



Portland, Ore.—Now that the tumult and shouting has died down from the recent primary election, the boys and girls are holding the usual post mortems that always follow every political battle. While Snell was favored to defeat Sprague, not even the most sanguine thought he could romp home a winner by close to 30,000 votes. Astute political observers had it all figured out that Snell couldn't win by much more than 8,000 votes. But he did. In another post mortem huddle the wise men are trying to figure out how come Wallace defeated Latourette, who was favored to win. One of the answers is the ridiculously small vote cast by Democrats. In Multnomah county about 30 per cent of the registered Democrats took the trouble to vote. In the Third district (Multnomah county) race for congress the three democratic candidates polled a total of 35,482 votes. In the same district the three gubernatorial candidates polled only 32,428 votes, which means that 5,054 democrats who took the trouble to vote for congressional candidates didn't vote their choice for governor at all. The democratic leaders point out that many of their best workers are now in the army. Also that shipyard workers, etc., who, like all other classes of labor, are predominantly democratic, were too busy drawing down \$10 to \$12 a day to vote. So, they claim, therein lies the tale.

A deal is now in the making to trot out an independent candidate for congress in Multnomah county. The powers that be on both sides of the political fence want none of either Angell or Mahoney. If Mr. Griffith had been nominated by the democrats the story would have been different. As we predicted in this column last week, the young, aggressive Charles Mack of Klamath Falls came within an ace of defeating the veteran Walter Pierce. Less than 500 votes separated the two—the closest call that Mr. Pierce has had in his very long political career.

All of the ballots had not yet been counted on both tickets for legislative seats before the battle had started for speaker of the house. Wm. McAllister of Medford, who was nosed out of the speaker's seat by Bob Farrell last session, is again a candidate. Mr. McAllister was busy all last week end signing up pledges. He doesn't intend to let any grass grow under his feet this time. So much for politics.

Army is in the market for hundreds of horses for the cavalry to be used on the Oregon coast. Contrary to popular impression, the horse has not been eliminated from the cavalry, which is not all mechanized. Cavalry is needed in the Oregon coast range, on cut-over timberlands and in the forests. Horses can maneuver in that country with greater expedition than tanks and trucks; they can go where it would be impossible for the machines to operate. From Curry to Clatsop counties detachments of horse cavalry will be spread, supplementing existing forces.

Gold Beach, at the mouth of Rogue river, has asked for an army air base but for the present, at least, nothing will be done.

War products board is interested in the lime deposits of Willowa and Baker counties (lime plays an important part in a number of materials needed for war). There is talk of locating a war industry in Grant county adjacent to the chromite deposits in the John Day country, and transporting lime to the site. Nothing definite as to this, but it is in the conversation stage.

If the powder plant discussed by the war department is located in the northwest it may be in the vicinity of Ontario or the Snake river, near Lewiston. There are only a few places where sufficient water is available, say the army men, and the best of all is at The Dalles. However, they add, The Dalles is too close to the ocean and the policy is to push all new industries inland at least 200 miles, if possible. No powder plant will be built, however, unless WPB decides that existing plants are insufficient. One story is that the plants now operating have capacity to provide all the propellants required for a global war.

For several years growers of bent grass in Clatsop county have been urging an appropriation which would permit department of agriculture

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EIGHTH GRADERS GIVEN DIPLOMAS ON WEDNESDAY

RECORD CLASS HEARS ADDRESS

The largest class in history was graduated from the Hermiston eighth grade Wednesday afternoon when 45 students received diplomas entitling them to entrance to any standard high school. Rev. M. B. Ballinger of the Hermiston Methodist church delivered the commencement address, telling the youngsters that "Vitamins are necessary for Vital American Living."

Vitamin A stands for application, B for brains and brawn, C for cooperation, D for discipline and E for education. All five are necessary to make a successful citizen.

The following program was presented: Processional, orchestra; invocation, Rev. M. B. Ballinger; orchestra selection, grade school orchestra; address, Rev. Ballinger; musical selections, J. H. glee club; presentation of diplomas, Supt. W. G. Kersbergen.

Marion Andrews, Harry Baker, Jack Belt, Vernon Bowman, Lillian Canfield, Jean Chaney, Adacarol Corliss, Glenna Davis, Patricia Delany, Mary Elizabeth Ferguson, Bill Hibbard, Lawrence Gettman, Fred Gimbel, Cora Hanson, Earl Harig, Lucy Holloman, Muriel Hughes, Lloyd Hughes, Doris Jelinek, Muriel Kingsley, Kay Logan, Irving McMillan, Eugene Neary, Audrey Phelps, David Pierson, Opal Rand, Donald Roberts, Lawrence Smith, Margery Twidwell, Mary Upton, Vera Cross, Owen Roberts, Lester Freilinger, Gail Hopkins, Doris Gardner, Betty Aseherl, Arthur Bakke, George Cooper, Donald Corkrum, Wesley Engelman, Adolf Williams, Robert Williams, Joyce Williams, Cecil Everett and Frank Soom.

POULTRY AND TURKEY HEALTH GROUP PLANNED

Preliminary plans have been completed here for the organization of a poultry and turkey improvement association. The first regular meeting of the group will be held Saturday at the Carpenter's Local hall in the Lindsey building beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Anyone interested in the movement is urged to attend.

Preliminary plans for such an organization were discussed Saturday night at an impromptu meeting held in the Legion hall. The need for organizing was discussed by those in attendance. It was also suggested that the group join the national federation.

Various objectives of the association will be to improve the strain of birds, to get better representation before the legislature and to generally improve the status of poultry and turkey raising.

BROWNSON QUILTS CITY COUNCIL

R. A. Brownsong, long-time member of the city council, last week submitted his resignation for business reasons. Mr. Brownsong has been active in city affairs being chairman of the irrigation committee as well as serving on several other committees. Mr. Brownsong is manager of the local Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co.

At a meeting Monday, the council named Curtis Simons to fill Mr. Brownsong's position but to date he has not accepted the appointment. Mr. Simons has 20 days in which to make his intentions known.

Darrell Seeliger Visits Here

Darrell Seeliger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seeliger, visited his parents and friends here from Sunday until Wednesday, when he returned to his home in Oakland, Calif. Darrell was a former graduate of the local high school and had not been home for about two years.

Bests Sprague



SNELL WINNER IN PRIMARY RACE

Earl Snell, republican nominee for governor, expressing appreciation for confidence extended him by the voters of the state, issued the following statement early Saturday morning after early returns indicated a substantial lead over his opponent, Governor Sprague.

"I am most appreciative and profoundly grateful for the splendid expression of confidence accorded me by the citizens of my native state. I am not unmindful of the great responsibilities and obligations that accompany this vote of confidence.

"These are trying times. They are times that try men's souls. America will rise to the occasion as she has met every emergency of the past. Oregon will be marching in the front ranks.

"During this campaign I made certain pledges to the people of Oregon. They were made with all the sincerity that I possess. I am deeply sensitive

ATTEMPT MADE TO ORGANIZE GUARD UNIT

An attempt is being made this week to organize a national guard unit in this territory with headquarters in Hermiston, according to Vern Daugherty who has been designated official authority to proceed on the project. Anyone between the age of 18 and 65 is eligible to join the group although it is suggested that anyone eligible for draft in the near future refrain from joining.

A minimum of 60 men is necessary for the organization to proceed. It is hoped to increase this number to 217 men. The unit must have one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, seven sergeants and seven corporals. Each man must furnish his own arms, ammunition and clothing.

Anyone interested in joining the organization is asked to get in touch with Mr. Daugherty at the barber shop. This plan has been successfully worked in several towns of eastern Oregon.

RAY CRITCHFIELD TO ENTER ARMY

Ray E. Critchfield Wednesday received official word to report at Spokane, Wash., Friday for examination preliminary to entering the army air corps as a physical education director. Although Mr. Critchfield has not been informed exactly as to what his duties will be, it is thought they will be along similar lines as Gene Tunney's program in the navy.

Mr. Critchfield, coach at the high school here for the past few years, will probably be sent to Wichita Falls, Texas, for preliminary training. Mrs. Critchfield plans to remain, at least for time being, in Hermiston where she is employed at the Umatilla Ordnance depot.

It is very likely that Lee Weber, assistant coach for the past year, will be boosted to head coach and an assistant coach will be hired.

CANDIDATES GET SURPRISE VOTES IN PRIMARIES

FEW CITIZENS GO TO POLLS

Umatilla county voters last Friday voted very much as predicted but were reluctant in casting an opinion of any kind, resulting in one of the lightest votes in recent years. The only surprises listed did not mean the defeat of a favored candidate but more in the margin of victory for several offices.

Listed in this category were the following: Earl Snell's margin over Charles A. Sprague for the republican nomination for governor; the few votes by which Walter M. Pierce nosed out Charles H. Mack for the democratic nomination for congress from the second district; Pauline Mosgrove's victory over the incumbent, Betty DeHart for county treasurer, and for the few votes garnered by W. G. Rodda in the race for county commissioner on the republican ticket.

Hermiston voters were very much in line with the state and county tabulations even in the margin of victory for the veteran Pierce in the democratic race for congressman. In precinct 32 he won by three votes and in 33 by only one vote. Precinct 32 was loyal to W. G. Rodda by giving him quite a margin of votes but in 33 Allan Thomson bested him by three votes. Thomson went on to win the county nomination on the republican ticket by less than a 100 votes over Henry C. Biamont. These were the only races that created much interest.

PEP UP BOND BUYING DRIVE STARTED HERE

A renewed emphasis will be placed on the sale of war savings bonds and stamps in Umatilla county immediately, according to Sam Moore, Hermiston chairman, who attended a county-wide meeting held last Thursday in Pendleton. The meeting was directed by Guy Johnson, county chairman, with George Godfrey, state director, and Allen Rineheart, assistant director, present.

Fine progress is being made in attaining the May quotas but the need of surpassing increased quotas during the coming months was stressed by both Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Rineheart. If this does not materialize, it may be necessary to enforce compulsory purchases.

Various plans of increasing bond sales were discussed. Mr. Moore has not yet announced just what steps will be taken in Hermiston but an extensive campaign is contemplated. Umatilla county's quota for May is \$112,500, for June \$155,000 and for July \$195,000. It was urgently requested that stores begin an active campaign to sell more stamps. Farmers are asked to buy their bonds more frequently, rather than waiting until the annual crop proceeds come in. Firms are expected to sign employees on the payroll allotment plan.

In other words, it means that everyone will have to sacrifice in order to insure sufficient funds for the war program.

BEHRMAN NAMED TIME INSPECTOR

A. W. Behrman, Hermiston jeweler and watchmaker, has been designated as official Union Pacific time inspector for this district. Employees of the Union Pacific railroad can now have their watches inspected, checked and repaired at the Behrman jewelry shop.

Mr. Behrman's experience and reputation in watch repair work were instrumental in the appointment.

COUNCIL NAMES BUDGET GROUP

The Hermiston city council Monday night named seven members at large from Hermiston tax payers to meet with the council June 5 to discuss the proposed budget for next year.

Named on the committee were Curtis Simons, J. D. Todd, R. C. McReynolds, J. G. Pearson, Lee Quiring, A. H. Norton and A. F. Rohrman. No drastic changes in the budget make-up are contemplated for the coming year.

Members of the 1942 Hermiston High School Graduating Class

