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The Primary Is Here

Following several weeks of campaigning, in which some contests reached the boiling point, candidates have arrived at the stage where they must leave their political fortunes in the hands of the voters. All that could be said or done has been accomplished and if anyone has overlooked a point it will have to be taken up two years hence.

It is regrettable that unpleasanties have to enter into a political campaign. In the heat of battle, goaded by the enemy, men become angry and temporarily lose their composure. At such times they do and say things they are almost certain to regret when they have had time to reflect. Thus we find the Morse-Holman contest enlivened, overshadowing other races wherein the candidates are just as worthy and where they may suffer through lack of campaign attention. There are posts and whether or not we may think the best fine qualities in all of the men seeking senatorial man has won we are failing in our belief in democracy and the party system of government if we choose not to accept the majority opinion as expressed at the polls. It will be difficult for some Oregon editors to reverse the stand they have taken in the primary if their candidate loses. Some, it is reported, will support the democratic nominee for senator if their candidate is defeated in the primary. This seems hardly playing the game according to Hoyle or the Marquis of Queensbury and should be a lesson in prudence to those who go so far in one direction that they cannot accept the will of the majority.

It has been the policy of this newspaper to support those candidates deemed in the editor's opinion as best fitted to serve. If our judgment has been poor, the error has been of the head and not of the heart. It will be our purpose to lend what support we can to the successful candidates and will endeavor to avoid bitterness and rancor.

Perestrian Safety Improving

There are signs that pedestrians are getting a better break at street crossings and along highways in Oregon. A current report from the office of Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state, shows that a 26 percent reduction in pedestrian fatalities has

been recorded in the state this year. Seventeen pedestrians have been killed in traffic this year, compared to 23 for the same period last year.

This record can be improved if pedestrians will study traffic rules. Crossing streets between intersections is inviting injury or death. The same may be said for those who walk on the wrong side of a highway. It is a good policy for both pedestrians and drivers to observe each other's rights. When this is done only the unavoidable accidents will happen.

While pedestrian fatalities have been lessened, motor vehicle deaths have multiplied, painting a dark picture of the traffic accident situation in Oregon for the year 1944. Grade crossing deaths for the first four months totaled 14, an increase of 366 percent over the toll of three for the comparative period of 1943. In the year of 1943, only six persons were killed at grade crossings, eight less than the four months toll this year.

These figures should remind us that regardless of curtailed driving, we should exercise care when driving on the highway—be sure a grade crossing is clear before driving upon a railroad track, keep on your side of the road, and be sure your car is in good driving condition before taking it on the road.

One Eastern Oregon Candidate

Republican voters should be reminded that of all the lists of candidates for delegate to the national convention, E. P. Dodd of Hermiston is the only one from Eastern Oregon, or from outside of the Portland area. Dodd filed for delegate at large when Willkie was a candidate and announced his support of the erstwhile presidential candidate, hence his slogan remains on the ballot.

Dodd stands for a liberal Republican platform and will vote for the man who supports that platform.

He has been a resident of Hermiston for 37 years and is a former newspaper publisher; served in the legislature and in 1934 was a candidate for governor. He has no personal political ambition, except to see the right man for president and a forward looking platform.

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

By Lauren Corwin, Scribe
A Camporee was held at McCaleb's cabin May 12 and 13. All of the troops in Morrow county were invited but Boardman was unable to come.

The Camporee was run on a patrol basis with all of the patrols being judged on their camp, cooking and various other things. The patrols rated as follows: Beaver patrol, Heppner, proficient; Cobra and Panther patrols, standard. The lone

troop which came as one patrol also rated standard. Lexington, which also came as one patrol was given a participating award.

A Court of Honor was held at the camp with the following badges being awarded: second class, Vonnie Adams, Heppner; Star, Lauren Corwin, Heppner; nine of the ten boys from Ione were given Tenderfoot badges. Merit badge in music, Bobby Bennett, Heppner; merit badge in civics, Lauren Corwin Heppner. The Ione troop which was

organized a month ago received its first year charter.

WIGHTMANS RETURNING

Mrs. Claude Graham drove to Portland Wednesday morning to bring her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wightman, home. Mr. Wightman is recovering satisfactorily from the effects of a recent surgical operation and while the family wanted him to stay in the city until fully recovered, he says he is all right and wants to come home.

Young Musicians Greeted By Large Crowd Tuesday Night

The large gymnasium auditorium was filled Tuesday evening on the occasion of the 14th annual concert by the Heppner school band. It not only was the 14th annual appearance of the senior band but the initial appearance for the beginners' band, a feature which delighted the audience.

Director Norbert Peavy injected a second feature into the program this year in presenting the band orchestra in several numbers, one of which included vocal work by Jean Turner. The beginners' band, orchestra and a baritone horn solo by Walter Skuzeski supplemented the work of the senior band and made for a pleasant evening's entertainment.


So many of the older boys have left for war service that instrumentation in the senior band has been reduced. This is particularly true in the brass section. The band has worked sans a bass player and with only a baritone and one trombone to hold up the bass section.

Taken by, and large the young people gave a creditable performance and Mr. Peavy is to be commended for carrying on under such adverse conditions.

NOW IN ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson received a letter from their son Kay this week dated in England. He thinks it is a beautiful country but still prefers "the hills of home." Kay spent several months in Ireland before his outfit was moved over to England.

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