

Voters Follow Trend in State; Thomson Wins

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About 52% of Morrow county's registered voters went to the polls in the primary election Friday, and the votes they cast on state and national levels followed state trends.

On the local scene, Republicans gave a more than 2-to-1 majority to Rod Thomson in nominating him for assessor over incumbent Oliver Creswick, and they chose E. O. (Gene) Ferguson, incumbent, over Berl Akers for the county commissioner nomination by a margin of 93 votes. Count on the assessor contest was Creswick 207, Thomson 469. For commissioner, received 294 and Ferguson 387. Thomson also received the write-in nomination on the Democratic ballot, receiving 89 votes, while Creswick received 31 write-ins. This will mean that Thomson's name may appear on the general election ballot in November as Republican-Democrat.

In the commissioner race, however, Akers received the most votes on the Democratic ballot with 32 while Ferguson received 25. Since Akers did not win his own party's nomination, he is not permitted to run as the Democratic candidate in the fall. Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said.

Democrats had only one race of local interest, that for state representative of the 28th district (Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla counties). Results in the county followed the trend throughout the district as Frank Weatherford of Olex, now serving his second term as representative, lost the nomination to Jack Smith of Condon. In Morrow county, Smith received 286 votes while Weatherford gained 202. Gaylord Madison of Echo, running unopposed on the Republican ballot, received 544 votes and will face Smith on the general election ballot.

In every contest on all ballots, the county followed the state trend. For U. S. Senator, Republicans in the county favored Sig Ulander, who received the nomination, giving him 380 votes to 150 for his nearest rival, Congressman Edwin Durno. On the Democratic side, Senator Wayne Morse polled a 4-to-1 margin in the county over his lesser known rival, Charles E. Gilbert, the count being 383 to 94. Thus, in the fall Ulander will run against Morse.

Robert Chandler, Bend newspaper publisher, captured the Republican nomination for U. S. Congress in the second district, and Morrow county's G.O.P. backed the winner with 312 votes to 221 for Everett J. Thoren of Elgin. Veteran Al Ullman, incumbent representative from the second district, ran unopposed on the Democratic ballot and received 449 votes in the county.

Governor Mark Hatfield received a 3-to-1 margin in the county over opponent H. G. Altwater in his bid for nomination to a second term as governor, polling 501 Republican votes in the county compared to 157 for Altwater. Robert Y. Thornton, Democrat, present state attorney-general, topped his rival, Walter Pearson, by close to a 2-to-1 margin in the county, 284 to 154, in the trend that held throughout the state. Thus, Thornton will challenge Gov. Hatfield on the general election ballot in November.

In the Democratic race for state labor commissioner it was virtually no contest for incumbent Norman O. Nilsen, who in Morrow county, received 342 votes as against 82 for his chal-

lenger, Vic Davis. Nilsen, winner by a vast majority around the state, will be opposed by Alfred Blair, Republican, in the fall. Blair had no opposition on the Republican ballot.

In voting on measures, county residents, like those throughout the state, expressed disfavor at the six per cent limitation measure, voting no by more than

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Elementary Grades Combine In Band, Chorus Concert

Band and chorus students in grades five through eight will be heard in a special music concert at the high school gym Friday evening, May 26, at 8 p. m. The evening hour is chosen so that more parents can make arrangements to attend than during school hours.

Under the direction of Ola Mae Benson, the four grades will combine in an opening number, "One Thirty Six Strong Tones," whose original words, along with "Stars and Stripes Forever," set a theme carrying out a historical review of all-American songs. Numbers, from barbershop ballad days to the "Bicycle Built for Two," will be sung by fifth and sixth graders.

Songs of the seventh and eighth grade groups will include familiar Negro spirituals and a Kentucky mountain ballad.

The fifth grade band, under the direction of Arnold Melby, will be heard in a variety of eight numbers. They will feature a trombone solo by Terry Peck, cornet solo by Larry Pettyjohn and a brass sextet playing "America the Beautiful."

The sixth grade band will complete the program with a group of six numbers. One number will feature a saxophone solo by Shella Luciani.

The program is open to the public and there will be no admission charge.

Elks' Fire Said Of Attic Origin

Deputy state fire marshals who investigated the Elks' building fire in Heppner after it razed the structure on Friday, May 11, have reported to Fire Chief Charles Ruggles that origin of the blaze apparently was in the attic of the building.

After searching the ruins and studying all aspects of the situation, including a check of electric motors, they theorized that it may have ignited from an overheated bearing in a motor on the air conditioning unit. The "hot spot" was determined to be in the neighborhood of the air conditioner. Stan Phillips of John Day and Joe Gaul, Corvallis, are the deputies who conducted the investigation.

At this time, there has been no further announcement about future plans for the lodge nor for the Star Theater. Club rooms of the lodge will be opened temporarily soon in the building next to Miladies Apparel.

Insurance adjusters are still at work to compile extent of loss, and contractors have been busy in recent days on estimates of reconstruction costs.

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FIRST POPPY to be sold by the American Legion auxiliary here went to Mayor Al Lamb prior to his departure for Central Africa on a United States Trade Mission. Mrs. Frank (Hazel) Hamlin is the saleswoman. The mayor promised to wear the poppy on his trip. Poppy Days here are May 25 and 26. (G-T Photo)

Poppies on Sale Friday, Saturday

Buddy Poppies will be on sale in Heppner Friday and Saturday in honor of more than a half-million American war dead and nearly one million wounded during the two World Wars and the Korean conflict.

Mrs. Oma Cox is chairman of the campaign sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Working with her are Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Mrs. Riley Munkers, Mrs. Matt Hughes, Mrs. Norah Rasmus, Mrs. Don Bennett, Mrs. Sylvia Wells, Mrs. Don Munkers, Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Harry Tamblin, Mrs. Jack Flug, and Mrs. Morgan Connor. They will work in shifts throughout Friday and Saturday. A table will be set up in front of Wilson's Men's Wear and members will also visit the businesses during the day.

On Saturday the auxiliary volunteers will be assisted by members of Order of Rainbow for Girls, including Diane Warren, Barbara Blake, Tanna Valentine, Joan Van Houte, Claudia Nolan, Ginny Lou Turner, Jean Siewert, Jan Hager, and Linda Heath.

Gene Cutsforth Hurt In Tractor Mishap

Gene Cutsforth, 34, Lexington rancher escaped with a deep puncture on the inside of his left arm in an accident that happened while working on his farm tractor Monday morning.

He was attaching a spray tank onto a wheel tractor while the motor was running and the power take-off mechanism was in gear. He reached for a bolt he had dropped and his coat sleeve caught in the power take-off, tearing the coat and the shirt sleeve off. His arm was deeply punctured below the elbow before he was freed.

His wife, Lucia, rushed him to a Heppner physician where several stitches were required to close the wound.

County to Press State Commission For Improvements

Towns and organizations of Morrow county will join those of Gilliam county at a meeting of the State Highway Commission in Salem Friday to again ask for improvement of the highway from Heppner to Highway 30.

A delegation, bearing resolutions and letters from towns and organizations, will ask for widening of the highway and removal of curves from Heppner to Morgan and will request a new shortcut route from Morgan over the hill to Arlington, which would cut distance for westbound traffic about 13 miles.

Sam Mallicoate, director of the State Department of Planning and Development, told the development committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce that he or a representative from his department will be present at the 11:30 a. m. appointment with the commission to support Morrow and Gilliam counties in their request. He said in a recent appearance in Heppner that the department is on record as favoring the shortcut route.

Gene Pierce, manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner, was scheduled to be spokesman for the group, but he was ill Thursday, and it did not appear that he will be able to attend. County Judge Oscar Peterson, who has led the fight for better highways here, may again assume the role of spokesman. A number of others will go with him, including representatives from Ione, Condon, Arlington and Heppner.

Resolutions will be presented from the Chamber of Commerce, farm organizations, City of Heppner, Ione Lions club, Gilliam county groups, and others.

The development committee of the Chamber of Commerce, meeting Monday night in the courthouse, laid plans to attend every meeting of the commission until there is assurance that the highway will be improved.

Serial Road Vote Slated on July 2

Morrow County Court Wednesday authorized a special election for Monday, July 2, on a serial tax levy for county roads. The proposal will ask voters for \$115,000 for each of the next three years. Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said.

The election was called after the county's former serial road levy was declared illegal because it calls for a specific levy (of 10 mills) rather than seeking a definite sum of money as now required by Oregon law.

A proposed road tax base measure that was on the primary election ballot, calling for a base of \$115,000, also was declared illegal by the State Tax Commission on the grounds that the county could not have a tax base for its general fund and also the road fund.

County Judge Oscar Peterson has pointed out that unless a levy is approved for roads, the county will only have the relatively small income that comes from outside sources, such as state road apportionment, for its roads. If supplementary tax funds are not approved, the county road program would have to be reduced to a bare maintenance minimum.

Holiday, Vacations Mean Early Copy

Cooperation of the public is asked by the Gazette-Times for the next several weeks in submitting news and advertising copy as early in the week as possible because of a combination of circumstances.

The staff loses a day next week because of the Memorial Day holiday and would appreciate receiving as much material as possible from correspondents, churches, other news sources and advertisers on Monday. Plan is to publish the paper at the regular time.

On the ensuing week, Printer Joe Hartle must re-enter the Veterans' hospital at Boise for a two-day checkup and this will leave the staff short at the height of the week.

Vacations are due to start in mid-June entailing additional burden on the remaining staff. Cooperation of the public in getting material into the hands of the paper as promptly as possible each week will help a great deal and will be very much appreciated.

Picnic Set For Holiday; Closure Due

Pioneer reunion picnic, an annual event here, will be held on Memorial Day in the fair pavilion, and another large crowd is expected. This will be the local feature attraction for the season's first holiday.

Miss Leta Humphreys is general chairman, and Mrs. Gene Ferguson is secretary of the committee in charge. The event will start at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, and members of the Soroptimist club will be in charge of registration.

Members of Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will assist with serving of the buffet picnic dinner, and women of the Rhea Creek Home Economics club will be in charge of the kitchen.

Everyone, including local residents and out-of-town guests, are invited to the picnic.

Most retail businesses will be closed in Heppner for the holiday. Each of the banks will be closed, as will the courthouse and post office.

Flower Show Open For Public Display Saturday

The promoters of Heppner's first public flower show, an ambitious group of 4-H girls, the Sew-Along and the leader, Mrs. William Rawlins, are busy making contacts this week for what they hope will be a successful show on Saturday at the Heppner Auto Sales showroom.

With good public cooperation in bringing of entries the show can do much in creating interest in appreciation of floral beauty in the community. The girls hope that gardeners will share many of the pretty flowers in bloom now with others of the community.

Entries will be received from 8 to 10 a. m. Saturday, at the show room. All classes of horticulture blooms grown by amateur gardeners will be judged as well as varieties of decorative arrangements. There will also be a junior section for exhibitors 12 years of age or under. Ribbons will be awarded winners in each division, and a sweepstake ribbon to the exhibitor winning the most ribbons. The show will be judged by an accredited flower show judge.

Between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. a silver tea will be served, with money received above the cost of the show going to the International Farm Youth Exchange program in Oregon.

The public is invited to stop in and view the show during the afternoon on Saturday.

State Policeman Due September 1

James A. Gordon, state policeman, is due to be transferred to Heppner from Baker as of September 1, according to a letter to the Gazette-Times from Mrs. Gordon this week.

The family is seeking a home to rent here and would like to have a three or four-bedroom place. The Gordons have three daughters, ages 5, 3 and 1. The eldest girl will start to school in the fall.

The new officer will replace Patrolman Jim McPherson who left several months ago after succeeding Officer Bill Labhart here.

64 Seniors Due For Graduation In Classes of '62

Morrow county's three high schools will graduate a total of 64 in the classes of 1962 in commencement exercises scheduled throughout the week. Riverside high at Boardman will be first with its combined baccalaureate and commencement on Friday night at 8 o'clock with 13 in the class, Principal Ron Daniels announces.

Heppner High school commencement will be Tuesday night, May 29, at 8 p. m. in the gymnasium with 41 on the class role, Principal Gordon Pratt

Paper to Print Photos Next Week

Pictures of seniors of Ione and Heppner High schools, expected to be printed in the Gazette-Times this week, were delayed and could not be included in this issue.

It is now planned to print the pictures of the classes of 1962 in next week's paper, again assuming that they arrive from the photographers in time.

'Early Thirties' Classes Planning Reunion Sunday

Classmates and faculty members associated with Heppner High school classes of '31, '32, '33 and '34 will meet for a class reunion at the county fair pavilion building Sunday, May 27.

Class groups have been alternating for reunions during recent years and this is the year for those in school during the "early thirties" to return and renew acquaintances. The committee, of which Herman Green is chairman and Mrs. J. J. Hayes is secretary-treasurer, has been making contacts with all members of these classes for which they have been able to find addresses. Friends or relatives knowing of class members during the above years are asked to contact them and remind them of the reunion.

A potluck dinner is planned for 12:30, with the hot dish, rolls and coffee furnished by the local committee.

For those unable to be present for the dinner, public reunion meetings will be held from 3 to 5 p. m.

Royal Court to Appear Saturday At Spray

Queen Marlene and her Morrow county rodeo court will ride in the parade Saturday which will open the annual Spray Rodeo.

The Rodeo, a nationally approved contest featuring well-known riders, will provide a good program on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Queen Marlene and Princess Diane Fullerton will be among those entered in the OBRA girls barrel racing events.

The court will be accompanied by their chaperone, Mrs. Roice Fullerton. They will make their first appearance in their new riding outfits. They also appeared earlier this year in the Arlington rodeo parade.

WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Thursday	70	45	—
Friday	63	40	—
Saturday	47	35	.73
Sunday	59	39	—
Monday	69	40	—
Tuesday	71	44	.47
Wednesday	54	44	.53

Total rain for the year is 6.76 inches. This week so far brought a total of 1.73 inches and was still raining at press time.

Three-Man Gang Hits Meet

Three Heppner trackmen, Archie Ball, Eddie Howard, and Lee Padberg, performed a feat in the A-2 district track meet at Burns Saturday that should be the talk of the huge Eastern Oregon district for years to come.

The three, among 7 entrants from Heppner, entered six events and won five first places and one second. They qualified for the state meet in each event that they entered, and in doing so they racked up 58 points for Heppner, good for fourth place in the A-2.

Performing in cold, miserable weather, Padberg took the mile in a time of 4:50.1 and the half-mile in 2:08. Howard won the 100 yard dash in 10.2 and the 220 in 24.1. Ball copped the high hurdles in 16.0 and was second in the low hurdles at 22.1, so close to the winner that their times were identical.

Howard and Padberg thus each scored 20 points and ball had 18. Of the 13 first places in the meet, Heppner got five. The threesome couldn't have done much better than that did. Howard and Padberg tied with Cowper of Madras for high point honors. The White Buffalo representative won the shotput and discus.

The fearsome threesome will be in the state meet Friday and Saturday, and their coach, Don McClure, figures that they will be right "up among 'em" in this competition.

Mac here took the district meet with 120 points, followed by Nyssa with 72, Sherman with 71, Heppner with 58, Burns with 45 and Mac-Hi with 33. Trailing were Vale, Enterprise and John Day.

Also going to Burns but failing to place were Dean Robinson, Bruce Moyer, Shan Applegate, and John Waghenblast.

announces, and Ione High school exercises will be Thursday night, May 31, at 8 p. m. in the gymnasium with 11 to receive diplomas. Both Heppner and Ione High schools will hold baccalaureate exercises on Sunday, May 27, with Ione's to be at 6:30 p. m. in the gymnasium and Heppner's to be at 8 p. m. in the gymnasium here.

Jack Flug of Heppner will give the commencement address at Riverside, and Robert Seward, Boardman, member of the Morrow county school board, will present diplomas. Valedictory will be by Howard Leon Keith and salutatory by Sandra L. Creamer. The Rev. Herman Burgess, pastor of the Boardman Community church, will deliver the invocation and pronounce the benediction. Principal Daniels will present the class and introduce the speaker of the evening. Soloist will be Elizabeth Kuhn, accompanied by Verona Shattuck. Mrs. Albert Partlow will play the professional and recessional.

Father C. Bruce Spencer, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church will give the baccalaureate sermon at Ione, and the Rev. Rod MacKenzie, pastor of the Ione Community church, will participate in the service. Mrs. Glenn Biehl will be soloist, and Gene Rietmann will play the professional and recessional.

Heppner's baccalaureate will hear Pastor Kenneth Robinson of the Valley and Hope Lutheran churches deliver the sermon. Taking part in the service also will be the Rev. Charles Knox, pastor of the First Christian church, and Father Raymond Beard of St. Patrick's Catholic church. Soloists will be Mrs. Gerald Jonasson and Principal Gordon Pratt. Ola Mae Benson will play the professional and recessional.

Speaker for commencement at Heppner will be Hester Turner, dean of women at Lewis and Clark college, Portland. Delwin O. Nelson, chairman of the Morrow County School board, will present diplomas. Valedictory will be given by Sandra Harshman, and salutatory will be by Judy Anne Schmidt. Principal Pratt will present awards, and Mrs. Margaret Kirk will present the class. Mrs. Sam Miller will be soloist, invocation and benediction will be by Father Spencer, and professional and recessional will be by the high school band.

Dr. Frank Bennett, president of Eastern Oregon College will give the commencement address at Ione High. Principal Darrel Reich will present awards and Chairman Valedictory will present diplomas. Valedictory addresses will be given by Linda Halverson and Michelle Morrison, salutatory will be by Wayne Hams. Mrs. Biehl will be soloist. Father Beard will deliver the invocation and the Rev. MacKenzie will pronounce the benediction. Professional will be by the Ione High school band and recessional will be by Arleta McCabe.

In the classes of 1962 are the following: Riverside — Leonard Robert Bentley, Albert Edward Boothman III, Sandra L. Creamer, Steven Charles Dells, Keith Raymond Gronquist, Howard Leon Keith, Chloe Kay McQuay, Robert James Obermer, Ann Catherine Schmeder, Larry M. Stitzel, Hazel Jean Stitzel, Donald Wayne Tazel, Richard Allen Watts.

Heppner—Archie C. Ball, Ronnie Belmsa, Marion Otis Biddle, Beverly Lucille Blake, Sandra Helen Campbell, James L. Cason, John Dominic Ceglia Jr., Donald Lynn Clark, Ronald Lee Creswick, Cheryl Wynn Crist, Kenneth Allen Daggett, Beverly Jean Ann Davidson, Ladd Edwin Dick, James Allen Farra, Norma Marie Ferguson, Robert Lloyd Fetsch, Christopher Sigbsbe G. George, Laurence Herman Green, Sandra Janet Harshman, Michael James Healy, Edward Duane Howard.

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Looking For African Wilds

Searchers Hunt Through Night; Exploring Lads Found Unharmred

Two boys who went "exploring" Tuesday night caused many local residents a sleepless night before the wandering pair was found unharmed in an old trailer house behind Heppner Lumber Co. mill, just north of town, about 1 a. m. Wednesday by Burton Peck and John Ceglia.

Willard Staley Jr., 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Staley, and Tommy Sampson, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sampson, were the objectives of the all-night search in which possibly 100 local persons participated.

Their objective was somewhat indefinite, one report being that they wanted to "explore the African jungle." Another was that they were searching for crawdads in Willow creek and became absorbed in the venture without realizing that darkness had slipped up on them.

The Sampsons became alarmed when Tommy failed to come home after school Tuesday. He had been instructed to get a haircut, and thus they did not expect him as early as usual, but when he failed to arrive by suppertime, they became alarmed.

The Staley boy's father, science teacher at the high school, had

a part in the awards night program at the school and appeared there, though anxious about his son, before rushing out to join the search.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman and Officer Floyd Hutchens were summoned and organized the hunt, and a state patrolman was called in from his run on Highway 30.

It was learned that the lads were seen in a restaurant and that Tommy had had his bicycle tire repaired at a service station around 6 p. m. That was the last seen of them. They had only the one bicycle.

Chief Gilman said that he was not particularly alarmed, thinking that the boys would be found in the city. He became apprehensive, however, when the bicycle was not located.

Peck and Ceglia started from Lexington and worked towards Heppner, checking all possible buildings and places where the boys might be. The parents went to the south of the city to check some old vacant houses. Many school teachers and other volunteers combed the city.

With the word that the lads had been found, dirty and disheveled, but unharmed, the par-

ents took them home, vastly relieved, and the searchers disabanded to claim a few winks of sleep in the nearly-spent night. The two were only light clothing but apparently kept warm enough. They were sound asleep when found.

Mr. Sampson, who has a heart ailment suffered from the strain, and his condition gave cause for concern during the night. He was better Wednesday, however, and was able to converse about the incident.

Both the Staleys and the Sampsons were extremely grateful to those who helped in the search. Mr. Staley asked that their thanks be expressed to all who helped—to the officers, school teachers, and others who volunteered. He said that Peck and Ceglia were covered with mud "from head to foot" after making the search through the countryside from Lexington.

Mr. Sampson, in obvious gratitude, said, "We have a fine group of men in this town." He added his family's appreciation for the help given.

The Staley boy is in the second grade of public school but Tommy attends the Adventist school where he is in the fourth grade.