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District Attorney Merits Election

Morrow county residents have not had much opportunity to become well acquainted with their new district attorney, Herman Winter, because he was appointed to the position by the governor on October 1 and is a newcomer to the county.

Because of the fact that his name is not on the ballot, though no fault of his own but because of the late appointment, it is fair to point out to voters that his name must be written on the ballot at the time of the general election, November 6. There are no other candidates.

Although District Attorney Winter is new in the county, he has started his work with vigor and energy. He meets the public courteously and with consideration. He gives the impression of being conscientiously devoted to his new job, and it appears that he will become a respected citizen of Morrow county.

Those who are not aware of the situation may be prone to write in the name of Robert Abrams, former district attorney, on the ballot. Although Abrams performed very well in the position, it will do no good to write in his name because he would not accept the job. He was firm in his declaration to retire from the public post to devote more time to private practice, and he, with help from other attorneys here, helped seek a man whom he felt would acquit himself well in this important job.

Herman Winter shows a great deal of promise. He deserves the chance to continue in office after January 1, and voters could do well by writing his name on the ballot and placing their crosses in the square in front of the name.

There are no contests for county offices in this election, and the Gazette-Times will not make recommendations on those for higher offices in the belief that each speaks for himself. We make this recommendation on Winter because of the unusual circumstances of the case.

Vote Measure 9, 'Yes!'

(From the Stayton Mail)

(Editorial) Proponents of Measure No. 9, that proposes a reapportionment of the state for representation in the legislature, contend that apportionment should be continued upon a strictly population basis.

This would deny fair representation upon an area basis that Measure 9 would provide.

Area certainly has a long-standing, constitutional background in its favor.

Our nation's founding fathers saw that area should have a strong voice in the Congress when they wrote into the constitution that every state would have two senators. Offsetting, they said that the lower chamber, the House of Representatives, would be membered upon a population basis, applied to each state.

It is grossly unfair and unreasonable to set up representation in the state legislature upon a basis that would make their representatives, so far removed from them that they could not reach them easily for expressing their views, and for getting acquainted with them so as to vote intelligently in their appeals for electors' votes.

It is claimed that the present legislative apportionment results in some instances in eastern Oregon whereby a representative would be from 100 to 500 miles removed from some areas of his district.

On the other hand, the populous counties—particularly, Multnomah—would have an abundance of representatives, all of whom are easily accessible to their constituents.

The strictly population basis of representation certainly is a nice deal for the pressure groups who are centered in the big cities.

Some of our state's most influential and successful legislators and executives have come from the less populous area of the state. Being free of much of the overbearing pressures, that emanate primarily from metropolitan areas, they are better able to represent the state as a whole more reasonably and effectively.

Oregon, including both populous and sparsely settled areas, would be better governed if the people adopt Measure 9 at the polls on November 6.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In the coming election, the people of Oregon have a chance to regain part of their representation in the U. S. Senate by electing Sig Unander. The people of Oregon need someone in the U. S. Senate to speak for them and to act for them, rather than having someone who takes so much of the Senate's time speaking, and so little of his time representing the people of Oregon.

I have been checking with a great deal of interest the newspaper reports for comments by Senator Morse concerning our relationship with Communist Bloc countries. As of this time I have seen nothing by Mr. Morse indicating withdrawal of his position that Red China should be admitted to the U. N. How Mr. Morse can support the brutal crushing of individual freedom in China, Tibet, and other Asian Countries where the Communists with the help of Red China have gained power, and still attempt to picture himself as the only protector of the "little man" in this country is difficult for me to understand.

Sig Unander has shown his grasp of the international situation in that he realizes that the cold war is being fought for men's minds; and that the Communist Bloc has been gaining in this war because of their great propaganda effort. Sig Unander believes that it is time for us to move to the offensive and begin to sell our greatest product—our type of government and our great individual freedom.

Now is the time for Oregon to elect a man who has a realistic approach to Oregon's problems and a positive approach to international affairs, and that man is Sig Unander.

Sincerely yours,
Bob Abrams

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHEN WE wrote the story on the Wranglers' Buckburger feed last week, we couldn't find out the name of the sorrel colt that the Rod Murrays were giving away. They couldn't be reached because they were out of town.

We still don't know the name of the colt, but think it would be appropriate if they named it "Rexall," for several reasons. First, of course, the Murrays operate the Rexall drug store. Secondly, because in the Rexall sale, a person buys one thing and gets the second article for one cent—practically free.

Well, Mrs. Bob (Beverly) Steagall won the colt at the feed. She had bought a colt from the Murrays earlier in the year, and so it was appropriate that she get "Rexall" free.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S announced blockade of Cuba was startling news Monday, and it started everyone to thinking about the gravity of the international situation, together with some grim possibilities.

When Tim Moore went by the county courthouse Tuesday, he noted that the American flag was flying upside down—the signal of distress. He thought at first it had some significant bearing on the important news of the day.

When he asked Shorty Hudson, courthouse custodian, about it, the latter admitted with some chagrin that he had just goofed and had fastened it on to the rope upside down.

DESPITE the gravity of the blockade plan, there is one refreshing thing about it at this time of year when politicians are battling it out. Everyone pitches in on a bi-partisan basis and backs the president for the good of the country. We enjoyed watching some of our good Republican candidates on TV Tuesday night enthusiastically endorsing the action. In this country we're just like a big family where the kids pick at each other all the time. When it comes to a real emergency, though, they stand solidly together for the good of the whole.

ANOTHER THING that is refreshing about this country of ours is how our people can be humorous and look on the bright side even in times of disaster.

Down in the valley where damage runs into many millions of dollars from the storm there is arising a string of jokes and quips about the situation. One of the best was in the column, "H'm," by Editor Hugh McGilvra in the Forest Grove News-Times: "An old Indian is quoted as authority for many weather predictions.

"The latest report from the old Indian is a forecast of a hard winter in this area because so many white men are cutting wood."

IT IS ENCOURAGING to note the support that the reapportionment measure is getting from thoughtful residents of the Willamette Valley. On this page we reprint an editorial from Lawrence Spraker of the Stayton Mail who points out why the measure should be passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Spraker formerly owned the Condon Globe-Times and can appreciate and understand the Eastern Oregon situation. That is quite a contrast from the "jackrabbit and sagebrush" attitude of people like Sen. Vernon Cook of Gresham.

Also note that the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce has just endorsed the reapportionment bill, and we received a letter to the editor from Lake Oswego backing it. That is in

the heart of the heavily-populated area.

TALKING with Bill Blake the other day, we learned that Heppner areas was once designated by Civil Defense as an evacuation area for 3500 Portlanders in the event of a nuclear attack. In the wake of the Cuban blockade announcement, Bill was wondering what we are doing here to take care of this obligation in the event of the emergency. He thinks we should get prepared—just in case.

We couldn't help but think whether people like Sen. Cook, who has been so disdainful of our country as being only for "sagebrush and jackrabbits," would humble themselves to come here in case they were forced to evacuate the big city.

WELL, WE thought Joe Hartle, our G-T printer, might have taken the prize with the biggest horns in the PTA contest when he came in over the week-end with a big 4-point that must have weighed a total of 200 pounds. But he has learned that a 3-point apparently is still in the running for top prize with a bigger spread than his 4-point. The horns on Joe's deer curled in, instead of out, on one side. Maybe he could have soaked them in boiling hot water and bent them out, or something.

Most of our readers, we're sure, remember the case of the liner Andrea Doria colliding with the Stockholm in the Atlantic ocean several years ago, although they were all alone and saw each other approaching 20 miles away.

Well, Joe and his companion, Harry Husband of Kennewick, had an experience like that on motorcycles when he got this big deer.

The big mule tail was dropped in a spot where Old Mother Nature had vented her wrath and is known locally as "Hell Hole." Hartle and Husband precariously made their way down into that steep canyon on their cycles. Husband was below Hartle. When they got to the bottom, they stopped to reconnoiter. There they were, all alone in the vast forestland.

Somehow, Joe released his brake accidentally, and he catapulted on down to crash into Husband's cycle, throwing Joe head over teakettle.

Fortunately, the damage was not as bad as that of the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm. They found the deer, put it on Husband's cycle, and it toted the

buck out for them, although burning out a clutch doing so.

FINE SPEECHES and disappointing crowd—this was the Soil Conservation District speech contest at the grade school Tuesday night. We are impressed with the work our high school students do in speech and dramatics, but they certainly need more encouragement than they get. Martha Doherty won the contest with an excellent talk but the other four were fine, too, and they all had some thoughts on conservation, the Willow Creek dam project, and other matters of importance that their elders might well turn out to hear.

We hear talk about what our youngsters might do to make good use of their time, but when they make such an effort, few adults take the time to support them. In all, there were a total of 16 out for the contest, despite the fact that it had been well advertised. Out of the 16 were five contestants, three judges, a timer, the chairman, an instructor, and the one who presented the awards. Net audience: four adults who took the time to attend.

We certainly hope the public does better when the area contest is here Monday night, October 29, in the multipurpose room.

COMING UP Friday night here is Heppner High School Homecoming, and this has added significance because the Mustangs are right in there fighting it out for the Greater Oregon League division football championship. If they can somehow defeat the strong Burns team, it will mean the championship, even though they should lose next week to Sherman County.

Coach Jim Sutherland's boys

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor:

A recent letter to your paper charges the staff and administrators of the Heppner High School with political bias and attempting to indoctrinate students in accepting the idea of federal control over the public school systems. Both of these accusations are unfounded. Our teachers are active in both political parties, not just one. Office holders who speak to our students are requested to avoid politics or political statements, and this request has been followed by these speakers. To my knowledge there is not a teacher or administrator in this district who advocates or believes in federal control of the public schools.

We would welcome an address by Governor Hatfield or any other elected office holder, who would speak to our students on the functions of their office. If the County Republican Chairman would take the time to arrange for the governor to speak to our

students, we would be glad to make school time available for this purpose.

Very sincerely,
Robert Van Houte

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The Heppner High School students gave Mr. Ullman a warm and friendly reception, which shows good manners and western hospitality. I am sure they will do the same for Governor Hatfield. To label this a partisan, political rally is to misconstrue the vitality of students in school today.

One of our major school goals is to develop good American citizens, in my opinion this is being done at Heppner High School in a sincere and fair manner.

Very sincerely,
Robert Van Houte

Mrs. Lena Kelly returned recently from an extended trip, visiting friends and relatives in Portland, Salem, Murphys, Calif., and San Bruno, Calif.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events
LEGION MOVIES
Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.
Legion Hall
This week "Pride of the Blue Grass"
Plus one-half hour cartoons.

HOME FOOTBALL GAME
Heppner High versus Burns High school
Friday night, 8:00 p.m.
Heppner Rodeo Grounds
Support the Mustangs

TURKEY DINNER
Saturday, October 27
Lexington IOOF Hall
5:30 to 7:00 P.M.
By Lexington Three Links

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Heppner, Ione High School Students
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7:30 to 10:30 P.M.
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