

Political Chairman Decries Apathy Among Potential Voters of Country

An Open Letter to the Potential Voters of Malheur County.

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Many years ago as a student in a "little red school house" I was exposed to a story about a "little red hen." I am sure that most of you are familiar with the story. Then, just as now, one would read two or three pages repeating and repeating the new words until he presumably knew them. It would appear that we learned to read but failed in getting the message which the story told.

You will remember that all the farm animals were too busy or unwilling to assist the red hen in preparation for a grain harvest. Even after the wheat was ready for milling and processing into dough for baking, all hands were too busy or disinterested in assisting the little red hen!

Then the picture abruptly changes: Lo, all the animals were willing and eager to assist the little red hen in eating the bread!

This correspondent does not wish to infer that the readers of this column are animals, but there is certainly real justification in stating that you (the vast majority of you) are like the farm animals in your attitude toward politics and government.

Surely one may assume that you (all of you) are dissatisfied with government? A year ago at income tax time we read about our foreign aid dollars being used by other governments to reduce their indebtedness while we (good old taxpayers) increased our financial responsibilities.

Recently we were permitted to read again (at tax time) something which should cause a similar feeling of rejoicing. Some of our foreign aid dollars loaned at 2 1/4% (where can you find such loan money?) have been reinvested in our government bonds by the recipient nations. Reportedly over \$11 billion is thusly invested, earning 4% interest!! It's nice work if you can get it! Just sit around and make money without problem of risk or work. All you have to do is enter into a contract with UNCLE!

Not too long ago our papers carried a story pertaining to excess profits realized through grain storage. One deal resulted in excess of \$800,000 net return in the storage of grain (for one year) on our (U.S.) property. The initial deal was further assisted by floating a loan of our (government) money!

These are just little isolated items which can be multiplied by the thousands, perhaps millions. What, may one ask, are you doing about this? As the policy continues, must one assume that we endorse unarmored robbery of the taxpayer?

You, most of you, spend your lives working like mad to make a dollar so that you can give it back to UNCLE for hundreds of services you could better provide for yourselves. You engage in church work to the hilt, you participate in your social clubs by the hours and in investment of money to promote same. You have kind hearts in that you collectively give hundreds of hours to assist in the collection of funds for this good cause and that good cause. Heaven forbid, however, if a Democratic or Republican worker should call and ask you to do something for your country (yourself)!

Under date of April 1, 1960, this writer received a financial report from the Republican State Central committee office. The report was a breakdown by counties and showed Malheur to be 13th in a list of 36 counties. We gained this distinction by meeting 17.4% of a modest \$6,350 proposed budget. To date our county is credited with \$745 paid and \$710 pledged. While this figure is not exact it is safe to say that not more than 30 people in the entire county have placed an interest in government sufficient to support same through financial contribution!

It is no longer a secret that people are independent in their thinking. Long ago the thinking voter refused to scratch a straight ticket just because he happened to be registered in that party. We need to recognize quality not

Methodist Women Plan Future Events At Circle Meetings

Methodist WSCS circles held their meetings April 21. Fourteen members of the Ruth Gress circle met with Mrs. Russell Gressley, assisted by Mrs. Alfred Adams. Also present were Mrs. Paul Ludlow and two visitors, Mrs. C. T.

quantity. All too frequently the man who spends the most, who can tell the best jokes, kiss the greatest number of babies... is elected to office.

We need more "red hens" and less farm animals!! It is time that you started hating what you see in the mirror each morning. If you are not participating politically with your time and money to insure the kind of government we so critically need, you have no cause for complaint. The hour has long passed when you should feel good about a national average of 50% vote at the polls.

It is not sufficient to elect and then permit a few to run the affairs of this country by our proxy attitudes!! If we persist down the present road we now travel, you may be sure we will end up in the trash pile for want of nothing more than a need for millions of responsible "back seat drivers."

Surely your role is clear cut! Volunteer your services. Call your committee precinct worker or members of your county central committee. This is your job, this is your country, and this is the way you invest in your future... be you Democrat or Republican. It is impolite to say this but you no doubt are all familiar with the phrase: "Put up, or shut up!"

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Bartholomew and Mrs. Ray Griffiths.

Mrs. Leslie Topliff presided at the business meeting and Mrs. Loyd Adams led devotions and presented the program, "Open Our Eyes That We May See."

Mrs. Maurice Corey was hostess to 11 members of Marlene Harmon group. Also attending were Mrs. Lynn Hurst, Mrs. Jake Poulson and Mrs. Kinsey Keveren, society president.

Mrs. George Coleman conducted the business meeting. Mrs. W. Foster told of the meeting concerning the migrant ministry workshop in Ontario.

Mrs. Golda Roper led devotions and the program with discussions on how the church could be more effective in the community when united with other churches. Examples noted were participation in UNICEF and United Church Women.

Celia Cowan circle met Thursday evening with Mrs. Boyd Wilson, assisted by Mrs. Harold E. Kurtz. Mrs. Bill Wilson presided at the business meeting for the 17 members, at which time election of officers was held. Mrs. Kinsey Keveren was also in attendance.

Mrs. Herke Stam led devotions and presented an inspirational program. Mrs. Stam, who recently returned from a visit to her native Holland, was attired in a festive dress of that country. Slides of Holland were viewed and souvenirs and antiques displayed. Mrs. Arie Bakker and Mrs. Coes Hopman told of life in the Holland home and gave an account of a young girl's life before marriage.

Business for all circles concerned the senior banquet, spring breakfasts, rummage sale, visit of the chest x-ray unit, completion of cookbooks and hospital canning.

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