

Historical Notes On Curry County

By MAX BRAINARD

There was a story, in a recent issue, about Will McIndoe's 80th birthday party. It recalled an unusual chance that meant much to Will and his sisters.

Some years ago, Good wife and I had an emporium in Brookings, and one of our good customers was Zada, now Mrs. Luther Tisdale, one of Will's girls. Remarking upon my hobby of accumulating notes on Curry County folks, Zada asked me if I had anything on the McIndoe family. I believe she said her father knew his birth day but not the year in which he was born, nor did his sisters know their birth year.

I looked in the McIndoe department of my rats' nest and found that on September 25, 1865, Simon Rothenheim, Justice of the Peace (presumably functioning at Gold Beach) married Robert McIndoe and Susannah, daughter of Israel S. Morrison with I. S. Morrison and H. N. Winslow as witnesses.

In the first book of Curry County deeds, on page 158, there is recorded the sale of land by Daniel and Polly Morehouse to Robert McIndoe, on October 7, 1865, in what was then known as Simon Lundry's land claim. This, I believe, was somewhere handy to Hyde's service station and motel, a mile or so out of Wedderburn, on 101.

The probate records of the county show that Robert died, at his home, July 10, 1876, and when his estate was settled, the heirs were listed as being Susannah, 25; Mary Ann (Mrs. Anthony) 9; Sarah Ellen (Mrs. Ford) 5; William Oscar, 2; and Lily Maria (Mrs. Morrison) 6 months.

Susannah is recorded as having married Daniel Malone, apparently at Gold Beach, May 25, 1877, the knot-tyer being Elder John Mansfield, at his house, with John Macy and Lyman Woodruff as witnesses. But this hookup apparently didn't take for she and Daniel filed articles of separation September 27, 1880 at which time it appears Daniel had gone some other place. She was awarded custody of two small Malone children.

When Susannah went to her reward, October 30, 1882, she left the following children, according to the records: Mary, 16; Ellen, 11; William, 9; and Lily, 7, all McIndoes and all of Smith River, California, and Edith Malone, 4, and Cora May Malone, 2.

Then, on April 18, 1889, A. H. Crook assumed guardianship of the four McIndoe children, Mary, Sarah, William, and Lily.

Naturally, the McIndoe "kids" were quite pleased when they found if they wished to establish their respective ages, all they had to do was to go to the Curry County clerk, ask for the probate records of their father's estate, get a certified transcript there-

LETTER TO EDITOR

We would like this opportunity to express some views and outline our policy regarding Hells Canyon.

Everyone, unless he burns a coal oil lamp and likes it, has a stake in the continued expansion of hydroelectric energy from federal dams.

The past 50 years has seen constant growing leadership and responsibility in the field of river development assumed by the federal government. But the whole concept of comprehensive planning for river development is being attacked by the power lobby. In the first six months of 1953 the National Association of Electric Companies has led the field in money spent for lobbying, with \$268,937. Its pressure has forced the administration to adopt policies, which, if carried out, will mean seizure of choice damsites for partial use by private companies while public groups and industry will slowly find themselves deprived of their source of energy supply.

The fight for control of Hells Canyon area is the prime case in point. Although the Idaho Power company enjoys the lowest cost per kw of generation of any major private utility in the Pacific Northwest, its rate charge to users is the highest and has been for years.

The people of Oregon and Washington have seen that the creation of big blocks of low cost power ahead of demand brings in industry with new jobs and payrolls and broadened tax base. Contrast the population growth of these two states (1940-50) of nearly 40 per cent with Idaho over the same period, 12 per cent, less than the national average.

Industrial and domestic rates have dropped in areas where competition exists but wherever a power company, such as Idaho Power has blocked out development in its own service area, economic growth has shown a corresponding decrease and the rate structures remains high with every prospect of going higher.

Make no mistake about it. There is NO OTHER HELLS CANYON SITE. No other site offers such an opportunity for mammoth water storage. If Hells Canyon is lost, maximum development is lost!

The federal Hells Canyon multiple-purpose dam would provide irrigation, flood control, navigation and recreation as well as total saleable firm power, of 1,464,000 kw, and on its way to

of as the documents had already been accepted as court records.

There are undoubtedly quite a herd of descendants of Robert and Susannah who'll be interested, likewise, and possibly in a later story we can take up odds and ends of Susannah's folks — the Morrisons, and there sure seems to have been a herd of them!

the sea boost the lower river dams to 436,000 kilowatts more power than they would produce without Hells Canyon storage. Cost to consumer \$19.00 per kw year. Idaho Power company's three dams would provide no irrigation, flood control, navigation or recreational benefits, with total saleable firm power of 885,400 kw, at a cost of \$39.42 per kw year to the consumers.

These are only a few facts we think the citizens of our area are entitled to know.

The waters of an area are a natural resource that belongs to the people. By building Hells Canyon dam, the people will be protecting this vital heritage for themselves and for generations yet to come. Hells Canyon is a self-liquidating investment in the future. As it creates wealth, it will pay for itself over and over again. Within 50 years the dam will have paid, from sale of power, not only its original cost plus interest at three per cent, but millions of dollars in flood control, navigation, irrigation, and recreational benefit, as well.

The local chapter of the National Hells Canyon Association firmly believes an aroused public opinion can yet save Hells Canyon. We urge individuals and organizations to write President Eisenhower, our senators and representatives in Congress, Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay and members of the Federal Power Commission, Washington, D.C., telling them you are unalterably opposed to the Hells Canyon giveaway. This is the one fight the people must not lose!

Sincerely,
C. P. GLASS
LOUIS ST. DENNIS.

Car Damaged By Runaway Pickup

A parked car owned by Owens Jacobs of Smith River, Calif., was damaged Thursday when it was struck by a driverless pick-up.

The pick-up had been parked by Roy Kinion, who told Police Chief Bud Cross that it had been left in gear. In his absence, however, the pick-up rolled down the street, and hit Jacobs' car on the left door.

Damage to Jacobs' car was confined to the one door. There was little damage to Kinion's pick-up.

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TEEN-AGE NEWS

The Sadie Hawkins dance last Friday evening was truly a success, except for the soap on the floor which didn't work out so well.

The club president, Art Stone's birthday was also celebrated with a beautiful cake and presents.

The chaperones were Miss Fitzgibbon and Mrs. Shea.

Reporters, N.C., J.S., J.A.

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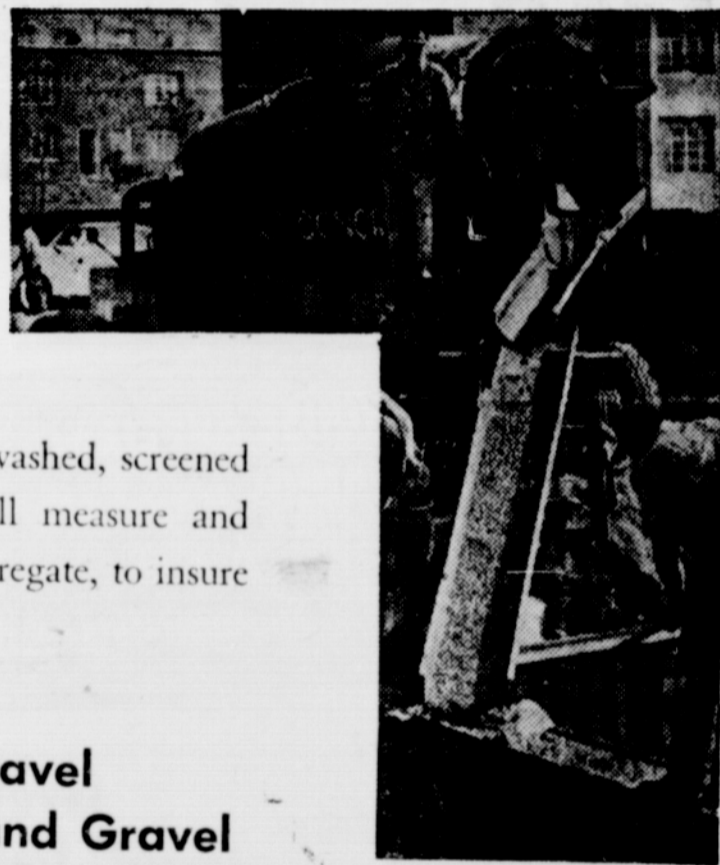
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