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The Ultimate Result—YOUR VOTE

For many past weeks—and for a couple more days—the people of Oregon have been bombarded with facts, figures, claims, charges, counter-charges and promises in one of the hottest political campaigns this state has ever seen. Next Tuesday, you, the voter, will put an end to all the tumult when you go to the polls to decide who or what is right.

Political campaigns are fun, but they're serious business too, for the ultimate result of a campaign is to determine how our various levels of government are to be run. What we as voters decide at the polls next Tuesday will set the pattern for government, and our lives, for the next four years.

Voting in America has been called a privilege—we think it more than that. It is a duty. The idea that "my vote won't count," is probably as short-sighted a concept as any we know. More than one election has been won by just one vote, governors and senators have won elections by a majority of less than one vote per precinct in a state—the 1954 election in Oregon proved that. Your vote DOES count, so make sure you cast it.

Next Tuesday's the day, and for the sake of the hard working election and counting boards, if you possibly can, vote early!

Odd Ends—

Our congratulations to Alvin Wagenblast of Lexington on winning second place in the state "grassman of the Year" contest. His efforts in good farming have been rewarded, but his biggest prize will be in the fine type of farm he will have to pass on to his two young "farmhands" some time in the future.

TO THE EDITOR . . .

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It is interesting that under the Eisenhower administration labor has obtained from industry practically everything asked for, and it makes one wonder if they have any assurance that they will improve their position by changing to a democratic administration.

Demand for labor and material is at an all time high; with a continuation of this there can be nothing but future prosperity.

As Americans we have the privilege of a secret ballot, and we should exercise that privilege. But before going to vote, ask yourself a few questions:

1. In the labor market, what more do I want than to know that if I don't like my job there is another one available?
2. What more can I expect in hours and overtime pay?
3. Do I want more pay if it automatically increases the product cost and reflects on my purchasing power by raising the cost of things I must buy for myself and family?
4. What more can I expect of industry, the source of my livelihood, and what more can industry expect of me? Are we not partners?
5. Do I not know that it is the greatest peacetime demand for labor in history?
6. Am I worried about my son or someone else's son being shot at on some battlefield or dying in a filthy prison camp?

Mr. and Mrs. Voter, you are blessed with the power of thinking. Guard against high pressure of smooth-talking politicians. What more could you ask than the security you now enjoy. Don't trade a proven leader for one full of empty promises advocating the

Morrow county farmers are well aware of the need for good farming and wise conservation measures and their efforts deserve reward.

About the best news the people of Heppner and the John Day river areas have heard in a long time was last week's announcement that the Heppner-Spray highway will soon be paved over the mountains.

Civic groups and individuals who have long worked for this improvement, less than a year ago were told that the road's light traffic didn't justify its being paved, but some people just wouldn't take "No" for an answer and their work finally brought results.

It was through combined effort that approval was won for the project, but one man, county judge Garnet Barratt deserves special thanks for the time and energy spent to get the state highway commission to give its final OK. His many meetings with highway commission members and engineers, forest service officials and others have paid off for Morrow county.

It's a mighty big project to move a newspaper—something that isn't done just everyday. We know, for quite a few years ago we helped move the Bend Bulletin into a new plant.

Last Saturday we had the privilege of attending the open house of the New East Oregonian building in Pendleton and as we wandered through and admired the smart planning, colors and arrangement we couldn't help but be thankful that we could look at the results without having to feel the aches and pains that went with the moving job.

Along with Pendleton and the Columbia Basin, the EO outgrew its old quarters and facilities. Its expansion is but further proof that Oregon is just beginning to grow.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Congratulations are in order for Alvin Wagenblast, 1955 Grassman of the Year. Alvin was selected by a local committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau who evidently knew what they were doing as evidenced by his high standing in the state contest. A report of his accomplishments were outlined in a news story in this paper last week.

Alvin has been a good cooperator of the extension program. He was one of the first farmers in Morrow county to seed two new alfalfa varieties, Talent and Vernal. Both are early maturing alfalfas and work in well with his forage scheme. Those who visited the Wagenblast farm last June during our annual grass tour will remember the remarkable production of these varieties. He has made seedings each year of grass and alfalfa on irrigated and ddy land and has not yet finished the job that he started out to do. Many will remember the shaking of heads of farmers when Alvin bought the ranch that he has done so well on. He has surely proved that the proverb of making two blades of grass grow where one grew before, can be done.

Just up from Alvin Wagenblast's a few miles is an example of what conservation and determination for good farming practices can do.

Tuesday morning I had the privilege to visit the farm of Kenneth Peck with the State Conservation Man of the Year committee. This committee was making their annual tour of all farms entered in the Oregon Wheat Growers Association had nominated the Peck farm for state competition.

Kenneth has continued over the years to apply conservation to his farm in all manners practicable. Practices such as strip cropping, stubblemulch fallow, sub-soiling, deep and semi-deep furrow seeding, sod waterways, grass seedings including 20 acres of new seeding made this fall, were seen. Complete development of every foot of soil not producing has been his program. Bottoms and bench land and that only a few years ago grew sage and rabbit brush are now producing pasture and hay for his small herd of good quality Angus cattle. Members of the committee were very much impressed with the complete development of his farm. Kenneth and Lucille's hospitality including the Ala and apple pie with ice cream lunch could not help but make the committee feel that the farm should be considered highly as top conservation farm of the year.

Morrow county's 4-H livestock judging team participating in the Pacific International judging contest on the 20th were one of seven counties to receive a blue ribbon won by their high score. They competed with 3 member teams for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. Members of the judging team were Kenneth Lynn Smouse, Carlene Rhea and Sandra Beach. Harold Beach, 4-H leader of the Lexington livestock club was in charge of the judging team at the P. I. contest.

A last minute reminder is impossible. If you believe in Ike, don't destroy a good vote for him by voting for a senator or congressman who will continually oppose his every move. Be consistent and elect republican senators and congressmen pledged to work with this great leader, President Eisenhower.

Herman Oliver
Eastern Oregon Cattleman and member of the State Board of Higher Education.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Fastest "News Service" in Town!

Had a frantic wire from Washington yesterday—saying that the local Congressman was making a surprise visit and a short speech. Could I get the word around fast?

No time for a special edition of the *Clarion*, so I turned to the fastest "news service" in town... Windy Taylor. He spent an hour mobilizing his Lodge and Court House cronies—all pretty fair talkers—and the rest is history. Biggest turnout ever.

As a newspaperman, I hate to admit it—but facts are facts. The Winds of this world aren't only quicker news spreaders

than our paper . . . they've even got better circulation.

From where I sit, some of us would rather talk than eat, while others are close-mouthed . . . just as some of us like coffee and others prefer a glass of beer. There's a lot to be said for both attitudes. But if you go in for gab—don't talk against someone just because you don't happen to agree with him on some question of personal choice. Use your own "good censorship."

Joe Marsh

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given on the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative which will be held in Condon on this Friday November 2. There is still time for you to

get to the annual meeting which begins at 10:30 a. m. at the fair pavilion at the Condon fair grounds. An interesting meeting is in store for those who at-

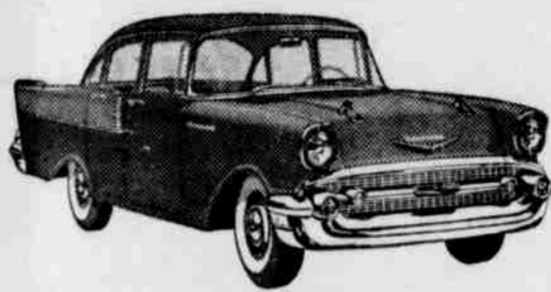
tend. Plans for Farm City have just been completed and particulars not yet completed for a Farm-City Week observance on November 19. The banquet will be

sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce assisted by the Heppner Soil Conservation District. Recog-Continued from Page 2

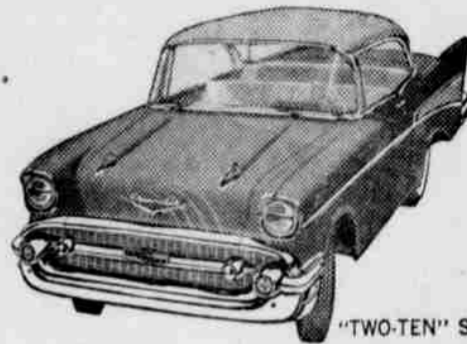
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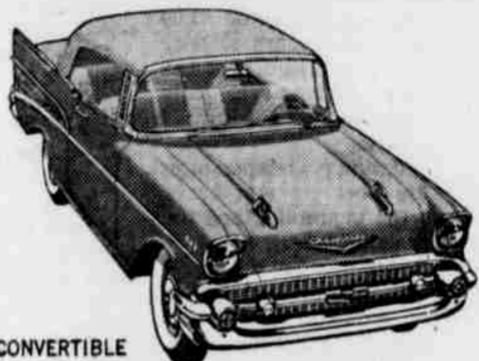
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LEXINGTON GRANGE HALL

Tuesday, November 13

10:00 A. M.

- 2 REGULAR DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED
- 7 ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED
- OTHER IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

VALUABLE DOOR PRIZES

Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.

STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri. Sat., Nov. 1-2-3

The Return of Jack Slade

John Ericson, Mari Blanchard, Neville Brand

Crushing Las Vegas

Sun., Mon., Nov. 4-5

Francis in the Haunted House

Mickey Rooney, Virginia Welles, Francis the Talking Mule

Tues., Wed., Nov. 6-7

Foreign Intrigue

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