

Constitution Big Issue of Nov. 3

Preservation of American System of Government at Stake.

Experts on pre-election trends recognize that not for three generations has the Constitution been so dominant in American thought as in the 1936 campaign. Various issues have been raised in the New Deal's defense of its four-year record but the experts believe that many thousands will go to the polls particularly to vote on this one fundamental question:

Shall the American system of Government be preserved?

In the press, on the radio and from public rostrums warnings have been issued that constitutional self-government may be at stake in the election. It is predicted that great numbers of voters who are classed as stay-at-homes will be eager to cast a ballot this year on a matter so universally important.

Appeal To Voters.

In advance of the primaries last Spring the American Liberty League issued a call to all voters to go to the polls this year. The League is a nation-wide organization whose basic purpose is to uphold and defend the Constitution. It issued a letter to its more than 100,000 members to inaugurate a Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign. The appeal was made to adherents of all parties, regardless of how they proposed to vote. There was a favorable response from all sections of the country and this was emphasized by widespread expression of approval in the press.

Millions Don't Vote.

It was brought out in the League letter that 30,000,000 potential voters failed to take advantage of their right to cast ballots in the presidential election of 1932. After citing the importance of the constitutional issue the letter said:

"In such circumstances every citizen owes a duty to himself, to his family and to his Nation. His duty is the free and intelligent exercise of his right of franchise—his vote. The ballot which a free citizen casts may be compared with the payment of a premium upon his insurance policy. If the premium is not paid, the policy lapses and he and his family lose the protection for which he has labored and saved for years. The exercise of your right to vote constitutes the premium you pay to protect the most valuable insurance policy every written—the Constitution of the United States."

Fifty-three per cent of the potential voters on the average remained away from the polls in the last four presidential elections. It is generally anticipated that this average will be considerably reduced on November 3.

Probe of Politics in Relief Delayed

Demands for investigation of alleged misuse of relief funds for political purposes were made many months ago but it was not until late September that the Senate Committee on Campaign Expenditures finally decided to investigate. Conditions in Pennsylvania, it was announced, would be the subject of an inquiry. Charges that relief administrators were squandering money and were requiring those on the relief rolls to line up with the New Deal had been made by many prominent individuals, including former Governor Gifford Pinchot and Senator James J. Davis.

Exploiting human misery for political purposes is a charge that is so offensive to American ideals that it might have been expected that the New Deal would seize the first opportunity to clear itself.

Dividends and Taxes

A striking example of the huge slice taken from business incomes by the tax collector is found in a recent report of the American Petroleum Institute. A study of the 1935 financial reports of 14 oil companies whose total net worth represents more than one-third of all capital invested in the petroleum industry indicates that payments for dividends were only 22 per cent as large as payments for taxes. Car owners are probably bearing the heaviest burden of these taxes.

Civil Service.

The merit system of appointments to government jobs has suffered under the New Deal. The last annual report of the Civil Service Commission states that at the end of the fiscal year 1933 the competitive classified service represented only 63.3 per cent of all civil employees in the Executive branch. During the preceding administration this group represented about 80 per cent of the total.

The Federal Payroll.

On February 28, 1933, just before the New Deal administration came in, the number of civil officers and employees on the Federal payroll was \$63,437. On June 30, 1936, the end of the last fiscal year, this payroll total was \$21,250, an increase of about 46 per cent.

4-H Clubbers Return From Visit at Big Show in Portland

Mary Esther Davis and Ernest Lathrop, Central Point, returned late last week from Portland where, for three days during the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, they were the guests of The First National Bank of Portland and where Ernest won two third prizes with his Berkshire swine entries at the Exposition.

The young people won the Portland trips by being selected the outstanding 4-H Club members of Jackson County and as such were honored during their Portland visits.

In Portland they joined the party of 40 other winners from 20 Oregon counties, occupying two floors of a downtown hotel. As guests of the bank, they attended the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, the horseshow, the theatre, the annual 4-H Club banquet, toured The First National Bank of Portland and were honored at a dinner party attended by bank officers and county agents.

Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis L. Davis, Route 1, Central Point and is a senior at Sams Valley high school. During her nine years of 4-H Club work, she has finished projects in canning, cooking, sewing, room-improvement, livestock gardening and has led two canning clubs. At the state fair this year she won third prize in canning and sixth in cooking. In 1934 she won a summer school scholarship to Oregon State College. With her 25 exhibits shown during her 4-H Club participation, she has won almost \$40 in prizes.

Ernest Lathrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, Central Point, is a freshman at Oregon State College where he is majoring in agriculture. In his nine years of 4-H Club work, he has devoted his projects entirely to livestock, crops and agriculture, winning a summer school scholarship to Oregon State College in 1934 and belonging to judging teams sent to the State Fair and the Pacific International in 1933.

Accidents May Lift Insurance Rates

The motorist today is making the automobile insurance rates of tomorrow, and the greater the number of accidents the higher the rates will go, according to W. R. McDonald, insurance expert and director of the Oregon State Motor Association in charge of safety.

"No insurance company makes rates," said McDonald. "That is a most important fact for every motorist to remember. The stock companies merely combine their experience; that is, the results of their business dealings with their policy holders and from these statistics the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters scientifically figures out the rate for each section of the country and every type of car."

The safety director said that the Oregon accident situation this year is alarming, inasmuch as there had been an increase of more than one-third in motor vehicle crashes and an increase of one-sixth in deaths over the same period of 1935.

"The rates of today reflect yesterday's driving," McDonald added. "That is because actuaries and statisticians must have completed experience to guide them. If yesterday's driving was reckless and careless, producing accidents which resulted in deaths and injuries to others and property damage beyond reasonable expectation, the motorist is paying now in increased rates. If he in the past magnified and padded small claims when he knew the other fellow was insured, he is also paying for that."

"The motorist of today, with his eye to the future, can decrease the number of accidents through careful driving; he can realize for himself and pass the word to his neighbors that they are spending the money of all automobile drivers instead of the company's; he can persuade the petty claimants to act toward the company as they would with their neighbors. If he will do that this year, next year's rates will come down."

C-E Rally To Be Held in G. Pass

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Christian Endeavor Union of Southern Oregon at Ashland Sunday evening it was decided that the postponed rally to have been held in Jacksonville, will be held in Grants Pass instead on October 23, at 7:30 p. m.

It was also decided to name Ashland as the place for holding the Convention in November 27-29.

Following the rally further details concerning the convention will be announced.



Mary Esther Davis and Ernest Lathrop, Central Point, are photographed at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition last week with some of the Berkshire swine with which Ernest won third prizes. The young people won the trip to the Exposition for being the outstanding 4-H Club members of Jackson County, in a contest sponsored by The First National Bank of Portland.

Beavers Prepare to Invade U. W. Field

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 13.—"Two down and one to go" is the reading of the Oregon State first half schedule this week as the Beavers prepare for their invasion of the University of Washington stronghold next Saturday, October 17. The two down—U. S. C. and California—are a game each up on the Beavers, but Coach Lon Stiner is anything but discouraged over the outlook for the balance of the year.

Meeting the three top teams of the league in three successive Saturdays is a tough assignment for any squad, but the Staters are all fired up and expect to burst into scoring

flames soon. They held California 7-0, doing so on a day as hot as any California can produce at this time of year.

Faced with the definite loss of John Alexander for at least this next game, Stiner is going ahead with practice sessions in which varsity and reserves will scrimmage at least twice against the rooks.

After the showing the reserves made in the last contest, some of the regulars will be hard pressed to hold down their berths. The newer men, together with those who are playing their positions for the first time this year, have been Stiner's principal worry. Now that they are shaping up so well, the entire squad is well balanced physically and mentally, with less dependence being placed on any one or two men as definite stars.

Out of Town Visitors At Limbeck Home

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Boomer of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Okeson of Ashland and Mrs. C. J. Morris of San Francisco were dinner guests at the Limbeck home on Sunday.

The Limbeck's, Okeson's and Morris's were old time friends and neighbors at Cayuga, North Dakota. A social hour was spent at the Okeson home on Tuesday evening by these three families and a motor trip to Crater Lake was taken on Thursday.

Mrs. Morris left Friday morning for Portland. She will visit at M.

neapolis, and various points in N. Dakota before returning to her home in the Bay City at Christmas time.

Girl Scout News

By IRIS HILL

The Girl Scouts held their meeting for October 9th in the Scout hall. Games were played. We then had the colors after which we went to our patrol corners to study our various tests.

Quite a few new members have joined, yet not as many as we would like to have.

A special urge is given to high school students as very few are members.



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