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## Candidates Speak for Progress

Public appearances of those in the race for Morrow county judge on both Democratic and Republican tickets indicate that they have some ideas in common. Most of them have spoken in strong terms of progress and development for Morrow county. Their ideas on how this progress is to be implemented may differ, but there seems to be rather unanimous support for such projects as the Willow Creek dam, development of the Boeing project and the Columbia river waterfront, maximum use of recreation potential and planning for better roads.

Another theme that seems to be emphasized in the candidates' thinking is the need to "unify" the county, to coordinate the north end with the south end. Because of the distance between the northern and southern points, it takes some conscientious work for each to be cognizant of the problems of the other.

It is good to see the candidates going on record on these points. The county cannot stand still. It must continue to work for development and a broader economic base. Judge Oscar Peterson has done good work in pressing for progress, and it is good to hear the candidates plan to continue in this vein.

Considerable can be done in unifying the county, as the candidates suggest. Just because the county seat is in the southern end of the county doesn't mean that the north should be without adequate voice and representation. This seems to be well recognized now. With all parts of the county working for the common good, new horizons can be opened, particularly if all recognize the need for progress.

## Know Your Candidates

With this issue of the Gazette-Times, a "Know Your Candidates" feature is being started. This will give ideas and platforms of the candidates in the form of material submitted by them. The series is presented at random—not by the office sought. In order to be as fair about it as possible a drawing was conducted to determine the order that each candidate would be presented. First to be drawn are those appearing this week.

## Devastation in Alaska

There is particular sympathy here to the people of Alaska after the awful devastation of earthquake wracked and ripped the 49th state. Feeling is keener because so many of our local residents have ties in Alaska with relatives and friends there. First meager information that brings news of these loved ones indicates that they survived without serious injury. At this writing there have been no reports of casualties among those who are known here, and this brings real gratitude.

Property toll is terrific, of course, and the probability is that the largest portion of the loss is without insurance relief. This capricious natural phenomenon leaves mortal beings with a sense of helplessness. The desire of all to help those in this distress is strongly felt, but as yet few avenues have been made known for assistance to be given. Undoubtedly some opportunities will come where we may show tangible evidence of the kinship we feel.

Many people will welcome the opportunity to share with them. In any section of the country an earthquake of this magnitude would be a terrible blow, but it is especially bad to such a young state which had just taken its place in the Union after long tenure as a territory. Progress it was making has been given a severe setback.

But indomitability of the human spirit assures that Alaska will clear its debris and arise greater than ever. One thing is particularly in its favor. The type of people who venture to this northernmost state, as well as those who are natives there, would seem to be a particularly hardy and vigorous breed. Many have a spirit of perseverance not unlike the pioneers to the West in the 1850's and after. Their strength will serve them well in this emergency.

## Delegates Make Ungainly Ballot

There has been considerable discussion recently about the possibility of determining another method of choosing delegates to national party conventions in presidential election years, other than electing them at the primaries.

Choice might be made for instance at state party conventions, rather than leaving the matter to the electorate at large. Those who view the primary ballots for the May 15 election will soon determine why this proposal is made. More than half the long ballot for each party is used in listing the candidates for delegates and national committeemen and committeewomen.

The Democrat ballot has 54 candidates for delegate to be elected at large, (14 to be elected) in addition to the four listed on the Morrow county ballot from the second Congressional district, (two to be elected). The Republican ballot has 61 candidates for the at-large positions (10 to be elected) and 12 for the second Congressional district delegate posts (two to be elected).

In the long lists of the at-large delegates some of the names will be familiar to most voters, such as Mark Hatfield, Wayne Morse, and so on, but probably the largest percentage of them mean nothing to the voters at large unless the candidate happens to reside in the same area where the voter lives. There is a tendency, then, when the voter casts his ballot to feel a sense of futility. He might make his cross in front of names which sound the best or select names that are similar to those of good friends.

In Morrow county this year, each ballot (Republican and Democrat) is an ungainly 30 inches long. They would be half that length if the delegate candidates were not on them. This creates confusion to the voter and adds expense in getting the ballot printed.

Probably the greatest struggle, though, comes in the hectic hours of counting the votes. The delegate contests at least double the job of counting boards and slow the election returns. It will be a wearisome task this year.

Another method of picking delegates certainly should be studied.

## The Ironic Injury to John Glenn

For years the National Safety Council has declared that one of the most dangerous places a person can be in is his own home because of the wide variety of accidents which occur there. The recent injury of Astronaut John Glenn would seem to prove the point to the height of irony. This great man who successfully completed one of the most hazardous undertakings, soaring around the world at fantastic speeds and heights in a space capsule, slipped and fell in his own bathtub with a resultant injury to his inner ear so severe that he has had to withdraw his candidacy from a senatorial race.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE NICE white snow that has been so bountiful in the mountains for an excellent winter season started rolling down Willow Creek looking like thick chocolate when Old Sol started to burst forth this week to herald that spring is here for sure. It is an odd thing how deep the snow was just a few miles to the south and southeast while Heppner had only one or two inches all winter. And just a few miles to the north lands are quite parched with very little moisture at all. Banana belt, for sure. In fact, too much so for our rancher friends.

IF VOTERS in the primaries take time to read and figure out all the slogans they will find on the ballot, they will be in the voting booths for some time indeed.

We have pondered on the one of M. A. Yegge, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, since we printed the ballots Saturday and are still perplexed by it. It is this: "For whosoever the carcass is there the eagles will be gathered." There would be several ways of interpreting that—and some not to the credit of the politicians.

QUESTION: What do they call it when you're stung by a bee and bitten by a mosquito at the same time?

ANSWER: Sting along with it.

DR. CLIFF and Betty Wagner have a nice article concerning their in this month's issue of Rurality magazine, no doubt written by Webb Allison of that publication.

It tells about the Wagners' rock hunting hobby, and has three large pictures accompanying it. One shows the Wagner home and two others show Betty with part of their fine gem and mineral collection.

The Wagners are good members of the Morrow County Rockhounds, and this is fine publicity for the local society, too.

When the article was mentioned to Betty to congratulate her, she pointed out that the picture of her was taken two years ago. But you wouldn't expect to complain about that, would you?

THE DAY'S MAIL brought a front page from the Apache Sentinel of Apache Junction,

## TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor,

I wonder if the writer of "Food for Thought," he being a new farmer but an old resident, has the basic information that brought on the present chaotic farm prices?

To begin with the writer told me he was going to vote against the farm program last year in spite of the fact we were all warned time and again what would happen, and the Democrats are to blame when it was a well-known fact that the Southern Democrats are so in name only.

The reason that farm legislation is almost impossible to come by is "The Benson Era" under a Republican, Benson in my belief set out to destroy every vestige of prestige and honor that the American farmer ever had by insinuating and half true statements and by allowing the adverse magazine articles to go unanswered. Now, these are facts: There was no surplus wheat when Eisenhower went into office and the Federal Treasury had received many millions in profits on the wheat program up until this time. However, Mr. Benson asked for and got a 36% cut in wheat acres in 1953, due to excess planted acreage, then due to a recession that year he let us sow this 36% to barley, and industry couldn't afford to lose 1/3 of its agricultural business. The corn men seeded soy beans, the cotton men seeded kafir and the wheat men seeded barley for eight years and the resulting surplus in feed grains were 300% of wheat. Now the writer of "Food for Thought" should have known that we would have to take Japan and Russian prices for our wheat when the program was voted down.

As for cattle: While finished beef prices do affect us here indirectly we are not a fat beef producing county but we do produce calves and feeders, and in 1955 and 1956 calf and feeder prices were a full six or seven cents below now. Lots of us took 14 cents per pound, and under a Republican administration, too. Australian imports are in the Department of State's bailiwick, as the deal was made to trade American industrial machinery and know how "to develop the great irrigation projects there" for Australian farm products in 1959 and '60. That is all that Australia has to pay us for our machinery with, and the Republican party is the party of industry.

The Department of Agriculture's budget had never been a billion dollars until Benson took over, then it went to as much as 7 billions trying to destroy the farm programs with surpluses.

O. W. Cutsforth

Ariz., sent to us by Garnet Barratt.

One of the prominent stories on the front page of the paper told about L. C. (Buck) Buchner, former president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon at Arlington. The Chamber of Commerce of Apache Junction has hired Buck as chamber manager, their first paid executive. He and Mrs. Buchner have been living in a place called Sunnyslope, but it isn't hard for people to move down there. All they have to do is hitch up their trailer houses, and pull them a few miles.

Buchner helped start the Bank of Eastern Oregon in 1945 and lived in Oregon more than 50 years when he went to Arizona in 1962.

What would they do down there without all these good people we send them?

## One-Shot Roscoe

As Told By

ORVILLE W. CUTSFORTH

One time my wife and I were up to our cabin. It was during grouse season and we were hunting grouse. We were traveling all over around through the "Devil's Halfacre" and we never saw a grouse. We had no luck. Old Roscoe wasn't at his trailer house. He wasn't around so I surmised he was out hunting grouse. We were cooking lunch in the cabin at noon and here comes Roscoe with a sack over his shoulder and his old 22 special.

He said, "What luck did you have?"

I said, "None."

He said, "Take these," and he dropped the sack off his shoulder and went on.

I dumped the contents of the sack on the floor and there were three grouse, each shot through the eye and Roscoe wore no glasses. This was in 1959.

Roscoe Cox was a fine old man. He was proud and he was honest. He took no help from any man. If we were at the cabin for a few days and had some grub left, if he took it down to him, his hand went in his pocket and out came the money to pay for it. By gosh, you better take that money. He wanted no help and he lived by himself and he died that way.

## Farm Bureau Endorses Stand of Governor

In a meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau held March 24 at the home of the Bureau's president, Herman Blettell, it was voted to sponsor a letter of congratulations to Gov. Mark Hatfield on his recent endorsement of the voluntary wheat bill.

The letter reads, "Dear Mr. Hatfield: The Morrow County Farm Bureau wishes to congratulate you on your stand concerning the wheat bill. We support your action in urging national delegation to vote for a voluntary wheat bill."

Other discussion centered on the tax appraisal program in the county, and on the workman's compensation bill.

Neal Van Housen of Ukiah, Calif., visited here Monday with his sister, Mrs. Kent (Verle) Richardson. He had been in Union to see their father, Gies Van Housen, who is recovering from a recent heart attack. He apparently is making satisfactory progress following the attack.

## For Your Protection Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Answers Your Insurance Questions

QUESTION: Insurance agents are always talking about "floater" insurance policies. Can you tell me if there is any difference between this type of insurance and the ordinary insurance policy?

ANSWER: In the ordinary standard insurance policy the company states the various kinds of losses for which it will pay and it is not liable for losses not specifically mentioned. In the "floater" the company is liable for all losses not specifically excluded by the policy.

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# Terrel Benges Support Girl In Foster Plan

Mr. and Mrs. Terrel L. Benges of Ione, have financially "adopted" Erlinda C. Tapanan, a 7-year-old Filipino girl, through Foster Parents' Plan, Inc. 352 Park Avenue South, New York City 10010. The Foster Parent has promised to contribute \$15 a month for the child's support for at least a year.

Erlinda's father is so seriously ill with tuberculosis that he cannot work. There are four young children in the family and Erlinda is the oldest. She has two brothers, Basilio Jr. (4) and Leonardo (five months) and a sister, Evelyn (3). The only source of the family income is what the mother can earn, while caring for her young children. She does laundry for her neighbors about three times a week, earning 40c a day.

They live in a small shack located in a squatters' slum adjoining a government housing project. It consists of one room constructed of dried palm leaves and light woods. The family sleeps on the floor. It is in the Quirino district in Quezon City, a suburb of Manila. Erlinda is rather a frail little girl. She is now in the first grade and likes school so much that she wants to be a teacher when she is grown. For one so young, she takes a lot of responsibilities and helps her mother all she can with household chores.

Your generosity, through PLAN, provides this child with a cash grant of \$8.00 a month, medical care, some clothing and the chance to get her education while she is growing up. Your kind assistance and friendship are precious gifts, smoothing her pathway to a more secure and happier childhood—and future.

"Adoption" through Foster Parents' Plan is financial, not legal. A warm, personal relationship is developed through a monthly exchange of letters. PLAN transmits both original and translation, and the letters are treasured by Foster Parent and Foster Child. When Dr. Meredith M. Hogue of Milwaukee visited the Korean Foster Child given him to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his pastorate, he found that his letters were tattered from constant reading. He wrote "I was especially pleased with the attitude of the Foster Parents' social worker—her relation to the child and her family and her cordiality to me. We were not just numbers to her..."

No Foster Child or Foster Parent is a number to PLAN. The Foster Child describes the near-miraculous changes in his life in letters to "Dear Foster Parent." He tells of the cash grant he receives monthly and how he spends it. The other benefits—new clothing chosen and fitted just for him, food packages, household equipment, blankets, medical care, school fees and books—and other wonders are mentioned in letters from the Foster Child.

Foster Parents' Plan has fully staffed headquarters in Italy, Greece, Korea, Hong Kong, Viet Nam, the Philippines, Columbia and Ecuador, to provide the Foster Child with on-the-spot guidance and counseling.

## Wrangler Playdays To Start Sunday

First of the spring series of Wrangler Playdays has been announced for Sunday, April 5, at the Wrangler playgrounds.

Members will meet at noon for a potluck dinner, with the show of competitive events to start at 1:00 p.m. Judges will record timings for the starting of the point system to be carried through the spring playdays. There will be events for all age groups.

All spectators are welcome to come and watch the activities, without charge.



ERLINDA TAPANAN, 7-year-old Filipino girl, has been "financially" adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Benges of Ione in a foster plan project.

## Biddies to Meet

Lexington Co-op Biddies will meet Monday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lexington City Hall. At the meeting, Ola Ruggles and Edna Turner will demonstrate the making of Scotty dogs. Members are asked to bring four ounces of yarn, any color, two wire clothes hangers, two cardboard rolls from toilet paper or paper towels, two buttons for eyes, one shoe button or similar for nose, one long pipe stem or two short ones, one pair pliers, pair scissors, needle, thread, thimble and imagination.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

BETTER DRESS WORKSHOP  
Third meeting, April 6, 9:30 a.m.  
Lexington School (upstairs).  
Mrs. Beulah Hynd, instructor.

FOUR-H MEETING  
"A 4-H'er and His Money"  
Saturday, April 4, Heppner Elementary multipurpose room. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
For both boys and girls.

PANCAKE SUPPER  
Lexington IOOF Hall  
Saturday, April 4, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Adults, \$1.25; children, 75c.  
Pinochle, Bridge following.

CO-OP BIDDIES MEETING  
Lexington City Hall  
Monday, April 6, 1:30 p.m.

WRANGLER PLAYDAY  
Wrangler Playgrounds.  
Potluck dinner, noon. Show starts 1:00 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash were in Portland Tuesday to attend the funeral of Gus Whitehead, Portland, who died Friday. He was a cousin of Mr. Nash. Death came unexpectedly, and services were at the Gable Mortuary. Mr. Whitehead, who had visited here only a short time ago, was over 60 years of age.

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