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THOUGHTS ON THE ELECTION

THEY CARED ENOUGH TO VISIT HERE

Climax of one of the most unusual campaign years in history will come Tuesday at the general election. In the final days, workers have been intensifying their efforts on behalf of favorite candidates and pro or con the measures. Regardless of party affiliation, the zeal seems equally honest and sincere.

Candidates have put extraordinary vigor in their races this year. In the electronic age, we have been told that they would concentrate on TV. On the contrary, however, it must be noted that most of those on the ballot who have contests have either made appearances in Heppner and Morrow county or have sent emissaries.

We appreciate the fact that they took the time—and cared enough—to visit our area of relatively light population.

WE'RE FOR NIXON

It should be no surprise to readers that a Republican editor is for Richard Nixon for president. However, this editor has never strictly followed the party line.

We believe Hubert Humphrey to be a good man and one of high idealism, but he carries this idealism too far, so that it is something to be feared. Generally a voter disdainfully looks at a candidate and says that he will not keep his promises. Our fear is that if Humphrey becomes president, he will keep his promises.

These promises are great and idyllic—50% increase in social Security, a United Nations peacekeeping fund with the U. S. contributing the first \$20 million, vastly increasing the National Parks, supporting the establishment of the Willamette River Greenway, continuing and accelerating poverty programs and social legislation, and many others.

These are great objectives, but if they were all put into practice in the next four years, we believe that they would virtually destroy the middle class—the small businessman, and, yes, the farmer—because they are already overburdened and hard-pressed to make a living.

The Johnson administration—and we believe the Humphrey administration would be like it in this regard—has paid too little heed to the throes of the middle class in its well-intentioned zeal to aid the downtrodden.

We admire the effort to help those in poverty; it is to be applauded. But we do not like the method the Democrats have taken to assist them. Administrative costs have been far too great for the amount of relief that has come about.

We are inclined to believe, too, that the "crash" program for social justice has created other farflung social injustices. The administration has pushed too hard, and we believe that Humphrey, idealist that he is, would accelerate this disturbed situation.

Riots in the cities, increased crime, demonstrations, less regard for law and order have sprung up on the heels of these administration programs.

We thoroughly believe in the ideals of America—racial equality, freedom, justice for all. But after generations of inequality, it seems to us that change must come in a slower but surer fashion.

We like the Republican approach of creating a climate where people can do for themselves. We believe Nixon will more nearly take that approach. We think he will strive to stop inflation, which is the real problem of the farmers, as well as business and the citizenry in general.

Farm subsidies cannot be the answer for our farmers. They are getting them and are suffering more than ever before. Inflation is killing them. While the national income has doubled in the past 17 years, the farmers' income has held at the same level. (Data from president's annual economic report, February, 1968).

We believe that Nixon is as conscientious about national problems as Humphrey but that his approach is less emotional and sounder. We would hope that he will cure some of the ills that have beset us.

OUR VOTE GOES TO MYERS

In the primary election, we decided to vote for Monte Montgomery over Clay Myers for Republican nomination for Secretary of State. We thought he was a stronger man, and this position is often a stepping stone for governorship.

But in this election, we plan to vote for Myers. George Van Hoomissen is undoubtedly a competent district attorney, but despite his continuous attacks on Myers, we believe that the Secretary of State is doing a creditable and competent job. He has held his poise against the persistent attacks by Van Hoomissen. The latter has built his whole campaign on these charges against Myers. Even in his speech before the Chamber of Commerce which invites candidates theoretically on a nonpartisan basis, he devoted his time to attacking Myers. We believe Myers has manifested an exemplary attitude by holding his peace.

One of the reasons we could not support Van Hoomissen under any consideration is his attitude towards the Boeing Company. He has worked against the Boeing lease and recently committed himself again to do something about it, apparently being misled into thinking that many people in Morrow county think that the lease should be broken.

We don't think it should, and we don't believe the majority of people in Morrow county think it should. We can envision a great complex of compatible agriculture and industry in North Morrow county. If a thermal nuclear power plant comes, and its effluent waters are used to irrigate the some 180,000 acres of land available, developing that end of the complex, something must be done with the power the plant generates. With the industrial site intact, the needed industries could locate there. This would help make the nuclear plant feasible. Greatest deterrent to location of such a plant here now is the cost of transmission of the power it generates to other distant sites. Let's bring the industry here. The Boeing site offers part of the possibility, and Morrow county should do all in its power to support the lease.

If Van Hoomissen gets on the State Board of Control with Treasurer Robert Straub, an avowed opponent of the Boeing lease, they will have Governor Tom McCall outnumbered.

GOVERNOR'S WRONG ON BEACH BILL

Governor Tom McCall has explained why he has reversed himself on Measure 6 (the Beach Bill), but we think he is wrong in doing so. He states that if the measure is defeated, the legislature will consider this a mandate from the people that they do not want the beaches in public ownership.

No such thing! They would not have a right to draw such an inference. Again, it puts the voters in the position of the fellow who was asked, "Have you stopped beating your wife?"

We abhor this tactic that is becoming evident often. It came up at the last legislative session, it is to be recalled. The legislature was going to put to the people a sales tax, stating that if it was turned down, it meant that the people did not want property tax relief. Again, no such thing!

They didn't give us all the choices. The same is true with the beach bill. They are not giving us all the choices and have absolutely no right to put the squeeze by saying its defeat would be a mandate against public ownership.

The bill is inequitable, discriminatory, carries a "sleeper" clause on the prohibition of locating highways on sandspits, and threatens to open the door to using gasoline taxes for purposes other than roads and highways.

THE SHERIFF'S RACE

In an area like ours where everyone knows almost everyone else, likes them, and appreciates the good things about them, it is almost impossible to make public recommendations on a race such as that for Sheriff.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Re-

Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

WHEN MR. AND MRS. Jerry Lefley of Corvallis came to visit the Jerry Adamsons over the week-end, the men planned to get away for an enjoyable afternoon of hunting Saturday. Lefley is sales and merchandising manager of the J. C. Penney store in Corvallis, and Adamson was formerly in the Albany store.

With their husbands expecting to test their skill as nimrods, the women decided that they would go out by themselves to see the scenic attractions of Morrow county. They left in one car before the men left the Penney store here, Lefley observing the Crazy Day proceedings.

Well, sir, when the men got home, they found one of the two cars gone, which they expected, but the wives also had both sets of keys to the other car. The only hunting the men did was that in seeking the car keys.

This wasn't malicious intention on the part of the wives—just one of those inadvertent things that happen. The two Jerrys, being understanding fellows, made the best of it, and the wives were duly remorseful, we understand.

BY NOW, probably most everyone knows the sequel to last week's safe mystery. You'll recall that an empty safe, weighing nearly 300 pounds, was found at the turnaround out the Hinton Creek highway. It had a hole blown in the back and Sheriff Bauman had a bit of a mystery on his hands.

It was odd when he reported it to state police and other agencies with no one turning up a lead.

When Nate McBride read about it, the mystery was quickly solved. He was the culprit and he gave himself up, but he didn't go to jail for it.

He had gone to Pendleton with his wrecker and needed some ballast to put on it for the trip back. A friend volunteered the safe from his wrecking yard. When Nate neared Heppner, he noticed that a tire was going down on his rig, so he stopped

publican, running for reelection, surely is a man of the highest integrity. He is scrupulously honest, and during the many years he has been in office, he has conducted the sheriff's office competently and with dignity. He has a sense of humility that keeps him from "blowing his own horn."

In fairness to him, we want to point out that he declares that rumors going around that he would resign before the end of his term are not true. He is on the record that he will serve the full term.

The sheriff is opposed by two highly qualified younger men in John Mollahan, Democrat, and Jim Barnett, Ione. These are men of vigor and with sincere ideals towards the conduct of the sheriff's office. All three candidates served their country in the armed services; all three have been in public service in civilian life—Mollahan as a city police officer and Barnett as councilman and mayor of the City of Ione.

We admire Sheriff Bauman for what he is. We also see great virtue in the younger candidates and recognize their earnestness in seeking to do a good job in the position.

All three are very well known in the county. The decision is in the hands of those who know them.

OTHER CONTESTS

The race for U. S. Senator may be one of the closest ones on the ballot. We happen to be one of those who does believe that Sen. Morse's seniority has and does mean something for Oregon. His opponent, Robert Packwood, has a great deal of vitality and promise. Can he be as effective in the senate? Our inclination is to unequivocally support Sen. Morse, but this is hard to do when he, in turn, is so strongly backing Humphrey for president.

Indications remain that Cong. Ullman will be reelected but Mary Root, young as he is, has put forth a remarkable campaign and should provide the closest race that Rep. Ullman has had. We are among those Republicans who believe that Ullman has been doing a fine job for his district, but it is hard for a Republican to reconcile this feeling with the positions taken by our representatives on the national level, which he must do as a sincere Democrat.

We advocate Dale Parnell for superintendent of public instruction. We have met and visited both with Parnell and Walter Blake, his opponent. The latter is earnest and appears to have a good platform, but we believe that Parnell has the ability to keep his "feet on the ground" on fundamentals while, at the same time, making progress in education in tune with the times.

We believe that Lee Johnson would do a better job as attorney general than Robert Y. Thornton. While Robert Straub undoubtedly will be reelected treasurer, since his opponent has not put on a strenuous campaign, we disagree with Straub's position on too many things to vote for him—The Boeing lease, the Beach Bill, the sand spit controversy and others.

to fix it. He dumped the safe off to lighten the vehicle. When he went back to pick it up, the safe was gone, since by that time Sheriff Bauman had it toted to the county shops.

So there was no burglary, but probably had been some time back. That's probably the way the safe with the hole in the back found its way to the junkyard in Pendleton.

DICK CARPENTER, Heppner High school principal, calls attention to the need for shelter for students waiting downtown for the school bus on cold mornings, and wonders if anyone has any ideas to help.

Columbia Basin Electric will furnish heat for the shelter if ways and means can be found of getting one constructed. Carpenter's suggestion is that it might be placed in the city park.

Anyone for a public service project? Volunteers please call Mr. Carpenter at the high school.

WE TOOK a tour of the grade school buildings the other day with Principal Al Martin and saw all the improvements that had been made during the summer on a minimum amount of money. The old gym, which at one time seemed destined for abandonment with the plaster falling all over the place, is back in service again, looking better than it has for years with an acoustical tile ceiling and other repairs made. The girls' shower room has been remodeled, another exit door installed to add a safety factor, a ventilating system installed, and other work done.

Boys' rest room in the junior high building has been completely redone to bring it up to standard, new outside metal-frame doors have been installed to replace old wooden doors on the building. These have "panic bars" that will permit easy opening from the inside, even though locked on the outside. Before they were installed, one side of the double set of doors wouldn't even open. Kitchen has been enlarged and more storage provided for foods.

In the building for the lower grades, the former library has been made into a remedial reading room, and the library has larger, new quarters. Here a film strip library is being developed and other audio-visual aids are available.

The school even has new mats inside the doors that catch most of the dirt off the kids' shoes as they come in. The mats were very inexpensive and save a great deal on cleaning and waxing bills, the principal states.

IT'S HARD to believe that high school football season is about over. We're just about ready for it to start! Heppner's Mustangs have had a lot of bad breaks this year, principally a bad rash of injuries which have cut their ranks.

Their win-loss record isn't so good, but really that doesn't matter a great deal. The last game we saw—the one with Wahtonka—was a dandy, and our Mustangs really put forth their all. We were really proud of them in that game, even though they lost.

They come against a tough opponent in Grant Union here Friday at Homecoming, and who knows, they may have surprises in store. There are some real good ball players on the team, and they showed us in the last half of the Wahtonka game that they have the stuff, even with a shortage of man power.

How about EVERYBODY turning out to back the Mustangs in this last home game, their Homecoming, and showing them that the community is behind them and proud of their good work.

The matter of winning isn't only that which shows on the scoreboard; it also includes the spirit, the attitude, the courage that the players show and other such qualities. Our boys have these.

TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,
This being the final stages of election year, many of us find important decisions facing us. There are those perhaps, that will find it very difficult making a proper decision. I refer specifically to the measures that are facing the people at the polls.

I would like to pass on to the public, a letter from the legislative director of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers. It reads as follows:

TO ALL LOCAL UNITS FROM MRS. ROBERT WYNKOOP, LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Legislative Platform — Paragraph No. 3 reads as follows: "We believe the Oregon Legislature is the responsible body for study and evaluation of all possible tax resources. We also recognize the need for education oriented organizations to take a leadership role in the initiation of proposals relating to educational programs. As a responsible leadership group interested in education, we believe a stab-



THIS IS the Ron Currin family in living room of their home on Little Butter Creek. Ron and Judy, in center, are surrounded by their four sons, from left, Tony, Mike, Ron and Steve. (G-T Photo).



GEORGE F. and Helen Currin enjoy the comfort of the living room in their ranch home. The ranch is going into the fourth generation in the family, having been purchased by George J. Currin in the early 1900's. He was grandfather of George F., who with sons, Tom and Ron, has been chosen Livestockmen of the Year in Morrow County. (G-T Photo).

Heppner Man Passes Bar Exam in D. C.

James Dominick Monahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan of Heppner, has successfully passed his bar examination at Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D. C., according to information received by his parents.

The examination was taken in June but results have not been announced. Monahan, a graduate of the University of Portland, was among 381 who passed the examination out of 732 who took it.

He is a law clerk with a senior district judge, Charles McLaughlin, in Washington, D. C., and expects to eventually take a position with an international law firm. Monahan has been attending Georgetown Law Center four years. He previously served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL 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!

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

OES SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday, Nov. 2, 1:45 p.m. Heppner Masonic Temple

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meeting postponed until Tuesday, Nov. 12
Potluck dinner, 7:00 p.m., entertainment following
Episcopal Parish Hall

DEGREE OF HONOR DINNER

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m.
Episcopal Parish Hall
Members, families and invited guests

E.C.W. MEETING

Episcopal Parish Church Women's regular meeting Wed., Nov. 6, parish hall
Work session for church bazaar, Dec. 7

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School Bells

By DICK CARPENTER
Principal,
Heppner High School

The following is an article reprinted from the Oregon Traffic Speaker, published by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, which reports on a study concerning students and driving. It is pertinent as it relates to the matter of students' driving here.

The more a student uses a car during the week, the poorer the students' grades will be, according to a recently concluded study by the Allstate Insurance Company.

The study, entitled "A Teenage Pattern" surveyed 20,000 high school students. Its major finding: grades go down as driving privileges are extended. The study also revealed that young drivers are becoming involved in more auto accidents than ever before and cited late accident figures from the National Safety Council which show that drivers in the 15-24 age group have an accident and death rate nearly double that of older drivers. Young drivers under 20 have accidents at an annual rate of 40 per 100 drivers while drivers aged 20-24 have 38 accidents per 100 drivers.

According to the study, many of these accidents could have been prevented if the drivers had been properly trained. Experience shows that trained young drivers have 50 per cent fewer accidents than untrained drivers of the same age.

The Allstate study indicated that even if the young driver is well trained, school work must come before driving. The survey proved that too much use of a car affects the grades of the good students as well as poor students.

Grades start to suffer when the car is used more than two days out of five during the school week. Students who do not drive or who use the car only on week-ends have the best grades, while those who drive two to four school days a week have significantly poorer grades.

The study stressed that it is up to parents to keep cars and school work in their proper perspective and to provide guidance and example in use of the family car.

Michael Monahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan of Heppner, came from Portland over the week-end to visit and go hunting with a friend, Ronald Hoffman, of Pendleton. The Monahan's daughter, Teresa, student at Blue Mountain, also was home for a visit.

developed tax program must be developed that will fit the economy of the state and provide such services in the fields of education, social and economic well being as are recognized and required by the people of Oregon.

Action Program — Item No. 1 under legislation which the Oregon Congress will oppose, reads as follows:

"We oppose legislation which will require for school elections, the participation of a specified percentage of the legal voters, or in determining the results of school district elections, requiring more than a majority vote."

The first Object of the PTA is to promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, church and community.

Ballot Measure No. 7 is in opposition to the Legislative Platform and Action Program established by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers at its 1968 State Convention, as well as the Objects of the PTA.

The Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers is opposed to the 1 1/2% Tax Limitation Measure.

Respectfully,
Arnold Raymond, President
Heppner Elementary PTA

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