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GOOD TO SEE DOUG

By Charles V. Stanton

Because he is a personal friend for whom I have great affection, it was a pleasing experience to visit again, even briefly, with "Doug" McKay during his short stay in Roseburg Thursday. While I naturally am influenced by friendship for McKay and by confidence in him and in his ability, I believe that, entirely aside from any personal liking, he is the logical candidate to represent the Republican Party in the contest for U.S. Senator from Oregon.

In supporting McKay, I have no criticism of his opponent in the primary election, Phil Hitchcock, who also seeks the Republican nomination, has excellent qualifications. If he should succeed in beating McKay, I will be glad to do everything within my power to aid him in the general election. I agree completely with former Governor Charles A. Sprague, publisher of the *Oregon Statesman*, Salem, who speaks of Hitchcock as follows:

Hitchcock offers fresh and vigorous leadership, a variety of experience in business and public affairs, and a comprehension of the grave problems which confront the United States and the world in these times. He doesn't have pat answers to all of them, but he does have mental alertness and the working tools of sound political and moral principles for use in arriving at valid answers to questions as they arise. He also has another virtue which is desirable in the development of a statesman, and that is the measure of humility.

Should Face Issues

Some Republicans favor Hitchcock over McKay, believing he would have the better chance to beat Senator Morse in the general election. They want, above all else, to beat Morse—a sentiment with which I sympathize.

However, I believe there is something more at stake than simply defeating Morse. We are at a crossroads of political philosophy in Oregon. Issues have been clearly defined. Those issues should be faced and determined. We should know exactly where Oregon stands.

The philosophies expounded and practiced by Senator Morse are in direct contradiction to those expounded and practiced by McKay. The conflict between those two candidates would be a conflict of ideologies, rather than of personalities.

Oregon has a rather peculiar political history. The state was founded by men who would be expected to be extremely conservative. They were the men who refused to be lured by the glitter of California gold; men who endured extreme hardship and danger to wrest homes from the Oregon wilderness.

Oregon's political history, however, has not been one of hard-shelled conservatism. Instead, Oregon has pioneered direct primaries, initiative and referendum and many other fields.

Yet, while liberally conservative and prone to experimentation, Oregon throughout most of its history has been quite scornful of Socialism.

Complexion Has Changed

Some of our stalwart old Webfoot Democrats, I believe, would turn in their graves if they could hear Morse speak as a Democratic candidate.

We all realize, however, that population growth, immigration and changing times have altered Oregon's political complexion. But how much have we changed? Morse represents the extreme left-wing philosophy. McKay represents the traditional Oregon liberal conservatism. One ideology is native to Oregon, the other alien. We should find out whether Oregon has swung so far from its traditional stand that it is now willing to accept the Morse-Neuberger-Sweetland hyphenated philosophy. We won't find out with a compromise candidate on the Republican side.

I have another reason for supporting "Doug" at this stage of the game.

He has had long training and experience in politics. His hitch as a cabinet officer, and his standing with the administration, would permit him to enter the Senate with as much prestige and influence as a senator who had served for many years. He would bypass a freshman year.

He would be a tireless worker for Oregon and for Oregon's welfare, instead of seeking honors as a never-ceasing human juke box.



YOUNG LAWMAKERS—Five Roseburg High School students will participate in the ninth annual two-day Oregon Youth Legislature which started Friday in Salem. The coeds are Tri-Hi-Y members. A conflicting track meet in Roseburg prevented Hi-Y members from attending. Legislature is sponsored by Oregon Chest and state youth and government committee of YMCA. From left: Gladys McCraw, representative; Joleen Lydo, state sergeant-at-arms; Virgil Wolff, faculty advisor and American Problems instructor; Merle Suiter, senator; Pat Elliott, representative; and Sharon Minton, senator. (Paul Jenkins).

Reader Opinions

County Auditor Explains Accounting Procedure

ROSEBURG — I have read and listened to quotations, partial quotations and misleading quotations of comment contained in county audit reports until I have arrived at the conclusion that your readers are entitled to know the facts behind all this agitation of public opinion.

In the first place there has been no accusation or insinuation of larceny, misuse or misappropriation of county funds contained in any of the audits or comment therein, rumors and propaganda to the contrary.

In a "news item," appearing in The News-Review of April 21, 1956, under "Young Republicans Elect Two Officers; Barker Gives His Stand on County Court Job," there appears the following:

He said the accounting department should be simplified, "but all suggestions to such an accomplishment have so far been vigorously opposed."

The above quotation is only a part of the comment on that matter and appearing in the 1954-55 audit report and was NOT directed at the County Court, but when used in an attack on the court is entirely, if not intentionally, misleading. In my personal knowledge the court has not been opposed to a change in the road accounting system, but on the contrary, has insisted that a change be made.

The accounting system now being used was set up in 1930, when the total road budget was only \$172,228.90, and was adequate at that time. The road program has expanded to such an extent that the present road system covers over 1,000 miles of modern roads serving an area of over 5,000 square miles and requiring budget expenditures for the 1955-56 fiscal year of \$2,535,600.00, or 15 times as great as in 1930, and, in my opinion, and in the opinion of the County Court, the accounting system is antiquated, which is no reflection on the present personnel in the road office.

At the time the 1953-54 road budget came up for consideration by the County Budget Committee, Judge Hill and Commissioners Metzger and Ashley, as well as the members of the budget committee, were very much opposed to the form in which the road budget was submitted, but due to lack of sufficient time to prepare a detailed budget, passed the road budget as submitted and at that meeting the court instructed the county auditor to assist in preparing the road budget for 1956-57, and set up a revised system of road accounting.

A detailed budget for 1956-57 has been prepared and is now being considered by the budget committee.

A revised accounting system is being installed and will be in use in the 1956-57 fiscal year.

For the past year Commissioner Ashley has insisted that the road accounting system be revised and that a man experienced in business accounting be employed as head of the office and to that end has contacted an accountant-bookkeeper who has been recommended to the court to take over the duties of that department in the very near future.

The County Court has very recently employed an administrative engineer who will assume the duties as head of the county road system on May 1st of this year.

Every recommendation, condition and matter covered by comment in the county audit reports have met with the approval of the County Court and have been fully complied with.

I do not intend to get into a political controversy but I do believe that candidates, and those speaking for candidates, when using quotations, should use quotations in full and where they apply, and not use partial or misleading quotations in order to gain a point or confuse the public.

We still have some gravelled county roads that are dusty but that is being taken care of rapidly by permanent oiled roads. We may still have some "mud" but let's let the "road crews" take care of that, "they" have the equipment.

A. B. Collier,
County Auditor

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Ideas for new approaches to the U.S. foreign aid program are all over the place. Without agreeing in any detail, they indicate a general feeling that the present program isn't working and could be done better.

The starting point is President Eisenhower's \$4.8 billion dollar request for the next year, now before Congress. Also, the President wants new authority to make commitments up to 10 years on specific projects, like Egypt's Aswan Dam.

Senate Leader Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) says it's up to the Eisenhower administration to prove the need for this outlay. Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, indicating that "there will be no blank checks"—now proposes a private research study to determine future policy.

This is somewhat in line with an earlier proposal from Gov. Christian A. Herter (R-Mass.). He advocates a Presidential, bipartisan commission to make a declaration on what American foreign policy stands for.

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT on proposals from responsible citizens who think a bigger and better foreign program is the best weapon for combating Russian economic penetration.

Gov. George N. Craig (R-Ind.) thinks the United States should commit itself to a 75-year foreign aid program.

John J. Hopkins, head of General Dynamics Corp., raises this to 100 years. He would enlarge the atom-for-peace aid, along with arms aid and technical assistance.

Committee for Economic Development, the progressive big businessmen's organization now headed by J. D. Zellerbach of San Francisco, is boosting its own plan for a billion-dollar-a-year technical

assistance program for the underdeveloped countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Walter Reuther, head of United Auto Workers, tops everybody by his plan for foreign aid outlay of eight billion dollars a year for 25 years. He would have Russia and other countries make comparable grants and have the program administered by the U.N.

REP. BROOK HAYS (D-Ark.) and Rep. Chester Murrell (R-N.H.) who were U.S. delegates to the U.N. last year, have recommended that more American aid be administered by the U.N.

Eric A. Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East for development of the Jordan River plan, thinks all economic aid should be in the international loans—not grants.

Benjamin A. Javits, brother of New York's attorney general, has proposed to Congress an end to government aid and substitution of a gigantic, publicly and privately financed, 25-billion-dollar Economic Development Corp. to do the job.

MUCH OF THIS agitation for a new Marshall plan is inspired by Russia's entry into the foreign aid field.

Ivan G. Kavanov, Soviet minister of foreign trade, recently told the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe, meeting in Geneva, that when dollar aid ran out, other countries should look to the Soviet Union for whatever they lack.

Many people think the Soviet is bluffing in these grandiose offers. This is much the same argument that was advanced for letting China go Communist. The feeling of the time was that Russia would bog down in the Chinese morass. There was a similar feeling that Russia couldn't build the A-and-H bombs and couldn't build jet aircraft. It hasn't worked out that way.

almost three years old it is better to abstain from a firm palm and hope for the best from a heart-to-heart talk.

At least when a woman is approaching the age of three she'll hear you through.

His statement was prompted by press reports that he had endorsed a sales tax.

His statement: "My position on taxation in Oregon is as follows: "A legislative interim committee is conducting an intensive study of Oregon's tax laws and Oregon's tax structure. This committee has conferred and consulted with tax experts from the fields of labor, agriculture, industry, big business, little business, public agencies, education and every field of Oregon activity."

"On the basis of its study, the committee is expected to make recommendations to the Legislature for a comprehensive tax program for Oregon."

"Press reports which have me endorsing one type of tax over another are in error."

AMERICAN GI KILLED

VERDUN, France (AP)—American GI Gerald H. Dunnigan was apparently killed instantly when he fell down an ancient shaft of the Verdun fortress Army authorities said. Dunnigan's body was found early Thursday morning after a round-the-clock search since he disappeared Saturday. He had been sightseeing with his wife.

Schmidt To Speak In Canyonville

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR

Harry Martin, associate district lay leader of the Umpqua sub-district of the Methodist Church, Days Creek, conducted morning services at the Canyonville Methodist Church last Sunday. His topic was "Are You Living?"

Ben Schmidt of Medford, who was guest speaker earlier in the year at the church, will conduct services the first three Sundays in May.

Meet Postponed Canyonville Methodist Church Wesley Guild meeting originally scheduled for April 30 has been postponed to May 7. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the church.

Mrs. Claude Long and Mrs. William Preston are hostesses for the meeting.

A gospel team comprised of a boy's quartet from Canyonville Bible Academy, directed by John Fenderson conducted services at the Lookingglass Community Church last week. Mitzie Humphreys was accompanist.

The group also conducted services at Butte Falls last week. Aaron Rothman accompanied them on this trip.

Quartet Sings The quartet of the Bethany Bible College of Santa Cruz, Calif., sang recently at the Gospel Tabernacle in Canyonville and in the Canyonville Bible Academy chapel.

Dr. Leland R. Keys, president of the college, accompanied the young people. Jack Waltrip, a CBA alumnus, is a member of the quartet.

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