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ELECTION COMING

Next Tuesday voters will have their say after weeks of listening and reading claims of many candidates. What they say will be final for at least two years.

There is general consensus of opinion that President Eisenhower will be returned to office especially since Stevenson has made his campaign on stopping H bomb testing which could hamper the nation's defense. Also Stevenson has been adopting some of Harry Truman's characteristics which does not fit his normal intellectual approach to problems. Furthermore he is hitched to that Tennessee clown who has added nothing to the dignity or accuracy of the campaign.

The McKay-Morse race of Oregon comes into the straight-away with the men neck and neck according to polls taken a week or tendays ago. Morse has had the most money to spend and labor may put him over in the last few days by personal and telephone solicitation. Unless COPE can provide the final boost it looks as if McKay will come up in the stretch. It seems to this newspaper that Morse has become ineffective because of his bitter criticisms on the senate floor of everyone who does not agree with him. His ego has overcome his brilliance.

Al Ullman is making a harder race against Sam Coon than in 1954 but is tied to the same issue: Hells canyon dam. He is more of a rabble rouser than Coon, more excitable and exciting and much less calm and thoughtful. We prefer Coon.

Eastern Oregonians will naturally like Elmo Smith over Bob Holmes because of residence and the chance to get an eastern Oregon man on the board of control. Smith is an executive and the governorship is an executive job. Holmes is a talker who makes decisions reluctantly.

There is a vast difference in the candidates for secretary of state. Mark Hatfield is a young man who has been dean of men at Willamette and has some training at organization. He is a state senator. Monroe Sweetland has experience at political organizing, has made a life of it. At business he has a poor record. Sweetland is a member of the Americans for Democratic Action and has been active in other groups on the red fringe. Hatfield is much safer.

Sig Unander, state treasurer, is opposed by the very political assessor of Multnomah county, who has made almost no campaign. Unander has been a good state treasurer.

Bob Thornton started his term as attorney general with some political moves that brought down on him wrath of many attorneys but changes in the Democratic party seemed to improve him. He is opposed by Carl Francis, state senator. It is our opinion that Thornton is the more stable choice.

This county is now linked with Hood River and Wasco in the state senatorial district. John Hounsell of Hood River is seeking re-election. He is an apple grower and successful; is intelligent, able, experienced, and bears the respect of his colleagues. In all of these things he is in contrast to his opponent. Hounsell by all means.

Two Sherman countians are running for state representative in the four county district. Both are of old families, both farmers. Tom has had two sessions experience, has developed into one of the most able tax men in the house and advanced in knowledge of educational problems. Both of these subjects are important to the district and there is need for experience in them in the legislature this time for most of the tax men are moving to the senate or retiring. Tom is entitled to another term.

CITY MEASURE
Not to be behind other branches of government the city of Moro has a measure to be voted on this November. It would raise the tax limitation from \$746.40 to \$8000. For years the city has had a tax base that was unrealistically low. A few years ago the legislature

approved and the people voted constitutional amendment permitting municipal corporations to raise their tax base by a vote of the people. This is what the officials are trying to do.

We are sympathetic with the aims but think they aimed far too high.

Human nature being what it is it is almost certain that if the tax base was \$8000 the city levying board would raise \$8000. It would then grow by \$480 per year the first year and six percent thereafter.

The \$9630 the city of Moro is raising this year makes a millage of 36.6 for city purposes. The \$8000 would mean a millage of about 30. That is too high for a town that is not growing. It is hard for a town to compete if its taxes are too high for those who work there can very easily live where else.

We know of no program of improvement for the general benefit that will be worth a 30 mill tax the wells are drilled and the state takes care of the streets.

There is some fear on the part of councilmen that the state will ask the city to build a sewage disposal plant which is estimated to cost \$126,000. This cannot be built without a vote of the people and if built would mean a debt of approximately fifty per cent of the valuation of the town. Once the town was in debt 44 per cent of its valuation and couldn't pay it.

Had the councilmen been realistic and asked for a \$4000 tax base it would have been advisable and would have saved many special elections. The figure is too high. It would endanger the value of property in the city and make Moro a less attractive place in which to live.

COMMUNIST PARTY
Probably because we are a newspaper we have received a little pamphlet from the communist party of Oregon, giving a post-office box address but giving no name.

It tells the platform of the communists together with some slams at "capitalism" which has blocked progress according to the pamphlet. Our reaction is that this country has done reasonably well under capitalism compared to communist countries but there be those who disagree.

The communists believe in stopping H-bomb tests and the draft, in prompt enforcement of desegregation by the federal government, repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, shift from huge military budget, 100 per cent parity for family sized farm (whatever that is), distribution of surplus food at home and abroad, high Hells canyon dam.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.
Laura Grabenhorst, N.G.; Vada DeMoss, Secretary

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.
John Shipley, N. G.
Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.
Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.
Dorene Hall, W. M.
Dorothy Heater, Secretary

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.
Dean Pinkerton, W. M.
Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

DON'T VOTE SALMON OFF YOUR PLATE!



Measure Number 7, if passed, will prevent sea food fishermen from fishing in our coastal bays.

Here's what will happen:

1. It will limit catches when they are needed most for the retail market.
2. It will increase the cost of Salmon due to seasonal scarcity.
3. It will cripple Oregon's important fishing industry.
4. It will be a hardship on hundreds employed in the fishing industry.

Vote AGAINST this bill - it will HURT OREGON!

MEASURE 7

OREGON SALMON CONSERVATION LEAGUE
P. J. Williams, Rt. 3, Box 5, Tillamook, Oregon

VOTE NO

anyon dam. There is no doubt that the communist program would do away with capitalism. It would also do away with the country. But then, what's what they'd like to do so s just as well to know about it.

Moro Personals

Eddie Peters visited Sherman county last week end, coming up from Portland while on one of his flying trips to visit branches of the Calavo distributors of San Francisco.

Jim Wallace, fullback of the JV team that won over Condon here fondly sustained a broken ankle some and was taken to a hospital to have it attended to that evening.

Rain continued intermittently for the larger part of the week to make up the small deficit between normal and the 1956 October fall. With warm weather, and without frosts, the wheat is getting a good start.

Halloween was observed in proper fashion in Moro, windows being waxed with marks and some words which are more often written after dark than in daylight.

People's Column

To the Editor:
Citizens of the city of Moro are to vote in the coming election on the proposition to raise the city tax base from \$746.40 to \$8000.00. With the recent receipt of tax notices, I fear some people may confuse this question and associate it with an increase of their taxes. The approval of this proposition WILL NOT increase city taxes.

Taxes are determined by the amount of money needed to meet the budget proposed by the city council and city budget committee at their joint meeting each spring. In the past five years, the citizens of Moro, in special elections have made the same amount of money available that the increase in the tax base will accomplish. By increasing the tax base, the costly special elections can be eliminated. Taxes will not be increased because this represents the same amount of money voted in past special elections. Citizens will continue to control the budget by their city budget committee and their participation at the budget meeting.

I have heard objections to raising the base to \$8000; that 3-or-4000 might be approved, but \$8000 was too much. The answer to this question is simple. It has required this amount of money the past several years to accomplish the improvements in streets, water supply, water lines and fire protection: If the citizens of Moro desire further improvements in streets, a better sewer system and more adequate sewage disposal, it will be necessary to continue to have this amount of money. Therefore, if the base

were raised to \$4000, a costly special election would again be necessary to raise additional money.

If the base increase is approved, this does not mean that the full base will be used in the budget. The budget committee and citizens of Moro can reduce the budget to the amount they desire at the spring budget meeting. It merely means that up to \$8000 can be raised without further special elections.

This is an economizing measure for the city and I strongly urge citizens of Moro to vote yes on this measure.

William E. Hall
Mayor

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Write, contact, or phone J. W. DODD, TYGH VALLEY, OREGON, Eastern Ore. Mgr. Wm. J. Collins & Co. Reference, 1st National, and U. S. National banks. 50c-1tn

WANTED: To buy scrap iron and junk of all kinds. Drop card and will call. F. E. Godier, Rufus. Member Rufus Grange. 52c

FOR SALE: 5 room home with basement, patio and garage, stucco inside and out, insulated, wall to wall carpet in living and family room, oil furnace heat, very reasonable. Also: sacrifice Hardware, Lumber, Iron and Feed business. 20 city lots. Some terms if desired. Call 611 days 203 evenings, Grass Valley, Oregon. 47p

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom house with 12 adjoining lots, in Grass Valley, Ore. Contact August Wassenmiller, Tygh Valley, Ore. 47fn

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service, spray or brush. Phoneheld on the same day. The election officers appointed to conduct the regular city general election to be held on the same day will serve as election officers at this city tax base election.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Moro, this 8th day of October, 1956.
Cloyd E. Duncan
City Recorder
51-52-1c

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ESTABLISH NEW CITY TAX BASE

On November 6, 1956, in the City of Moro, Sherman County, from 8:00 a. m. till 8:00 p. m., a City tax base election will be held at which the following proposition will be submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection:
ESTABLISHING NEW CITY TAX BASE. Shall the City of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, increase its tax base from \$746.40 to \$8000.00?
YES—
NO—

This proposition, if adopted, will establish a new tax base for the City of Moro, Oregon, for the purpose of applying the limitation on taxation set forth in section 11, Article XI, Oregon Constitution. The present tax base is \$746.40, the new tax base if adopted will be \$8000.00, and the new tax base if adopted shall first apply to the levy for the fiscal year following this election.

The polling places for the city tax base election will be the same polling places as designed for the regular city general election to be

held on the same day. The election officers appointed to conduct the regular city general election to be held on the same day will serve as election officers at this city tax base election.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Oral M. Dick & Dick, Administratrix

DICK & DICK
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorneys for the Estate 53-3c

Re-elect




Charles A. Tom
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
22nd District

Have four years experience in Legislature, have served on Taxation and Education interim committees and am learning much that is of value to the district.

Pd. Ad by C. A. Tom, Rufus

Re-elect



John Hounsell
State Senator 16th District

Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman Wasco and Wheeler Counties

Pd. Adv. by Hounsell for Senator Committee

You can count on Doug McKay to represent YOU

Doug McKay says: "I believe a senator should represent the people that elected him—what they think and what they believe is the best for our country. My opponent said "If I knew that every man and woman in Oregon was for this bill, I would vote against it."

Doug McKay is for Eisenhower and will support his policies and Eisenhower is for McKay and will help him aid Oregon.

Doug McKay is a veteran of two wars and knows the value of peace from personal experience. He will aid Eisenhower in maintaining the peace. Eisenhower has brought the first national prosperity without war the nation has known for 30 years



VOTE DOUG MCKAY SENATOR

His knowledge of the capital and his integrity assure you EFFECTIVE, ABLE Senate Representation

Pd. Adv. by Republican Central Committee, W. R. Reid, Wasco,