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Local Candidates

Most of the attention for this year's general election in Oregon has been focused on the major races—U. S. Senator, Congressional seats, and the governorship.

The contest between Irvin Mann and Martin Buchanan for representative in the legislature (28th district) is exciting much interest and looms as another very close race between the two, each of whom is very highly regarded.

On the strictly local scene, the candidates and the voting public have both shown apathy, although the tempo has picked up in the waning days of the campaign. Some are running without opposition, some who do have opposition have displayed an indifferent attitude, and few have been really working for the positions they ostensibly hope to receive.

Some of this apathy comes from the fact that many assume that since this is a rural area and "everybody knows me," there is no use working. That isn't true. The premise is wrong in the first place, because no matter how long a person has been here, there are always newcomers arriving who know little about him. Further, if the candidate doesn't exhibit a lively interest and demonstrate enthusiasm for the position he seeks, he surely couldn't expect anything but lethargy from the voters.

Probably another factor entering the local picture is that often a contest pits friend against friend, or neighbor against neighbor, and each shuns the possibility of doing anything to arouse enmity of the other.

But the election is now upon us, and choices must be made. This paper isn't going to make recommendations for local offices. Our personal choices in the election booth on November 8 for county and city offices will be on a non-partisan basis for we believe that party politics have very little expression in city offices, and, as evidenced in Morrow county, not much more in county positions. One finds a Democratic official treating a Republican constituent with the same courtesy and consideration as one of his own party, and vice versa.

In some races, we feel that both or all (where there are more than two) candidates are good and competent. The nonpartisan and judicial candidates are without opposition, as is Herman Winter, district attorney, who has both Democratic and Republican nominations. Among those running is our circuit judge, William W. Wells, whose thorough competence on the bench has been demonstrated in long experience. The vote these men receive will merely be an indication of confidence which they deserve.

In the Mann-Buchanan race, voters must choose between a Republican incumbent with a good, sound record in the House of Representatives and a very strong contender.

As a freshman legislator, being elected over Buchanan by a slim margin in 1964, Mann has been commended both by his constituents and his colleagues for his good work. We have visited with legislators from other parts of the state and found that Mann has earned their respect.

He helped write the direct property tax relief act, which in Morrow county this year—as in most other counties—cuts local property taxes by 5.3 mills. Mann also worked for the inventory tax relief measure which helps lift a burden on small business. He was one of the sponsors of the meat labelling bill, and was among those instrumental in rejuvenating the Pacific International Livestock Exposition.

Buchanan, like Mann, represents a family very well known and very highly regarded in Eastern Oregon. He served capably on the Oregon Liquor Commission and is a member of the State Tax Study committee. A resident of the Milton-Freewater area, Buchanan, again like Mann, has a ranch background and is tax conscious. He is a personable man and a fluent speaker.

Mann has proved his ability in the House through the work of his first term and in his previous work in other capacities in a wide range of activity. Buchanan has also demonstrated his competence on the liquor commission, the tax study committee, other government-connected organizations and civic and community activities.

When the voter weighs the merits of these men, he'll find that each has considerable to his credit.

Mann's incumbency and his solid showing in the 1965 legislature may be the deciding factor in the election.

The Measures

Almost forgotten on the general election ballot are two measures that were overshadowed by the proposed 1 1/2% tax limitation measure and the controversy over it. The limitation proposal has been dropped from the ballot following decision in the courts, but the other two remain for consideration and decision of voters.

Measure 1 has been referred to as a "housekeeping" measure. It is the public transportation system employes constitutional amendment and would require public bodies taking over any public transportation system to protect pension rights and job benefits of all existing and retired employes of old system.

It does not transfer the ownership or control of private carriers to public agencies. Essentially Measure 1 affects Portland only. It is the only major city on the West Coast whose public transit service remains in private hands.

This measure has considerable backing from esteemed legislators and others.

It has aroused little organized opposition, but the Oregon Voter recommends a No vote on the grounds that it may make it easier to open the door to public ownership.

Those who care to study the matter further may read the Voters' Pamphlet for information, and they may also wish to read the Oregon Voter's position. A copy of this is on file at the Gazette-Times office and is available to anyone who wishes to read it.

Of more importance statewide is Measure No. 2, a proposed constitutional amendment that would authorize general obligation bonds for constructing self-supporting facilities for community colleges. It permits use of revenues from other state education facilities in financing projects.

We are opposed to this measure for several reasons, one being that it reverses the vote of the people in 1960 which raised the constitutional limit on total bonds which could be issued to construct self-supporting and self-liquidating buildings (dormitories, student centers, etc.).

The State Board of Higher Education is opposed to it. The ballot title would represent that the measure would be helpful to community colleges, but indications are that it would not.

There are arguments for and against in the Voters' Pamphlet. In our judgment the arguments against the measure are much the stronger.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I am writing this letter to tell you how much we are enjoying reading the Gazette-Times every week.

I am now working on an educational program for the high school drop outs on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I am at the present time discovering many of the reasons why these young men and women drop out of school.

One of the main reasons why the young people apparently drop out is the fact that these students lose interest in school. I think that I can see this happening in every school I have visited in the last two years. This includes my home town school (Lane, Oregon) to schools in the Phoenix, Ariz., area. I have discovered that the teachers now, or a good share of them, do not get the students interested in the subjects.

I have seen teachers stand at the blackboard or sit at their desks and talk for a solid class period without even looking up to see what the class is doing, or if they are reacting to what they are presenting.

We have also discovered that there is no student government in the schools of today. There may be a student government consisting of officers and they may hold meetings occasionally, but they cannot act on anything because the advisor will step in and say, "You can't do this or that because of the school policy."

I think that the school systems are getting to the point that they become a little empire wherein no one but the National Education Association makes any rules. I have a feeling, or rather a view, that if the school boards were working for the betterment of the youth in their school systems, they would change a few of their rules now in existence in most school systems.

I think one thing that you must understand about the Bureau of Indian Affairs and their reservation is the fact that there is no school board to take the side of the parents or the students. The student is subject to the ruling of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and no school board would be of any effect.

When it comes to the education of the child, what is the first thing that a teacher asks? It is not "Has he the potentiality?" but, "Can he read and write?" In most cases, the student has the potential, but that is not what is examined. Whether he can read or write now is not the question, but can he be taught to read and write if he can not already do so? As it

stands, the student who can not read and write now, whether or not he had the potential, has no chance from the first day of school, until he drops out of school to work.

It is my view that the administrators of schools do not realize the great value students get out of extra-curricular programs in the schools. Let us take a look at what it probably means to a boy or girl to go to a football game and to cheer for the team. It not only raises the morale of the team, but all of the whole school. I think that some school administrators let their feelings rule instead of what is best for the students.

In the time of an administration that is working for Big Government, there is no one suffering more than the Indian. Their school system here is hurting because of a cut-back in funds.

I know that the Indians main problem is that they do not have riots and marches all over the United States! When Congress wants to appropriate money for them, the President raises so much 'Hell' that Congress goes along with him.

It seems to me that the President of the United States is not thinking of his people when he does this.

I have said a few things that have bothered me for a long time, and the more drop-outs I see, the more convinced that I am right.

Yours truly,
Berl Akers, Jr.
Pine Ridge, S. D.

To the Editor:

In the forum in the Sunday Oregonian Governor Hatfield states that if elected he would not give foreign aid to any country which trades with the communists.

Now, since Russia was contained and its expansion stopped by the Marshall plan and Truman and through foreign trade its people got a taste of the better things of life and began to demand such things for themselves, Russia has become much less belligerent and more democratic.

How are we going to do so in these other countries if we pull out and let them expand and stop all trade so their people will never know about such things? Also, how much can agriculture stand if such a policy is followed?

Two-thirds of our export wheat, two-thirds of our hides, and two-thirds of our tallow go to these countries. Hadn't we better follow the proven method?

O. W. Cutsforth

Another Cinderella Team!

Heppner High school, which has the smallest enrollment of any high school in the State of Oregon in the A-2 athletic classification, has done it again.

The Mustangs, by dint of the hard work of the boys and the expert guidance of their coaches, have come up with another Cinderella team this year.

They've done it two or three times in basketball in recent years, and now they have done it in football.

Even a community as sports-minded as Heppner doesn't expect a championship-contending team every year. With a student body below 200, the school wouldn't seem to have the manpower to continuously measure up to the caliber of teams coming from schools ranging to 500 enrollment with which they compete.

This year, few expected a western division champion. Graduation in the spring took a good chunk of last year's crop of talent.

The season's start showed no evidence that the Mustangs had the goods to compete with such perennial powers as Burns and Wahtonka. Coaching staff was entirely new, and it takes a little time for the boys and the coaches to become oriented.

The opening loss to Pilot Rock, 6-0, was, therefore, not entirely unexpected, and the tie with Condon, 20-20, didn't look bad considering the Blue Devils appeared very good in this contest. But a hint of something in the offing came when Heppner played the Hermiston jayvees and crushed them, 45 to 0. By this time it appeared that the Mustangs might really have something this year. The loss to Madras followed, 19-13, but this was the last mediocre showing of the year for Heppner.

When the Mustangs crushed Burns, 31-13, it seemed that the team had suddenly shifted gears, jumping from low to high. The ensuing victory over Sherman, 20-6, showed that the Hillander win was no fluke, and the boys continued to roll when they throttled John Day, 27 to 8.

By this time, local football fans realized that Coaches Hiemstra, Cook and Carr had somehow extracted the best potential out of their manpower, had gained the spirit and confidence of the boys, and with the determined play of the squad, were coming up with a winner.

The real astonisher was yet to come, however—the 41-0 beating of Wahtonka—and Heppner High suddenly found itself with a team that was making history for the school. The Eagles are a good football team, but they were just not prepared for the inspired, united spirit that Heppner displayed.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles reports that he overheard a Vale scout tell a local businessman at the game after Heppner's first two quick touchdowns, "I didn't expect that from Heppner."

The businessman replied, "Neither did we."

How Heppner can continue coming forth with Cinderella teams is something that is hard to figure, but it certainly is exhilarating for the community as well as the school.

We know that a great deal of the answer is in the spirit of each team member. It also takes skill on the part of the coaches, both in their knowledge of the sports and their ability to inspire the boys.

Those who watched the Wahtonka game saw that every member of the team was putting out to his utmost, and the Mustangs presented a precision machine. It got the jump against the Eagles and never let go, even when Coach Hiemstra had most of his reserves in the lineup.

It's great to have a winner any time, but even more exciting when it is unexpected. The real satisfaction, though, comes from seeing the spirit displayed by these Mustangs and the staff behind them.

Vale has long been a kingpin in A-2 football, and the district playoff game Saturday will need to bring out every ounce of talent in our boys if they expect to win.

At the start of the season, we'd have said, "It can't be done." (—and we don't believe in that word, "can't"). But after seeing the spirit and finesse against Wahtonka, the question is, "Who can stop them?"

Maybe Vale can, but we won't concede it until we see it!

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

AS ONE OF THEIR stunts for Homecoming and Spirit Week, Heppner High kids conceived the idea of riding two horses in opposite directions around the track at the rodeo grounds every time their team scored Friday night against Wahtonka.

Before the game was over, with Heppner on the long end of a 41-0 score, those horses were pretty high winded. Some local rooters, looking back on Wahtonka's win over Heppner in district basketball, might have thought that the animals could spend the evening munching hay, but they were on the gallop most of the time.

Next time the kids use the stunt, if their team continues that good, they had better work out a Pony Express idea in order to give the starting horses some relief.

IF HEPPNER beats the Vikings they will have to go as far to the west for the next game on their state playoff trail as they go to the east this week against Vale.

Central of Monmouth-Independence would be their next opponent and the game would be played on the Oregon College field at Monmouth. This would sort of put Gordon Pratt, ex-Heppner High principal and

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for the interest you took in tracing back here to Portland where the trouble seemed to be in getting the Gazette-Times delivered on Saturday—and even many times on Friday! They even carried the complaint out to our postman here in Parkrose.

And the other subscribers who were having trouble, seem to be satisfied now.

Will you please thank Mr. Driscoll for his interest also. Yours truly, Mrs. Beulah Lundell Portland, Oregon

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sherman: I wish at this time to thank you for sending to me each week the Heppner Gazette. I have enjoyed reading about what has happened in Morrow county this last year.

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To the Editor:

Do you want a Congressman for the Second District who uses his "free mailing" privilege to campaign for office?

The "free mailing" or franking privilege is just that—a privilege for Congressmen for public business only; but the incumbent has been sending campaign material all over the Second District under the franking privilege. Do you want to return this man to Congress?

Yours truly, Ken Presler 1108 First St. La Grande, Oregon

SCHOOL BELLS

By DAVID R. POTTER
Supt., Morrow County Schools

Saturday, November 5, will be a red-letter day for the football fans of Morrow county, with two of our high schools competing in district playoff games. Heppner High is in the A-2 league and will be playing against Vale High school at Vale.

Riverside High school is in the B-league and will be competing against Prairie City in a game to be played at Boardman. Both games are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. However, the game at Vale is being played on Mountain Standard Time, which means 12:30 p.m. by our Pacific Standard Time.

Riverside's team, coached by Dan Daltoso, has lost only one game this season. Dufur defeated them by a score of 13-12. The Heppner High Mustangs, coached by Ed Hiemstra, lost their only league game when they were defeated by Madras.

Try to support one of our high schools by attending a game, either at Vale or at Boardman. If you are unable to give your support by attending, why not send a contribution to help the student body defray the costs incurred by such a play-off?

Contributions for Riverside High should be sent to Mr. Ronald Daniels, principal, for Heppner High, they should be sent to Mr. Richard Carpenter, principal. We hope our two Morrow county teams both win their game on Saturday. If they do, we will see Heppner playing Central High of Monmouth-Independence at Heppner, and Riverside playing Hereford.

Unity at Boardman for the regional championship.

Parents Reminded Of Cub Meet Tonight

Parents of boys of Cub Scout age who are interested in continuing the program here are urged to attend a meeting to be held tonight (Thursday), November 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bank of Eastern Oregon conference room. Mrs. J. G. Stephens is organizing the meeting.

The group will consider ways of promoting interest in the Cub Scout program and discuss better organization here.

now Central principal, on the spot, as well as Pete Glennie, ex-Mustang athletic director, now also with Central.

Couldn't expect for them to root for the Mustangs against the Panthers but bet a dollar they'll be rooting for Heppner against Vale.

VIRGINIA ROSEWALL was a bit aghast at her picture with husband, Clarence, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Straub in the paper last week. She suspects that we deliberately snapped it while her mouth was wide open in talking to the governor candidate. The Demo chairman said that she has been taking ribbing from all over, even getting long distance calls on it.

We consoled her by saying that so far as politics goes, any publicity is better than none at all. Maybe it's like Bob Duncan said recently. The reason reporters take two pictures every time they "shoot" a politician is that they fear the first one won't be bad enough.

But we think Virginia should feel flattered that it was unusual to catch her with her mouth open. After all, there are some women who always have their mouths open in pictures for the simple reason that they never shut them. Before the brickbats start flying, we'll add that some men are like that, too!

SIGNS HAVE been playing quite a part in this election campaign. Sherron Brenner has painted some nice ones for the Demos and so has Lois Winchester. The Rosewells had one swiped from the front of their house but a kind neighbor found it and brought it back.

Mrs. Amanda Duvall had another at her place, and someone took it, too. But it took a Republican paper to get it back! She ran an ad in last week's paper. A man read it and returned the sign that he had found in Willow Creek. So it was installed again in prominence before the Ullmans arrived on their visit here.

ON THE SUBJECT of signs, Rep. Irvin Mann comes up with a commendable idea. He has announced that he has his election day planned. After voting, he will travel the length of the 28th district taking down signs. That should be one way to relieve the anxiety of waiting for returns.

"If I'm getting tired of looking at them, surely everyone else is," he said. And he asks all his campaign workers to help him take them down by nightfall of election day. Maybe Rep. Mann will start a new trend for others to follow. Usually the signs stay up for decades, it seems. Even now you occasionally see a weather beaten remnant on some leaning telephone pole that hearkens back to the time of Calvin Coolidge or beyond.

WHEN AL MARTIN, Heppner Elementary principal, called and said that he was delighted with the way the kids in this area conducted themselves on Halloween night, he expressed something that we had been thinking.

"It's so different from the larger cities with which I am acquainted," said he. Only damage noted was some soaped and waxed windows. The G-T office took a little window waxing, but some other thoughtful youngster came along and sprayed some streaks of shaving cream on them. When we moistened a rag and wiped it into the shaving cream, we found that the soapy mixture took the wax right off! That's certainly a convenient kind of mischief.

As we have said on past Halloweens, the attitude of the youngsters here, we think, is very good, and the residents help with their spirit.

Notice that some householders went to great pains to have some extra special favors for the trick-or-treaters, making

some very attractive packages of goodies for them.

People here do so many nice things for the kids. Wayne French, sixth grade teacher, organized a skating party for all sixth graders for Halloween and held it on Tuesday night so as not to interfere with their trick-or-treating. And the Altar Society of St. Pat's had a dance for the high school students.

Oh, there are a few little rascals around, but not many. Heard of one case where a young scamp dumped the whole plate of goodies into his trick or treat sack and ran, after an elderly woman came to the door and held the plate to him to make his choice. And some (probably older youngsters) started throwing bags of water at car windshields, but that was stopped. They probably didn't realize that the contained water can hit a windshield with the force of a rock and in some instance break the windshield.

ORVILLE AND BARBARA Cutsforth said that their party got three bull elk within a mile or so of their cabin on opening week-end. This is something we can't imagine. We haven't seen an elk in Morrow or adjoining counties since we came here more than five years ago. We've seen hundreds of deer but not a single elk. Of course, we wouldn't expect them to get down to the G-T office, but we do get out in the wilds once in a while.

HEARD THAT Jeff Walker bagged a 6 ft 8 inch cougar Saturday, and it weighed about 135 pounds they say. They skinned it out at Bob Van Schoick's place in Sanford Canyon. We didn't have a chance to get a picture or additional details in this pre-election week.

IF YOU ARE interested in the election and want to know how local returns are coming, you are invited to come down to the G-T office election night. We'll be covering until returns are all in from Morrow county's precincts and will be handling returns from our county for major offices—Senate, Congress, Governor—for Oregon Election Service and News Election Service in Los Angeles on behalf of the A. P.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events
HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL District Playoff, Sat., Nov. 5, 1:30 p.m. (12:30 Heppner time)
Heppner vs. Vale
Vale High School Field
FRUIT CAKE SALE By Beta Omega Sorority Sat., Nov. 5, house to house Heppner and lone Support the Hospital Water Softener Fund
ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER By Holly Rebekah Lodge Saturday, Nov. 5, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Lexington IOOF Hall
Turkey and all the trimmings Pinocchio and bingo following
4-H ACHIEVEMENT PARTY Sunday, Nov. 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m. High School Multipurpose Room
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