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Friday's Election is Important

Friday's school district bond election will place squarely before the people the opportunity to settle two very important issues. One is financial, the other is moral.

If district No. 1 is to solve its problem of trying to operate an ever-growing school without asking local taxpayers for additional funds to replace those now being held up by the state, the bond issue for a new grade school must pass. As has been pointed out previously, the state has withheld basic support money until the district takes measures to overcome the crowded conditions in the building. A "yes" vote on the bond issue will mean that the start has been made and money which is badly needed to operate on will be released. If the issue is voted down, the state will continue to hold the money, which could eventually be completely lost to the district with a subsequent reduction in school functions or a special tax levy as an alternative.

The second, even more important reason, is our moral obligation to our children. They deserve better than we are giving them... and we don't mean just in the looks of the building or the lack of many recreational and other facilities. It is a commonly accepted educational fact, and just good common sense, that teachers who have to try to care for and educate half again as many children per room as they should have, can't give those children the time and teaching that they should receive. Yet, we are sending our children to school to such conditions with the obvious effect that they are going to receive less education than if they were to go to school in a district which supplied better facilities. The only way a start can

be made in giving our children an education at least equal with others in the state, is to first, give them the necessary facilities—room to conduct reasonable sized classes so the teachers can segregate the children and give them the attention they need to get a proper education. In the Heppner schools this can't be done without a new elementary school building to relieve the pressure on both the lower grades and the high school.

This week's registration figures do much to point up the ever-increasing need for more classrooms, for the first day's registration found 24 more children in grade school than were there last year. These figures don't leave much room for argument to those who have said that the student load would decrease. In fact, the end of the week will probably find another 12 or 15 children here who were late in registering which could well make it necessary to again use all three of Heppner's churches for classrooms along with the rest of the temporary rooms now in use.

We have heard some say that "the school was good enough for my kids, it's good enough for today's," but it must be remembered that when the previous children went to school the plant was 20 or 25 years younger and the consolidation program voted in recent years has added many children who formerly were cared for in one-room schools throughout what is now school district No. 1. Of course the parents of those children will also help pay for any new building, and their share will be much less than if they had to support the former small schools.

Our present school dilemma demands that something be done as fast as it is humanly possible to do it. The first step is to vote "YES" at the Friday school bond election.

From files of the Gazette Times
September 11, 1924

L. E. Van Marter and D. A. Wilson went out to the mountains on Saturday evening and on Sunday Van spotted a fine four-prong buck.

The Heppner schools, grades and high, opened on Monday the 8th, with a largely increased enrollment over last year.

Charley Vaughn took a run out to the timber on Wednesday and killed a big buck deer.

There was a family reunion, the first in nine years, at the home of Lou Davidson of Ione, the first of the week, states the Ione Independent. Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Ries of Toppenish, and Mr. and Mrs. Beezley of Grass Valley. Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy left Ione on Tuesday morning.

Jas. Sharp will move his family to town this week from his home in Sand Hollow to take advantage of our school facilities.

rates of gain are very good for a 228 day feed, and should make someone some good herd sires that will pass along this rate of gain characteristic.

Results from the nine fertilizer experiments, carried on in the county this year, have been summarized. Results measured in bushels of wheat per acre varied from one farm to the next and did not show a general trend that would result in a general recommendation for Morrow county or any one area. It appears now as though field soil testing is quite important to determine the amount of nitrogen that might be economically used on each ranch

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At the Lloyd Howton ranch, greatest response to nitrogen was shown in the 20 to 40 pound applications. The 20 pound application yielded 33.9, while the 40 pound application yielded 35.7. No doubt there was a breaking point between these two figures that would be most economical. These yields, compared to 29 bushels for the untreated plot.

At the Kenneth Batty farm near Hardman, 60 pounds of nitrogen applied in the fall gave a 10 bushel increase yield over the unfertilized plot, showing the biggest response to nitrogen of any of the plots, this year. At the Frank Parker ranch the highest yielding plot was that where 20 pounds nitrogen was applied in the spring. It showed a yield of 35.2 bushels per acre, compared to 28 bushels on the unfertilized plot.

At the Dee Cox ranch in Blackhorse, there was no apparent re-

sponse to fertilizer. At the Frank Anderson farm in Eightmile, the plot showed again that 20 pounds of nitrogen in the spring was the most economical, with approximately the same yield as the Parker field.

While we have reported the Glen Campbell and Nelson Bros. plots earlier in this column, we might say that the Glen Campbell yields showed 29 pounds as most economical, while the Nelson Bros. plots did not show an economical increase in any of the rates of application.

Mrs. Luola Bengtson, Brenda, Brent and Hilda of Eugene were visiting over the Labor Day weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Benge.

Stewart Hardie, publisher of the Condon Globe Times, of Condon was in Heppner Saturday to act as judge of the floats for the parade.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Fair time is over, the kids are back in school, and attention turns to the seeding of wheat. While it appears that the allotment program is not quite settled and it is quite evident that there will be some relaxation of restrictions on total farm allotment, it has not yet been determined just what will be the final outcome.

At this time of the year, there are always many questions concerning such things as varieties, rate, and time of seeding, and others depending on the season. Last week, we called your attention to the yield results of the winter wheat nurseries grown at North Ione and Eightmile. Elmar was the top yielding established variety at both of these nurseries. Rex did well at Eightmile, Golden and Brevor at Ione. Each year there are a good many bushels of seed wheat wasted by heavier seeding rates than are necessary. We have had variance in seeding rates from 30 to 95 pounds per acre within a not too great area. Rates of seeding using 30 pounds, 45 pounds, 60 pounds, 75 pounds, and 90 pounds on various seeding dates showed no average difference between the low and high rate. Seeding September first showed that heavier rates were a little more necessary than when seeding was done November first. The average for September 1, September 15, October 1, October 15, and November seedings, using 30 pounds, resulted in 26.3 bushels per acre; while the average for these dates, using 90 pounds per acre, resulted in 29.6 bushels per acre.

While there was no significant

difference between rate of seeding, the dates with the highest yields were October 1 and 15 with yields of 31.6 and 29.5 bushels per acre, which is significantly higher than the other dates. This data is from the Sherman Branch Experiment Station at Moro. From the Pendleton Branch Experiment Station, 30, 60, 90 and 120 pounds per acre were seeded. The average yield from the 30 pound rate of seeding was 45 bushels per acre; the 60 pound, 45.4 bushels; the 90 pound, 44.3 and the 120 pound, 44.4.

Their conclusion was that the long time average showed lighter rates of seeding yielding just as much as heavier rates. The most advantages dates of seeding at that station have also been October 1 and October 15 for the long time average.

The annual sale of the U. S. Sheep Experiment Station at Dubois, Idaho, will be held on September 30, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Over 700 ewes, consisting of various ages and broke into lots from 25 to 200 head, will be sold. These are Columbia, Targhee, Rambouillet, and Crossbred ewes. Approximately 300 rams of these same breeds will also be sold.

Just announced is the annual Feeder's Day at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Experiment Station at Union. This will be held September 15, beginning at 9:00 a. m. During the day, lambs on feeding tests; Columbia and Targhee ewes and ram efficiency testing; cattle efficiency breeding program at the station; and experimental work on yearling steers and heifers, fattened on

pasture, will be viewed in the morning. The afternoon program includes discussion on the station projects; gains, costs and results of 1953 and 1954 cattle and sheep feeding tests discussed by H. G. Avery and Cecil Pierce of the station. Dr. Kermit Peterson, state veterinarian, will discuss Leptospirosis and other serious livestock diseases; while Jim Oldfield, Oregon State College, will discuss nutritional problems in raising and fattening cattle and sheep. Also on the afternoon program is a panel discussion on "What kind of livestock should we produce for market". This will be led by Ed Coles, secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

Interest in the production of Safflower in this area is still running high. Word has been received from the Pacific Oil Seeds Company, who are interested in contracting up to 50,000 acres of Safflower in the Pacific Northwest, that they will meet with county agents from Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla, Sherman and Wasco county on September 23 to discuss the program further. Pacific Oil Seeds have been in close contact with the farm program at Washington D. C., and feel that the chances of getting Safflower listed as one of the crops that can be planted on diverted acres are very good. However, this may not be announced from Washington for several months, according to most recent information available.

Herbert Ekstrom, Ione, who is one of the Morrow county ranchers producers testing his pure bred Hereford herd, is consigning two bulls to the Burns sale on September 18. The two bulls were given a grade of 2 some months ago. The bulls on feed for 228 days made average daily gains of 2.84 and 2.96. These

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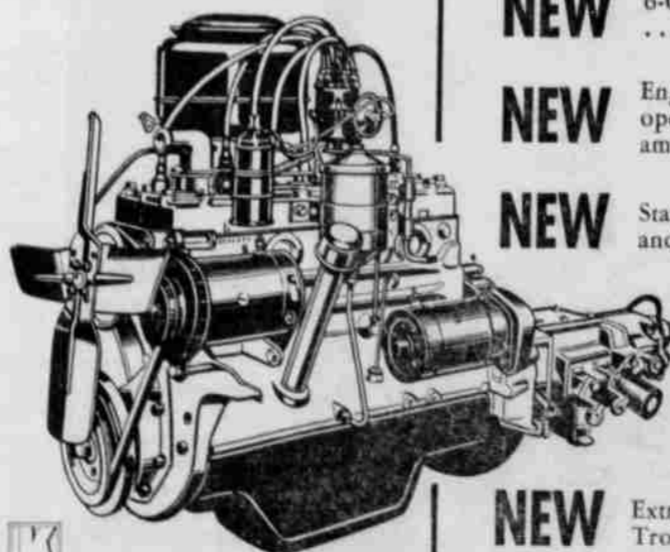
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