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Recommended: Measure No. 1 Yes (X)

Measure No. 1, upon which voters of the state will cast ballots at the primary election Friday, is a sound "pay as you grow" approach to a big problem facing Oregonians—that of providing facilities for education of its rapidly-accelerating numbers of college youth.

The need is factual: There are now approximately 34,000 students in the state's institutions of higher education. By 1970, the number will be nearly double that number. In community colleges around the state the number enrolled today is only a few thousand, but this will grow to an estimated 22,000 in a few years.

Measure No. 1 provides for a state bond issue of \$30 million, of which \$25 million would go to the higher education institutions for buildings and \$5 million to construction for community colleges.

A state property tax will almost certainly not be levied to repay the 30-year bond issue. Rather, passage of the measure might be the means of reducing local property taxes to some extent through basic school support funds that might be released if this bonded source for buildings is provided.

At Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, one of the main college buildings—an old one—was virtually destroyed by the Columbus Day storm in 1962. At Eastern Oregon college a science building is badly needed and start had been made when the state tax program was defeated in October, 1963, putting an immediate halt to the work. At Blue Mountain College, land has been purchased for new buildings, but the college is able to exist today only because of "loans" of facilities from Pendleton school district, the National Guard and others. The tax defeat in October also stopped construction here. These are just a few examples of the building plans that would materialize if the measure passes.

If the measure is approved, the state will qualify for about \$2,700,000 in Federal matching monies that otherwise will go to other states.

Need for the buildings is undeniable. A delay in providing for them could only result in increased costs as materials and labor continuously climb. Thus, it would be false economy to wait.

By using the bond issue method of financing, students benefitting from the new buildings as college students will share in paying for them as they become taxpayers.

Safeguards are written into the bill that protect taxpayers from the funds being used unwisely (see Oregon Voter, May 9, page 30).

This measure provides the most painless way for taxpayers to cope with the need. Repayment of the bonds, extended over 30 years, will not be a strain on anyone. It is expected that income and inheritance tax proceeds and liquor revenue, climbing in total as the economy expands, will more than provide funds to do the job.

A yes vote is recommended on Measure No. 1.

Armed Forces Day Events Scheduled

Armed Forces Day open house events at the Army Depot, Hermiston, and at the Condon Air Force Station this week-end give the public an opportunity to see interesting shows and displays. But these observances are more than just a matter of passing interest. They will demonstrate what is being done by the armed forces in our own vicinity for national defense and the importance of these installations to all Americans.

The Umatilla depot and the air force station, besides their part in national defense, bring well-appreciated economic benefits to eastern Oregon.

Personnel at the two installations have gone to great effort to provide entertaining and informative events, and those who go will find the time very well spent. Attendance will demonstrate the public's appreciation and will be a tribute to the personnel involved on Armed Forces Day. The depot's event is Saturday, and the station's open house is Sunday, thus making it possible for a person to attend both. News stories are elsewhere in this paper with more details.

Senior Receives Four-Year Award

William Edward Sherman of Heppner has been named for the 1964 District and County Scholarships by the Oregon State Scholarship Commission, E. B. Lemon, commission chairman, announces.

He was chosen from a field of more than 600 applicants for the mission awards made through-out the state. These scholarships, given annually to Oregon high school seniors, may be used at any institution of the Oregon State System of Higher Education and are one of three types of scholarships awarded by the commission. Others include cash awards which may be used at private, as well as state system, colleges and universities.

Recipients of the scholarship awards were approved by the entire membership of the State Scholarship Commission, which includes Mrs. E. B. MacNaughton and Thomas L. Scanlon, Portland; Sidney Schlesinger, Salem; and Lynn S. McCreedy, Eugene, in addition to chairman E. B. Lemon, Corvallis. David D. Johnson, Eugene, is executive secretary.

Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, is valedictorian of the Heppner High school class of 1964 and is serving as student body president this year.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

"PANCHO," the little terrier who is sometimes accused of being of Heinz background (57 varieties), is as good as a magnetic compass when it comes to locating her owner, LaVerne Van Marter, Jr. To keep the record straight and her dignity unruffled, Pancho is actually part fox terrier and part chihuahua.

When Verne leaves the office of T. Van M. and B., and Pancho is not privileged to accompany him, the dog sits alertly in a chair with its nose pointing consistently and unflatteringly in the direction its master has gone.

If Van Marter goes to the Elks lodge, Pancho unerringly points to the lodge building with her nose. If the master happens to be in the barber shop, the nose points across the street to the barber shop. You may divert Pancho for a few minutes by petting her, or by calling her name, but the nose inevitably goes back to pointing in the direction of her master.

Frank Turner can come into the office after Van Marter has left and tell where he has gone by the dog's pointing nose.

Thus, Pancho is real handy

to have around. She's just as good as leaving a note.

Only thing Verne has to worry about is not getting into trouble with the revenooers or someone like that. In that case, Pancho would be a dead give-away.

A TRAVELING MAN dropped in to the office today and beamingly offered congratulations on our fine weather here. It was pouring in Portland when he left, said he.

Apparently he hasn't heard. We cautioned him about going around congratulating people on the weather here when everyone's tongue is hanging out for rain, the crops are hurting and the range is drying up.

Max Barclay came into the back shop the other day, and watching the paper in production, declared, "You fellows have it lucky. You use your metal over and over, but the farmer can't use his product more than once." (Ed. note: Metal used in newspaper production is melted down when the paper is printed and made into "pigs" to feed the linotype for the next issue's type).

We replied to Mr. Max, "The farmer uses his soil over and over every year." But that didn't take.

"Oh, no!" said he, "Not this year. It's all blown away!"

THERE CERTAINLY has never been anything like what the television networks and wire services are doing this year to cover the primary election in Oregon. They are pouring untold sums into the mere matter of getting the information out fast on the Republican presidential primary.

They have been putting on so much pressure, in fact, that Sadie Parrish, county clerk, is about to scream, and the counting boards are harassed nearly to death. All of them want the "fustest and the mostest" on the returns, and this includes the ABC, NBC, CBS, UPI, AP, KUMA and who knows who all.

They have set up two special phones in the clerk's office and one special phone in the G-T office, which suddenly has become the "ABC News Election Task Force," and they even left us a red, white and blue banner to proclaim it to the world.

If, in this great masterpiece of over-organization, anybody gets any returns in the confusion that results in the competitors climbing over each other, it will be something of a miracle.

But we are all pledged to do our best—even the school teacher army that ABC has recruited to help on the returns—and we know that come 8:05 tomorrow night (Friday) the telecasts will be announcing results over the networks.

Apparently they have gone to special pains to organize Eastern Oregon for fast returns on

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Editor:

Last Sunday, we had a Mother's Day tournament at the Willow Creek Country Club. It was such a pleasure playing golf because the course is in very good shape due to the very long and hard work of all members of the club. The clubhouse is a great asset and many hours of donated time and money have gone into this to make it a nice place for the family to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Teenagers and parents complain about the lack of recreation for teenagers in Heppner. The members of the club have been quite considerate of teenage players, by offering them

the theory that count will be completed quicker in the more sparsely settled areas.

We'd surely like to have the money that they are pouring into this. We'd have enough to build a new bronze-plated G-T building.

THIS, BY THE WAY, is another example of what television is doing to revolutionize our society. You may recall that Harold Thomas E. Dewey and Harold Stassen waged such a battle for the Oregon presidential nomination for the GOP, it attracted keen interest, too, but it never provoked such a stampede for news coverage on election returns.

Reason was that television yet had not come into its heyday. People could wait a few hours in those days, but now minutes count.

So again, by television, the show is tending to become bigger than the event itself.

WE NOTE by the newspapers that some inebriate has set what is probably a new world's record for wrong-way driving. He drove north all the way from Eugene to Salem against traffic on one of the southbound lanes of the 4-lane freeway.

—And we can remember the time our face turned deep red when we found we had traversed one block going the wrong way on a one-way street in Portland!

This joker even forced Governor Mark Hatfield's limousine off the road in his 60-mile jaunt against traffic, although only the governor's driver was in the limousine at the time. The guy apparently drove right past the state police headquarters at Albany without being apprehended and only stopped his trek when he collided head-on to a car driven by a 19-year-old woman.

Can you imagine this drunk driving all that distance against traffic without somebody turning him in? After he got stopped, he was charged with drunken driving, but he was a lethal weapon on the loose all the way.

Kind of reminds one about the recent article in Life magazine which reported that 37 persons watched a murder on the street, and nobody did anything to stop it! Thirty-seven heroes!

a special membership rate if their parents do not belong to the club.

Sometime Saturday night someone wantonly inflicted destruction on several of the fairways at the course. There were deep ruts on the fairways where someone had squirreled in a car. Two of the golf flags had been stolen, and one pole was gone. The flags were not the best in the world, but they were stitched by hand by a member of the club last year from canvass, dyed yellow and the numbers cut and sewn on individually. This year we took them home, repaired them and dyed them red. We had the benefit of all nine flags for only two weeks. We fail to see any possible use for golf flags other than for golf flags.

This letter is not intended for all teenagers since we have many fine young golfers who appreciate and use the course. This destruction was probably done by only a small number of persons who have absolutely no consideration for the property of the public or individuals. Most teenagers are capable of using good judgment when they are trusted by their parents to be adult enough to be given the use of an automobile.

Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Jr.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

PRIMARY ELECTION
Friday, May 15, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Support your favorite candidate.
Don't forget to vote!

LITTLE LEAGUE OPENER
Saturday, May 16, 1:00 p.m.
Little League field.
Doubleheader.

ALASKA MOVIE
Full length color movie for entire family.
Friday night, May 15, 8 p.m.
Heppner high gym.
Saturday, night, May 16, 8 p.m. Ione High gym.

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE
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Rousing Vote Turnout Needed

Today (Thursday) brings an end to an interesting primary election campaign. Voters go to the polls tomorrow (Friday).

There are enough contests on the ballots to stir a rousing vote, and anything less than an 80% turnout will be disappointing. The candidates who have stepped forth and demonstrated their interest in good government deserve this type of response. Certainly Morrow county has never had as much participation for one position as it does in the party nominations for county judge.

There is plenty of speculation on the possible outcome of the judge races, but results would be mighty hard to predict at this time. There have been no polls nor straw votes to offer clues, and the suspense mounts.

It is true, indeed, to urge all qualified voters to go to the polls Friday, but it is nonetheless fitting and proper to emphasize it once more.

When the vote is divided among so many candidates as it is in the judge races this time, each vote becomes consequently more important because it will take fewer votes to nominate the winner. Yours could be the deciding one!

Candidates for judge have stressed that the county can well leadership is highly important in the county's development. be on the verge of great progress and economic development. Indications—the coming of Boeing, the progress of the Willow Creek project and others—support their contention.

Now it becomes a matter for voters to decide who can best fulfill the shoes of the county's top administrative office at a time when excellent leadership is needed. This paper is not going to make any recommendations, but it does urge again that each voter give most thoughtful consideration to each man's qualifications in light of what the future holds. This should not be considered a popularity contest. The very best

Shall the Mountain Go to Mohammed?

When County Judge Oscar Peterson and Oliver Creswick were in Washington, D. C. in connection with the Willow Creek dam project two weeks ago, they heard talk, and apparently serious talk, about the proposal to divert some of the waters of the Columbia River to California to supply that state's growing needs.

Senator Henry Jackson told Inland Empire Waterways delegates that California has water resources of its own that it could develop to supply its needs but considers that the Columbia could be diverted more economically.

These brash neighbors in the southern state apparently believe in the old saying, "If Mohammed won't go to the mountain, bring the mountain to Mohammed."

Oregon offers, according to information brought out during the negotiations on the Boardman site for Boeing, the nation's best industrial sites today, particularly along the Columbia from Portland to Pasco, where the river will be all slack water when the John Day dam is completed.

Certainly there is no better place—and no more beautiful place—to live than in Oregon.

To go to all the expense of diverting the river (and the cost would be astronomical) is preposterous and ridiculous. If such a thing were done, what would happen when the Northwest's population grows to the point—as it surely will—when it needs all the water itself?

It makes much better sense that the Californians move to the Columbia than for the Columbia to be moved to California. Welcome to Oregon!



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