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Thoughts on the Election

It is hard to recall a primary election campaign in Oregon that has been more quiet than the present one. There are few contests to stir interest, and it is quite probable that the turnout of voters will be light.

There is more interest on the Democratic ballot than on the Republican. The Robert Duncan-Howard Morgan race for the U. S. senator nomination has produced some activity on this ticket, and the Ben Musa-Robert Straub contest for governor is another that can bring out some voters. There are others on the ticket in each case, but these mentioned must be conceded to be the leading contenders.

Congressman Al Ullman is opposed by Wm. Quigley, who is also of Baker. The incumbent's opponent, however, will have to become much better known before he can expect to cause much of a ripple against Congressman Ullman, who does a remarkable job of keeping in touch with his constituents and in working with their local problems. Congressman Ullman has developed considerable stature in Congress, and there is no candidate on the horizon who can come close to unseating him.

The Demo ballot, too, provides a contest for commissioner of the Bureau of Labor, where incumbent Norman Nilsen has been in office for years. C. D. (Chuck) Hoffman is his opponent, but it would appear that Nilsen is too strongly entrenched to be ousted by the former apprenticeship director.

Only local contest on the Democratic ballot is that between Robert J. (Butch) Laughlin and Haskell Sharrard, each seeking the nomination for the increasingly-complex office of county assessor. Both men are well known here, having spent most of their lives in Heppner. Whatever local interest there is in the election can be attributed mainly to these two.

On the Republican side, outcome of the races are either foregone conclusions or the upsets would be stunning. Governor Mark Hatfield is predicted a shoo-in for the senator nomination, and Secretary of State Tom McCall is figured to be far ahead of his opponent, John Reynolds.

This paper supports Governor Hatfield and McCall for the offices they seek and will through the general election. We believe both to be outstanding in their records and in their character, the kind of men who will do exemplary jobs for their state as they have shown in their administration to date.

Everett Thoren runs unopposed for the Republican nomination for Congress for the second district, his second try for the post. He faces the same prospect against Congressman Ullman in the general election that Wm. Quigley has in the primary. Our position is that we cannot go along with the domestic giveaway programs of the Great Society, the demoralizing effect on the people and the socialistic trends. To this extent we disagree with Congressman Ullman, who has supported and promoted the Great Society programs. At the same time we laud what he does for his district at the local level, admire his stature as a real pro in politics, and recognize his influence for the benefit of the State of Oregon in Congress. Even with the addition of Lane and Marion counties to the second Congressional district, we think Congressman Ullman has a good chance of staying in Congress about as long as he wants to.

Irvin Mann runs unopposed for nomination on the GOP ballot for the seat he now holds in the legislature, state representative (28th district). Martin Buchanan, gave him a close battle in 1964, and is unopposed for the Democratic nomination. When they vie in the general election, it will be another close one. Buchanan has a good record of public service, is respected and is a personable man. Mann compiled a good record as a freshman legislator in the 1965 sessions and was particularly strong in some areas, one being that of agriculture.

Herman Winter is unopposed for district attorney of Morrow county, a position that he has held ever since he came to Heppner, and E. O. (Gene) Ferguson is without opposition for the GOP nomination for county commissioner, although he will face competition in November from Jack Van Winkle, Democrat, who also is running unopposed in the primary.

Rod Thomson, veteran in the assessor's office, is without opposition on the Republican ballot in the primary but he will face the winner of the Sharrard-Laughlin Democratic primary race in the fall. It appears to us that the Democrat winner, whoever he may be, has the job of showing the public he can handle the rather complex duties of this office efficiently to merit consideration. Thomson, who served as deputy before becoming assessor, has shown a good degree of competency in handling the internal duties of his office.

Only semblance of a contest on the local level on the Republican ballot is that for port commissioner, two to be nominated. Garland Swanson is an incumbent and has served as commissioner since the port commission was formed. Barney Malcom, owner of Heppner Lumber Co., is a candidate and has as much interest in development and progress in the county as anyone could. Howard Gollyhorn of Irrigon is the third candidate on the Republican ballot and undoubtedly will get strong support from the north end residents.

Lone candidate for port commission on the Democratic ballot is Joe Tatone, incumbent. The other Demo nominee will have to be chosen by writin.

Probably one of the liveliest contests of the election appears on neither of the party tickets but is on the nonpartisan ballot. It is that between Leon P. Minear and Walter S. Blake for state superintendent of public instruction. Minear is the incumbent and Blake gave up his position as dean of students at Willamette University to run for the state post. Dr. Minear has the advantage of being the incumbent, but Dr. Blake has been aggressive in his campaign that calls for "fewer frills and more fundamentals." The outcome will be interesting.

Keene Son Weighs 3 Pounds at Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Keene of Pasco, Wn., are parents of a son, Kenneth Vern, their first child, who was born May 17 at Pasco. Born prematurely, he weighed 3 lb., and was 17 inches long. He is in an incubator and doing fine, according to a report from the family.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Margaret Harper of Santa Ana, Calif., and maternal grandfather is Clarence Baker of Sherwood Oaks, Calif. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keene of Lone. Mrs. Annie Keene is a great grandmother, and Loy McFarlin of Heppner is a great grandfather.

Frank Turner was in Portland over the week-end to attend the open house of Allison Nursing Home, owned by his daughter, Mrs. Annabell Allison. The open house was held Sunday and 50 patients moved into the new nursing home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green and Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Jones were among those attending Parents' Week-end at Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, Saturday and Sunday, the Greens visiting their son, Tom, and the Jones visiting their son, Ron, both freshmen at the college. The Heppner couples report a very enjoyable week-end.

The Two Measures

Two measures will face voters on the nonpartisan ballot in the primary election. One calls for a tax of four cents per pack on cigarettes in Oregon, the proceeds of which are designed to go half for direct property tax relief and half to be divided between cities and counties.

Although cigarette taxes have been voted down before in Oregon, it is hard to make a case against this proposal. It would bring an estimated \$10,000,000 per year to the state, and the property tax relief is sorely needed.

Oregon is the only state in the Union which doesn't have some sort of cigarette tax. It taxes liquor, which is in the same category of indulgence.

While the \$10 million, spread over the state, would bring no great relief to any individual or taxpayer, it is a step in the right direction.

Only opposition to this measure has come from labor unions, but it is supported by many organizations and received favorable (though unofficial) consideration at the Morrow county Wheat League meeting Tuesday night.

We recommend a "Yes" vote on this measure.

Second measure is a proposed constitutional amendment that would place method of selecting the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the hands of the State Legislature. From 1942 to 1961 the office was filled by a state election on a nonpartisan ballot. In 1961, the State Legislature passed a statute making the office appointive by the State Board of Education. The Supreme Court in 1965 declared this statute unconstitutional and again made the position elective. The proposed amendment would repeal the existing constitutional provision requiring that the superintendent be elected by the people and would give the legislature permission to determine the method of selecting the superintendent.

Presumably, the legislature would designate the State Board of Education to appoint the superintendent.

Proponents contend that this would assure higher professional standards in a state superintendent; therefore, it would tend to promote a better educational system.

We're not so sure. We're for high standards and the best educational system that can be provided within the realm of our ability to pay, but we do not like the trend that takes control out of the hands of the people. While we believe administration of our educational system calls for experts, we think the public has a right to a voice in the choice.

It is quite conceivable that a Board of Education could be swayed by political feeling just as much as the public in general could. If the public makes a bad choice, it has to suffer for its mistakes. It also has the opportunity for correction at the polls at the next election.

We plan to vote "No" on this measure.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WE SEND greetings to Len Gilliam, our faithful weather man, who is currently undergoing medical treatment in Portland. We don't quite know what to do without him here now. We need rain so badly and our weather man is gone!

We're glad to hear from his son, Don, that Len is making good progress, and we surely hope to see him home soon. Len is currently staying in a rooming house in Portland at 2334 N. W. Northrup, in the neighborhood of the Good Samaritan hospital. We understand that he is upstairs, and since the owners, who live downstairs, leave the door locked when they go to work during the day, a person coming to call on Len might have to blow his auto horn or something to get his attention.

But he is up and about and would like to have company.

Len misses his gang at the Elks and would enjoy hearing from any of his friends. Don was with him for several days, and his sister-in-law, Mae Gilliam, also was there for a while. Earl Gilliam came home early this week after being with him, and Mrs. Louis (Jean) Gilliam of Condon was going up to stay for a time.

Len underwent treatment in the hospital for a tumor on the lung and was to start another type of treatment soon.

We're sure all the good people of Heppner will send greetings to Len.

ONE OF THOSE nice surprises occurred today when we looked up in the middle of a busy Wednesday afternoon and there stood our old buddy, Howard Leigh, of Salem in the doorway.

Howard was with us here five years ago to help put out the big Welcome Edition (remember?). We were just brand new in Heppner, and Howard, who had worked with us for several years, agreed to come over and help us out. Frank Turner worked with both of us in getting us acquainted with the people.

Howard came via Estacada, Sandy, Maupin, Shaniko, Antelope and Condon to see some new country, and he did. He said he just about ran out of steering wheel in some places where the curves were bad, but it is surely good to see him.

WE HEAR a story about a fisherman who purchased a license before going to Bull Prairie to fish. He felt real good because he had thought of everything, had his license, was all legal, and ready for anything. When he got to the reservoir, lo and behold! There was a game warden. But our friend was undaunted. He looked in his billfold, took out his license, shoved it back in his billfold, and peace reigned.

As if drawn by a magnet, the game warden came straight for our angler, but he was met with a confident smile.

When the request came to produce the fishing license, the man confidently reached into his billfold and proudly handed over the license. But that game warden started to write him a ticket! "Why? Well, the fishing license happened to be a hunting license. The issuing agent had filled out the wrong blank. Our friend must still be shaking his head in perplexed wonder and philosophizing on justice." (All names are omitted to protect the innocent.)

HAVE YOU NOTICED the window at Van's Variety. It's a mighty cute one that salutes the classes of 1966. Mary Van Ekland has made caps and bows to fit some big dolls, and they are done with meticulous care. Snoda Blake and Mrs. Bert Corbin helped with the floral background, and it makes a very clever window. Drop by and have a look.

THERE HAS been some concern about the future of Heppner High athletic teams because of the small enrollment and the type of competition they face against schools with higher enrollments. The Mustangs have been pretty well on top in most sports for a few years now, but some say it is just a passing thing.

But when we get these reports on what's going on at the junior high level, we don't know about that.

The Heppner Ponies, coached by Tom Hughes, just completed an undefeated season. The Ponies were also undefeated in football, and the track team has been bowling them over—both boys and girls—under the tutelage of Dick McIntyre and Mrs. Leon Winters.

We can't say that the future prospect at Heppner high looks too dismal.

IN RECENT WRITEUPS on the eighth grade tour we made at least one omission that we want to rectify. Fred Mankin was one of the important ones on the tour with his pickup truck and sound equipment. He went all the way and was indispensable on the tour.

GOT A KICK out of Dick McEligott when he was reporting to the Wheat League Tuesday night on the tour. He told how well it had gone off and said about the only problem that hadn't been solved was to find enough eighth grade kids who live on farms to be hosts to the visiting Portlanders.

Surprising as it seems, eighth grade farm youngsters are a rather scarce article. Some high school freshmen had to be used for hosts this year.

Dick pointed out that some families had two or three guest children.

"I don't know what we can do about that," he said with a bit of a frown. Then he added meditatively, "It would have to be a long range program."

AT THIS same wheat meeting, considerable concern was expressed over plans to divert the Columbia River to California and the Southwest. It was even reported that some are installing irrigation systems in Arizona on the assumption that the Columbia River water is going to be a reality there.

Jack Sumner, chairman of the wheat association's production and land use committee, has this noteworthy comment: "The strongest point we have on the Columbia River is that we have it up here." Agreed, Jack. And we still say it's easier to move the people from California to the Columbia than it is to move the Columbia to California.

Visiting with Frank Turner here recently were his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, of Baker, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaDusire, of Eugene. The Turners came May 4 and stayed until May 6 and the Eugene couple was here from May 1 to 6.

School Bells

By DAVID R. POTTER
Superintendent,
Morrow County Schools

As the 1965-66 school year draws to a close, we, your school administrators, are already looking towards the next year.

At the regular board meeting in April your school board members adopted a school calendar for the 1966-67 school year. This calendar is reprinted below so that you can start planning ahead for holidays and vacations.

August 31—Teacher work day (no students)

September 1 and 2—Teacher work day (no students)

September 6—First day of school

September 16 — No school (Pendleton Round-Up)

October 14—Teacher in-service day (no students)

November 11—Veterans' day—no school

November 24 and 25—Thanksgiving vacation

December 23—1:30 dismissal for Christmas vacation

December 26-30 — Christmas vacation

January 2—School resumes

March 13-17—Spring vacation
May 30—Memorial Day (no school)

June 2—Last day of school
June 5 and 6—Teacher work days (no students)

This gives our students 178 classroom days. The staff will have 184 contract days.

From the first day of May through the remainder of the year is very busy for students, teachers, parents and administrators. During the past few weeks each of our three high schools has held its junior-senior banquet and prom banquet. During the Heppner banquet Mike Sweeney did an outstanding job as master of the ceremony.

Recently Mrs. Hoskins' class took a field trip to the state capitol building in Salem. They also visited the zoo in Portland as well as many other points of interest. The school board received a very nice letter of thanks from the members of this class.

Other classes are taking field trips, some dealing with science, others with transportation, and others to points of interest that are directly related to their course of study.

in favor of Minear, with whom they have little acquaintance, against Blake, whom they know extremely well. The University has suffered, and the students have deeply resented his arbitrary, arrogant, threatening, and foolish tactics.

Blake says his campaign fund of \$18,000.00 (against Minear's fund of \$4,000.00) is raised by "coffee given by ladies", a very suspicious explanation to those knowledgeable in the ways of political financing.

From my observation, it would be better, "for your children's sake", to give them the plague, than to replace Minear with Blake.

Sincerely yours,
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Author of Garbage?

To the Editor:

With shock, disgust, and disbelief I read in the Monday, April 18th Oregonian that Ray Talbert, principal of Bend High School, is moving to the State Department of Education. While he has been at Bend High School, Baldwin's book, *Another Country* has been included in the Juniors reading list for required book reports. This book goes into intimate details of sexual intercourse between a white girl and a negro boy, then a negro girl and a white boy, and homosexual activity of all kinds.

Another Country is garbage throughout, not literature. I expected that the present State School Supt. Leon Minear would be against such trash in schools but instead he is moving Talbert to his personal staff.

I will furnish photo-process copies of the Bend High School required reading list for book reports which includes *Another Country* free of charge to any one who requests a copy. This book was available for purchase at the school bookstore in Bend High school.

Walter Gay
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Lebanon, Oregon

Directors to Meet

Directors of Arbutuck Mountain Corporation are called to a meeting at the home of Ken Peck Friday evening, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.



Coming Events

POPPY DAYS
Memorial Poppies on sale, downtown Heppner Friday, Saturday, May 20, 21 by Legion Auxiliary.

SENIOR GIRLS' TEA
Sunday, May 22, 3 to 5 p.m. Senior Girls and Mothers guests of Soroptimist club. Wavel Wilkinson home, 545 N. Gale St.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
Wednesday, May 25, 8 p.m. Elementary Multipurpose room. Important Meeting.

PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday, May 24, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Don't forget to vote at your registered voting place. It's your American privilege!

BACCALAUREATE—
Sunday, May 29, 8 p.m. High school multipurpose room.

COMMENCEMENT—
Thursday, June 2, 8 p.m., high school gym.

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For Minear

To the Editor:

"For Your Children's Sake Vote For Blake" for Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a most unwarranted and misleading political slogan. By every test Oregon schools, under the direction of incumbent Minear, rate exceptionally high. Oregon school children are not deprived, but exceptionally fortunate.

As a graduate in economics and law, and past president of its Alumni Association, I have closely followed the course of events at Willamette University. It is my studied opinion, shared by countless other alumni, faculty members, and students, that the most unfortunate thing that has happened to Willamette in recent years is Blake's seven year tenure as Dean.

In a recent poll, four out of five Willamette students voted

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UFO Info Sought

To the Editor:

We have reports to indicate possible activity of unidentified flying objects (UFO) in your area in recent weeks, and we ask your cooperation in locating witnesses to any such sightings there.

Our organization, directed by Major Donald E. Keyhoe, (USMC Ret.), includes qualified specialists who analyze the UFO subject from a purely material and scientific basis. We are particularly interested in collecting documented, objective information relative to sightings of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena. Through the cooperation and active participation of such experts as Dr. Charles P. Olivier, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy, University of Pennsylvania and President of the American