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Measure Recommendations

This is how we feel about the seven measures on the ballot and our recommendations on them for the general election on November 5:

MEASURE 1—Constitutional Amendment Broadening Veterans Loan Eligibility. This would extend benefits of the Oregon farm and home loan program to additional veterans, including those of the Vietnam War, and liberalize eligibility requirements for certain World War II and Korean veterans. The veterans' loan program doesn't cost taxpayers a cent; it has done a great deal to stimulate the economy, and the extension will do more. Homeowners under the program last year paid \$12,312,240 in property taxes. **YES vote recommended.**

MEASURE 2—Constitutional Amendment for Removal of Judges. Judges in Oregon have maintained a high standard of conduct, but this measure provides for removal of any who prove unfit. It calls for forming a 9-member Commission on Judicial Fitness, which would hear cases and make recommendation to the Supreme Court. Grounds for removal: Conviction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; willful or persistent failure to perform judicial duties; habitual drunkenness or illegal use of narcotic drugs. Currently a judge may be removed only through the unwieldy process of recall or criminal trial. It is reasonable to have a less cumbersome and orderly process to remove any judge who may prove unfit. No costs are involved to people of Oregon. **YES vote recommended.**

MEASURE 3—Empowering Legislature to Extend Oregon Boundaries. Through this measure, the legislature would be empowered to extend Oregon's offshore ocean boundaries if and when Congress extends the boundaries. This would give the state some jurisdiction over any valuable deposits of hard minerals, gas and oil that might be found offshore within the boundaries. Only if this land is under state ownership would the state receive royalties from any mineral production that might occur. **YES vote recommended.**

MEASURE 4—Constitutional Amendment Broadening County Debt Limitation. Present state constitution prohibits counties from incurring debt which exceeds \$5,000 at any one time, with exception of bonded indebtedness approved by vote of the people. This measure proposes the same privilege to county governments now enjoyed by other units of local government. It would permit the counties to enter agreements to purchase or lease real or personal property as long as agreement period does not exceed 10 years. This measure might very well work to the benefit of taxpayers by placing counties in a better position for making purchases that are needed in the public interest. It is subject to all existing laws of purchasing. **YES vote recommended.**

MEASURE 5—Government Consolidation, City-County over 300,000. This would amend the constitution to make possible the consolidation of city and county governments in counties having a city with more than 300,000 inhabitants. In this state, Portland is the only such city, and it is for the proposed Multnomah-Portland consolidation that the measure is offered. There is no reason that we know of why voters in this county should not help make this possible if they want it in Portland and Multnomah county. **YES vote recommended.**

MEASURE 6—Bond Issue to Acquire Ocean Beaches. This measure is on the ballot by initiative petition and is the measure backed by Robert Straub. It would impose a 1c per gallon additional tax on gasoline to provide for bonds that would be retired by the proceeds of the tax, which would be levied for a 4-year period. Bonds would be used for acquiring beach property now privately owned. We believe this measure is inequitable because it will impose the greatest burden on many of the people who stand to gain the least. Morrow counties have to travel much farther than Valley people to go to the grocery store, or, if you will, to go to the beach. Some of our rural families have to travel 50 miles or more, round trip, to buy groceries. They would pay that tax for every mile they drive, yet wouldn't get to the beach nearly as often as a Portlander, who is a "stone's throw" away. Also, price of gasoline is already higher here—the tax will make it higher.

We don't like the provision that highways can never be routed over sand spits (a pet idea of Straub's that comes out of the Pacific City controversy). We can see occasions where the public would get better enjoyment of its highways by routing them over sand spits. Invalids and elderly would have a chance to get closer to the ocean.

Many legislators feel that this bill is premature and that it wasn't thought out carefully enough; that it opens the door to raids on gasoline tax revenues and highway funds; that it will be costly to administer because commercial vehicles are exempted from the gas tax and refunds would have to be made to their owners and operators. We, too, want to save the beaches for public use, but we don't believe this is the measure to do it. The legislature got a good start on the matter in the last session. Passage of this measure could be regretted for many reasons. **NO vote recommended.**

MEASURE 7—Constitutional Amendment Changing Property Tax Limitation. Much of our editorial space has been devoted to this measure recently. We believe that it will cost taxpayers more than it will save them. We know it will prove a severe blow to Oregon's economy, that it will seriously handicap local taxing agencies, and that it will tend to create chaos in the state taxing picture. Property taxpayers urgently need relief, but this is an ill-advised measure. If it is passed, we predict that many who vote for it will be sadly disappointed at the results. **NO vote recommended.**

Miller Recuperates

E. Harvey Miller, former Lexington resident, has shown rapid improvement from a massive coronary attack several weeks ago and has now been allowed to return to his home at 3344 S. W. Hamilton, Portland. He has been a patient at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland since early September.

Mrs. Effie Johnson, mother of Bill Johnson, returned to her home last week after spending several months in California visiting relatives. Bringing Mrs. Johnson to Heppner were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nicholson of San Bernardino, Calif., who spent several days visiting the Bill Johnsons. The two men, who are cousins, enjoyed a two day outing on a fishing trip to the Imnaha River, near Lostine.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

"DO YOU ever wonder how people seem to misconstrue your orders to them—do the wrong thing—even though you have spelled it out in a written communication?" asks Publication Management in its Circulation Letter. "For what consolation it may be, you are not alone. This matter of clear, concise, unmistakable communication is still one of the world's most difficult problems."

"Even the big brass are sometimes at fault—sometimes even more so. Consider this recent directive handed down by the British Admiralty:

"It is necessary for technical reasons that these warheads be stored upside down, that is, with the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top. In order that there may be no doubt as to which is the bottom and which is the top, for storage purposes, it will be seen that the bottom of each warhead has been labeled with the word TOP."

WHICH IS APPROPRIATE, considering that about this time of a Tuesday night we sort of lose track of which end is up.

WON'T IT BE nice when the election is over? Oh, we're not belittling the candidates but, rather, feel happy that so many make the effort in order that we have good government. If no one showed interest, our democracy would go kerplunk. But it will be nice to get one batch of mail from the post-

office that isn't two-thirds campaign propaganda. It will be good not to have to listen to so many political speeches. It will be great to have the anxiety over.

Some will be happy with the results and some will lick their wounds, but at least we can all start out again to get down to business, and the uncertainty will be gone.

Hasn't this been the most trying election year in history? We think so. Candidates were at it even late in 1967, jockeying towards the primaries. We had the violence and tragedy of Bobby Kennedy's death. We had the off-again candidates, who said they would run, then said they wouldn't, then said they would.

We had the Johnny-come-latelys, who tossed their hats in the ring in the eleventh hour and didn't make it. We had the dark horse in George Wallace's candidacy with the strange twist that he might throw the election into the House of Representatives.

—And this has been going on all year. Television has been second-guessing, probing, predicting, and running down every minute detail. The polls have never been more active, and they face a validity test on November 5.

Yes, this is the most bizarre and hectic election year that we can remember. May it produce good government to at least 25% of the promises of the winning candidates!

School Bells



By VI LANHAM
Counselor

TESTING

Testing is used as one way to determine how well a student is learning. Various means are used to determine this. One way, of course, is to seek out the experienced judgment of his teachers. Since teachers rarely rely on unsupported personal impressions, they prepare and give tests. Another method is to give standardized tests. Morrow county schools have adopted a basic program using standardized tests.

The testing program is as follows:

GRADE 1. Teachers, early in the fall, give a reading readiness test (Gates Reading Readiness Test) to determine the extent to which pupils have mastered knowledge and skills needed for beginning reading and arithmetic.

First graders take the California Test of Mental Maturity (CTMM) to give the school an estimate of their potential ability to get along in school subjects. (Forms of the CTMM are also given to 3rd, 7th, and 10th graders, as a further check on potential ability.)

GRADES 2, 4, 6, and 8. Science Research Associates Achievement Tests are administered to give an estimate of how far the pupils have advanced in basic school subjects.

GRADE 8. All eighth graders may be given two math tests (Portland Prognostic Math and California Test of Algebraic Attitude) as a means to help determine if they are ready for algebra in their freshman year or if they should take general math as a freshman.

GRADES 9 and 11. These students take the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED). These tests, taken annually by more than 15 million high school students, are in nine parts and are the longest of any widely used test batteries. Students are examined on the following accomplishments: Understanding of basic social concepts, especially those behind present-day institutions and customs; Background in natural sciences—primarily biology, chemistry, and physics; Correctness and suitability of expression in English, mainly concerning the mechanics of good English but also organization; Mathematical or quantitative thinking ability, as reflected in the power to apply mathematical ideas and principles to solving practical problems; Interpretation of reading materials—such as texts, references, and both professional and popular writing—in social studies; Interpretation of similar materials in the natural sciences; Ability to interpret literature, both poetry and prose; General vocabulary; Skill in using source materials like texts, reference works, and maps.

Ninth graders may also take the Kuder Preference test, which provides a profile of scores in ten interest areas. This test is meant to be used for exploration, not as a basis for deciding on a specific occupation. **GRADES 11 and 12.** How well a student does on standardized tests can make a big difference in his chances of attending the college of his choice. It is during these two years that students really begin thinking seriously about college or technical schools. If he makes high scores, he may have a good chance of getting into a wide range of colleges; if he does poorly, his choice of colleges may be limited.

To prepare for college entrance and to qualify for many

of the scholarships available, students during the last two years of high school need to take additional tests. Most Oregon colleges require scores from the College Entrance Exam Board (CEEB). Heppner High School has been designated as a test center for the CEEB tests, and dates are assigned each year for the administration of these tests. In the fall of the year the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) is given to any junior who wants to take the test. Any National Honor Society senior who wants to apply for a National Honor Society scholarship must also take the PSAT as a senior. From the PSAT a student can get a fairly good idea of how he is likely to stand on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which he will take during his senior year. The SAT is designed to measure aptitudes essential for college studies while drawing as little as possible on the content of specific high school courses. The five sections of this test explore two basic abilities—verbal and mathematical. These abilities have proven to be especially valid predictors of later academic performance. Scores from the SAT are reported to any colleges designated by the students. To qualify for many scholarship programs, the applicant must have his SAT scores sent as a part of his application.

One more test that juniors may take is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST) to be given February 13, 1969, in the initial test in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Some 1600 college scholarships are awarded each year by this program. If a student is going to compete for a Merit Scholarship, he must take the NMQST test as a junior. If he qualifies as a semi-finalist, he then must take the SAT, be endorsed by his school, and complete the routine steps. At a later date there will be articles in this column concerning scholarships and financial aids as well as information about college entrance procedures.

This article has given the basic testing program of the Morrow County Schools and a brief description of some of the tests. Please feel free to contact your schools if you have any questions concerning the testing program.

Women's Volleyball Teams to Organize

Women's volleyball teams are again being organized for weekly play during the winter months. Those who wish to participate are asked to come to the junior high school gymnasium on Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. Several have turned out for recent play, with the lively games providing physical exercise for women who desire some of the more strenuous physical activity. Anyone interested is invited to participate.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard of Anchorage, Alaska, visited here for three days last week at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Hager. Mrs. Willard traveled to Heppner from Medford where she had previously spent two weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Eva Wright. From Heppner the couple had plans to visit their eldest daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Roberts, and his mother, both of whom reside in California, and to return to Medford, to visit briefly with her mother before beginning the return trip home to Alaska.

Illness Claims Mrs. Monahan

Funeral services were held Thursday, (today), October 24, in Condon for Margaret Monahan, 81, who died Monday, October 21, at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton following an extended illness.

Mrs. Monahan, a lifetime resident of Gilliam and Morrow counties, was born in Condon on June 24, 1887, to Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, an early pioneer family of the Gilliam county area.

She was married to John Monahan in Condon on June 24, 1911. The couple operated a ranch in the Condon area until their retirement in 1946, when they sold their ranch operation and moved to Heppner, where they lived until she was hospitalized last spring.

She was preceded in death by one son, John Edward, who died in the 1930's.

Survivors include her husband, John, Heppner; one son, Frank, of Condon; and one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Hager of Hermiston. Also four grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Studie Maddock of The Dalles.

Recitation of the Rosary was Wednesday evening, October 23, at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Pendleton. Final services were held at St. John's Catholic church in Condon, with the Rev. Raymond Beard officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Condon.

Area Distributors Informed of Products

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barnard of Portland, key distributors for Nutrilite Products, Inc., and Edith Rehnberg Cosmetics, presented an informative training program to distributors of the products in this area who are under the supervision of Mrs. Hal Whitaker, at the Whitaker home on Saturday, October 12.

The couple has been associated with Nutrilite Products and Edith Rehnberg Cosmetics for the last 13 years, and only recently returned from a convention in Los Angeles, where they received specialized training from the beauty editor of Vogue, Glamour and Harper's Bazaar magazines in new cosmetic trends. Attending the informative session here were Anna Lee Bolin, Condon; Rayetta Watts, Kinzua; and Joyce Hollomon, Heppner, who joins the group as an independent distributor in this area for the products.

Clarks Announce Son

A long distance call from Germany early October 10 informed Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erwin that they were grandparents. Their son-in-law and daughter, Spec. 5 and Mrs. Richard L. Clark, became parents of a 5 lb. son, David Loyd, Wednesday evening, October 9, at the base hospital at Bad Kreuznach, Germany, where Clark is stationed with the U. S. Army. The baby was kept for a short time in the hospital incubator, but both baby and mother, the former Shirley Erwin, are now home and doing fine. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark, La Grande; great-grandparents are Mrs. Sarah Mae Erwin, Walla Walla, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Clark, Cecil.

Mrs. Agnes Wilcox Dies in Portland

Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, 91, of Portland, resident of the Lexington area for years prior to 1940, died in Gresham Tuesday morning, October 22. She was the daughter of George J. Currin, early rancher on Little Butter Creek, and aunt of George F. Currin, who now ranches on the same place.

Church committal service will be in the Heppner Christian church Saturday at 1 p.m. following funeral services in Portland at Mt. Scott Funeral Home Friday at 1 p.m. Mrs. Wilcox's husband, Gus Wilcox, was a Morrow county rancher for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Denney of Portland, with whom Mrs. Wilcox made her home, and several sisters in the Portland area.

Assistance Urged To Help UNICEF

Plans are being made by some of the local churches to again sponsor the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" program in the area. Those who wish to participate are asked to contact Mrs. Dirk Rinehart.

The program is of special importance this year, Mrs. Rinehart reports, with contributions to go to much needed relief for refugees in the war-torn Biafra nation.

Sunday dinner guests at the lone home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer last week-end were Dan Nash and Mauris Nash of Hood River, who arrived Saturday for a week-end visit at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash in Heppner. Other dinner guests included Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer, and Eugene and Alvin Hasch, who have been staying for a time at the Lincoln Nash home.

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Public Invited To Youth Rally

A special evening program which will be of interest to all young people in the area will be held Saturday evening, October 26, in the multipurpose room of the Heppner Grade school, starting at 7:00 p.m.

A pair of young gospel singers, Ardon and Pat Lockyer, will preside at a Youth Rally, featuring singing and speaking. The Heppner Assembly of God church is sponsoring the program, with representatives expected from other churches in Eastern Oregon, including Pendleton, Hermiston, Stanfield, Irigon, Boardman and Umatilla.

Youth of all denominations are cordially invited to attend the program.

Miss Alice Riley returned to her home last Wednesday from St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton, where she had been confined for the last two weeks. She is English and Spanish instructor at Heppner High school.



Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL
Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
Grant Union at Heppner, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
Homecoming Game and Dance
Madras at Madras, Friday, Nov. 8, 2 p.m.
Support the Mustangs!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE
Sponsored by Heppner Civic League
Friday & Saturday, Oct. 25-26
Former Tryco building, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Baked Food Sale on Friday

GEM and MINERAL CLUB
Regular meeting, Sat., Oct. 26, 8:00 p.m.
McMurtry Building
All interested persons invited to attend
Program, refreshments, door prize

BAZAAR & FOOD SALE
Friday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. Bazaar items and baked foods
Sponsored by LDS Relief Society
Peterson building, next to Gardner's

FARM-CITY BANQUET
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
Heppner High Multipurpose Room
Walter Leth, guest speaker
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Tickets now on sale

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