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Just Vote Intelligently

In its campaign to encourage people to vote in the November general election, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, through the Women's Club of Hiteon, urges women of the Tualatin valley to participate in the coming election.

By pamphlet, the federation declares our country is in danger of a "citizen deficit" of nearly 66 2/3% who fail to live up to their responsibilities of citizenship by going to the polls.

In 1946, only 34,398,429 citizens voted. This year, across the nation, there will be more than 94,641,000 eligible citizens. What percentage of these qualified voters will express their choice in the presidential election coming?

When a nation of any people allows its government to be chosen by only one-third of its eligible citizens, the majority will not be served. Such a practice threatens the very fundamentals of a democratic process.

Nothing so personally affects the people of the United States than the laws and regulations of the federal, state and county governments. And once elections are over, such governmental divisions are designated "the people's choice" and there is no relief for slovenly citizenship and vote non-participation.

To be a responsible citizen, of course, requires the taking part of all elections. But the requirements also go deeper than that.

The only votes that should be cast are intelligent votes which express the convictions of those who do the balloting. It is as harmful for people to vote blindly and without knowledge as it is for them to abstain from voting entirely.

There remains but some two and a half weeks before November 2. Registration books have long been closed for voter-qualification. Yet, in the intervening time, people still have the opportunity to find out the issues involved and the candidates who are seeking election.

Whether individually or by interested groups, voters should carefully examine all candidates for all offices as well as referendums and constitutional amendments which are up for balloting.

That this is a serious, difficult job need not be denied. The amount of pros and cons on all candidates and ballot issues adds a heavy burden to calm appraisal. But it must be done, if there will be any chance for an intelligent opinion on matters of grave national, state and local importance.

Sometimes one's own opinions improve by comparing them with others'. There is an advantage to one's logic by attacking the subject of political assessment in groups, whether formal or informal.

Should a person not complete his proper political investigation before the election date, he would perhaps better discharge his responsibility of citizenship by voting for candidates and issues only to the extent of his firm, honest, sincere conviction.

There is danger, indeed, when one-third of a nation alone determines the government of the majority.

That danger is eased only by casting a proper ballot. The advice to remember is, "Just vote intelligently!"

Just A Spark To Start

The encroachment of a large, metropolitan area upon neighboring suburbs is not an isolated instance of appetite. All through the nation, the pattern is repeated, time after time. And the possibility of Portland's postal department reaching out for an increase in business volume by absorbing adjacent post offices and turning them into branch offices of the main P. O., is not a remote dream. It is a natural policy of the postal department as can be seen in examples of recent note.

The matter of community identity apparently enters very little into the thinking of post office directors. Now part of the "Greater Portland" area and so served from the main post office, are Milwaukie, Sellwood, St. Johns and Linnton.

At one time, these were individual cities whose location was definitely identified by postal address. Today, they are non-entities as branch offices of the Portland postmark.

We would not feel so strongly against the expansion of the Portland post office if it were not for the lamentable fact that such expansion is at the cost of the communities absorbed. We believe that the address of Metzger, Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood, Beaverton, Huber, Aloha or Reedville, for instance is in every way as desirable as "Branch office, Portland, Oregon".

It is easier than many might suppose to put over the absorption of a suburban community. Petitions can be signed so easily by persons who, on serious thought, would rather keep the identity and the service of a present post office than embark on the status of a branch of Portland.

It takes just a spark to start a fire. And the move to wipe out a local post office could start just as easily.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

I'm Glad We're "Different!"

There's a lot of difference of opinion in our county on the best kind of pasture. Some say alfalfa mixed with brome grass—others say mixed with oats or barley. But all agree that a mixture's better than a single crop.

I sometimes think people are the same way—and the strength of America is its mixture of so many different strains—some from one country, some from another—right down to little differences: like folks who have a taste for beer and those who prefer cider.

From where I sit, so long as we never become intolerant of one another's different tastes—so long as we live together with our differences, and even supplement them the way brome grass does alfalfa, then we're a mighty good crop!

So neighbor—enjoy your cider while I enjoy my beer! Vote for your candidate—I'll stand by mine! But never let our differences divide us!

Joe Marsh

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

Northwest Communities Our Contemporaries In Events As Chronicled by

NO GULLIBLE EDITOR
In Baker, where the hydroelectric referendum No. 306-307 is a matter of deep concern even more heightened than elsewhere in the state, there is one editor who asks how gullible he should be... and then goes on to state his position on the controversial issue, without mincing words.

The entire Northwest and state of Oregon, as well as Eastern Oregon and Baker, itself, are vitally concerned by the fate of the hydroelectric referendum, declares the RECORD-COURIER, in urging the voting public not to emasculate a law which was passed in 1931 after bitter experience with utilities which had exploited but not developed the West's greater resource—waterpower.

Hell's Canyon, proposed federal project, which it describes as the world's highest dam, with abundant power potential and a 20 to 50% increase in storage will mean to power production at dams on the Lower Snake and Columbia rivers, is on one side of the argument. The Oxbow project of private utility companies, which grew in plans from its 6,000 kw capacity of some 40 years to a dream-castle, 140,000 kw, costing some \$25 million, as part of a system of four dams on the Snake river and 400,000 kw is on the other side.

The editor points out that as far as the present Oregon law is concerned Oxbow could be developed without interference so the necessity of amending the law has not been shown.

The whole fight, it is declared, personifies Eastern Oregon's fight for maximum cheap power at the top, Snake River rung of the Columbia basin development. Both candidates for presidency of the U. S. have endorsed Hell's Canyon, putting it in a high priority rank of recommended Northwest developments.

"Any private investment is beneficial," the article points out, "but it must always give way to thoroughfares and other public necessity including regional river development."

"Why change a good law, to get less?"

NOW COMES WINTER

With the official closing of fall term registrations on October 9 of the Eastern Oregon College at La Grande, thoughts of prospective enrollees must take note of the winter term for which they might sign up from now on.

Student rolls at the college, reports the Easter Oregon Review, reached 600 this fall, an increase of 27 over last spring's enrollment of 573. It is a decrease, however of 26 students from the fall enrollment of 1947.

On the campus are 367 men, 200 of them veterans, and 233 women. Freshmen outnumber any other class, with 244 listed.

CONSOLES TRUMAN

If there were ever a political fact to console supporters of Pres-

ident H. S. Truman, in Columbia county, it is the fact that among more than 12,000 registered voters signed up at the county seat of St. Helens, a plurality of 1,653 declare themselves to be Democrats.

Total figure, reports the SENTINEL-MIST, shows 6,760 Democrats and 5,077 staunch followers of the GOP.

More than 1500 more voters will be eligible to take part in the November 2 election than qualified for the May 21 primary.

CLACKAMAS TOO

The margin of Demos over Repubs in Clackamas county isn't so great, it is pointed out in Oregon City, but they do dominate by the slim plurality of 8 names.

It is the first time in modern history that such a political trend is indicated, declares the BAN-NER-COURIER, although the GOP ruled the 1940 presidential election lists by only 2 in 1940.

Total registration for the county is 41,997, of which 20,695 are Democrats and 20,687 are Republicans. In the May 21 primary, there were 265 more Republicans, with 19,389 than Democrats with 19,124.

TO CLOSE OR NOT TO

The city of Gresham, like Hamlet of dramatic fame, has a dilemma. It is not the "to be or not to be" question but a matter of "to close or not to close."

The Chamber of Commerce, reports the OUTLOOK, is taking the lead with an open forum of business men to decide whether or not Armistice day, November 11, should be scrupulously observed by the city.

Not only will there be discussion of the matter. Those present will have opportunity to vote on an official course to be followed.

SATURDAY TREAT

Many municipalities devote thought and time to the problem of providing recreation for the children resident within their boundaries. But the city of Sherwood comes up with a novel treat.

Business men, in a meeting, began plans and promotion, reports the VALLEY NEWS, for a free show each Saturday afternoon with kids as honor guests.

HOSPITAL DOOMER

Oregon state board of health regulations have increased hospital standards to such an extent that Forest Grove will either construct a new hospital or be without one by 1950.

Quoting the lady owner of the Forest Grove general hospital, the

NEWS TIMES reveals that most Oregon communities will make improvements or additions to come up to the new standards set.

The Forest Grove institution which has occupied present quarters for 11 1/2 years, would not meet requirements even through remodeling and expansion.

WANTA BE SHERIFF?

Second best it might be. But, at least, if anyone in Hillsboro or Washington county wants to be a sheriff, there are more than 120 openings awaiting.

Says the ARGUS, the Washington county sheriff's reserves is ready to make a planned expansion from its present 27 men to 150. Members will serve without pay, on a voluntary basis. In order to be admitted to the sacrosanct ranks of the organization, a recruit must be recommended by one of the present members or a member of the regular sheriff's force.

The reserves aid the sheriff's office in handling crowds at county fairs, air shows, civic gatherings and emergency work during any disaster.

Two Give Lives

PORTLAND, ORE.—The young people at the foot of Mt. Adams had put on a skit and to this day, Harold cannot recall the lines. But as he went out to milk the cow that night, the scenes kept coming back and out of it Harold made his decision. Then came college and Med school and now as an M. D. he and Marjory are soon to leave for China—Medical Missionaries.

Yes, we need more M. D.'s here in America. But the Lord also commands His people to tell the man afar off that God had a Son who died for him. To all who hear and believe, God gives new birth with new days for here and now and eternal life. And when the roll of the saved is filled, the curtain drops on this present age to rise again with Christ seated as World Ruler.

Now see a heathen convert. Zamaede, young Zulu would go out as a Bible teacher. But try and try, he cannot learn to read. Then he went alone for a whole day of prayer. Out of it—GOD MADE THE BIBLE TALK TO ME, his words. For many years now he has been a Bible man among the Zulus. Report by BAGLEY IVERSON, You Born-Again's grow up out of Christian babyhood as you feed on the Bible and pray.

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One of a series of advertisements discussing a topic of vital public interest.

City Club Report Blasts Arguments AGAINST LIQUOR-BY-THE-GLASS!

For years the City Club of Portland has been noted for the thoroughness of its studies and the impartiality of its reports on candidates and political measures. A City Club report just submitted on the Oregon Liquor Dispensing Licensing Act (Knox Law Improvement) while making no specific voting recommendation, completely disposes of the arguments most commonly advanced against this measure.

Don't be fooled by the propaganda of the prohibitionists. Here are the facts, as reported by a City Club Committee composed of seven leading citizens, including a minister.

Arguments Against the Bill

1. It would increase drinking, drunkenness and alcoholism in Oregon.

The City Club report says this argument is an "opinion only, unfounded on provable fact!"

2. The passage of this bill will lead to the return of wide open drinking throughout the state. A further possibility is the eventual breakdown of the Knox Law and complete revulsion by the public who would then hasten to dry up the state through local option elections.

The City Club report says this argument "is not based on fact. A careful search of the local option laws in the various states fails to show any correlation between the method of dispensing liquor and any trend toward dryness."

3. Liquor will be consumed in public places such as restaurants and hotels which are frequented by women and children.

The City Club report says "this argument is advanced by nearly all the dry forces. Its cogency depends on one's attitude toward drinking in public or semi-public places."

Actually, this argument is downright silly.

There will be plenty of restaurants to which women and children can go without being exposed to drinking in public places.

The argument of drinking by minors also fails to stand up. All provisions of the Knox Law covering this subject will continue in full force. Obviously, licensed establishments, operating in the open won't dare serve minors; the risk is too great.

4. If the bill passes and if the serving of liquor by-the-glass is as profitable as the proponents believe it will be, tremendous political pressure will be exerted on the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for issuing of new licenses. The City Club report says this argument "depends upon the profits from selling liquor by the glass under this bill, and secondly upon the attitude and integrity of the Commission."

5. The bill is discriminatory because all establishments which would like to serve liquor by the drink will not be licensed.

The City Club report says this argument "is valid only depending upon one's point of view. It discriminates against the beer taverns which cannot be licensed under this bill. However, with 277 restaurants (81 in Portland) and 105 clubs (18 in Portland) being potentially eligible to hold dispensing licenses under this proposed bill, your committee feels that the general public will not be discriminated against."

The City Club report clarifies the entire issue when it says: "The proposed bill would modify the present Knox Law only to the extent that it substitutes the dispenser's bottle for that of the customer's."

Oregon has much to gain and nothing to lose by improving the Knox Law. Why require purchase of a bottle? Legalize liquor by-the-glass.

VOTE 314 X YES

Liquor Dispensing Licensing Act

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