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## BALLOT MEASURES

Voters at the general election will be handed a ballot with one of the longest list of measures that they have had to face in several years and intelligent voting on them will require more study than can be made at the polls. There are 13 of these measures plus two county measures, one of which the county unit school measure, we tried to analyze last week.

This week we will briefly explain these 13 state measures, but for a more complete explanation we suggest each voter read carefully his voters' pamphlet which gives both pro and con arguments for all of them.

### Measure No 1—Fixing state boundaries

This was referred by the legislature and repeals obsolete constitutional provision describing state boundaries and would authorize the modification of the Oregon-Washington boundary which is now confusing. We can see no objection to this bill.

### Measure No 2—Increasing funds for war veterans' loans

This would increase from 4 to 6 percent of assessed valuation of all state property that may be used as the basis for issuing bonds to raise funds to make farm and home loans to World War II and Korean vets. It would increase the bonding capacity about \$50 million.

This veterans' loan program has been well handled in the past and it has earned money which has gone back into the program, but we are not fully convinced that there is any great need for the extra bonding capacity.

### Measure No 3—Salaries of state legislators

Would amend the constitution to raise legislators' salaries from \$600 a year to \$1200 a year. Some are a little worried that this measure does not provide the protection that legislators' personal expenses, other than salary and travel, cannot be voted by future legislature, but we don't feel that this is much of a threat. To get good men in our houses of government we certainly need to at least pay them their expenses, and \$1200 a year isn't going to make any of them any money. It should pass.

### Measure No 4—Capital Punishment bill

Would eliminate from the constitution the provision for the death penalty for first degree murder.

This is a personal matter that we think each voter should decide in his own mind and heart.

### Measure No 5—Financing Urban redevelopment projects

Bill would make it possible for property taxes levied against property included in an urban redevelopment or renewal project to be divided so taxes levied against any increase in value of such property could be used to pay indebtedness incurred in carrying out the project.

This is not a mandatory measure, it would only give the legislature the power to pass such laws. Urban development is not much of a problem now in Morrow county, but it is in many larger cities, and we believe the measure could conceivably aid in slum removal and the rebuilding of so-called "blighted" areas thereby adding to the value of the area and the tax return it could bring to a city.

### Measure No 6—Modifying county debt limitation

Would authorize the legislature to fix the maximum limitation on county bonded indebtedness incurred in carrying out purposes prescribed by law.

The present law limits a county to \$5,000 it may bond (be in debt) for anything except suppressing insurrection, repelling invasion or building and maintaining roads on approval of the people. This bonding capacity is also limited to 6 percent of the assessed valuation.

Few counties have run into serious problems because of this limitation, except where, for example, the court house has burned down and a new one must be built immediately. The present restriction is somewhat archaic but definitely keeps a county on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. This bonding capacity could be very helpful in emergencies, and of course the voters of the county would have the final say on any bond issue. We believe it should pass.

### Measure No 7—Special grand jury bill

Would authorize the legislature to enact laws to permit the calling of a special grand jury. This measure could speed up the wheels of justice where courts get overloaded. We have heard of no objection.

### Measure No 8—Authorizing different use of state institutions

Would authorize the legislature to alter, reduce, enlarge or terminate the use or purpose of any

state institution located outside Marion county any time after 10 years from the date of the election which located the institution.

At the present time legislature cannot change in any manner the use of any state institution outside Marion county regardless of whether it is needed, useful, or might be required for some other use. The bill would give the legislature the power to make such changes where needed (for example if a TB hospital isn't being used for TB, it could be converted for other uses). It should have that power.

### Measure No 9—Temporary appointment and assignment of judges

Would authorize the Supreme Court to appoint temporary judges to the Supreme Court and lower courts and to assign lower court judges to serve temporarily outside the district for which they were elected.

The state bar has approved this measure which it is felt would greatly speed up the work of courts and remove delays because of congested court dockets in many districts. This bill passed the house and the senate by a wide margin, and it should work to eliminate the long delays of many months, and even years, which frequently occur in court cases and appeals to the Supreme Court. We can see no objection to this measure.

### Measure No 10—State power development

Would empower the state to acquire and develop water, thermal and nuclear power facilities. State may develop electrical energy for transmission and sale on wholesale basis or directly to industries using 10,000 kilowatts or more.

We question that the state now has need for this authority. All major dam sites on the Columbia and Snake rivers are now being developed either by the government or by private utilities and practically all other dam sites wholly within the state are of a size that they can be privately developed without the need for state help. If, in the future, it should be seen that nuclear power development money is needed, on a state level, then a special measure for that purpose could and should be introduced. We don't believe that it is needed now.

This is a matter, actually, of public or private power and we believe in private power where it can be developed.

### Measure No 11—County home rule amendment

Would authorize the voters of any county to adopt a charter to provide for the exercise of authority over matters of county concern. Initiative and referendum powers also are reserved to the legal voters of counties adopting a charter.

This measure would give a county about the same status as a city now has—in other words it could largely handle its own affairs as a city does. At the present time, the legislature largely controls county business, the local county court merely carrying out the mandate of the legislature.

There can be no doubt that our old-time county system is somewhat outdated—actually the only thing the individual county can have much of a say on is county roads. This measure would not be automatic, but would require legislation to make it effective.

It would be a step back toward more "home rule", something many persons have been wanting. We believe the measure should be approved.

### Measure No 12—Authorizes discontinuing certain state TB hospitals

Would permit the board of control to discontinue using the Eastern Oregon and University state tuberculosis hospitals in whole or in part and board could designate the use for any other state institution or agency.

The attorney general has ruled that even if this measure is passed it would be unconstitutional. However, measure No 8 accomplishes the same purpose, and apparently would do it even better. We can see no reason to vote for this measure under the circumstances.

### Measure No 13—Persons eligible to serve in legislature

This is an initiative measure initiated by school employees and pushed by the Oregon Education Association. It would allow school employees and members of school boards to serve in the legislature without resigning their positions.

We believe that every citizen of the state should have the right to serve in the legislature, if he or she so desires, but we haven't yet figured out just how a teacher could spend three or four months at Salem during sessions and still hold down a teaching job. It could cause a few headaches for school administrators who have to fill vacancies during legislature, but if a school man (or woman) wants to run for office, that should be his right.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the  
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Heppner's football lineup in the Lexington game: Rod Thomson and Clarence Hayes, ends; Fletcher Walker and Paul Jones, tackles; Richard Walker and Harlan Devin, guards; Evans, Center; Duane Brown and Elmer Hake, half backs; Hank Robertson, full back; Harold Gentry, quarterback.

Elmer Matteson arrived in town Monday from a hunt in the mountains, during which time he was successful in bagging two buck deer.

Victor Johnson, Percy Bleakman and Forest Adams were in Harlam over Sunday from Zillah, Wash, where they are employed in the orchards.

At Ferguson Chevrolet—1926 Chevrolet roadster, reconditioned, \$275; Star sedan, extra good condition, \$325.

Mr and Mrs Fred Hoskins have about completed the new residence on their Rhea creek property.

Earl W Gordon returned yesterday evening from a business trip of a few days in Portland.

ranged for a number of valuable door prizes which will be given out during the day. The women, through their domestic wheat utilization committee, have planned a wheat products demonstration as part of their daily program. The demonstration to be given by Miss Frances Barnick, Oregon Wheat Growers League home economist. All wheat growers are asked to mark November 10 on their calendar and watch for further particulars on this important meeting.

During the past week or ten days a lot of good feeder calves have been delivered under contract by our Morrow county livestock men. It is interesting to note that the quality of these calves are improving and in comparison to ten years ago, they would average at least one grade higher as feeder calves. Another trend noted this year is that the majority of the calves delivered so far have been contracted to go to Eastern feedlots rather than California and the Pacific Northwest such as has been the case the last several years. Prices continue good even though barley has been selling for around \$3.00 a ton above loan price and hay is up several dollars from a year ago. From the October 9 report of Oregon country sales a lot of calves have sold at \$31.00 straight or \$32 for steers and \$30 for heifers. One bunch of 1000 choice calves contracted at \$34.00 two weeks ago.

This is the last call to home economists, restaurant operators, chefs, and teachers who are interested in attending the meat information school in Pendleton on October 21. The consumer education program to be held at the Vert Memorial Theatre in Pendleton from 7 to 10 p m October 21 is one of six programs being presented in Oregon this month. The program is conducted by a meat expert from the National Livestock and Meat Board in cooperation with Oregon State extension service. Bill Robichaud from the National Livestock Board will work with Dorothy Sherrill, OSC extension food market specialist. Robichaud, a well known meat authority on meat cuts has gained fame for his skill with a knife. Besides his many television, radio and personal appearances, he represents the Meat Board at a large number of fairs and livestock exhibitions. Robichaud in his lecture-demonstration, will cover meat selection, grade, variety of choice meat supplies, and cutting and carving methods which can be used to best advantage in using various cuts. He will also review the Meat Board's program of research, education and in-

formation on meat. A wide variety of beef, pork and lamb cuts will be used in the cutting and cooking demonstrations. Representatives of professional groups who keep consumers posted on food facts and trends are invited to the meeting. It's purpose is to aid them in carrying back to consumers the latest information on selection, care, cookery and nutritive value of meat.

While this information may be a little late for some of our livestock men it is timely for others and something to keep in mind for future years. Selecting replacement heifers is one of the most important jobs to be done this fall by our ranchers. Of primary importance in this selection are grade and weight. Most ranchers are familiar with market grades of feeder cattle; these grades are fancy, choice, good, medium, common and inferior. Cattle are bought and sold every day according to these grades. Livestock producers, researchers, and extension workers participating in the beef cattle improvement program recognize the importance of grading weaner calves according to S D A market grades. This ties the grading into a practical and nationally understood system of evaluation. By using weight as a basis of selection the producer is selecting for early calving, milking ability, and growth rate. The selection at weaning time is probably most important for those who sell calves. This should not be the final selection because we need to know the animals ability to do well when removed from the cow.

The second selection will probably be made at the latest convenient time before breeding. It has been shown many times that pre breeding weight is one best indicator of life time producing ability. If heifers are of similar age, differences of weight at this time will be due principally to ability to grow rapidly, use large amounts of feed efficiently, and do well under existing conditions. This vigor and adaptation to environment show up in rate of reproduction and longevity.

## TO THE EDITOR...

To The Editor:  
The Gazette Times is to be complimented on the October 9 editorial, "What is the County Unit Plan?"

The people of Morrow county are fortunate to have a complicated problem presented in an accurate and concise manner and still understandable terms.

Sincerely yours  
Fredrick T Martin  
Chairman, Morrow County School Reorganization Committee

## lone News

Dinner guest of Mr and Mrs Hershall Townsend Monday evening were, Mr and Mrs Sidney Lindburg and Douglas Puckett from Athol, Idaho, Jim McDaniel from Statton, and Mrs Ella Bleakman of Heppner.

The American Legion Auxiliary meeting was held at the home of Mrs James Barnett, Tues,

Work at New Mexico over a 10 year study compared lifetime production of cows weighing less than 1000 pounds with cows weighing over 100 pounds. The large cows stayed in the herd an average of one year longer, produced larger annual calf crops, and produced heavier calves. During their lifetime the larger cows produced 40% more calves and 50% more total calf weight per cow.

Those cattlemen who consistently select replacement heifers that grade and weigh heavy are on the right track. Such heifers if well grown out, and well managed after going into the breeding herd, have the best chance of producing a good big weaner calf each year. It is the good big calves that keep the producer in business.

Oct 7, with Mrs Elbe Akers as co-hostess, Leann Padberg gave a very interesting report on her trip to Girls State. A report was given by the members who attended the reception in Hood River for Mrs Ce Gunn the national president.

The American Legion Auxiliary and Legion District 6 Conference was held at Pendleton on October 13. There was a potluck dinner at 6:30 and afterwards "buzz sessions" were held. The state officers conducted the sessions. Those going from lone were, Mrs Clarence Brenner, Mrs John Eubanks, Mrs Earl McCabe, Mrs Cecil Thorne, and Mrs Cleo Drake and John Jepsen of the Legion Post.

## Phone Directory Due About January 1

Work on Pacific Telephone's Oregon Centennial Year telephone directory for Heppner, Lexington, lone and other towns in the area started Thursday, (October 2.)

Manager D A Short said a group of the company's "Yellow Pages" sales representatives from Portland is scheduled to begin contacting business and professional people and firms about classified listings and display advertising. The group will be here through October 31. The directories are scheduled for delivery about the first of January, 1959.

The front cover of the Heppner directory will have a full page photo of the Indian village at the Pendleton Roundup. Superimposed at the bottom of the page is a drawing of nationally famous golden pioneer statue atop the Capitol building in Salem.

A banner line across the bottom of the front cover advertises the "Oregon Centennial—1859-1959."

Mr and Mrs Sid Cordner and C R Burgett of Pendleton were dinner guests of the Don Hatfield's Sunday.

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save and be  
safe at  
Fidelity



\$10,000 per account.  
\$30,000 man and wife can have insured accounts to \$30,000.  
\$70,000 man, wife and child can have insured accounts to \$70,000

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Accounts can be opened by mail, write for information.

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## County Agent's News

By N. C. Anderson

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association held on Tuesday of this week, plans were made for the annual fall meeting. It will be held on Monday, November 10. During the day wheat growers will have an opportunity to discuss all phases

of wheat production and marketing making recommendations concerning problems and projects for attention of county, state and national levels. The recommendations concerning state projects or problems will be taken to the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League which will be held this year in Portland on December 4, 5 and 6. Problems with national scope

will go then to the National Association of Wheat Growers annual meeting which will be held in Denver on December 10, 11 and 12.

The November 10 meeting will be held at the Lexington grange hall again this year with the Lexington Grange home economics club serving the noon meal. As an attendance getter, the executive committee have ar-



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### STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Oct. 16, 17, 18  
**Badman's Country**  
George Montgomery, Buster Crabbe, Karen Booth. PLUS.

**Lafayette Escadrille**  
Tab Hunter, Elichika Chourou and many more.

Sun., Mon., Oct 19, 20  
**This Happy Feeling**  
Debbie Reynolds, John Saxon, Curt Jurgens. Sunday at 4, 6 and 8.

Tues., Wed., Oct 21, 22  
**Yellow Sky**  
Gregory Peck, Anne Baxter, Richard Widmark. Family Nights.