the development of the world and also aid our relations with nations not so well developed industrially or agriculturally as we are. There should be no serious criticism against helping a neighbor in distress.

The aid would be better appreciated if the money were loaned instead of given and would be better accepted if we could work through local organizations.

When aid is made as a gift it is seldom appreciated and the giver is seldom respected. The gift soon becomes a right. We are making few friends with our policy of giving. Perhaps there is too little understanding of other peoples. In any event it is neither popular with the taxpayers who are putting up the money, nor with the peoples who are getting it.

**FALL**

The threatened approach of fall doesn't appall us as we imagine it does the robin who must look forward to a rather long journey soon. And we feel better able to withstand the days, to come than the tomato plant that will wither some morning when the sun comes up and cease interest in the sun and rain that have made it flourish.

Nevertheless there is a certain sadness about the end of harvest and the end of the period of growth and the certain, although slow, coming of cold weather. The sun has already completed a third of its course toward the faroff Tropics of Capricorn from where it will start its long return.

The indoor sports of colder weather are manufactured to aid man to pass the long evenings and are not the spontaneous, vigorous kind that come with summer's warmth. Man can entertain himself as long as the sun is shining, gardens and crops growing, and the outdoors comfortable to his pampered body. In winter he must entertain himself and at that few are proficient.

There's the inanities of radio, time wasting card games, the old favorite of stuffing the stomach. One may explore the past thru the medium of books and stuff his brain, which stands the distortion better than the stomach. Nature itself shares in the sadness of the season. The work is done for the year and the plants getting ready for the long rest until spring puts new life into them.

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids are herewith invited by Moro School District No. 17, Sherman County, Oregon, for the Drilling of a Well and the Furnishing and Installation of a Well Pump and Tank in accordance with Specifications prepared by Annand & Boone, Architects and Engineers, 401 Central Building, Portland 5, Oregon. Bids will be received by the Clerk until 8:00 o'clock P. M.

**Wasco News**

Mrs. Joe Drinkard

Out of towners here Sunday for the Buck-Watkins wedding were Mr. and Mrs. George Buck and family of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Virtue and daughter, Vicki of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pierce and children, Bonnie, Glen and Lila Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ismar Kuhnhausen and daughter Rama Summers and grand son Jerry Mynatt, Mrs. George Wellenbrock and Mrs. Antonie Kuhnhausen, great grandmother of the bride, were all here from Glenwood, Washington.

Mrs. Marlow Anderson returned to Chico, California after a weeks visit with her aunt, Mrs. Andy Shearer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buck are on a week honeymoon trip after which they will be at home in the apartment on the Chas. Everett place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Rhinehart and family of Arlington were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Rhinehart.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg and Mrs. L. P. Haven spent the weekend in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foss drove to Portland for the weekend.

Billy Williams left Friday for Madras where he will visit his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Max Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wright and daughters of Milwaukie spent several days recently visiting their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Chub Johnson several days last week visiting their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alden of Oakland, California stopped to visit the W. R. Reids on their way home from the boat race in

(Pacific Standard Time), Tuesday, September 9, 1952, at the school building, Moro, Oregon, and will then and there be opened and publicly read aloud. The School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and waive all formalities and claims. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Clerk and the office of the Architect.

Mrs. Clara Houston, Clerk 42-3c

**Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.**

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. Floyd Lane, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

**Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116**

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Josephine Gentry N.G. Helen Martin, Sec.

**Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.**

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Clyde Gillmor, W. M.

**H. D. Pinkerton, Secretary**

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S.**

Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Bonnie May, W. M. Gwen Ross, Secretary

Seattle. They took part in the race. Mrs. Alden is the former Frieda Rice and attended school here.

Mrs. Desta Hoyt is recuperating at the Owen Barnett home and is well enough to see any of her friends who call.

Dick Hoyt is here from Portland to help his nephew, George Drinkard, through the fall work. Mrs. Vieda Van Gaasbeck accompanied her son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Van Gaasbeck, Betty and Gary, on a few days vacation in Portland and around Oregon.

Mrs. Alma Jean O'Meara is attending summer school for teachers in Portland. She expects to move to Condon this month, where she will teach the third grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richardson and daughter Christie of Aberdeen, Maryland are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shull. Richardson was Jean Shull. They plan to be here

**Want Ads**

**SPENCER CORSETS**  
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about two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. John Hilderbrand drove to Echo Sunday to attend the funeral of Dr. Gray.

Mrs. Howard Pratt and Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand drove to Portland for the day Monday.

Mrs. Gordon Harper spent Monday shopping in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Rhinehart and family drove to The Dalles Saturday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace made the trip.

Wasco people attending the grange picnic Sunday at Bear Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bruckert.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Mason and children Joanne, Eddy and Karen, arrived Saturday from Spokane, Wn., for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg. Sunday they all drove to the grange pic-

nic at Bear Springs and then on to Timberline lodge where they went up the mountain in the chair lift to have a snow ball fight.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hesgard of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hubbard and son Mickie of the Walla Walla college are expected late this week for a visit at the LeRoy Hesgard home.

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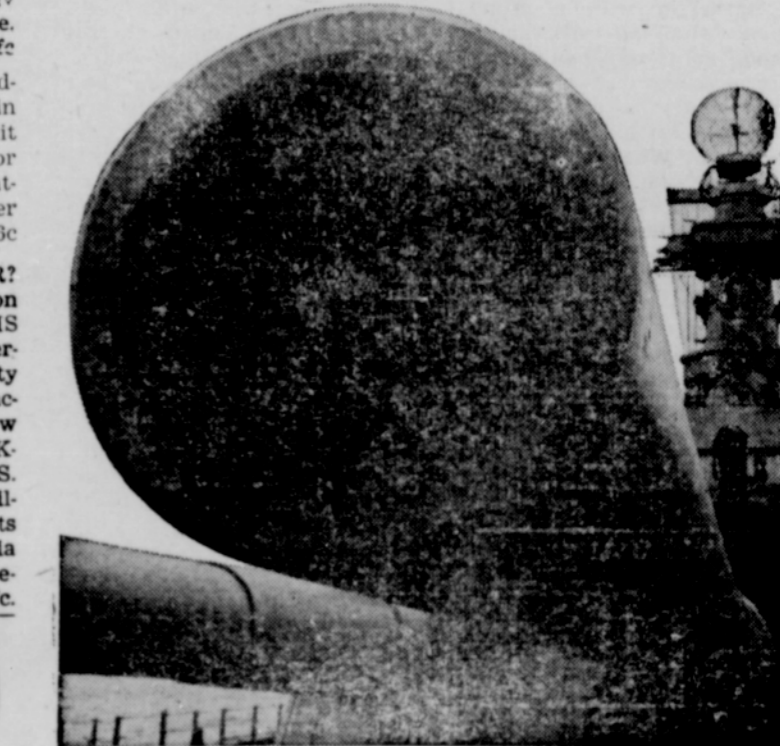
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