

Campaign Gets In High Gear As Vote Nears

Electioneering in Morrow county—made more interesting because of the bumper crop of candidates for county judge—intensified this week with the primary election only a week away.

Judge Oscar Peterson, whose name is not on either party ballot, brought the field back to eight candidates this week when he formally announced that he had reconsidered after previously withdrawing his name and is encouraging a write-in campaign.

Three are on the Republican ballot, Oliver Creswick and Ambrose Chapin of Heppner and Bert Akers of Ione, and four on the Democratic ticket, Frank Hamlin, Bill Weatherford, Haskell Sharrard and Paul Jones.

In Heppner the nonpartisan justice of the peace race for the sixth district also has an avowed write-in candidate in Bert Corbin. Other candidates whose names are on the ballot are Avon Melby, Jim Devine and the Rev. Earl Soward.

Both Democratic and Republican sample ballots are published in this issue of the Gazette-Times and may be found on pages 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section two. The ballots are facsimiles of those that voters will have at the polls, being printed from the same type as the official ballots. However, rotation of numbers varies from precinct to precinct because of the requirement in the law that candidates share "top billing" as equally as possible. Nonpartisan and the college bond measure ballots are also printed in section 2.

The Republican presidential race will draw considerable interest, although it may be creating more excitement elsewhere around the nation than it is in the State of Oregon. Major television networks and wire services are covering every county in the state closely for quick returns and Morrow county is no exception. There have been arrangements to get a partial count in the presidential race as soon as possible.

There are no contests for district offices in the primary. Gilles French of Moro is seeking the Republican nomination for senator from the 18th district and incumbent Ben Musa of The Dalles, Democrat, is seeking his party's nomination. Winners will not meet until the general election in November.

Same situation is true with the state representative from this district. With Jack Smith of Condon not seeking reelection, Martin Buchanan of Milton-Freewater seeks the Democratic nomination from the 28th district and Irvin Mann of Stanfield is on the ballot as the GOP standard bearer.

At this point there is little interest in state contests. Tom McCall would appear to be an easy victor over Dan Moses of Portland and in gaining the Republican nomination for secretary of state, and Alfred Corbett of Portland would appear to be far in front of his opponents for the Democrat secretary of state nomination, M. A. (Cap) Yegge and Harold P. Steubs.

Three Democrats are also vying for nomination as state treasurer, Robert W. (Bob) Straub, Thomas M. Baggs and Vic Davis. Howard Bellon, Republican, is alone on his party's call for this office.

Although there is only one measure to be voted on at the primary election, it is attracting considerable interest. It is the \$30 million college bond measure that would devote \$25,000,000 to state higher education buildings and \$5,000,000 to community colleges over a 5-year period.

Congressman Al Ullman is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for Congress, but on the Republican side two are opponents for the right to face Ullman in the general election. They are Willard Cromwell of Hermiston and Everett Thoren of Elgin.

Circuit Judge Edward Howell

PTA To Install At Next Meeting

Final business meeting of Heppner PTA for this school year will be Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., in the high school cafeteria. The business session will be followed by installation of incoming officers.

Prior to the installation proceedings will be an election of the president. Forrest Burkenbine has accepted the nomination for president and has been approved by the nominating committee. Other elected officers include Mrs. Pat Cutsforth, vice-president; Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, secretary, and Mrs. Clyde Allstott, treasurer.

Program for the evening will include entertainment provided by the first and second place winners of this year's PTA sponsored Talent Show.

Hostesses will be eighth grade room mothers, Mrs. Creston Robinson, Mrs. Jim Bloodsworth and Mrs. Jim Lovgren. They will be assisted by Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, Mrs. Gordon Pratt and Mrs. Jack Loyd.

of Grant county is making a bid for the State Supreme Court position No. 7 on the nonpartisan ballot being opposed by three others, Judge William Fort of Eugene, Judge Ralph Holman of Clackamas county and Attorney Jason Lee of Salem. Unless one gets a clearcut majority in the primary there must be a runoff in the general election. The same is true with the local justice of the peace race.

Voters have a wide choice for delegates to the national conventions which are by far the most popular candidate pullers on the ballot. Jack Steiwer of Fossil is among the candidates on the Republican ballot, and Al Lamb of Heppner, John D. Burns of Condon and Marjorie Bartlett of Hermiston are among candidates on the Democratic ballot.

Polling Places Listed for Primary

Polling places for the primary election in Morrow county, to be from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, May 15, are announced for the county's nine precincts by Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk as follows:

S. E. Heppner—county courthouse.

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N. W. Heppner—Case building on Main street (former location of Peck's Ski Shop).

N. E. Heppner—old city library (next to city hall).

Lexington—city hall.

Ione—city hall.

Hardman—Odd Fellows hall.

Boardman—Greenfield Grange hall.

Irrigon—old high school building, Houghton school.

Judge Announces Writein Campaign

County Judge Oscar Peterson, who withdrew as a candidate from the county judge race after filing on the Republican ticket, announced Monday that due to the urging of friends he is entering the race as a write-in candidate.

He issued the following statement:

"With apologies to those who filed for the judge position on the basis of my going out, I make this announcement.

"Some time ago, I withdrew from the running. This I did in all sincerity. I wanted to be free to go into other matters. I wanted to be free from it all.

"I have many friends who are urging me to stay in, urging me to go in as a write-in candidate. I have decided to do so. Other matters can wait.

"My health is good and I am intensely interested in the development and promotion of better things for our county. We are on the eve of great growth and expansion here. Actually, I want to be along in the work.

"So, I am making myself available as a write-in candidate. If nominated and elected, I will devote my time and energy to the work and best interests of all of Morrow county.

"To the Republican voters and all voters interested, I ask you on May 15 to write 'X Oscar Peterson' in the space provided on the ballot. Thank you."

Jaycees Complete Organization Here

Nineteen local men turned out for a meeting of the Morrow County Jaycee committee Tuesday night at the Legion Hall in Heppner and signed up to become Jaycees and get the ball rolling for a local Jaycee chapter. The men decided to get immediately to work on a project in the community and discussed the possibility of helping to raise funds for the Little League uniform fund. Their plan was an immediate success as Bill Parker, president of the Hermiston Jaycees and an observer at the meeting said that his firm, First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., Hermiston Branch, will donate \$50 to the fund. (The promise came through Thursday morning when the Morrow County Jaycee committee received the check in the mail.)

The members of the organization also decided that their next meeting will be a no-host dinner Wednesday, May 20, at the Wagon Wheel Cafe at 8 p.m. Any young man between 21 and 35 years of age who is interested in becoming a member of the organization is invited to attend.

Out of town visitors at the meeting included Hal Parker, Pendleton, District 11 vice-president in the state Jaycees organization; Dave Green, a national director in the Jaycees; and Bill Parker, president of the Hermiston Jaycee chapter.

Men from the community who were at the meeting were: Bob Jones, Terry Thompson, Dave Haddock, Dick Paine, Bert Huff, Tom Hughes, Doug Gribble, Jim

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Fire Department, Swim Pool Talked At Budget Meet

Preliminary figures of the Heppner city budget were reviewed by the city budget committee, which includes councilmen, at a meeting Monday night. No changes were made in the figures presented by Councilman Carl Spaulding, budget officer, but citizen members brought up two matters which they felt they might need attention now or in the near future. One is the fire department membership of which is at a low ebb, and the second is condition of the city swimming pool.

Clint McQuarrie of the committee said that he felt that better pay for firemen might attract more members and pointed out that a major fire in the city might find the department hard-pressed for trained men to fight it. Firemen, who operate on a volunteer basis, are given only token pay from the city, amounting to \$3 per call. This is turned over to Chief Charles Ruggles for distribution, and some of it is used for firemen's turnout clothing and other needs.

McQuarrie suggested that some of the money figures placed in the budget for contingencies might be diverted to the fire department for better reimbursement to the volunteers.

Councilman Spaulding pointed out that the department had not requested more funds for the firemen, but all concurred that Chief Ruggles should be approached on the matter to determine if he felt some additional pay might result in building up the department.

Jim Myers, citizen member, brought up the matter of the swimming pool, saying that he had heard that it would require a substantial expenditure before it could be used again. City Superintendent Vic Groshens said that he felt the city crews could keep it in operation for another year, but that the city would have to consider replacing

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Central Slates Big Week-end Sale

Free pancake breakfast will be served Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon as one of the special features of Central Market's Cam-O-Rama sale Friday and Saturday. The breakfast will be served at the store, Clint McQuarrie, owner, states.

Pancakes, coffee, juices and sausages will be served at the breakfast, and the public is invited.

Free Pepsi-Cola will be served all day Saturday, and bushel baskets of groceries will be given away at various times, McQuarrie said.



QUEEN DIANA FULLETON smiles at Paul Jones, candidate for county judge, after presenting him with a new hat—a couple of sizes too small—at the Spring Festival Saturday. Jones won the hat tossing contest against other judge candidates. Competing were Haskell Sharrard (right in the photo), Oliver Creswick, Bert Akers (neither of whom are visible in the picture) and Jones. Gene Pierce, master of ceremonies, is at the microphone in the background. (G-T Photo)



HEPPNER'S ANNUAL Spring Festival parade Saturday attracted a good crowd of spectators and some dandy entries. Judged the best entry was this big fish, carrying the question, "Is this the one that got away, dad?" Juanita and Clayton Wilson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson, are shown with their entry. Second prize went to Joe Wilhelm, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilhelm, and third to Andrew Lee Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Myers. (G-T Photo)

C of C Backs Bonds

Resolution supporting Measure No. 1 on the primary election ballot, calling for a \$30,000,000 state bond issue for state college and community college buildings, was approved by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday after members heard a talk by President of Blue Mountain Community College and saw slides showing needs for the issue.

Orville Cutsforth moved that the chamber adopt such a resolution and it was seconded by L. E. Dick. The resolution carried with none voting in the negative.

President McCrae said that if the measure carries, Blue Mountain College, now stalled in its badly needed building program, will receive about \$389,000 in the next biennium, and with matching federal funds, the amount would grow to about \$500,000. This would enable construction to start on a new site purchased by the Umatilla-Morrow college district.

At the present time, the college, with an enrollment of 375, is "borrowing" the upstairs of the John Murray junior high school from the Pendleton school district, the National Guard armory for physical education, and is using Pendleton senior high school science labs.

"We have one more year in the junior high school," McCrae said. "If we still need it then, we may be able to negotiate with the Pendleton district." However, the colleges faces an uncertain future because it will have to abandon the quarters when the Pendleton district needs the space for junior high purposes.

The \$30 million issue would provide a total of \$1,550,000 for the several community colleges in the state and \$12,500,000 for state higher institutions in the next biennium. The balance would be used in future years.

The federal government will match the funds on a 2-to-1 basis.

Local Music Groups To Present Concert

Ione High school and grade school bands will be heard in their annual Spring Music Concert at the high school gymnasium next Friday evening, April 15, at 8:00 p.m., under the direction of Carol Miller.

A full evening of musical selections, featuring beginning and advanced bands, instrumental solos and ensembles, and the mixed chorus are being prepared for the concert. Parents and friends are urged to attend.



Coach Sutherland Takes New Post

Coach Jim Sutherland, who developed fine football teams in his three years of coaching at Heppner High school, has resigned his head football coaching position here to accept the assistant basketball coaching position at A-1 Cottage Grove in Lane county. It was announced this week.

Coach Sutherland will also teach social studies in Cottage Grove, the same as at Heppner High.

Coming here when the Mustangs' football fortunes were at a low ebb three years ago, Coach Sutherland developed some real contenders in the Greater Oregon league, and his teams played an interesting type of game.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland and family have their house for sale here and except to move to their new location after the close of school.

Besides being head football mentor Sutherland has assisted in track and formerly was junior varsity basketball coach.

He is the second Heppner High coach to resign this year. Bob Cantonwine, head basketball coach, recently accepted a position as head basketball coach at Dallas High school.

BMC Budget Also Wins In County

Morrow county school district's budget received a 2-to-1 yes vote in the annual school election Monday, passing 327 yes to 167 no.

Although some felt that a light vote would encourage a negative vote, such did not prove to be the case. In Heppner the voter turnout was only 154 persons, but only 29 ballots were cast against it here.

Lexington was the only area to turn down the budget, polling 39 no votes to 21 yes. The margin was rather slim in Ione, too, but it received approval there, 67 to 51. Boardman voted for it 4-to-1, 40 yes to 11 no, and Irrigon was about 2 1/2-to-1 in favor, 49 to 20. Pine City polled 10 yes and six no, and Hardman gave the budget 15 yes votes to 11 no.

The Blue Mountain College budget fared similarly well in Morrow county, although it did not get quite as good a favorable vote. Count for it was 311 yes to 183 no in the county, and district-wide it was 2,864 yes to 1,930 no.

Umapine, like Lexington, was one of the few areas to vote against it. Lexington voters cast 36 ballots against the BMC budget while balloting 23 in favor. At Ione, it was a standoff—58 yes and 58 no. Heppner's vote for it was almost as good as the local school district, 125 yes to 35 no. Boardman polled 39 yes, 14 no; Irrigon 45 yes, 21 no; Pine City 8 yes, 7 no; and Hardman 13 yes and 12 no.

In the only race for a school director's position in Morrow county incumbent Roy Partlow of Boardman defeated Ralph Skoubo, 313 to 161, for a five-year term. Elected without opposition were Irvin Rauch, Lexington, one-year term; Milton Morgan, Ione, one year term; Howard Cleveland, Heppner, three years; and Ken Batty, Heppner, three years. All are incumbents.

At Irrigon, William Parker, incumbent, defeated Howard Gollyhorn for the advisory committee post there, Parker polling 40 votes to 28 for Gollyhorn.

Bob Rietmann received 92 votes and reelection to an advisory board post at Ione, and Louis Carlson won a second seat with 68 votes. Others on the ballot were Bryce Keene and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan.

Advisory committee members around the county elected without opposition were Mrs. Paul (Betty) Brown, Heppner; Clarence Baker, Heppner; Eldon Padberg, Lexington; and Earl McQuay, Boardman.

Mrs. Verne Dale, Helix, and Oren Allison, Pendleton, were reelected to 4-year terms on the Blue Mountain College board of directors without opposition.

The Morrow county school budget calls for \$598,367 above the 6% limitation, Blue Mountain College budget sets its tax levy at \$195.988.

Golf Club Sets Mother's Tourney

Mothers of the area and their sons or daughters are invited to play in the Mother's Day prize tournament of the Willow Creek Golf club Sunday, starting at 2 p.m., Mrs. Lowell Gribble, tournament chairman, announces.

The event will be a two-ball foursome over nine holes with a 50¢ greens fee for each player. Grand prize will be an appliance of \$25 value from Lot's Electric. Total retail value in prizes will amount to \$75.

There will also be prizes in each of four classifications: Mother with son 13 or under, \$10 in merchandise from Central Market; mother with daughter 13 or under, \$10 in merchandise from Central Market; mother with son 14 or over, but still in high school, large box of chocolates from Humphreys Rexall; mother with daughter 14 or over, large box of chocolates from Phil's Pharmacy. Two \$5 prizes in groceries will also be given by Del's Market of Lexington.

This will be an open tournament with no handicaps. Winter rules will be used with one stroke penalty for all out-of-bounds or lost balls. Grand prize will be for the winning low score in any of the classifications.

Activity Chairman Don Turner stressed the fact that this tournament is open to the public, and that those entering do not need to be members of any golf club.

Those wishing further information may call Mrs. Gribble (Phone 676-9765).

Mothers who do not have a qualifying son or daughter may "borrow" one.

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DRUMMING up business for the Morrow County Jaycee committee was this "float," entered by the organization in the spring festival parade in Heppner Saturday. The group used this means as part of its membership drive. Harley Sager, Ed Groshens, Doug Gribble, and Jim Morris were the members who participated in the parade. (G-T Photo)

Morris, Larry Fetsch, Ed Groshens, Harley Sager, Pete Glennie, Don McClure, Jim Sutherland, Chuck McKinnon, Jerry Jonasson, Jim Gordon and Leonard Toll.