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We Pick Phil Hitchcock

Thinking Republican voters of Oregon tomorrow face one of the toughest decisions they have had to make in a primary election in as many years as we can remember. For the task of competing in the fall's general election against Wayne Morse, they have to decide between two of the most able men the state has produced in many a year—Doug McKay and Phil Hitchcock.

That decision, to a great many voters, has been hard to make... hard enough, we believe, that to this moment there are many who are still undecided. This newspaper should have publicly made its decision at least a week ago, but we too, have had a hard time. However, election is tomorrow and the decision must come. Ours is in favor of Phil Hitchcock.

Republicans have heard the statement made many times that the main issue in the primaries is to pick the man who "Can Beat Morse" in the fall. The issue is paramount, true, but we have come to the conclusion that if Republicans will realize that very possibly they have two men who are capable of doing the job, they can then make a better decision as to which of those two men they want to put their full support behind next November.

We believe Phil Hitchcock holds several advantages against Morse over Doug McKay. Some of them are:

Morse's main campaign ammunition has been, to berate McKay, to cry about Doug's so-called "give-aways" such as the Al Serena case, Hell's Canyon, etc., and on most of these we will take McKay's side. If McKay is to campaign against Morse this fall, he will definitely be on the defensive, as he has been during the current campaign, and that certainly is a big disadvantage. Morse is a past-master at keeping an opponent so loaded down with accusations that he must spend most of his time just denying them. Against McKay, Wayne would have enough ammunition to keep him accusing ad infinitum and Doug would be forced to spend a great amount of his campaigning time just contradicting the senator's statements.

If Phil Hitchcock is Morse's opponent in the fall, Wayne will be deprived of the one thing he knows best—the chance to accuse an Eisenhower cabinet member of "selling out the people." It will matter little or none whether those accusations are anything more than a figment of his

own mind, yet McKay would be forced to defend his record against many of them. He would have to campaign on the defensive.

Phil Hitchcock is no newcomer to politics. His service in the state legislature has made him wise in the ways of politics, yet if he is the man to face Wayne Morse next fall, his lack of national political record, for Morse to snipe at, will, we believe, render Wayne about as speechless as the man could ever be caught. The fall campaign would have to be made on political issues alone, for we believe Morse would not dare enter into personalities against Hitchcock for his personal record, as far as we have been able to discover, has been excellent. Without brickbats to hurl Morse is at a definite disadvantage and we feel Phil puts him at a greater disadvantage than would Doug.

The story has been heard that Democrats are backhandedly working for Hitchcock because they feel that Morse has a better chance of beating him than Doug... we doubt that story. Politics is a many-sided occupation and many peculiar things happen during a campaign. Where many stories start is never determined. There is undoubtedly indecision among Democrats which Republican they would rather see Morse have to face, and we believe that inwardly, there are many who are afraid of both.

Hitchcock entered the race voluntarily, while we still doubt that McKay made up his mind without a great amount of pressure, from the top national party brass, though that certainly cannot be held against Doug. Yet, we know of many voters who still hold some resentment against the insinuation that we here in Oregon aren't capable of choosing our own candidates.

McKay would give Morse, and Oregon, one of the wildest and hottest campaigns next fall this state has seen in years (and actually we hate to think of missing such a show) yet, Phil would not be afraid to stand up against Wayne. He has proven that during the past few weeks. His campaign could be on a constructive level while Doug would be forced to work for the destruction of Morse and the hundreds of accusations he would throw at him.

Again we say, both men are able and well qualified to serve Oregon in the United States senate and whoever is chosen by the people of the state to oppose Morse will get our unqualified and fullest support this fall, but under the circumstances we believe Phil Hitchcock would be our strongest candidate.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Everything is in order for the fourth annual grazing alfalfa tour which will be held on May 21, 22 and 23. This week everyone was sent a schedule for the three day tour in the hopes that it could be studied and farmers who are intending to do some grass and alfalfa seeding could join the tour at the farms most comparable to their conditions. Whether or not a soil bank program goes into effect, there will inevitably be an increased interest, seeding grasses and legumes for improvement of the soil. The tour will provide an opportunity to see what is doing best under various conditions, as well as demonstrating various seeding methods.

Briefly, the tour consists of stops on the first day, Monday May 21 at the Eb Hughes farm on Butter Creek—9:00 a. m. Kirk and Robinson ranch, Sand Hollow—10:45 a. m., with noon luncheon at the Bernard Doherty ranch in Black Horse. Those on the tour will bring their sack lunches, with coffee and cold drinks to be

furnished by the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association who are sponsoring the tour.

After visiting seedings at Doherty's, the Alvin Wagenblast farm in Clarks Canyon will be visited, arriving there about 2:30 p. m. A stop at the John Wightman at 4:00 p. m. will conclude the tour for the day. During the day five grazing alfalfa types will be compared, a new grass-legume nursery visited, as well as various stands of alfalfa of four years old down to new; the spring plantings will be inspected. Various types of seedbed preparation will be viewed.

Tuesday the tour begins at the Frank Anderson ranch at 8:30 a. m., moving to the Donald Peterson ranch, eight miles, with lunch at Oscar Peterson's at noon. The Oscar Peterson ranch will be visited, seeing new seedings, one year old seedings and three-year old seedings of Nomad and Crested wheat and a five alfalfa grazing trial. Tentative plans are for another visit or two during the afternoon which depends now

upon making the right connections.

On Wednesday, the tour will center in the foothill and mountain areas, starting at the Ralph Beamer ranch, south of Heppner where a demonstrational seeding was established this spring.

The tour will move to the Harold Peck, Paul Webb, John Graves and Harold Wright ranches for inspection of alfalfa and grass seeding on dry land. If you did not get a detailed agenda of the tour, contact this office at once. We do not want to have anyone staying at home for lack of information.

John Graves, president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association has called an executive committee meeting of that organization for Monday evening, May 21. The meeting will be held at the county agents office beginning at 8:00 p. m. Resolutions and actions taken at the recent annual meeting of the Oregon Cattleman's Association will be reviewed and plans made for follow-up on several programs which were outlined during the three day convention. Plans will be made for selecting the Morrow county "Cattleman of the Year", which must be done before June 1. A subsidy plan

From Files of the Gazette Times May 20, 1926 - Heppner high school commencement exercises will take place tomorrow night at the school auditorium when 17 graduates will receive diplomas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter of Lone were visitors here on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston will depart for Eugene on Sunday.

Eva Wilcox of Lexington has been awarded a \$100 scholarship in a full term of home economics at Oregon Agricultural College, by the Union Pacific Railway system for being the highest ranking club member in Morrow county.

Lewis Allyn of Lexington, this week purchased the bottling plant of the Heppner Soda works from Joseph Snyder of this city.

Ray McDuffee of Heppner has been pledged to Kappa Phi Delta, professional education fraternity at Oregon Agricultural College.

Rooms are being fitted up in the building adjoining the Gazette Times office, and as soon as completed they will be occupied by Jos. J. Nys, attorney, and the Heppner city council.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Postmaster W. W. Smead, Osmin Hager, Claude Cox, Charlie Cox, Leonard and Earl Gilliam are local followers of Isaac Walton who departed for East Lake near Bend the first of the week in quest of members of the finny kingdom.

for livestock which will be voted upon by the membership soon, as well as the present status of a beet commission for Oregon, will be on the agenda.

The past week's rainy weather reminds us of the many tons of first crop hay that are spoiled each year due to rain. During the past few years silos have become more popular in Morrow county, especially with the advent of trench silos, stack silos, snow fence silos and many other variations that are found to be an effective way of preserving high quality forage with very little waste. This is just a reminder to those who have trench silos that it is time now to do some touching up before time to ensile crops. Smooth and shape the walls so the new silage crop can be packed tightly against the sides. This job usually must be done with a shovel or other hand tool. Smooth and slope the floor angling the battam so that drain-

age can escape from one or both ends of the pit. Finally, clean out drainage ditches and check surrounding fences to be sure that the livestock cannot get into the silo. For those who have not yet built their silos but have been thinking of it seriously, now is the time to get them done so they will be ready for the ensilage crop which will be coming on soon. We have plans and suggestions at the office for a number of various type silos.

Dandelions are the most common lawn weed problem in Oregon. Fortunately they are easily controlled with 2-4-D sprays. Follow instructions on rate of applications found on the 2-4-D container. Best results are obtained if the lawn is sprayed four or five days after mowing and if mowing is delayed two or three days after spraying. One or two annual sprayings, plus a timely fertilizer program, will eradicate most broadleaves from the lawn. Fertilizer encourages the grass, helps to prevent later weed invasions.

A tour on Tuesday of last week with the county selection committee for picking the "Conservation Man of the Year" sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League showed a number of new

conservation practices established this year. New strip cropping at the Elmer Palmer, Fred Man-kin, Burton Peck and Vernon Munkers ranches add another practice in the attempt to stop water erosion on these farms. Where strip cropping was put in this year double cropping is carried on in order to establish the strips. With the good rain received last week, crops in these strips are looking good. Grass legume seedings and waterways are looking especially good.

It's never too early, but sometimes it is too late to get your seed request applications made out for the two new wheats released last fall and a new one which is expected to be released this fall. Increased seed of Omar and Columbia, the two new varieties released last fall will be distributed by the growers only upon application. Growers L. L. Howton, Oscar Peterson and Denward Bergevin are growing Omar and Krebs, Cecil, Columbia, Omar is a replacement for Elmar and Columbia is adapted to the areas in Morrow county growing turkey varieties. Applications, which will be acted upon by the

allocation committee early this summer are available from this Continued on Page 5

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I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself for the office of Sheriff of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the primary election.

C. J. D. BAUMAN
Pd. Adv. 47tc

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of the County Treasurer of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the primary election.

SYLVIA McDANIEL
51tc

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of county commissioner of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow county at the primary election.

RUSSELL MILLER
51tc

FOR COUNTY CORONER

I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself for the office of Coroner for Morrow county subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the primary election.

OLIVER CRESWICK
52tc

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Doc Nurses a Daydream

It's a treat when I get together with Doc Sherman. The Clarion keeps me much too busy—and Doc, well I think he puts in sixteen hours a day at the hospital. But Tuesday—a beautiful day—he and I slipped away for a ride around Turtle Lake. Doc's driving a 1956 humdinger—it's like riding on a cloud. Anyway, at one point Doc slowed almost to a halt. "Used to fish there as a boy, Joe," he said. "Used to sit and imagine myself up on the highway driving a high-powered car. Nowadays, I just sit here and wish I were down there again." From where I sit, few of us are ever content with the way things are at any given moment. It's human nature. On the other hand, I've been rooting for years that someday everybody will show enough good American tolerance to respect his neighbor's right to enjoy a friendly glass of beer. When that day comes I assure you that I'll never want to change back.

Joe Marsh

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