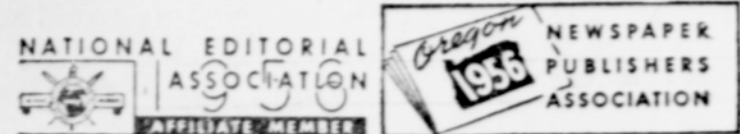


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Facts Ought to Be Useful In a Political Campaign

If you have heard the senior senator from Oregon explain how he secured appropriations for some of the most recent flood control dams where construction has been started, such statements sounded impressive. It sort of sounded like the uphill struggle was a single handed one, but like all good stories should, the senator ended the struggle victorious despite the many obstacles he had to surmount. A brief review of what did actually happen is a slightly different story because for one thing the house of representatives had a hand in the appropriations too.

On campaigning in the county last week Congressman Harris Ellsworth gave a different version of what actually happened, which is nearer what actually transpired as the records will show.

In discussing the Cougar dam, Ellsworth said: "The killing of the partnership power proposal for Cougar Dam by Senator Morse resulted in a loss of from 10 to 13 million dollars for the people of this region." Congressman Harris Ellsworth told Lane county audiences this week. "There was never any proposal for a 'de-authorization' for the dam as charged by political opponents," he said. Ellsworth pointed out that partnership was a method of speeding construction of the dam, bringing low-cost power to the people, and preventing the costly damage from floods, that is the great value. The Oregon Congressman said, "There are no disadvantages to anyone in partnership for Cougar Dam."

Ellsworth said that if Cougar Dam is built under partnership there will be 40 percent more power to the region than from purely federal development. He observed, "There has been a lot of bragging done on securing a few hundred thousand dollars over and above the budget estimate for Cougar Dam, but had Morse not killed off the partnership proposal in the Senate there would have been ten million dollars available plus other supplemental appropriations."

Ellsworth told his audience that damage to the area by floods, because of the lack of protection, averaged in the neighborhood of a million dollars a year. Every additional year, he said, means an accumulation of millions of dollars damage.

The Oregon Congressman said the appropriations coming to the 4th District would be allotted among four projects: Cougar, Green Peter, Hills Creek and Holley which have a total cost of nearly \$130,000,000. If appropriations for the current fiscal year are tripled in amount it will still take ten years to finish construction on all the projects. Ellsworth stated, "We must secure the maximum federal funds and any local funds available to speed the work, stop flood losses, and get the low cost power to the people."

It does not seem to bother our senator in the matter of laying claims, even though he can't very well take credit. Not too long ago, the Chamber of Commerce and others of Florence were seeking support from the various communities in the county for improvements of the Siuslaw harbor there. Apparently the people of Florence had not gotten too much help from the Oregon senators, but at the first opportunity Morse went down and in a speech laid claims for everything that had been done up to that time.

Smith Knows Where He's Going

In the matter of the choice between the two candidates for governor, one has found something wrong with all of the proposals to raise revenue. He admits property and real estate taxes are too high, the state income tax in its present form is likewise too high, a sales tax isn't the answer, he says, neither is the removal of the emergency clause, which would have permitted the state to collect about eleven million dollars from the cigarette tax the past two years and which incidentally is revenue gone forever.

This candidate proposes to take chances on financing the operation of our schools, for instance, through a federal aid bill, which is not a law yet. And the chances are that as long as it is tied to the segregation issue, which might be for some time yet, we won't have any federal aid. What then are the schools supposed to do? Close down and wait for federal aid or issue warrants and hope to collect until federal aid becomes available?

In a case of this kind, it looks to us as though the present Governor Elmo Smith has the only answer, if we expect to keep the schools and other public institutions open for Smith isn't waiting for the pot at the end of the rainbow. So far he has made a good record and seems to know where he is going.

Hitchcock Defines Basic Difference Between Parties

A flying team of Republican leaders, boosting the GOP slate of candidates spoke briefly Wednesday at a general assembly in the Cottage Grove High school.

Principal speaker, Phil Hitchcock, was introduced by Harold Miller, Lane County chairman for Doug McKay for Senator. Also on the platform was Ann Chapman, student body president and Norman Richards, local Republican chairman.

Hitchcock backs McKay. Speaking of the McKay-Hitchcock contest for N. S. Senate, Hitchcock repeated his primary promise "win or lose, I would be out campaigning for a Republican victory in the November elections."

Mr. Hitchcock, who is in charge of registrations at Lewis and Clark college stated that "after being in the sawmill and equipment business for over 25 years, he felt more at home being a legislator than as an educator."

Commenting on the basic differences between the Republican and Democratic platforms, Hitchcock felt that the Republicans favored more "free enterprise within limits while the Democratic party relied more on a strong central government with controls within limits. Government cannot give you anything unless it has first taken it away from you," continued Hitchcock.

Hitchcock produced a ripple of

laughter from his teen-age and adult audience when he referred to the "molasses lake of bureaucracy and control which characterized the previous democratic administration."

The Question and Answer Period. A score or more of students pressed Mr. Hitchcock for opinions on many national and local issues. One senior class member asked for Hitchcock's interpretation of the now famous Al Sarana case. Hitchcock quoted from the record, making it eminently clear that the then Secretary of Interior McKay had no choice but to administer the mining claim law as it was then on the statute book. He went on to point out that McKay handed down the only decision possible and one that the democratic administration had stalled for over five years. Subsequently, Mr. McKay's administration formulated and pressed through regulations which made repetition impossible.

Another question by an underclassman inquired into the Republican "farm program." Hitchcock pointed out the enormity of the subsidies which were accrued under the previous democratic party program and informed the audience that the "warehousing alone" of these stifling subsidies was costing the American taxpayer over one million dollars daily. He also commented on the president's soil bank program.

The GOP campaigner came out flatly for giving the vote to 18 year olds and stated that in his opinion they were far more informed on national matters than many segments of the electorate.



AMAZINGLY, THE PROPANE TANK, shown here, was not damaged although it was just alongside the one which did explode and another smaller one which was opened and which can be seen here burning.



EUGENE FIRE DEPARTMENT sent this truck to assist local fire fighters. Eugene police also responded and sent two men to bolster the depleted Cottage Grove force.

Gas Explosion

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 use. The Cottage Grove company was able to help deliver into the use a small mixing machine to mix Butane, which is used inside the town. Rural service has not been interrupted since the large propane tank did not explode.

Mrs. Myra Macready, co-owner of Cottage Grove Gas company with Paul Radtke, Wednesday said that no estimate has been reached on the loss to the company. Two Standard Oil company liquid petroleum experts flew from San Francisco and one came from Portland to help delve into the cause of the catastrophe and to put the operation back on its feet.

State arson men have been here and gone. They found no evidence of arson but did conclude that there was an initial fire at the automatically-operated plant before the two or three explosions. Mrs. Macready said that although the plant operates automatically, it is checked four or five times a day.

The first explosion at 8 a.m. pushed out and knocked down walls of the red brick-like tile building on North Lane street, along the Southern Pacific tracks, and the fire started almost instantly, according to persons living in the immediate vicinity. The alarm was received at Cottage Grove fire department at 8:05 and two trucks responded.

About 20 minutes later, at approximately 8:25 o'clock, the large Butane tank exploded sending up flames which spread out horizontally mushroom-like over the surrounding area. As the heat and concussion of the explosion increased moisture from the ground was drawn up forming a heavy vapor-like steam similar to dense fog.

Compared to Atom Bomb

Persons who saw it compared the sight to pictures of the atom bomb explosions.

Worst of the injuries occurred at this time for the firemen were on the scene fighting the flames from the first and smaller explosion. At the same time the Ethon Coson home directly west of the gas plant burst into flame and was completely destroyed along with its garage. Three other dwellings, homes of L. E. Blair, Phil Cantonwine and Mrs. Martha Thorsen, were protected either by their owners or volunteers working diligently with streams from garden hose.

Large portions of the large distribution valve blown into sections in the explosion were found at least two blocks away from the scene, their weight estimated at between 100 and 150 pounds. One had crashed through a fence near 11th and Chadwick and came to rest along a path traveled about that hour by a number of school children.

All Over Town
 Cottage Grove city ambulances, two vehicles belonging to Mills Mortuary, another from Smith Chapel and a police car were pressed into use to take the injured men to the hospital.

Force of the blast was felt all over Cottage Grove. Over on South First street a mile and a half away, a small girl was knocked down, her mother said. One of the large plate glass windows on the Gibbs avenue side of Mock's Buick was shattered, pieces of a cracked window pane were knocked out of the frame at the Sentinel office.

Cottage Grove Lumber company, a couple of blocks east of the gas plant, reported that the roof on their office, built especially for a water-cooling system, was sprung when hit by a piece of flying steel and water was leaking in.

Keith Stiff, Creswell, tallyman at the mill, and two car loaders,

Ken Adams and Bob Grimes, were knocked off the dock onto a car of lumber being loaded. They got under the car because pieces of flying debris were coming through the air. Only a few feet from where they were working, a heavy, jagged piece of concrete came to rest on a pile of lumber.

Mr. Stiff said "the first explosion was at 8 a.m. on the nose. We stopped work awhile but a hissing sound of escaping gas grew louder and louder until it blew."

While the fire raged below, a children's tree house burned for a long time in a tall fir at the edge of the gas company property. A window was knocked out of the Dave Rissue window near the mill, while Mr. Rissue, at home with a broken ankle, sat watching the flames through another window.

The lawn at the Elwin Heilinger home on North Douglas (the old Ray Trask home) was strewn with dozens of large limbs from the fir trees there and two large windows were boarded over after the glass was broken from each.

Mrs. Earl Woodson, viewing the fire from her home two blocks north and west, received leg burns below her pedal pushers which necessitated emergency treatment at Cottage Grove hospital, when the large tank exploded. Others receiving out-patient treatment, some of them bystanders, were Earl Conn, Uriel Winders, John Gerstner, Ben Jones, Darrell and Cheryl Woodson, Mace McCoy, Ruth Coston, Willis Coston, Frank Mericle, Jerold D. Jordan.

State police, Deputy Sheriff Douglas, and two Eugene police officers aided the local police personnel in the emergency. In addition to local fire fighting equipment four additional trucks arrived to assist, two from Eugene, one from Creswell and one from Springfield.

Extra guards were posted at the scene of the disaster immediately and were kept there until noon Tuesday. Virgil Newton and David Summers were added to the regular police staff to provide this extra protection.

No Need to Hunt Further!

Vote for This Proven Team

These men have already proven that they can and will work for the best interests of you, the county and the state. They represent membership on the following important house committees: Ways and Means, Rules Committee, Veterans Vocational Agriculture Committee, Taxation Committee, State and Federal Affairs Committee, Education Committee, Local Government Committee, Alcohol Committee and the Interim State Emergency Board.

Re-elect This Republican Team

of State Representatives

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- ☒ V. EDWIN JOHNSON
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- ☒ LORAN L. STEWART

Pd. Pol. Adv. Lane County Legislative Committee, Ralph Kindler, Chm., 167 E. Broadway

Roy Miller Hurt In Collision Of Car, Motorcycle

Roy L. Miller, local high school pupil, was painfully injured Friday afternoon at 12:50 p.m. when thrown from his motorcycle in a motorcycle-car collision. Ben Jones of the local police force, who investigated the accident, said a car driven by Robert D. Williams, another high school pupil, attempted to turn into the driveway leading to the new Herman Petersen residence on the south access road when evidently the motorcycle rider, Roy Miller, tried to pass the car.

The result was that the motorcycle struck the left part of the Williams car, demolishing a front wheel and the cycle rider was thrown a distance of 48 feet. Officer Jones said Miller was also thrown clear of both shoes, but was fortunate to escape badly bruised and shaken and with a broken left collar bone.

Miss Coston

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 located just 90 yards from the Coston home. Ruth called to report the fire, but the alarm had already been turned in. She got dressed then while her mother collected the valuable family papers. Bill got in the family car, just purchased last Thursday, and drove it a number of blocks from the home. He then returned home.

In an attempt to cool the front of the house, the two women sprayed it with a garden hose. But suddenly it seemed to get hotter and a ball of flames rushed toward them. They ran into the open garage, but the flames followed them in there. Mrs. Coston dropped and lost her bundle of papers.

"I lost my head for a minute," Ruth said, "and started screaming. But then I saw mother run out through the flames and I knew I had to follow her. I ran out and around the garage and came out on 11th street. There I saw mother, but we didn't know where Bill was."

"We got into our car and drove to the hospital. We waited anxiously while the men were brought in. Finally Bill came—he was burned on the back of the head, neck, and arms and had a gash in his head where he had been hit by flying debris. But, he was o.k."

Mrs. Coston, who works as a nurse for the hospital, had her own burns bandaged and then worked for hours helping with the most seriously hurt, before she was forced to bed herself. Ruth, her twin sister Ida, and brothers expressed deepest concern, however, for their father, who saw the work of ten years completely gone. "We lost dozens of family keepsakes, personal items of invaluable worth, and all of daddy's books," Ruth stated. "The greatest shock for us all and hardest to realize it that everything is gone!"

him in the hospital in a few minutes. He was lying in the back seat with his feet out the door, so I picked up his feet, moved them in so I could shut the door, jumped in, told a shocked policeman I was taking him to the hospital. He just stood there, shut the car door and walked off. I yelled at some of the bystanders to remove the burning clothes from the street so I could get going. Finally someone did and I sure want to thank him whoever he was. I couldn't find the siren, so I laid on the horn all the way to the hospital. I don't know who he was, but maybe someone does and can tell me how he is. I would like to know 'cause all I can remember now is his burnt face and I would like to see him some other way, feeling better. This is just one of many experiences. I am sure."

More than 150 Navy transport and mapping planes are being equipped with automatic flight controls. The altitude controller is so accurate that it can detect a change of 5 feet at an altitude of 40,000 feet.

Local Seniors to Participate in Nat'l Merit Program

Cottage Grove High school seniors will participate in the merit scholarship program. Students ranking at the top of their class scholastically took the qualifying test this morning. It was a two hour test of general scholastic aptitude.

Tests will be scored by the College Entrance Examination board. The highest scorers in each state will be notified in December. These semifinalists will take a second test in January. Finalists will be selected on the basis of scores on the second test, school recommendations, and biographical information.

Taking the tests locally this year are Ann Chapman, Betsy Holmes, Ninette Lindsey, Ted Picknell and George Woodworth.

Merit scholars are selected on the basis of merit and without regard to financial need. Each scholarship carries a stipend for four years. The amount of each stipend depends upon the financial need of each individual case.

In the 1955-56 program over 58,000 seniors participated and 554 scholarships were awarded. LaSells Stewart, a local senior in the tests. While he did not win a scholarship, he was awarded a certificate of merit.

FIRST SNOW

First snow of the season was visible Tuesday morning east and south of town at about the 2,500 level. Mrs. Clair Hogate of the Eujada ranger station, 22 miles to the east, said Wednesday morning no snow had fallen there, but that three or four inches had fallen at the 2,500 level and that 12 inches was reported to have fallen on the Utopian road below the Fairview lookout in the Bohemia district.

Jack Wall, tender at Cottage Grove lake, reported Wednesday morning that he could see snow on Black Butte, from his place.

MISS ALLISON RESIGNS

The resignation of Miss Delphine Allison, teacher of English and physical education at Cottage Grove High school, was accepted the past weekend. Miss Allison left early this week to return to Montana.

Until a permanent replacement can be found for the position, Mrs. Virginia Thrapp, who formerly taught classes in English at the high school, is substituting.

"FEET FIRST"
 By Ed Hoover
 Watch this space every week.
 DID YOU KNOW?

That the styling of men's shoes had become so extreme in the late 15th Century it was necessary to pass a law in England to prohibit making them over six inches wide? For an idea of the kind of traffic jam on narrow English streets which brought about this law, consider that today the average man's shoe is only three-and-one-half inches wide at its broadest point.

That the first "woman" to wear high heel shoes as we know them today was a mere slip of a 14-year-old girl? In 1533 when Catherine de Medici arrived in Paris to marry the Duke of Orleans she had a pair packed in her trousseau.

That the first Cinderella was a beautiful Egyptian slave girl, Rhopodis? One sunny morning in 350 B.C. Rhopodis was bathing in the Nile when a Peeping Tom of old egypt swooped down and flew off with one of her tiny sandals. The burglarizing bird then dropped its stolen "booty" in the Pharaoh's lap, thus starting the search for the daintiest foot in the land. Yep, you guessed it—old Pharaoh found his Cinderella and they lived happily ever after.

That the first Greek—an artist—who 2000 years ago coined the phrase we hear often these days? Seems this artist liked to exhibit his paintings in the street while he hid nearby to eavesdrop on the reactions of passersby. One day a shoemaker commented on the omission of an important detail from a sandal shown in a picture. The next day the shoemaker noted the error had been corrected. Thinking himself quite an art critic, the shoemaker then found fault with the way the legs in the painting were drawn. That's when the artist popped out of his hiding place to say: "Let the cobbler stick to his last."

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Those groups of our local women who have organized themselves into Clubs, deserve the unstinted commendation of all of us! There are bridge clubs. There are self-improvement clubs. There are clubs whose charitable work among the needy exemplifies the finest traits of American womanhood. Most of these are home women, women with families and all the cares of home management. Yet they find time for richly-deserved recreation, as well as charitable activities. They are making the most of their busy lives... and we heartily applaud their feminine proclivities. Let's give them generous support whenever they request it!

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