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## Election Reflections

In any primary election there must be more disappointments than exultations when the results are known for the simple reason that only a few can win nomination.

Thus, on Saturday morning here there were more solemn faces discernible among the candidates than smiling countenances.

But it is good to remember that the defeated candidates contributed considerably to the political health of the county, and most of them gained in stature among their fellows. They exposed themselves and their platforms willingly to public scrutiny. In their spirited campaigns they injected new ideas and stimulated greater thought among residents of Morrow county.

Indeed, as a result of the work of the defeated candidates, officials who will be chosen have a greater challenge, because by the voters' confidence expressed in them, they, theoretically at least, are considered the best to do the jobs. Having faced and defeated the competition, they must now demonstrate that they are the leaders who, in fact and not fancy, can perform greatest service to the county and its people.

A minimum of "sour grapes" has been noticeable after election, and this is another good omen. In general, campaigns for contested positions were conducted cleanly, leaving few festering wounds.

While the field is narrowed sharply by the primary election, the general election in November looms even more interesting in some ways, principally because there will be more contests, generally between parties.

One erroneous idea needs to be corrected. Many have asked if write-in candidates on the party ballots have to have a majority of all votes cast to win nomination. They do not. This came up in the case of Judge Oscar Peterson who won the Republican nomination as a write-in. All that is needed is a plurality, which he received.

It would be discriminatory to a write-in candidate and to his supporters to require more than is asked of another candidate.

This might be likened to an organization which nominates officers by a committee but which then invites nominations from the floor. One nominated from the floor would not be required to top the total vote of the field to be elected. He would only need to get more votes than any other single candidate, and anything more would be discrimination against him and the will of the voters.

On the nonpartisan ballot it is different. In order to win, the candidate must receive a majority of all votes cast. Since there is no party involvement, a majority of votes in the primary is tantamount to election. In this case there is no discrimination because the rule applies to all candidates, not just the write-ins.

The Rev. Earl Soward came close to achieving a majority in the Heppner justice of the peace race, but he didn't quite make it and faces a runoff with Jim Devine in the general election. The Rev. Soward would have had a majority by one vote if there had been votes only for the two other candidates on the ballot and the announced write-in candidate, Bert Corbin. However, 12 random votes cast for others—three for Judge Peterson for Justice of the Peace, three for Irene Swanson, one for Berl Akers and five for Helen O'Donnell—left him about six votes short of a majority.

The same rule gives Judge Edward Howell of John Day, running for Supreme Court Justice, position 7, a chance in the general election. Judge Ralph Holman had a sizeable plurality but not a majority. Judge Howell ran second. Judge William Fort of Eugene and Attorney Jason Lee of Salem were eliminated as they trailed in the primary. Although Judge Howell still has the disadvantage of coming from the sparsely-populated part of the state, he has a good chance, between now and November to narrow the gap and could win in the two-way competition.

One surprise to many was the substantial victory of Everett Thoren of Elgin over Willard Cromwell of Hermiston for Republican nomination for Congress, second district. Quite a few politicians hadn't figured it that way, but Thoren's name was perhaps better known around the district because he had run for office before.

While result of one race—the Republican presidential preference—was established about the earliest in history in this state, being conceded by 8:15, other candidates are still sweating it out. These are those who ran for delegates to the national conventions. As of Tuesday night, only 10 counties had their counts complete for delegates to the two conventions, and the Associated Press advised the Gazette-Times Monday that some of the results may not be known until early next week.

The general election will bring the national presidential contest after conventions have chosen their standard bearers, and it will bring some lively races in the state and county, too. The Tom McCall-Alfred Corbett match for Secretary of State will be a great one, and the Giles French-Ben Musa competition for senator and Irvin Mann-Martin Buchanan race for representative will be highly interesting, too.

## Big Words from Small Voices

According to a report in the latest issue of Life Magazine, 87 young men of draft age from a dozen colleges have signed and paid for an ad in a national publication declaring that they wouldn't fight in Vietnam.

"Believing that U. S. participation in that war is for the suppression of the Vietnamese struggle for national independence, we see no justification for our involvement," they said.

This is reminiscent of a survey taken through a college press association way back in 1938. At the University this editor attended, male students there responded in a majority that they would defend their country if it were invaded, but some 90 per cent of those surveyed declared that they would not fight abroad.

Ironically, five years later perhaps most of the 90 per cent of those who "would not" fight were in some branch of the armed forces, engaged in World War II on overseas soil.

One can hardly challenge youth's right to expression and freedom of thought. That is as it should be.

But when a time of real crisis comes and the nation calls, most of these same young men would be right in their pitching with the rest. They will do what must be done, and that's as it should be, too.

They may be right—perhaps there shouldn't be greater involvement in Vietnam. But if this nation's leaders determine that there must be, the young men's declaration will amount to nothing more than big words from small voices.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THINGS were just getting organized at the Gazette-Times Friday night for compiling election results when Beverly Gunderson, on duty for the American Broadcast Company, started to dial on the special ABC phone in the office for her 7:30 p.m. test call as instructed.

"David Brinkley will probably answer on the other end," she was told as she started to make the call.

"W-h-a-a-t!" she exclaimed, her eyes popping. She dropped the receiver back in the telephone cradle with a thump. "No one had told her what to expect, this all being new to her. But it was just a little jest, of course. Brinkley, although in Portland at the time, is on NBC, not ABC. And it just might be that he would have a little more to occupy his time than answer phone calls from Morrow county."

HILLARD BROWN had organized things for ABC, right down to the gnat's eyebrow. An ABC representative had even flown to Heppner a couple days earlier to confer with him.

Thus, all was in readiness when it came time to make the 7:30 test call. There was just one little hitch—no one knew what number in Portland to call!

Hillard jumped in his car, rushed home, found a letter with the number and hastened back. The crisis was passed.

BEST DRESSED reporter of the busy election evening was Jim Morris. He was stationed at the courthouse to pick up the two precinct's results there (as counted to that time) at 8 p.m., while Arnold Raymond was the road runner from Northwest Heppner, counting at the Case building. Mrs. Sherman was to get N. E. Heppner from the city hall. All had instructions to get the presidential results down to the G-T no later than 8:02 so we could get them to AP and GPI in Portland while Bev called on the news phone to ABC.

Jim reported for duty at 6:45 after we had gotten him confused on the time. He was dressed in rather tight running shorts and had legged it down from the courthouse against time to see how long it would take. He declared he did it in 45 seconds, and we wouldn't challenge it.

Things came off pretty much (well, yes, pretty much) as scheduled. Jim grabbed some reports before the courthouse clock stopped striking and was the first to reach home base with results. Arnold came roaring up less than 30 seconds later, but already the first incomplete returns were going over the telephone wires from Morrow county.

Something went awry at N. E. Heppner and this failed to produce results immediately, but we had three precincts to report very shortly after eight. When at 8:15 it was announced that Rockefeller had the election, Morrow county's first results were included, but they were all contrary to the statewide trend and showed a plurality for Lodge.

THINGS WERE hectic around here for a few minutes. When they simmered down we noticed Jim Morris was now wearing a pair of pegged pants. "What happened to your shorts?" we asked. "They split!" he exclaimed.

THE NETWORKS and press services had looked hopefully to Eastern Oregon for fast returns because of the lighter population and less confusion, and they got it. Avon Melby and others were working for other networks at the courthouse.

It was reported Tuesday night that Howell Appling, Secretary of State, is launching an investigation into charges that some counting boards gave out results before the polls closed, strictly against the law. No such charges can be made here. Thanks to the good work of Sadie Parrish and the fine cooperation of the election and counting boards we got returns fast but no laws were broken.

CONLEY AND VI Lanham walked into the N. W. Heppner precinct to cast ballots just about 6 p.m. Friday, just as if they had never left. Actually, they just that moment had arrived back from their trip to Europe and didn't even take time to run home before fulfilling their obligations as citizens.

AGAIN COMES the moment of truth for graduating seniors. All their middle names are exposed in public print on diplomas and commencement programs. However, we've tried to be kind and refer to them by their shortened names under the pictures on pages 4 and 5 of this paper.

By the way, the boys at Heppner High have a 2-to-1 majority over the girls—26 boys to 13 girls in the class. In lone it is a little different. There are eight girls and six boys in the class of 1964.

TOMMY HOWELL was really going at it this morning. He came out of his Economy Market across the street and laid waste to the grass and weeds growing in the gutter. He got so enthused in his work that he cleaned out those in front of Ruggles Insurance Agency next door. For a minute we were afraid he would forget himself and get into Charlie and Helen's flower beds, but he didn't.

Somehow he overlooked those on this side of the street. (We even have a few sprouts in the sidewalk cracks.) But Rod Murray has the best curb garden, down at Humphreys Rexall.

Tom declared that he wouldn't dare touch those because it might be the best hay crop Morrow county will have in this rainless year.

DISILLUSIONED is LaVerne Van Marter. Sr. He thinks the Morrow County Grain Growers are slipping. For some time, now, he points out, the "G" has been missing from the name on the side of their big Heppner elevator. This makes them "Rain Growers" and they just haven't grown any rain.

IT WAS suggested at the Red Cross directors' meeting Monday night that maybe an organization like the new Jaycees could challenge some other organization to a contest on recruiting donors for blood bank in the fall.

Someone said that it would be a good idea if it didn't get to be too violent a competition.

But Will O'Harra was of the opinion that a good conflict would be all right. "If they got into a fight," said he, "all we would have to do is to be on hand to catch the blood."

## TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor: Here is a list of Heppner business men of about half a century ago, and I wonder how many people living in Morrow county now can remember them and what business they were in. These are only a few and let's see how many of our folks can give the dates and businesses they were engaged in.

Mike Healy; N. A. Clark; A. Z. Barnard; E. J. Starkey; Elmer E. Beaman; Henry C. Ashbaugh; A. M. Phelps; Sterling C. Smith; J. B. Huddleston; C. C. Patterson; J. C. Wattenburger; W. T. McRoberts; Vaughn and Sons; Tom Howard; Pole Thompson; Sam Meadows; Joe Kline; Dan and Sherman Horner; Park Garrigues; Dill Garrigues; J. W. Redington; Jim and Bob Hart; Buster Keithley and Clyde Wells. These are enough to start with and I will give the dates and businesses later.

I have just received word that a series of my articles about the "Oregon Indians—Then and Now" are now being published in several magazines and papers in Calcutta, India, under my name. They are sponsored by the India government.

Sincerely,  
O. M. Yeager

## Ron Creswick Named For Advanced ROTC

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick received word this week of the selection of their son, Cadet Ronald L. Creswick, sophomore at Oregon State University, for advanced Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program for next year at the university.

In a letter from Horton L. Fross, professor of Air Science at OSU, announcing the selection, he states that the corps "accepted only the best Air Science 2 cadets who are eligible for enrollment in Air Science 3." It is expected that he will take special summer training at the completion of his junior year at OSU.

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# Riders Compete in Playday Events

Third in the spring series of Wrangler Playdays for points was held Sunday, May 10, at the club arena. Hosts for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, with a good turnout of both young people and adults.

Winners in pole bending, ages 12 and under, were Marcia Jones, first; Patti Healy, second; Jean Daly, third, and Alvin Ashbeck, fourth. Ages 13-17 were Erna Winchester, first; Patti Collins, second; Mitch Ashbeck, third, and Kay Daggett, fourth. Top seniors were Bev Steagall, first; Pat O'Brien, second; Pat Dougherty, third, and Al Fetsch, fourth.

Best timings in barrel race, 12 and under, were Patti Healy, 19.9; Sherri O'Brien, 21.2; Becky Fullerton, 21.6; and Sandy Mathew, 23.3. Ages 13 through 17 were Erna Winchester, 19.1; Ruby Fullerton, 19.8; Diana Fullerton, 20.2, and Patti Collins, 20.6. Senior winners were Kite Healy, 19.4; Pat Dougherty, 19.5; Bev Steagall, 20.4, and Al Fetsch, 20.8.

Top four places in musical tires, ages 12 and under, were Sherri O'Brien, first; Mary Healy, second; Patti Healy, third, and Becky Fullerton, fourth. Ages 13-17 were Barb Gribble, first, Kay Daggett, second; Ruby Fullerton, third, and Patti Collins, fourth. Seniors were Pat Dougherty, first; Merlyn Stone, second; Pat

## Ford's Tire Tells Contest Winners

Seven local winners in the General Tire contest conducted by Ford's Tire Service here during the month of April have been announced by Bud Peck, manager.

Drawing of the winning numbers was conducted by impartial judges Friday.

Darrell Vinson, Rt. 2, Heppner, won \$25 cash first prize, and Don Townsend, Heppner, won second prize, two recaps for his car.

Car batteries were given as third and fourth prizes to Deane Hunt, Lexington, and Arthur Dalzell, Ione. Wheel balancing jobs were awarded to fifth, sixth and seventh winners, C. M. Lutkins, Ione, Mrs. Charles Monagle, Rt. 2, Heppner, and Kenneth Cutsforth, Heppner.

## Rev. Dixon Chosen Ministerial Head

At the last regular meeting of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association, the Rev. Mel Dixon was chosen to serve as president for the coming year. Other officers are Rev. Kenneth Robinson, vice president, and Rev. J. G. Weiler, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made for a social meeting on June 1, with Rev. Dixon and Rev. Bill Alsup chosen to prepare a "chopstick dinner" of various types of Oriental dishes.

Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, Steve, Larry and Dee, returned home late Monday from Portland where they were guests of Mrs. Pettyjohn's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox.

Week-end guests at the Forest Burkenbine home were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rose and family of Imbler. Mrs. Rose is a sister of Mrs. Burkenbine's. Another guest of the Burkenbines was Glen Long of Pendleton.

O'Brien, third, and Bev Steagall, fourth.

Lowest timings in the ring race, 12 and under, were turned in by Alvin Ashbeck, first; Marcia Jones, second; Patti Healy, third, and Sherri O'Brien, fourth. For ages 13 through 17 winners were Erna Winchester, first; Ruby Fullerton, second; Barb Gribble, third, and Mitch Ashbeck, fourth. Senior winners were Bill Healy, first; Al Fetsch, second; Bob Steagall, third, and Kite Healy, fourth.

Winners of the steer roping were Charlie Daly and Bill Healy of one go-round; Roice Fullerton and Bob Steagall of another go-round.

Champions in the rescue race were Marcia Jones, Ruby Fullerton and Becky Fullerton, first; Sherri O'Brien, Patti Healy and Susan Healy, second.

Team winners of the bat relay were Becky Fullerton, Ruby Fullerton and Marcia Jones, first; Sherri O'Brien, Patti Healy and Alvin Ashbeck, second.

On Sunday, May 17, hosts for "Dougherty's Dilly Duster" playday were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Healy, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steagall.

Winners in pole bending, ages 12 and under, were Alvin Ashbeck, first; Patti Healy and Sherri O'Brien, tied for second, and Becky Fullerton, third. Ages 13-17 were Erna Winchester, first; Mitch Ashbeck, second, and Janet Palmateer and Ruby Fullerton, tied for third. Top seniors were Roice Fullerton, first; Bev

## Delegates Chosen For State Conclave By Willows Grange

Mr. and Mrs. Art Dalzell were chosen by Willows Grange as delegates to the state Grange convention in Eugene, June 15-19, at a potluck supper meeting May 16 in the grange hall with about 40 present.

Alternate delegates are Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crawford. Berl Akers will represent the Morrow County Pomona Grange and will attend the insurance session.

A beautiful birthday cake, honoring those whose birthdays occurred in May, was a focal point of interest at the meeting. Akers, insurance agent, explained the various types of insurance available to members.

A letter announcing the 69th birthday of Herschel Newsom, National Grange master, on May 1, was read. He has been a grange master for 52 years.

During the lecture hour the Home Economics club presented a program, including a one-act play, "Sit Still, Mother." Characters were: Dot Halvorsen, father; Eulenna Corley, mother; Cheryl Corley, daughter; Frank Halvorsen, son.

Another feature was a series of thought-provoking questions on safety by Vida Heliker who also conducted a short quiz in which all had a part. Mary Lundell listed many accidents from falls which had occurred in Ione in the past few years.

Next grange meeting will be June 20, a memorial to departed members. The Home Economics club is having an all day meeting at the Halvorsen home today (May 21) with potluck dinner at noon.

Grange guests at the Saturday meeting were Verne Crawford, grange deputy of Umatilla county, and Mrs. Crawford, members of Helix grange; and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blettel, Rhea Creek grange.

Steagall, second, and Kite Healy, third.

Musical rope winners, 12 and under, were Becky Fullerton, first; Sherri O'Brien, second, Patti Healy, third, and Jean Daly, fourth. Ages 13-17 were Ruby Fullerton, first; Mitch Ashbeck, second; Janet Palmateer, third, and David Matheny, fourth. First for seniors was Pat Dougherty; Kite Healy, second; Pat O'Brien, third, and Bob Webb, fourth.

In barre! racing, 12 and under, winners were Patti Healy, first; Alvin Ashbeck, second, and Becky Fullerton, third. In ages 13-17, Erna Winchester, first; Mitch Ashbeck, second, and Ruby Fullerton, third. Senior winners were Kite Healy, Pat Dougherty, tied for first; Bev Steagall, second, and Bill Healy, third.

Other games played were Figure 8 stake race, ring race, ribbon race and calf roping.

The Wranglers are planning another play day in June, with games planned for all ages.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

POPPY DAYS SALE  
Friday, Saturday, May 22, 23  
Downtown Heppner  
Sold by Legion Auxiliary.  
Help a Buddy! Buy a Poppy!

HIGH SCHOOL  
AWARD NIGHT  
Monday, May 25  
High school multipurpose  
room, 8:00 p.m.  
Athletic awards, outstanding  
achievement.  
Parents and friends urged to  
attend.

JUNIOR GOLF TOURNEY  
Willow Creek Golf Course  
Saturday, May 23, 1:00 p.m.  
Prizes for boys and girls up  
to 18 yrs. of age. Small  
entry fee.

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL  
BACCALAUREATE  
Sunday, May 24, 8:00 p.m.  
High school multipurpose  
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