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Election Recommendations:

Mark Hatfield, Al Ullman, Tom McCall

A great deal is made of "issues" in election campaigns. Voters ostensibly decide on their choices by determining which candidates most nearly coincide with their own thinking and beliefs on the issues.

If there are no apparent issues at the inception of a campaign, candidates seem to feel the urgency of manufacturing some.

Sometimes there is a clearcut difference in positions on the opposing sides; often there is not. Voters are frequently swayed by emotional appeals and devices other than logical ones in making choices.

There is another important factor in voting that isn't measured by issues. A voter may discount the "issues" and place his "X" by the name of the candidate whom he likes best—the one in whom he believes, and the one in whom he has faith and confidence.

If this were not true, probably every voter would follow his party line. But Oregon, for instance, has had Republican governors in 26 of the past 28 years despite a majority of Democratic registration through most of that time.

The voter must acknowledge that it would be a rarity, indeed, if he concurred with any candidate, regardless of party, in all of that office-seeker's ideas.

Thus, with election just 12 days away, we favor certain candidates not only for their stands on "issues" but also for the virtues they show as individuals, for what they have demonstrated in previous public service, and for their apparent capacity to serve in the future.

On the major candidates, we will vote for Governor Mark Hatfield for senator, Congressman Al Ullman for second district representative, and Secretary of State Tom McCall for governor. Here's why:

Mark Hatfield for Senator

Our confidence in Mark Hatfield is such that we believe him to be the exceptional candidate. His service to the State of Oregon through the past 16 years has been exemplary, starting with his work in the legislature, continuing as secretary of state and culminating with his two terms as governor.

No other governor through our lifetime has brought such favorable attention to the State of Oregon, both from the national and international scene. He has won the esteem and respect of governors across the country and he has emerged as a national figure of prominence.

Character, courage, logical thinking, intelligence, fluency of speech, deep moral convictions are among the qualities he possesses.

As is true with any man in public life, Governor Hatfield has been soundly criticized at times. It seems to us, however, that because of his own self-imposed exacting standards, he tends to be measured against perfection, and this is a stern yardstick for any human being.

Locally, he is criticized by some who have little faith in the Boeing project. But the record shows that Hatfield, like the Boeing people, have always said that development of this project would be slow and no mushrooming industry could be expected in a short time.

In June, 1961, when the Gazette-Times published a "Progress Edition" directed toward anticipated Boeing workers at the request of the Chamber of Commerce here, Governor Hatfield declined to participate through any official message because he felt there would be no such boom and that development would be slow in coming. We still have his letter in our files.

Possibilities remain that Boeing will bring industrial development in Morrow county to go hand-in-hand with agricultural growth, bringing a diversified economy here.

It might be borne in mind, too, that little was done about developing "the sands" until the governor and the State Department of Planning and Development initiated this project. Only when this interest was shown and the Boeing lease was culminated after arduous negotiations did people awaken to the fact that desert lands of the county had real possibilities. Then competition for use of the lands started to develop.

Congressman Bob Duncan, who rather reluctantly entered the race for U. S. Senator since he was quite content to continue serving in the House, has hammered away on the "Vietnam issue." There has been a tendency to over-simplify the respective positions of the candidates as being "pro-Vietnam" on the one hand and "anti-Vietnam" on the other.

Those who heard Governor Hatfield speak here realize that the issue isn't all black or white. It is a complicated and complex matter. He made it quite clear that he is giving every support to the men overseas, that they should have all the weaponry and needs that they can use in the conduct of war, that he has not harassed the administration on Vietnam, but that he believes every effort should be made to effect a diplomatic settlement without the sapping depletion of our resources while an untouched Russia stands by without losing a man.

It must have been quite disconcerting for Congressman Duncan to hear Bobby Kennedy's position on Vietnam in Corvallis this week. Many observers interpret Kennedy's position, as stated in his talk, to be closer to Hatfield's than Duncan's.

Bob Straub, who has directed more criticism at Hatfield than he has at his own opponent, Tom McCall, has pounded on the governor's failure "to do things" for the State of Oregon. But on a TV appearance Sunday he, too, gave a left-handed endorsement to the governor. He was explaining to reporters how he felt added revenue could come to the state through income tax without imposing a sales tax, pointing out that today the state receives nearly twice as much from income tax as it did eleven years ago, just from the expanding economy. In making a point of the increased prosperity in the state, Straub would have a difficult time in justifying some of his previous remarks on Hatfield's lack of business ability and the "inactivity" that he indicates is stifling the state.

Congressman Duncan is a strong candidate who has conducted a lively campaign. Known as a forceful and effective man, there is every indication that he can be proud of his record. But after soaring to a peak of popularity earlier in the campaign, it seems to us that he has become a trifle hysterical recently, as evidenced by his repeated insistence on debating with Hatfield and insinuating that Morse and the governor are in the same "camp."

We believe, as one man so aptly put it, that Hatfield in Washington (D. C.) will be a strong voice for Oregon, but that Duncan would be a voice for Washington in Oregon. As this hints, we believe that we need a man who will oppose the wasteful spending of the present administration but who has, at the same time, humanitarian interests and welfare of all the people

at heart. Such a man is Mark Hatfield. We believe the choice is between a very good candidate—Duncan—and an exceptional one—Hatfield.

Al Ullman for Congress

Congressman Al Ullman is almost without peer, we believe, in his attention to problems and needs of the congressional district that he services. Morrow county has seen evidences of this time after time.

He has worked diligently for the Willow Creek project; he "went to bat" with local officials on getting the National Wildlife life people to yield some of the north end wildlife refuge restored for industrial waterfront sites—and this was no mean task; he took up the cudgel when the battle arose with the FCC over proposed television regulations that threatened to eliminate the microwave system from consideration in Heppner and other places. He has worked closely with local agriculture and its problems. These are just a few examples that come to mind on the spur of the moment.

Al Ullman has given this area some feeling that it does have a voice in the ponderous machinery of our gargantuan government in Washington, D. C.

This editor, as a Republican, often disagrees with the voting of the congressman at the "Great Society" level. We believe that some of the policies of the messianic Johnson administration are placing crushing economic burdens on the people who pay the bill, particularly on small business. These same policies are forcing our young people to shy away from careers in business or agriculture. Worse, the giveaway policies of the federal government are tending to destroy the moral fiber of our people, many of whom no longer seek "to do for themselves" as they hold out their hands to the government.

Supporters of Everett Thoren, Ullman's Republican opponent, have issued literature to the effect that Cong. Ullman has voted 59 times in Congress to the detriment of his district. We have made no attempt to analyze this statement, but we recognize that this would have to be examined in light of what a person considers to be "detrimental interest." What might seem so to one may not be to another.

We do know that Congressman Ullman has not always followed the "party line" and that he has demonstrated an ability to oppose the administration when he felt so moved, as with the "tight money" situation.

Thoren is to be commended for his diligent campaign. He has worked hard against great odds to get his message to the people. He is earnest and sincere, but he has a near impossible job in convincing the people that he can serve the second Oregon district better than Ullman, who has a remarkable ability in working with his constituents and evidencing an interest in their welfare.

It would take a mighty strong man to defeat Ullman, and it is not likely that any Republican in Eastern Oregon could do it.

Tom McCall for Governor

A look at Tom McCall's history shows a man of fine character, depth, humanitarian interest and a deep desire to serve. When Bob Straub chose to run against McCall, he did so knowing that McCall was far in front on "name familiarity." But this "name familiarity" was not just from the fact that thousands of people had been exposed to McCall over television, but included thousands in all walks of life who had contacts in many areas of service that had brought honor and respect to him. These range from presiding at safety conferences to serving as chairman of the Oregon council on Crime and Delinquency, from serving as president of the Oregon Prison association to chairmanship of the Metropolitan Youth Commission.

The Democratic candidate, who, too, can point to a good background, has had some trouble in making issues with McCall, having taken the role of the aggressor in the campaign.

Straub has made some effort to discredit McCall's background on the basis that it has been more in the reporting and news analysis field than in business or the legislature.

But this overlooks McCall's work as administrative assistant to Governor Douglas McKay, his work as Secretary of State, and his work with many government-connected agencies.

The reporting experience at the level where it has been done by McCall can give a man perception, insight and depth that may transcend those actually in the fields being observed.

We admire Bob Straub. He has made a good campaign, and he obviously wants the job he is seeking. He knows it is an uphill battle, but he has been working tirelessly at the task.

Some of his proposals, however, indicate that he is over-eager and over-aggressive, that he might plunge Oregon into programs that people of the state couldn't handle. One such is the proposal to make a public park alongside the shores of the Willamette River from Portland to Eugene. It is a beautiful thought and a noble one, but it seems to us that this would take millions of dollars, far beyond the capacity of the taxpayers to muster, with property of industries and private owners involved, condemnation proceedings necessary and so on.

McCall has come out with no such propositions. His thinking is of the solid, reflective type.

Tom McCall's billboards say that he will be a "Great Governor." Certainly he has the capacity for great respect in the eyes of his fellow men. Our confidence is not so much that he will be a great governor but that he will be a solid and a strong one, that he will conduct an honest administration, that he will be respected by the people of his state as one sensitive to their needs and problems, and that he will continue the high national regard towards Oregon that has been inculcated by Governor Hatfield.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
Dear Wes:
All of us at Blue Mountain Community College were thrilled at the fine coverage you gave our dedication and open house. We are also appreciative of the news coverage of the Chamber of Commerce meeting and the fine commendation given us in your editorial.
Several of our board members have dropped in to comment about this coverage and to express their appreciation for the continued support we have had from you and your paper during our formative years. It has also been a great personal moti-

vation to me to have the fine support you have given the faculty and administration.
Wallace W. McCrae,
President

To the Editor:
One of the most important things in the next two, perhaps six years, is for Oregon to have someone to keep an eye on LBJ. We want a voice for Oregon in Washington, not a voice for Washington in Oregon. We want someone to speak up when piracy of our water is threatened. The same for our timber or fish off the coast.
Sincerely,
Henry Peterson, Ione
Hatfield for Governor
Chairman

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

HIGH SCHOOL students here this week are saying "Happiness is Homecoming 1966" as they go through "Spirit Week" with eagerness and enthusiasm. May the spirit continue in high gear after the Wahtonka game here Friday night! A victory would put the Mustangs into a playoff game with Vale, unless Burns can make a stronger claim with the powers that be. This would be rather difficult for the Hillanders (at least from the Heppner point of view) since the Mustangs defeated Burns, 31 to 13. The Heppner (thinking is that if the two teams finish in a deadlock in the western division, our Mustangs should get the nod on the basis of their win over Burns.

In any event, the team has made a wonderful showing. The gridders have come on with great spirit this season, and the strategy of the coaches has outfoxed the work of their opponents.

"On to Vale!" should be the battle cry.

BUT THIS is "H" week in more than Heppner Homecoming. The smaller youngsters might well say "Happiness is Haunting on Halloween," and the trick-or-treaters probably will be out in force come Monday night.

We note with interest the school lunch menu at A. C. Houghton school, Irigoin, for Monday: Cats' meow, witches teeth, devils' hoops, goblins' nectar, surprises, surprises?

Could that be from government surplus?
And also in the Halloween news is this late flash from the Heppner Bluejays, delevered late this afternoon by one of the Bluebird girls:
"We made pumpkins that glitter in the dark. So if you see any pumpkins on a stick you will know that the Heppner Bluejays had made them. Gittery Gittery pumpkins. Do you know them? The next Bluebird meeting will be November 9."

ONE OF THE enjoyable events of the year for us is going out to get the story and pictures on the Livestock Man of the Year. It was a beautiful

day Monday when Gail McCarty and the editor visited the Barton Clarks, Ned Clarks and Ray Wright, and their place is beautiful in the fall with leaves turning color on the trees along McKinney Creek.

We wished again that we had a color camera and could picture their ranch in color. Only trouble is that when we get out in the open spaces we try to act like a gazelle and wind up like an old goat with the goat.

We wanted to get a picture of the farmstead from the bluff above and took off with Ned like a jackrabbit for the first 10 steps. Ned skittered up the rocky scabbles without breathing a deep breath but when we got to the top, you'd have thought we had just finished the marathon in the Olympics.

Chances are that when Ned gets our age, he'll be in almost as good shape as he is right now. Moral is: If you want to be hearty and active, live on a ranch. If you want to be a wheezy old gent before your time, be an editor.

Ray has lived in town for only a short time. "Can't say as I like it very much," he grumbled.

It's just too congested in these big towns like Heppner for Ray.

SPEAKING of the grunts and groans, Bob Abrams has been laid up for much of the week with his back giving him fits.

We think there must be one thing worse than a little man enduring pains from muscle spasms in his back, and that is a big man getting them. When a fellow like Bob gets something like this, there is a mighty

Karen McCurdy was happy to return to her home last Wednesday after being hospitalized in Pioneer Memorial hospital since August 27 with injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Heppner. She is able to be up and around for limited times, and is looking forward to returning to her college studies at winter term. Patricia Van Winkle, also injured in the accident, was dismissed from the hospital the last week in September and is also making satisfactory progress.

lot of hurtin' going on. And Harry O'Donnell learned that he is not as young as he used to be when he worked on the sticks at the football game the other night (sideline yard markers).

He saw a runner headed his way towards the sidelines and an opponent in hot pursuit. He didn't show proper respect and run for his life as he should have.

The pair clobbered him, and down he went. The metal pole of the marker he was holding thumped him a goodly crack across the side of the head and he quickly developed a temporary cauliflower ear.

Harry was still sorting out his aches and pains as of Tuesday but was getting around.

WHEN FRIENDS were here over the week-end we took a ride to Boardman, had dinner there Saturday evening and looked in some amazement at the progress that has been made in Morrow county's "new city."

Transformation of the past few months has been tremendous. Residences seem to be blossoming all over the place. Service stations, restaurants and the motels are as nice and as attractive as they can be.

It is rough to go through the rigors of moving, no doubt, and facing all the negotiations and adjustments involved, but the new town is certainly looking inviting. How nice it is to have everything brand new!

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