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Voters and Public Power

Socialized electric power production was an issue in the late campaign. And as a consequence of the voters' decisions in a number of contests concerning candidates, it is being argued that Congress has a mandate to aggressively push ahead with federal power development.

However, an analysis of what happened in certain key areas hardly bears that view out.

Oregon is perhaps the outstanding example. In a photo-finish race which held the attention of the whole country until the last ballots were counted, a candidate for the U. S. Senate who unequivocally favors government power defeated the incumbent. But many other issues and considerations played their part in the campaign—and the evidence indicates that these greatly overshadowed the question of public-vs-private electric

power.

Direct public ownership measures were on the ballot in three Oregon areas—and in every instance were badly beaten. In one case, the measure provided for the annexation of a private utility's service area by a people's utility district, and it was voted down for the fifth time by a four-to-one margin. In the second case, a proposed revenue bond issue for such a district was given the thumbs down treatment by better than three to two. In the third case, a proposal to dissolve a people's utility district carried by two to one.

It is a fact of record that, over the years, the voters have usually vetoed measures to put government into the power business when the issue was put before them in a straight-forward fashion, and was not confused by other matters. Whatever the last election proved or didn't prove, it's impossible to find a mandate for socialism in it.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

From the interest shown by the 1954 calf crop was graded with all grading 2 or 2-plus with the exception of two head. A good many of these were 2-plus grades. At the Herb Ekstrom ranch, quality ran high. Quality has surely improved in these two herds, also in the majority of herds in the county. While only a few years ago the majority of calves graded 2 and 2+, now 2 and 2-plus are most common. Each herd contains several outstanding prospects for both bulls and heifers. In comparing feed efficiency tests, some remarkable comparisons were made. There were calves that showed as much as one hundred pounds difference in gains at the same age. Cow herds on these ranches are being culled in line with the ability to wean the heaviest calf at a given age.

On Wednesday of last week, Jim Ellings, extension animal husbandryman, Oregon State College spent the day in the county, working with the county agent on livestock improvement programs under way here. Grading was done at the Frank Anderson and Herbert Ekstrom ranches. These ranches have carried out a grading and efficiency test program for a number of years.

At the Frank Anderson ranch an interesting meeting was held Tuesday evening, of this week while Dr. A. G. Beagle, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Dr. Kermit Peterson, state veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, met with the Morrow county livestock disease control committee. At this meeting, arrangements were completed and official appointments made in order that Dr. J. W. Norene, practicing veterinarian of Heppner, was assigned a portion of Morrow county for Bangs testing.

This was made possible through recent funds which are being used to hire practicing veterinarians to assist with Bangs testing. Dr. Norene was assigned the area south and east of highway 207, starting at the Umatilla county line at the Lexington-Jarman junction, continuing to Ruggs and everything south of highway 206, from Ruggs to the Gilliam county line. Dr. Marugg will have the remaining portion of county. The disease control committee hopes to complete all tests by early January in order that the county might be declared certified Bangs free area, the first beef area in Eastern Oregon to be designated as such.

Dr. Beagle and Dr. Peterson are meeting livestock groups throughout Eastern Oregon arranging agreements whereby testing can be carried out under this new arrangement. It appears as though there will be many cattle tested throughout the entire United States through the appropriation of these funds. Fifteen million dollars will be spent on this program in the next two years in clearing up Bangs disease. The program is aimed at complete eradication and these veterinarians feel that it is only a short time until the program will be compulsory throughout the whole United States. It appears that Morrow county livestockmen are again one jump ahead of the other counties and states.

Dates for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, have been definitely confirmed for January 13 and 14. On January 13 the meat marketing conference and meat cutting, wrapping and cookery demonstration will be held. This will be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner with all Morrow County people invited to attend. On January 14, the annual business meeting with committee reports will be held with the annual banquet held that evening. The meat marketing conference committee is meeting

From Files of the Gazette Times

December 4, 1924
Some 75 people of the Clarks Canyon neighborhood assembled for a community dinner on Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eskelson.

Mrs. Maude Painter of Salem was visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cutsforth Friday and Saturday returning to her home on Sunday.

W. E. and Leonard McMillan of Lexington spent two days last week visiting their sister, Mrs. Elmer Pomeroy at Kelso, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Olden were hosts on Thanksgiving to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Hayden of Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Hayden and family and Mrs. I. T. Wood of Gresham, and a real family reunion was enjoyed at the Olden home.

Gene Matteson was down from the mountain section on Monday.

While there has been no sales or contracting of wool at Heppner this week, there has been offers and the tendency of the market at this point is up.

Miss Annie C. Hynd of Buttery Flats entertained the following guests at dinner on Sunday, the Misses Violet Hynd, of Ione; Thelma Miller of Heppner; Rhoda Beck of Cecil; Annie C. and Minnie H. Lowe of Cecil; Cecil L. Allen of Pendleton and Emry Gentry of Heppner.

December 6, to begin their work in assembling a panel discussion as a part of this program.

The State Department of Agriculture, Salem, reminds farmers that there is just the month of December to record your brand. Recording of he brand which you have had on file is due before December 31st.

Interest in farm building plans continues to run high. In the last week or so, there has been many demands for farm poultry laying houses and corrals. We now have some new plans for laying

houses and corrals that will fit the need of either of the small or large operator. These are available from this office.

This is the annual report time. Each year the county agent is required to prepare an annual report so that those providing funds for the program can review accomplishments and whether or not they are worth while of continuing the program. Those who cooperate in providing funds for the Extension Service program are Morrow County, the State of Oregon, and the Federal Government. In tabulating records for this purpose, it was found that during the Extension year, which runs from December 1st to November 31st, that 5292 office calls were received, 4485 telephone calls, while 377 farm visits were made by the agent. During this same period, 435 new articles were released to the various newspapers, covering this area. One of the prime purposes for which extension was set up was to train adult and 4-H local leaders to carry on programs within the various communities. During the year, four training meetings were held for 4-H leaders with an attendance of 170 leaders. Meetings being one of the main contacts in Extension work, during this past year 114 adult meetings with 1954 in attendance. During the year, 8850 bulletins were distributed and 21 adults result demonstrations established. These demonstrations were for the purpose of providing information to farmers in order that they might observe such things as fertilizer applications and its effect on yields, the comparison of various grasses and legumes adapted to the community and such as wheat varietal comparisons. In carrying out the extension program during the year 218 days were spent with adults, 92 with 4-H club workers. One hundred sixty-seven days were spent in the office, one hundred forty-three days in the field. 4-H Clubs being one of the main methods of teaching farm and homemaking practices to our youth, 33 clubs were organized with 276 4-H club members enrolled. Of these 254 club members completed the project in which they were enrolled. In carrying out the extension

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Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 1-2
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Barry Sullivan and Luther Adler in a good gang-buster depicting Thomas Florida's recipe for baking up a crime syndicate.

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