

EDITORIAL



Still A Democracy

Returns from Tuesday's election indicate that a majority of Americans still favor a democratic form of government. Upsets in high places directly affecting the Administration show that the people, when confronted with the issue of choosing between self-government and statism, prefer the good old American right of self-assertion and that they intend to continue that way. It is a healthy sign, not so much because Republicans have replaced Democrats in numerous places as for the reason that the people are voting their convictions rather than following the trend that was leading this nation down the road to socialism which ultimately would mean a dictatorship. It must be that millions of voters have become aroused to the danger ahead in continually following the dictates of labor leaders, ward politicians, bureaucrats and all the other vote-controlling agencies built up during the past eighteen years of Tammanyized and Pendergasted Democratic administration.

The results of the election cannot bring much satisfaction to the Trudeal leadership in Oregon, where increased Democratic registration led the national committeeman and some of the candidates to believe that the Republican hold on state and congressional offices not only could but would be broken. Republican victories have been so decisive that one could easily be led to believe that Democrats were more inclined to repudiate their leadership than to yield to a desire to elect Republicans.

Building For The Future

One cannot be present at a 4-H club achievement banquet without gaining the impression that if this nation's future welfare is entrusted to the care of people trained in this work its future is safe—safe for democracy, that is. The premise upon which the 4-H emblem is designed—the head, the heart, the hand, and the health of the youngster joining the movement—pledges the member to work for a "Better Living for a Better America."

It is an earnest, forward looking group of young people that make up the 4-H membership. The nature of their projects is such that they cannot slight them and expect to gain recognition when achievement awards are made. The competitive influence spurs them on to complete their projects on time and to do their work well. Their understanding of the 4-H pledge will not permit them to do less.

This movement, nationwide in its scope and including hundreds of thousands of young folk, 4-H club leaders and extension workers, is exerting an influence on the nation's agriculture that augurs well for the future of the country. These boys and girls, the future leaders, may not win great political laurels, but they certainly will show the results of their training in production and management, of which many of our politicians have little intimate knowledge.

And it must be taken into consideration that

young people with something to do, particularly where they enjoy both pleasure and financial gain, find little time for getting into mischief. It is one of the best channels for solving the problem of juvenile delinquency and should be encouraged on every hand.

Following through on the 4-H club achievement party it is fitting to observe that the new county fair pavilion is an answer to the demand for gatherings of that nature in Heppner. Places were set for more than two hundred diners and two or three times that number could be handled with ease. The big building could accommodate any type of meeting that might be held here. The citizens of the community will come to appreciate having the pavilion in their midst when there has been opportunity to use it more. It is almost as close to all parts of the town as any other building offering similar advantages and since the public relies on automotive service to get to most functions distance is no handicap, and besides there is more parking space than other halls afford. The fair board should be given full support of the community in its efforts to complete the building, which at this time requires proper rest rooms, a heating plant, and ceiling. These things completed, the fair board could offer one of the best recreation centers in this section of the state.

Who Should Pay The Bill?

Local officials and sportsmen are pondering over the question of who should pay the bill when a hunter gets lost. It is a matter which, if presented to the game commission, might stir up a debate, but in the opinion of some of the spokesmen hereabouts bills incurred due to someone being lost and requiring organized searching parties should be met by the game commission.

The question was brought to the front following the experience of forty men last week who scoured the woods in the Potamus area in search of a Portland hunter who became lost. Searching parties were starting on the third day of the quest when the lost man was found. To feed forty men for two or three days requires a sizeable larder. The gasoline and other automotive expenses involved add considerable to the bill, to say nothing of the time taken off from regular duties by most of the searchers.

If the local people who have no other interest than the desire to save a life give their time and do the searching work, it looks like some other agency should shoulder the expense. In this instance, it looks like the game commission, which gets the fees from the licenses, should take some part in the cost of rescuing hunters. It seems, too, that people who can afford to go hunting these days should be able to recompense the searchers in part as a matter of gratitude.

The county has no fund set up for such emergencies and there is no particular reason why the local government should be responsible. That leaves the searchers in the position of paying their own expenses and we believe the game commission will agree that this is not just.

30 Years Ago

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The Star theater last night unpacked two brand new projecting machines which will soon be installed in the operating room to take the place of those now in use.

The big supper at the Masonic hall Friday evening, prepared by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, was well patronized by the Masonic brethren and a jolly good time was enjoyed by all.

Today is truly a holiday in Heppner. Everybody is preparing to turn out to assist the local post of the American Legion celebrate the second anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

Michael Fitzpatrick and Michael McGuire, native sons of Erin, received final citizenship papers from Judge Gilbert W. Phelps in this city on Monday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frederickson of Lexington on Thursday, November 4, a son.

George W. Milholland, Standard Oil agent and Arthur R. Crawford of the Gazette Times force made a motor trip to Monument Sunday. They report the roads over the mountains quite passable, except for extra heavy trucking.

George W. Chapin was down from Hardman Monday making delivery of a wagon load of apples from his Rock Creek ranch.

Adolph Majeski, who recently bought the Ed Day ranch on Rhea creek from Julian Rauch, was in town this week complet-

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Jay Walking

ing the papers for transfer of the property. Mr. Rauch bought the ranch a few months ago from Jeff Beamer.

M. E. Cotter, farmer of the Ione section, came up the first of the week to do jury duty at the regular session of circuit court.

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TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER
By GEORGE PECK

On November 26 1100 farm boys and girls will "blow" into the "Windy City" to attend the 29th annual 4-H Club Congress. For five days they will be treated to the best Chicago has to offer in educational tours, food, entertainment, etc.

These "farmers-in-the-making" from every part of the country are the state and national champions who for their outstanding achievements have won a trip to the 4-H congress. They will represent the nearly 2,000,000 members enrolled in the nation's 84,000 4-H clubs. Some 150 college scholarships will be presented to club members chosen for national honors; a total of \$15,112 in U. S. Savings Bonds and 227 watches will be given to state winners, and beautiful gold and silver medals representing 20 projects will be awarded to 4-H members for winning county honors.

All this has been made possible by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Clubs Work, Inc., which today is supported by nearly 50 industries, businessmen and women who are backing up their faith in the 4-H clubs with incentives valued at \$400,000 annually. This large sum is distributed for awards and leader-training funds in 4-H programs which range all the way from canning to tractor maintenance.

"The money," declares Guy L. Noble, director of the National 4-H committee, "is considered a sound investment in the nation's future by encouraging these rural boys and girls who have pledged their head, heart, hands, and health TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER."

"4-H youth learn by doing," Mr. Noble stated, "and guiding their efforts are 250,000 club leaders who work under the direction of the extension service of the state agricultural colleges to carry out 4-H program objectives." According to Noble, the teen-agers do a man-sized job of becoming independent farmers, while others have accumulated substantial bank accounts.

Among the companies which will make the 4-H Congress some thing for the youngsters to talk about for months to come are: Kellogg, Sears Roebuck, Firestone Tire and Rubber, International Harvester, Wilson and Co., Kerr Glass, Simplicity Pattern, Santa Fe Railroad, Chicago and Northwestern Railway, Montgomery Ward, Spool Cotton, America Forest Products Industries, Lederle Laboratories, Allis-Chalmers, Westinghouse Electric, Kelvator, the Standard Oil Companies, Carnation, Dearborn Motors, Custiss Candy, U. S. Rubber, Armour, and General Motors.

Thus, government-besmeared "big business" joins hands with "lesser business" to royally entertain the princes and princesses of America's farms. Thrilled to the core these lads and lassies will return to the communities from whence they came, bubbling with enthusiasm and added pride in doing the farm work well or better.

The Congress will not be all fun, entertainment, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and banquets. During the four-day session it will get down to serious business. Among other things it will be addressed by outstanding leaders of education, government and industry. The burden of these speeches will incorporate the 1950 theme of the 4-H clubs, "Better Living for a Better World."

We need have no fears regarding the future of agriculture in America, thanks to the 4-H clubs, the extension service of the agriculture colleges, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and business and industry operating through the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Inc.

Here's hoping these delegates who represent the world's largest youth group will enjoy to the full their four-day visit and will return to their homes fired with added zeal to win further laurels while they do their bit TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER.

WITHOUT A PARTY

By MORTON CLAUSEN

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Morton Clausen was for many years editor and publisher of the Hamilton (Illinois) Press).

By the time this column is published, the 1950 political campaign will be over—all but the shouting. But, there is really little to shout about when we realize that once again the two major political parties have failed to provide means for public decision on vital issues. Nor has there been the traditional choice between our two major political parties.

Serious internal differences have risen within both the Republican and Democratic parties, causing party platforms and principles to be so vapid and diluted that they are tasteless for public consumption. On most major issues there is no essential difference between the two parties. Once more the voter has been deprived of a clear-cut choice.

The Democratic party, being a captive of the Administration, has neither platform nor principles traditionally democratic. Whatever ideologies it holds forth have been usurped from the Socialist party. Norman Thomas, for nearly three decades the nominal leader of the Socialist party in this country, has announced that the Democrats have done such a good job of furthering the principles of Socialism that there is no longer need for his candidacy or for the existence of the Socialist party.

Having embraced the Socialist concept, the Democratic party leadership, as was inevitable under such a concept, has become a complete dictatorship within the party. Therefore, it is no longer a party, but a tough, ambitious, highly disciplined political machine.

If you don't think so, reflect upon the Ohio political campaign this year, where the machine cracked down upon Robert A. Taft with all the viciousness of the Pendergast machine in its Kansas City heydays.

If you don't think so, reflect further upon the activities of Democratic National Chairman William H. Boyley, who is also a Pendergast-trained machine man. He has made it clear that whoever works for the government is working for the Democratic party.

How about the Republican party? The Dewey-Warren candidacy of two years ago saw the climax of its many inferiority complexes. Internally the party is split between reactionaries, conservatives, middle-of-the-roads, liberals and progressives.

For many years it has had no clearly defined political ideology, and no strong leadership. Its platform has been a flimsy structure unable to sustain honest, discerning voters. It is consistent, refusing to learn that without strong convictions and principles, it cannot attract voters. "Me-too-ism" is still rampant within the party.

To all intents and purposes, party government has ceased to function in this country. We are in the midst of the most vicious and dangerous national political machine era this nation has ever experienced, depriving us of that

freedom of choice guaranteed us under the Constitution through restricted federalism in domestic affairs.

Never in all its history has the Republican party been presented so many weapons by the opposition party—federalism, socialism, machine politics, bureaucracy, and even communism. But so weak has the party become that those weapons are only feebly and ineffectually wielded.

Truly, as never before, there is the need for an aggressive conservative political party to hold the line against Statism. If the Republican party has burned itself out, perhaps out of the ashes will rise a new party to meet the needs of the more than 40 million voters who failed to exercise their franchise this year, and the more than 15 millions who voted without faith and enthusiasm.



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