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Post-Election Reflections

With the general election over, all those who have worked for candidates, together with those who have listened to the campaigners, and those who have become emotionally involved can now breathe sighs of relief. On the statewide level, it has been a hard campaign, and one that attracted intense interest for an off-presidential year.

In a democracy, it should be obvious that more than half of the people are happy about the results of any particular race because it takes a majority vote to win. Thus, while there undoubtedly are many on this post-election morning who are sadly disappointed, more than 50 per cent should be pleased with the outcome.

With the victory for Mark Hatfield for U. S. Senator, it should become clear, at long last, that his contest with Robert Duncan was not a single issue campaign and never was. The opposition hammered away on this point, and the giants of the electronic news medium (TV) insisted that the contest was a Vietnam referendum. They couldn't "get it through their noodle" that Oregonians would have other reasons for voting for the man who has served them as governor for eight years. Their analytical minds couldn't grasp the fact that thousands would vote for Hatfield for what he represents to them as a man, his high idealism and what he has done for the state.

They tried to make him a "dove," when he is not. He made this clear again in a statement on election night when he declared that Washington, D. C., and Hanoi should not misinterpret the results of the election and pointed out again that there were other issues in the campaign as well as the point on Vietnam.

One prominent national TV commentator, noting Republican gains around the nation, said that he was unable to pinpoint any clearcut issue that would account for the trend. He seemed to be thrown out of his analytical groove.

We think we can pinpoint a reason. It is simply reaction to some of the implications of the Great Society. Concerned Democrats, who still believe in principles of their party but who fear a trend to socialism, have little alternative in demonstrating their protest but to vote Republican. Some of the programs of the Great Society are going beyond humanitarianism and get into the realm of sheer wanton spending with the consequence of a regimentation of a people who value freedom and initiative.

Judging by the reaction of some of our good local Democrats, we believe that the same concern is starting to sweep the country on the conviction that the federal government is getting out of the control of the people.

In the Oregon elections, however, the Democrats have some condole in the fact that they put up a good fight and made strong showings against heavy odds.

Reflecting on the local level, it is revealing to note the interest shown by the public on district, county and city results in the face of the fact that the few contests on the ballot seemed to be creating very little excitement prior to election day. Perhaps there is more of an undercurrent of interest than is apparent.

The race between Gene Ferguson and Jack VanWinkle proved to be an exciting one as returns came in and Ferguson will retire from the county commissioner post after serving for eight years. VanWinkle won by a margin of 77 votes. This could be an indication that Morrow people want a little more progressive type of county government rather than the conservative program that Commissioner Ferguson has seemed to exemplify.

Another contest that attracted interest was the one between Rod Thomson, incumbent assessor, and Bob (Butch) Laughlin, with Thomson holding on to the position in another close vote. Laughlin's following was an ardent one, showing that he has many friends, and if he had more experience to give him better qualifications for the office, he might have won.

In the Martin Buchanan-Irvin Mann race for representative to the legislature (28th district), the result was no doubt influenced by Mann's incumbency, as predicted. He compiled a very good record in the legislature in the 1965 session, helped fashion some important bills, and is particularly strong with livestock and agriculture interests, important throughout the district he represents.

Buchanan's candidacy made this race a contest between two men of high potential on the political scene. He made many friends in the campaign as he did in 1964. With the ability, interest and background he has, he seems to merit a place in government. Indeed, there must have been quite a few voters among those who know both candidates who wished that they could mark their crosses in front of the names of each.

The Bob Straub-Tom McCall and the Al Ullman-Everett Thoren votes ran true to prediction. Straub can have the consolation of having made a very good run for the office of governor to which he aspired. Ullman remains solid with his constituency, even though Thoren's rigorous campaign resulted in some inroads. McCall's victory would seem to show that many voters have faith in a solid, reflective type thinker as opposed to an aggressive "fist pounder." And that, we think, speaks pretty well for the electorate.

Holiday for Whom?

Those business people who close their stores Friday to commemorate Veterans Day and spend some time in reflection on the sacrifices of our men who died in service to their country are to be highly commended.

But those who seize upon this as an opportunity to go hunting or engage in some other pursuit that is strictly pleasurable for them, with no thought of veterans in mind, make a mockery of the day.

Among the latter are those who emotionally insist that the day must be observed as a holiday even though, by their enjoying it as such, they impose additional hardships on others who stick to the job.

When the schools close for Veterans Day, do the children have any conception of the real reason for the holiday? Do they have observances in school that point out how some of our men and women have died to help make and keep our country great? If so, the holiday for them is well taken.

In communities where the American Legion or other service organizations present programs in memoriam to our war dead, it is fitting that all pause to join in. All owe a debt to those who have fought in service to our country.

But those who continue their work on Veterans Day, serving in their respective occupations, should not necessarily be criticized for doing so. Their motives may infer no disrespect to the veteran, but perhaps may, on the other hand, contribute

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

LAST WEEK we said that Vale's football team might be able to stop the Mustangs but that we wouldn't concede the point until we saw the Vikes do it.

We saw them. They stopped the Mustangs.

We won new respect for Vale, but we didn't lose any respect for the Heppner football team. Like most local fans, we're still as proud of them as ever, maybe even more than ever. It takes kids made of pretty good stuff to absorb the shelling they took and still keep their heads up.

One of these days, A-2 schools around the state are just going to have to concede that Vale never has anything but fine football teams. It didn't take long Saturday to find that this was another in their long, long string of good ones.

Couldn't help but think the boys on the Vix squad were shaped like sugar beets — big and round and fully-packed. They weren't tall on the average, but they were shaped for pile-driving power, which they displayed.

Gordon Pratt, principal of Central High, and Pete Glennie, athletic director at Central, saw the game, Glennie in a scouting capacity, no doubt.

We just can't say that we envy the Panthers seeking Vale at Monmouth this week-end, although we haven't seen the Central gang. Maybe they can do it, but Vale has a brand of football that one isn't accustomed to seeing in A-2 ranks around the state.

JUST ONE more observation before winding up football: Heppner followers deserve commendation not only for their fine support of the team but for the sportsmanship they showed. Several hundred went to watch the game and were joined by ex-Heppnerites, former teachers now in other places and former students. We never heard any moan or groan, criticize the coach, gripe at the officials, nor throw any barbs at Vale. They saw a real fine team in Vale go about its business with dispatch and efficiency and they admired the performance.

Our opinion is that Vale showed equally fine sportsmanship, too, so it wasn't such a dismal day at all. It kind of made a person feel good to go into their town and see those "Welcome Heppner" signs all over.

YOU MAY HAVE heard this one, now going the rounds, but think it is worth reprinting. Herm Winter read it at Chamber meeting Monday after Jerry Sweeney dug it up somewhere. Republicans might save it more after Tuesday night's election, and Demos can add it to their cup of bitters:

Following is a sample of what may happen under Medicare: A man feeling the need of medical care went to the Medical Building for that purpose, and upon entering the front door, found himself faced with a battery of doors — "Heart," "Cancer," and etc. He felt sure his trouble could be diagnosed as appendicitis and he entered the door so marked.

Upon entering, he found himself faced with two or more doors, one marked "Male" and the other "Female." Of course he entered the door marked "Male" and found himself in another corridor where there were two doors, one marked "Protestant" and the other "Catholic."

Since he was a protestant, he entered the proper door and found himself facing two more

doors, one marked "White" and the other marked "Colored."

He entered the door marked "White" and again was faced with two more doors marked "Taxpayer" and "Non-taxpayer." He still owned equity on his house so he went through the door marked "Taxpayer" and found himself confronted with still two more doors marked "Single" and "Married."

He had a wife at home so he entered the proper door and once more there were two more doors, one marked "Republican" and the other "Democratic." He was a Republican, so he entered the proper door and fell nine floors to the alley.

JIM HILL, speaking at the Wheatgrowers' meeting Tuesday, had a couple of good ones to illustrate the ranchers' need to become better informed on political matters.

He told the story of Abie, the Jewish man, who asked his associate, Jacob, what he thought about the Taft-Hartley bill.

Jacob replied, "Abie, if we owe it, let's pay."

And he told of Gertrude, who asked Rebecca, "What do you think about Red China?"

To which Rebecca replied, "On a pink tablecloth, maybe not so bad."

WE'VE HAD a lot of wits around lately, with Reub Long, Stewart Patty, Jim Hill, Herm Winter and Jerry Sweeney. Then there are guys like us who are only half witty.

Farm Bureau Lists Special Speakers

Livestock producers will have a special interest in the program which begins at noon Monday, November 14, at the Oregon Farm Bureau convention in Pendleton, running November 13 to 16.

Leaders in the livestock industry will be recognized and three talks — on wide-ranging subjects — will be given.

The program starts after an old-fashioned beef stew luncheon.

"Should Chain Stores Feed Livestock?" is the title of the first talk to be given by Ward Cooper. He is assistant director of the commodity division of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Lost any livestock to rustlers? Those who have will be interested in Roy Nelson's talk, "Is Livestock Theft a Growing Problem?" Nelson is chief of the livestock division of the Oregon State Department of Agriculture.

Discussion of a phase of costs that hits directly at livestock producers is the third talk of the noon program. Al Oard, assistant chief, Division of Range and Wildlife of Oregon and Washington, U. S. Forest Service, will speak on "BLM and Forest Service Grazing Fees Under Study."

Unit to Meet

Heppner's home extension unit will meet Tuesday, November 15, at the home of Mrs. Alice McCabe, starting with a potluck dinner at noon, it is announced. Christmas ideas will be featured at the meeting, and those attending are asked to bring any ideas for decorations and the holiday season that they wish to share.

more in true respect to the war dead than those who take the day off.

If he could return, would the serviceman who has died in the violence of war feel more honored by the one who takes the day to play or the one who keeps to the job?

There is no way to answer the question, perhaps, but in either case, all of us should take some time on Veterans Day for reflective gratitude in tribute to those who served so nobly.

It is well to bear in mind that the day was set aside to honor veterans rather than offer pleasure to those of us who made no sacrifice.

Our New 'Front Door'

Now nearing completion is the new stretch of highway leading north from Heppner's city limits for a distance of about three miles that helps give us a fine new "front door."

The E. H. Itchner Company of Molalla has completed the project in fast time under contract to the Oregon Highway Commission, and now all motorists coming to Heppner or leaving the city can enjoy the work.

Improvement made is a striking one. Only now, when the new stretch is about completed, can we fully realize how badly the work was needed. The project has eliminated many dips, humps and curves, and thereby eliminates much of the hazard of the former highway.

With this improvement, perhaps the accident rate can be cut through the congested area.

But if accidents are to be lessened, motorists will have to resist the temptation to "step on it" as they drive the broad, smooth stretch.

Because of the fact that this is the city's fringe area with the sawmills, the drive-in, the golf course, logging company shops and a number of farms and residences clustered along it, there will always be hazard with the on and off traffic. Log trucks, pedestrians and horses make it necessary for motorists to keep a sharp lookout.

Need for controlled speed is quite obvious. If motorists misuse the improved highway and make it a raceway, the high rate of accidents will continue despite elimination of humps and curves.

Recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce to ask the highway department for a speed limit of 45 or 50 miles per hour is reasonable, and it is hoped that the department will see fit to grant the request. But voluntary cooperation of the motoring public in driving prudently is needed to assure that all may enjoy our "new front door" without the tragic consequences of being involved in accidents.

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Town Closure Set End of Year

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN — A letter was read to the City Council last week from Col. Frank McElwee of the U. S. Corps of Engineers office in Walla Walla, Wash., stating the old town of Boardman must be all closed by December 31 of this year, with all utilities turned off and roads closed. All buildings must be vacated by that time, and any buildings to be moved must be out of the town.

The council discussed the possibility of having an auction sale at which anyone could sell any excess belongings they no longer want. Organizations in Boardman will be contacted to see if any are willing to do this on a percentage basis.

Three candidates were announced to run for councilman for a four year term. They were Joe Tate and Wally Hendrix, both incumbents, and Emmett McKenzie. Seth Russell, retiring councilman, does not wish to run.

The Urban Renewal Agency held a short session and sold Lot 3 in block 1 in West Boardman to Verla Mathewson.

Mrs. Russell Miller was hostess for the Ladies' Aid Society of Community church at her home last week, with Mrs. Arlin Hug as co-hostess. Visitors included Mrs. Walter Hayes, Mrs. W. C. Seehafer and Mrs. Effie Miller.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Seth Russell were in charge of the devotional program, which included a Bible quiz game.

Mrs. Leo Root has returned from a three weeks trip to California points. She visited at the home of her nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Macomber at Citrus Heights, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Macomber at Sacramento, and her nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pike at Willows, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bray at Paradise. She also visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. E. Root, at Paradise.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Robinson and children Curtis, Craig and Karen of Fossil were Saturday visitors at the home of Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robinson. Sunday the Clyde Robinsons went to The Dalles to visit Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Messenger.

Mrs. Fred Miller and Mr. and Mrs. George Sweet of Madras visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Miller's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie.

Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Wrenn of Seattle, Wash., visited a week at the home of Mrs. Warren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dillon, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Les Moen.

Wilbur and Elbe Akers of Lone were Sunday visitors at the home of their sister, Mrs. Russell Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root and daughter Jane, of Wasco, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ellis of Rufus visited Saturday at the home of Root's mother, Mrs. Leo Root.

Flossie Coats, postmaster, Mrs. Glen Carpenter and Mrs. Frank Marlow went to Arlington Wednesday of last week to attend the dedication of the new post office building there.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bundy and daughter Elaine of Richland, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bundy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Potts. Weekend visitors were another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Houston and children, Leo, Arlene, Donald and Sharon of La Grande.

Mrs. Frank Marlow was in Walla Walla, Wash. two days last week, visiting her aunts, Mrs. Ernest Zerba and Mrs. A. C. Knudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hernandez are the parents of a 9 lb. 7 1/2 oz. boy, Benard, Jr., in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston October 30. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guerra of Sunnyside, Wash., and Jacinto Hernandez of Wapato, Wash.

The wedding of Fessie M. Coats and Roy E. Ball will be solemnized November 12 at 2

Pomona Program Enjoyed By Big Crowd October 29

About 100 people enjoyed the program at the Pomona Grange meeting on Saturday, October 29 at Boardman. The meeting was held in the beautiful new hall of Greenfield Grange, just recently completed.

Outstanding speaker of the day was Dr. Roy E. Lieualten, Chancellor of the Oregon System of Higher Education from Eugene. Dr. Lieualten stated some of the advantages of completing a high school education and encouraged the students interested in further study, to take advantage of a college degree if possible. Universities and state supported colleges work under the state system and are supported by the state, while the community colleges are supported by local taxes.

Other numbers on the program included readings, "A Teenagers Plea for Understanding" by Mrs. James Lindsay and "Care and Training of a Husband" by Mrs. Lloyd Johnson. Rev. Neeley of Boardman sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Mrs. Carl Marquardt of Lexington.

Guests from out of the county were State Deputy Robert Cable and Mrs. Cable of Baker; Master Wilson and Mrs. Wilson of Tilton; Grange; Master and Mrs. Getchell of Columbia; Grange; Master and Mrs. Moran of State Line Grange, all of Umatilla County. Also present were Master and Mrs. Davies of Rock Creek Grange, Hood River.

As there have been several conflicts over the years with local activities, Pomona Grange voted to try holding its regular meetings on the last Saturday of February, May, August, and November, starting with February, 1967.

Greenfield Grange announced the dedication ceremony of their new hall for December 3, at 8:00 p.m.

Officers of subordinate Granges will be installed on December 10, at Greenfield Hall in Boardman at 10:30 a.m. with an officers' conference and school of instruction in the afternoon.

The next Pomona Grange meeting will be held in lone with Willows Grange as hosts. At this meeting the Grange winning a recent contest will be revealed and presented with a bulletin board.



Coming Events

LEXINGTON GRANGE
 Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m.
 Installation of HBC officers
 Lexington Grange Hall

ANNUAL BANQUET
 Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.
 Monday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
 County Fair Pavilion

DISTRICT CONVENTION
 Rebekah District No. 20 Convention, IOOF Hall
 Thursday, Nov. 17
 Afternoon session, 1 p.m., banquet 6:30 p.m., evening session, 8 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DINNER
 Degree of Honor Members and Families
 Saturday, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.
 Christian Church basement

ANNUAL MEETING
 Columbia Basin Electric Coop Fossil Legion Hall
 Thursday, Nov. 17
 Everyone Welcome. Door prizes

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