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Our Election Recommendations

In keeping with the policy of this newspaper to make known its stand on all controversial measures prior to any general or primary election, the Gazette Times this week gives a brief run-down on the November 2 ballot with our recommendations to our readers. On the major issues and contests we have taken considerable editorial space previously to express our views and reasons for those views, in this selection we will give only a short discussion of the reasons for our choice. To persons who wish a lengthier writing on the various candidates, or more extensive pros and cons of the several measures, we urge a serious reading of their voter's pamphlet, where both sides present their views in considerable detail.

It so happens that this year this paper gives its support to the entire Republican slate of candidates. This is being done not because of party politics, for we do not believe in the principal of "straight ticket voting," but because we think the men carrying the Republican banner are better qualified and offer a program better attuned to the needs of the state and the nation than do the Democrats who are running. Our recommendations are:

For United States Senator—Guy Cordon

We have given our reasons at considerable length during recent weeks. To summarize our opinion—Cordon will be working for us, Neuberger would be working primarily for Neuberger.

For Representative in Congress—Sam Coon

During Sam's two years in Washington, he has developed into an able and industrious legislator. In contrast to that of his opponent, his program is, we believe, healthier for Oregon and the northwest. The arguments we have used favoring Senator Cordon, largely apply to Representative Coon. We did not support him in 1952, but we do so wholeheartedly now. He has done a good job.

For Governor—Paul Patterson

We believe Governor Patterson has proven himself as one of the finest leaders Oregon has had. He is anything but a publicity seeker, but has done an excellent job of handling the affairs of state. He is a big man in a big job and deserves to be returned to office.

For Commissioner of Labor—S. Eugene Allen

Little campaigning has been done for this position which could well be made non-partisan. Both men appear well qualified, yet Allen's statements coincide more closely with our ideas.

For State Representative—Charles A. Tom

He has served this district well in the state legislature. His voting and the measures he has introduced shows careful study and an understanding of his job. He should be returned.

For County Clerk—Harold Becket

Neither Becket or Bruce Lindsay has had actual experience in such an office, but Becket's

training and record give him an edge.

MEASURES—1. Salaries of State Legislators—Yes

Oregon has always underpaid its legislators and they deserve a raise. If they set their own salaries they will be more careful of the amount of the increase than if it were established by vote. They deserve more money and should have a say in how much.

2—Sub-dividing counties for electing state legislators—Yes

We can't see that any harm can come from this measure and it can be a benefit in certain areas. It will make little or no change here.

3—Mental hospital in or near Portland—Yes

This only clarifies an unworkable measure previously approved by the voters. It should pass.

4—Constitutional amendments—how proposed by people—Yes

Effect would be to raise from 8% to 10% the numbers of voter's signatures required to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot. It should help to eliminate some of the crackpot schemes from the ballot, yet not offer serious hindrance to worthy measures. The state's initiative requirements have been too loose, as some of our previous "bed-sheet" ballots go to prove.

5—State Property Tax—Yes

Purpose is to limit the state to 6 mills in assessing a state property tax. It is not a pleasant thought that the state will have to levy any property tax, but it will undoubtedly come before long. This limitation measure will give some deserved protection to property owners.

6—Establishing Daylight Saving Time—Yes

Not a vital issue, yet it does have its important effects in many businesses (both pro and con). We have always believed in it and like it and have yet to hear a strong valid argument against it, but each voter must draw his own conclusion. We're not going to get into a fight on this one.

7—Prohibiting Certain Fishing in Coastal Streams—No

A question far removed from this area, but we question the need for further legislation to control such fishing.

8—Repealing Milk Control Law—No

Our recommendation is contrary to our vote the last time this measure was presented to the voters, due partly to the fact that there has been considerably more common sense used in the administration of the law since the last election, due largely to the many opposition points offered during the campaign. Changes are needed in the law to give a more realistic approach to the problems concerned and indications are that they may be made by the legislature or the control board within the next year or so. If they are not made, repeal of the law may be the answer in the future—but not now.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times

October 23, 1924

Coolidge holds lead as straw vote ends. Approximately one million ballots cast in nation wide poll conducted by this newspaper.

Deputy sheriff Jack Gorham of Boardman captured a moonshiner and still near that place one day last week and the man now rests within the confines of the county bastille at Heppner.

Mrs. W. P. Dutton of Portland has been spending the week in Heppner visiting friends and a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beymer.

E. J. Bristow, lone merchant, was a business visitor at Heppner on Saturday.

Miss Hazel Tyler of Rhea, Siding had the time of her life on Saturday while visiting her friend Josephine McEntire at Killarney. Master Jackie McEntire was a close second in all their daring explorations.

Misses A. C. and M. H. Lowe accompanied by Miss Annie C. Hynd of Cecil, were doing the sites of Heppner on Saturday.

some kind of a program be worked out whereby surplus commodities could be traded to friendly foreign countries who might have products that we could use. This program was set up, not as a program to dump surplus farm products in other countries, but rather the products would be priced at the same level that foreign importers would pay in regular trade channels.

There are certain basic assurances though that these foreign countries must give. They are, that the sale will not displace usual exports from the United States; that they will not be resold or shipped to other countries without specific approval from us; that trade with Soviet bloc countries or countries controlled by Russia will not be increased as a result of these purchases and that the friendly countries receiving these products will not increase their exports of the same commodities to unfriendly countries. Most of these sales will be made from CCC stocks. This act has been hailed as one of the greatest strides yet taken toward put-

ting this nations surplus farm commodities to constructive use.

The 1955 county Agricultural Conservation payment allocations were announced this past week. For Morrow county, the basic allotment is thirty-seven thousand seven hundred sixty seven dollars. In addition, this fund has been increased by thirty seven thousand seven hundred sixty seven for use on diverted acres bringing our total allocation to seventy five thousand five hundred thirty-four dollars. This should put a lot of conservation on Morrow County farms if used to our advantage.

Just announced is the U. S. Department of Agriculture's wool incentive program which will insure a price of .62c per pound of wool, grease basis and a mohair support price of .70c per pound, for the 1955 marketing year. If average prices received by producers for wool and mohair fall below these levels, payments will be made to producers. The wool incentive prices are equivalent to one hundred six percent of the September 15 wool parity price and the mohair support is equivalent to ninety-one percent of the September 15 mohair parity price.

This column would not be complete without a few comments from the County Agent after being gone last week attending the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. It was the 39th annual meeting and was held in Salt Lake City, the first of the annual meetings to be held in the west. Next years meeting will be held in Michigan.

A profitable week was spent in meeting and discussing agricultural programs with over 800 county agents, present from all states except South Carolina and California. Starting the day out with breakfast at 7:00 and events lasting as long as mid-night, perhaps the highlight of the meeting was an evening banquet with Secretary of Agriculture Benson as the speaker. Secretary Benson's talk, as well as a talk by Walter Garver of the Agricultural Development Department of the United States Chamber of Commerce, W. R. Hare of the Oklahoma Livestock Marketing Exchange; and Mr. Hooper, secretary of the Utah Wool Growers Association and member of the National Livestock Meat Board

and President of the National Livestock Producers Association, all stressed the fact that from one fourth to one third of our people are not getting a minimum daily ration. Mr. Hooper pointed out that 25% are hungry, 25% are living in super abundance, while 50% are getting by. It was pointed out by all that

there is no over-production, just a bottle neck in distribution. All warned against so-called surpluses causing farmers to lose efficiency in production. Secretary Benson expressed his belief that there was more opportunity in farming now than ever before in history. He stressed that what Continued on Page 5

HOW ABOUT A NICE DRIVE?
AND
BIG HARVEST DINNER
HERMISTON
Beautiful Catholic Church Hall
SUNDAY, OCT. 24
2:00 to 7:00 P. M.
Adults \$1.50 Children 12 and under 75c

VOTE NOV. 2ND
ELECT
BRUCE M. LINDSAY
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR
MORROW COUNTY CLERK
YOUNG — CAPABLE — DEPENDABLE
Pd. Adv. Bruce Lindsay, Heppner

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Smitty's Not-So-Silent Partner
Dropped into Smitty's gas station last week and met his new partner who turned out to be a real talker.
"What'll it be?" asked Smitty. Before I had a chance to answer I heard a strange voice "Fill her up! Fill her up!" And there was Smitty's partner — one of those parakeets perched next to the gas pump.
"Took me a month," Smitty said, "but I finally taught him to say those magic words. It's sure paid off — he's had a good influence on my customers."
From where I sit, Smitty's bird may be good for business — and may get him a few laughs. But when people act like parakeets, they're not so funny. For instance, those who keep insisting over and over again that their neighbors shouldn't have a glass of temperate beer with their supper now and then. They're simply repeating their own ideas, without any regard for the rights of others.
Joe Marsh
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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The Wheeler-Gilliam Stockgrowers Association has just announced their 1954-55 bull feeding program. The program will be carried out again as in the past years in the Gilliam county fair grounds at Condon. The goal this year, is 35 bulls for the feed efficiency test. The tests begin December 1st and will carry through until May 1st. This is a four weeks longer test than last year. Bulls must have birth dates between January 1, 1954, and June 1, 1954. They also must be vaccinated for black leg and shipping fever. This year, the grain to be fed is wheat, oats, and barley mixture. A protein supplement to bring the protein to 15% will be used. Anyone who is interested in consigning one or more bulls to this feeding efficiency test can get application blanks from this office.

All arrangements have been made for the fall meeting of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association. As previously announced, it will be held at the Lexington Grange hall on Saturday, Oct. 30. During the day, the standing committees will meet and draw up recommendations and suggestions which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, which this year will be held in Portland on December 2, 3, and 4. A new committee has been added this year, that of the home economics. Mrs. H. G. Campbell, Echo, is the newly elected chairman of this committee.

The fall meeting will be changed somewhat from the past, in that committees will have a longer period to draft their recommendations. For those who

are not able to assist or take part in all of the committees, arrangements have been made for these recommendations to be presented to the public that evening where further discussion and action can be taken. Featured during the evening meeting will be Dr. Carl Claassen, president of Pacific Oilseeds, Inc. Woodland, California, who will discuss Safflower production and the basis under which that company are planning to contract for production of this crop in the Columbia Basin in 1955. Wheat farmers should be interested in the entire day and evening program.

While we are talking of the fall meeting of our Wheatgrowers Association some farmers may be interested in knowing that Title 1 of the newly enacted Agricultural trade development and assistant act of 1954 has been put into effect. Title 1, has to do with the disposal of surplus of agricultural products to friendly foreign nations. Morrow county wheatgrowers at their fall meeting last year recommended that

NOTICE

Important Meeting

The annual meeting of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., will be held in the Lexington Grange hall beginning at 10 A. M., Monday November 8, 1954.

Important amendments to the by-laws and articles of association will be acted upon. In addition three regular and seven associate directors will be elected. Important decisions are to be made so be sure and attend.

Lunch will be served free at noon and a twenty five dollar U. S. Defense Bond will be given as an attendance prize at the close of the meeting. A Thanksgiving turkey will be given at a drawing at the opening of the meeting, so be on time as this drawing will be held promptly at 10:00 A. M.

L. L. HOWTON, President

Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.

STAR THEATER, Heppner

Sunday Shows start at 4:00 p. m. All other Evenings at 7:30
Boxoffice open until 9:00. Phone 6-9278.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22-23
RIDE CLEAR OF DIABLO
Audie Murphy, Susan Cabot, Dan Duryea. Appealing Technicolor western.
Plus
DANGEROUS MISSION
Victor Mature, Piper Laurie, William Bendix, Vincent Price. King-size quantities of excitement; filmed in Technicolor in Glacier National Park.

Sunday-Monday, Oct. 24-25
VALLEY OF KINGS
Robert Taylor, Eleanor Parker, Carlos Thompson, Kurt Kasznar, Victor Jory. Top-bracket entertainment, lightning-paced romantic adventure, filmed in its entirety in Egypt, in color.
Sunday shows at 4, 6:20 and 8:40

NOTE: October 24th is United Nations Day. This great organization striving for World Peace is NINE years old. Anyone having a NINTH birthday on October 24th will be admitted to the theater free on that day.

Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 26-27
FAIR WINDS TO JAVA
Fred MacMurray, Vera Ralston, Victor McLaglen, Robert Douglas, Buddy Baer, Claude Jarman Jr. Sail a fair wind to tropical adventure—in color.
Plus
SHEEP RANCH COUNTRY—Australia