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McKay TO BATTLE

In coming back to Oregon to file as a senatorial candidate Doug McKay reminds us of an old rhyme that goes something like this:

"I'm wounded, the noble Scotsman said,
I'm wounded but not slain
I'll lay me down and bleed awhile
And rise and fight again."

Doug McKay has been on the defensive while in the cabinet and unable to spend his time carrying on an offensive battle against his critics. He could merely point out the errors in fact. Neither has he received the support he was entitled to partly because, no doubt, lesser citizens felt that the Secretary of Interior needed no assistance.

It has been an unwelcome and unfamiliar role for Scotsman McKay who isn't one to like being accused of all sorts of economic and political crimes without being able to make few strokes in his own behalf. A man who fought in two World Wars isn't a man to like the defense as a habit.

So Doug is soon to be back in his beloved Oregon ready to do battle with those who charge him with "give-away" and nothing, we are sure, so irks a Scotsman.

The argument, of course, is the old one as to development of natural resources, whether the people should be allowed to do so or the government only. The big government boys think they should do it all by themselves, something like it is done in the dictator countries. Oregonians will be on the front lines with an opportunity to make a clear decision. They should be happy over that.

And those who like to see a man, long persecuted, rise valiantly to his own defense will enjoy the battle.

SOUTHERN REVOLT

That southern bloc of 100 organized against enforcement of the supreme court dictum against segregation in schools can be very powerful if it wants to be. Eighty congressmen out of 435 and 19 senators out of 96 can pass many bills and block many more if they hang together.

Some of the most astute and experienced politicians in the world are on that list. And if the voters at home back them up they can control the Democratic nominee and perhaps the presidential election.

No one not a radical on the matter of race relations can't help but have some sympathy with southerners—a minority—being against their will and best judgment to accept negroes as legal equals. That is a new concept to them and it will require generations to change it.

The original decision of the court was that some time was to be allowed. Racial radicals have made that difficult if not impossible. Now they are reaping the results of too much haste.

There is no question but the south has to educate the Negroes, must find some way to make them productive, better citizens, more ambitious. This will not be done by continued subjugation and informed southerners know all this, better than any northerner. But to tell them they have to and have to today is simply idiotic.

It was the hot heads, the radicals, the plain damn fools, that caused the civil war. Now they are at it again. Let those who are real friends of the Negroes bring some caution—if possible—into the argument and still the loud voices of the radicals.

90 PERCENT PARITY

It will now be surprising if the senate gives its approval to a continuation of 90 percent parity on any of the five basic crops. Only five crops have ever been priced so high; other producers receive less.

Certainly the law that held the price of wheat proportionately above that of other crops stimulated production. Land owners as far south as Alabama and South Carolina are growing wheat to eternal detriment of what we

choose to call the legitimate wheat grower—by which we mean the farmer who has land best adapted to wheat and a long time record of growing wheat.

Continuance of 90 percent parity could only mean further reduction in acreage for the legitimate grower until he was forced into other crops to which his land is not so well suited and which perhaps the farmer himself is not informed about or interested in.

The lure that 90 percent parity has for its advocates is the lure of quick money, big profits for a year or two. The longer look makes the glamor of the quick money less alluring and if one looks forward to the next generation stability becomes most important.

It is unfortunate that the farmer could not, or at least did not, get his business out of the hands of the government right after the war. Now he is beset by every imaginable gimmick politicians can devise for a little temporary advantage during a vote wooing period. It is so involved now that the farmer can hardly cry, "A pox on both your houses" and bid the politicians leave him alone. Removal of the government from agriculture must needs be a slow process. But it should begin.

WILDLIFE WEEK

Next week is wildlife week and the national federation and the state associations affiliated therewith are asking that something—quite a bit, in fact,—be said about it. With that request we are willing to comply only insisting on saying what we think.

The wildlife federation is in position to do a great deal of good in the nation by arousing citizens to the dangers of total loss of some species of animals and birds that fail to adapt to what we call civilization. A means of preserving them should be found. Conservation of land is a good one, necessary one. That we still do not know how best to conserve land has not prevented many from working at the project and it will all eventually result in more information from which may come a successful way of saving land.

The federation has some problems of its own that concerns the more thoughtful members. Not all members can differentiate between use and conservation and if we followed the more radical of them the forests would have nothing in them but deer and game birds with a few elk about. Cattlemen could not pasture the forests at all. These radical "conservationists" do not reason that the nation needs more meat than deer and game birds can furnish.

The federation has been active promoting better relations between land owners and hunters and fishermen and that is certainly a desirable objective. Something must be said for the farmer who feeds a game animal or bird for a year in order to make a day's sport for a hunter.

OPPOSING PROGRESS

Recently there met in Portland, Lucius Beebe, editor, when it pleases him, of the Territorial Enterprise published at Virginia City, Nevada, and Stewart Holbrook, Portland's best known author. Mr. Beebe was touring in his private car with a party of friends and suffering none of the hardships of life.

That two gentlemen of the typewriter should have met and dined together is not news; that two gentlemen who habitually write lovingly of the good old days while enjoying the better new days would meet did, and should, make headlines.

Mr. Beebe is often found extolling the bold, bad times when men were digging minerals out of the Comstock lode that made so many fortunes in early Nevada. He has caused Virginia City to have a sort of revival of hard drinking although we think the hard rock miners of the 1870s would have put the modern cocktail quaffer under the table before his tonials were properly wet.

Mr. Holbrook, who made his reputation for that sort of thing long ago and retired to strict sobriety, publicly longs for the days of old-time logging and the hale and hearty men who did it. Neither likes the modern trend toward sameness and what we refer to as progress.

The dictionary says that progress is an act of moving forward. Herbert Spencer defined progress as a movement from heterogeneity toward homogeneity, which merely means a movement toward being more alike and less different.

We think it a much more interesting world when there are many diverse elements in it, when there is variety and when men are different and independent and willing to say so. If that is what Mr. Beebe and Mr. Holbrook are getting at we are inclined to agree with them.

In the men didn't go to the same kind of school, didn't drive the same kind of vehicle, didn't wear the same brand of advertise-

ed clothes, didn't think the same things gleaned from the same press association. They were individuals.

Certainly the elegantly attired Mr. Beebe and the comfortably clad Mr. Holbrook are not opposed to the comforts of modern times, and if such things be progress—let it go on. But as writers and philosophers and observers of mankind they wish he were as interestingly odd as he was before civilization made him a sort of a robot.

Grass Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith had as dinner guests Sunday his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith, Mrs. John Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Zehner all from The Dalles.

Mrs. Vernon Eakin, Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and Mrs. Bud Brinkert were hostesses at a surprise party honoring Mrs. Elton Eakin, Mrs. Kenneth Todd and Mrs. Dick Reckman at the Elton Eakin home Thursday afternoon. Other guests included Mrs. Owen Eakin and Susan, Mrs. Bernard Martin, Louise Eakin and Geraldine and Gloria Todd. The afternoon was spent visiting. The honor guests then opened their cards with a handkerchief enclosed. Refreshments of two birthday cakes, salad, ritz crackers and cheese and coffee and punch were served by the hostesses.

Leonard Eakin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin, was hit by a car driven by Janice McIntyre of Wasco Wednesday after school when he dodged from behind the school bus into the path of the car. Janice was driving slow so was able to stop immediately. His mother was at the church and was called and took him to The Dalles where the doctor took several stitches in his nose and attended this bruised knee.

Mrs. Marie Bardenhagen, Mrs. William Jefferies and Mrs. Harley McKay were hostesses at a layette shower for Mrs. George von Borstel at the former's home last Tuesday afternoon with about 25 women present. Games were played with Mrs. Harry Justesen winning first prize and Mrs. Carl von Borstel and Mrs. Frank von Borstel tied for second. The gifts were placed on a lace covered table decorated with a stork.

Mrs. von Borstel opened the many lovely gift-wrapped packages assisted by Mrs. Gene Reynolds. Refreshments of coffee cake and other cakes were served buffet style at the close of the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and children were business visitors in The Dalles Friday afternoon.

Rufus Personals

Mr. George Fox

The Rufus grange dance was well attended Saturday night. It was the first dance held there in a year, and the local folks patronized it in a big way. Ernest Christopherson's five piece orchestra furnished the music. The grange women served supper at midnight. The next dance is scheduled for Friday night March 23 at 9 p. m.

Saturday was the first day which showed signs of spring here. It was warm enough to be comfortable outside. The yellow daisies are seen blooming in the pastures. The birds are busy gathering material to build nests.

A few farmers having some sandy land have used the rotary hoe on their seeded wheat. Preparations are being made to get the barley seeded as soon as the farmers can get in the fields. The country roads are considerably better than a week ago. Outside of being rough, they can be gotten over. The county put gravel in the mud holes and smoothed part of the bus routes.

George Fox with the help of Trace Fields and Bill Huck moved the neon hotel sign from Roy Grants corner up on their own corner of land at the Rufus Motel. The motel sign was obstructing the view of the Snow Queen sign.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F.&A.M.

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Dean Pinkerton, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Laura Grabenhorst, N.G.; Vada DeMoss, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. John Shipley, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.

Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Dorene Hall, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

The school children at Rufus get Thursday and Friday off for Spring vacation.

CHARTER MEMBERS TO BE HONORED

Anne Fulton Chapter, O.E.S. met Tuesday evening with Mabel Haven, worthy matron and Hildred Zell, worthy patron, presiding.

Plans were made for the next regular meeting March 27 when the charter members will be honored and the members of Bethlehem Chapter and Sherman Chapter will be guests.

Mrs. Guy Weedman was welcomed after 26 years absence and Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand after two years absence.

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School District No. 23, Grass Valley, will receive sealed bids until 8:00 o'clock p. m., April 9, 1956 for a new school bus, six or eight cylinder, 24 passenger, heavy duty upholstery, 1 1/2 ton chassis, two speed axle, 6.75 x 20, 10 ply tires and 7.50 x 20, 10 ply spare tire, four speed transmission, oil bath air cleaner, oil filter, hydrovac brakes, windshield washers, defrosters, ample heating and all other specifications to meet the Oregon school bus code. There is a used bus to be traded in that may be seen at Grass Valley.

The district reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Eva Cantrall, clerk

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned executors of the estate of Leon V. Moore, deceased, have filed in the County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, their final account as such executors, and that the 16th day of April, 1956 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and the settlement thereof.

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Information "On The Line"
I was reading the other day how a person can get all sorts of things just by dialing a number on his telephone.
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Over in Europe, they go further. Vienna offers a five-minute fairy tale for kids. In Switzerland you can get the news in any of three languages. And a couple of places have "talking menus" for desperate housewives.
From where I sit, it doesn't matter if ideas are put out by telephone, through editorials, or in person—as long as we can take them or leave them. I happen to like a glass of beer with my supper. You may prefer coffee, tea or branch water. Well, there's no harm in "listening" to another's opinions... but if he should try to force them on you, it's always an American's privilege to simply "hang up!"
Joe Marsh
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