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Election is Only 22 Days Away

With the primary election only 22 days away, a citizen must be truly diligent to become informed on the candidates and measures on the ballot. Certainly the candidates aren't doing much stirring, and in our area, at least, show a general lethargy.

Three measures are to be voted upon, but probably not one voter in 10 in our county could say at this time what they are, much less give a thoughtful opinion on their worth and merit.

Proponents of these measures have done very little to publicize them. Usually a newspaper is pretty well flooded with releases from those interested, but few, if any, have darkened our mail box to date, and the county has not given any information to this time on the proposal to establish a \$115,000 tax base for roads.

One of the measures on the ballot would revise the constitutional six per cent limitation on budgets of taxing bodies. Certainly that should be of great interest to everyone. Another is the matter of salaries of state legislators, which in our opinion, needs attention. It is absurd to expect to get top caliber men in the legislature for the pay that the state offers them, and it limits the field of candidates to those who can afford to make the sacrifice to go.

There have been few political cards distributed, few political visitors in town, and it makes you wonder if there really is going to be an election.

If a candidate were elected on effort, Sig Unander would get the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator here. He has been busy in this part of eastern Oregon, and he visited in Heppner last week, dropping by to say that this is the last year in the Senate for Wayne Morse. Every mail, too, brings a couple of letters from him. But his five opponents, as well as Senator Morse and his opponent, Charles Gilbert, on the Democratic ballot are silent to date.

Either there will be a lively sprint for voter favor in the closing days of the "campaign" (if one may term it that) or this will be one of the deadest elections we've experienced.

This paper expects to bring, in the issues left prior to election, information on candidates and measures so that the public may have a chance to become informed, but we believe that if candidates are interested enough to file for office they should do some work to let the voters know their qualifications.

Good Luck and Bon Voyage to Al Lamb

The Department of Commerce made a wise choice when it picked Al Lamb as one of six for a Trade Mission to Central Africa. The group will visit five countries there between May 6 and June 20 on the businessman-mission.

Our mayor and manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers is a big man with a common touch. Somehow we think the humility of spirit that he manifests in his relations with his fellowmen will strike a chord with the Africans and tend to promote understanding.

Mr. Lamb has never been out of the country before and he confesses the fear that he may not be well enough informed in all phases of diplomatic relations to measure up. We are confident, though, that his quiet manner of friendliness and goodwill will be understood and appreciated abroad.

In the past we have felt that the government has sent too many "big shots" overseas to reach the high officials there and the common man has been forgotten. When the government starts to send men of real goodwill who can greet those abroad with mutual understanding on the grass roots level, we're making progress towards selling democracy to the world.

We join residents of Morrow county and friends of Mr. Lamb everywhere in wishing him a fine and successful journey.

New Directories More Convenient

Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company, on the eve of changing to all-number calling and then switching over to direct distance dialing, is distributing new telephone books to Heppner, lone and Lexington.

These directories incorporate two changes which will make telephoning more convenient. First, the local section is placed in the front of the book so one does not have to wade through the Pendleton section to find a local number. (A good many local residents clipped off the upper right corner of the Pendleton section to permit easier finding of the local section in the old directory). Secondly, Lexington, lone and Heppner are grouped together instead of under separate listings. Since there are no distinct boundary lines in rural areas here, it has often been necessary for a caller to check all three sections before he could find the name of a rural resident he was looking for. Those getting directories in other areas will find their sections in the front.

These are little matters, to be sure, but to those whose business requires using the telephone a great deal, the changes will mean a savings in time and tempers.

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

A BIG advertisement that appeared from a beer company in daily papers last week showed a man's chin, throat and Adam's apple. The body of the ad bore these words, "Now 3 extra swallows in every can."

Our question: Don't their feathers tickle on the way down?

WE ENJOYED Mrs. Bill Weatherford's commentary on the Morrow County TB and Health association meeting that was held Tuesday night. She reported that a good crowd attended the pollack affair. However, a number had to leave early for the Cub Scout meeting, and quite a few more were involved in an Elks bridge party, and there was some kind of counselling service going on that caused others to slip out in mid-meeting. Then Dr. L. D. Tibbles was called out to attend Johnny Pfeiffer who came out second best in a freakish accident with a golf ball. A few minutes later, the police siren blew outside as Officer Hutch flagged down some alleged offender, and this distracted the audience. Finally, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman came and routed out District Attorney Bob Abrams on some kind of official business.

About that time the speaker of the evening must have thought that there was no one left but "Me" and "Thee." And he might have thought that the goings-on seemed a little queer. We understand the speaker did a very good job, too. (P. S. The G-T publishers didn't get to hear him because they got a call while getting ready to go that their press operator was detained

with her recovering husband at the Veterans' hospital in Boise.) One thing about it, nothing ever happens in a small town!

WHEN MRS. R. B. Rice's granddaughter is about to be married, "nor rain, nor snow, nor black of night" is going to stay her from attending, that's certain. Mrs. Rice is a young 86, and she hopped in a camper with her son, Edward Rice of Seattle, Tuesday afternoon for Sausalito, Calif., where the wedding is to be performed.

Travel by day, sleep in the camper at night—that's the schedule for grandmother despite her four score and six.

Just goes to show that it's all in the point of view when it comes to age. We noted this week that sports writers referred to the former lightweight boxing champion as "the ancient Joe Brown" when he was defeated Saturday at the ripe old age of 35 by Ortiz.

IT WOULD BE hard to tell whether Sadie Parish, county clerk, finds her broken wrist more painful than all the ribbing she is taking about getting it fractured on her Saturday fishing expedition. You want to be careful about how you approach her. We phoned on a business matter today, and she started right in to give us Hail Columbia for the humorous sympathy card we sent.

"What sympathy card?" We protested. (We didn't send any card).

"Oh, I thought you were Gene Pierce," she said. (There, you see, getting blamed for a bank

This May Save Your Life

Jaycees of Pendleton are coming to Heppner Saturday to install seat belts in autos for those who want them, at a price approaching cost. Their work is done voluntarily as a public service project.

We've been among those slow to appreciate the value of seat belts for there have been times that we thought it would be better to be thrown out of a vehicle in a crash than to be held firmly inside (such as the burning gasoline truck in Portland the other day that cost the life of the driver). However, statistics prove us wrong, and our local doctors agree that many deaths could have been averted with seat belts. Probably thousands of lives are lost annually by those being jammed into dashboards and windshields with the sudden impact of a crash.

The Chamber of Commerce here has backed this friendly goodwill project of the visiting Pendleton Jaycees, and the garages endorse it, even though they cannot compete on price of installing seat belts.

It is conceivable that if you take your car to the Jaycees for an installation Saturday, you may be saving your life or that of a member of your family. Sounds like a real good investment at very low cost.

Like It or Not, It's Coming Sunday

Daylight saving time is coming to parts of the state Sunday; other parts stay on standard. The Oregonian reports that there will be a "few Islands" of standard time when most of the state goes on daylight. Conversely, there will be a "few Islands" of daylight time in our part of the state when we stay on standard. Uniform time, fast time, daylight time, standard time—whatever you call it, whatever is favored, it is still Confusion Time to us. Last year, the Associated Press compiled a town-by-town listing of prevailing times throughout the state. This is direly needed again to keep things straight. It's a sad commentary on Oregonians indeed when they cannot even decide a uniform system of operating their clocks. May this be corrected in November!

What Would We Do Without Elks?

Watching the little kids scramble for Easter Eggs Saturday, we couldn't help but think, "What would Heppner do without the Elks?" Sponsorship of the annual egg hunt, sponsorship of Santa Claus, dancing lessons, and many, many more activities that all enjoy, not only just for members and their children, make them an organization that the community should thoroughly appreciate.

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Reappraisal Story Point is Clarified

Assessor Oliver Creswick calls attention to a point that was omitted in last week's story on reappraisal notices being sent to taxpayers in the county. He had stated that notices would go to those whose property showed an increase in valuation.

He said this week that he had failed to point out that such notices would go only to those whose valuation increased by \$100 or more. If the increase is less, no notice is sent, he said. The assessor asked that this be made clear so that no misunderstanding or confusion exists in the minds of taxpayers involved.

manager's pranks). To get even, we have dubbed her the Chinese county clerk—Won Arm Parrish.

When she tumbled over the fence, her whole body came down on the wrist which she had extended instinctively to break the fall.

"It just couldn't stand that 200 pounds and snapped," she said. Well, that's the first time we ever heard of a woman packing 100 pounds of gear to go trout fishing. (That should get us off the hook for writing this).

IF ANYONE happens to land a new reel instead of a trout while fishing in Willow Creek, it belongs to Rickey Gimbel, freckle-faced sixth grade dynamo of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gimbel. Rickey, fishing with his companion, Jim Sherman, Sunday p. m., lost the reel in the swollen creek. They tried to fish it out with its own line, but it snapped, and Rick's brand new reel was lost.

DR. WAGNER gave quite a plea for auto seat belts at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday, said he has them in his car and always uses them. Dr. Tibbles is all for them, too. He said he bought a set a year or two ago and hasn't got around to putting them on. "But," he added hastily, "I use them when I ride with Dr. Wagner."

HEPPNER MERCHANTS who sponsored the Salute to Spring would have had their hearts warmed if they had heard Berl Akers' remark in this office this afternoon. "I stayed up and plowed until midnight just so I could go to the parade here that Saturday," he said.

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Special Program For EOC Parents, Students Planned

A special program for Morrow county parents of all students who are now attending Eastern Oregon College in LaGrande and of students who intend entering EOC next year is planned for Monday evening in the high school cafeteria rooms.

Dean Winters, dean of girls at the college, and Dean Howard Anders, dean of boys, will be present to preside, discuss and answer questions regarding either teaching as a profession or EOC as a college.

Students are invited to attend and a special invitation is extended to any student who expects to enter teaching, regardless of where the interested student expects to attend school, according to Mrs. Margaret Kirk, guidance coordinator.

A part of the program will be devoted to various qualifications of good teachers and the requirements of the vocation. Another section will be devoted to answering questions on college itself—costs, housing, curriculum and activities.

Counselling Program Shared With Parents At Tuesday Meeting

Guidance counselors, Mrs. Margaret Kirk, Gordon Pratt and Jim Sutherland, conducted a meeting Tuesday evening in the high school cafeteria for parents of present freshmen students. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the expanded testing program, explain the importance of meeting certain requirements in the course of study and to familiarize parents with the new facilities of the counselling program.

Films were shown related to the understanding of a child's intelligence, choice of vocation and choice of college. Special emphasis was placed upon the importance of students acquiring a broader knowledge of the many types of work available and the type of training required for each.

Up-to-date data was given to parents of students who do not plan to attend college directly after finishing high school, as this segment has not received as much attention in the past as the college bound student.

To Attend Conference

President of Heppner Soroptimist club, Mrs. E. E. Gonty, and two delegates, Miss Leta Humphreys and Mrs. Pearl Devine, will leave Friday morning for Lewiston, Idaho. The three will attend the Northwest Regional Conference of the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas in Lewiston from April 27 through 29. Mrs. Gonty also expects to represent the local club at the National Convention in San Francisco in July.



Coming Events

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE Heppner Civic League. Old Central Market building. Friday 9:00-8:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00-5:00 p.m.

COW CUTTING SPRING MEET Morrow County Fairgrounds. Saturday, 1:30 p. m.; Sunday Quarterhorse Colt given away. 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

HIGH SCHOOL SMOGASBORD Saturday High school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p. m. Benefit for student body fund. \$1.00, 75c, 50c.

ROCKHOUND MEETING George Miller home, Cecil. Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

SOROPTIMIST CARD PARTY Episcopal parish hall, Monday, April 30. Bridge, pinocle, door prizes.

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