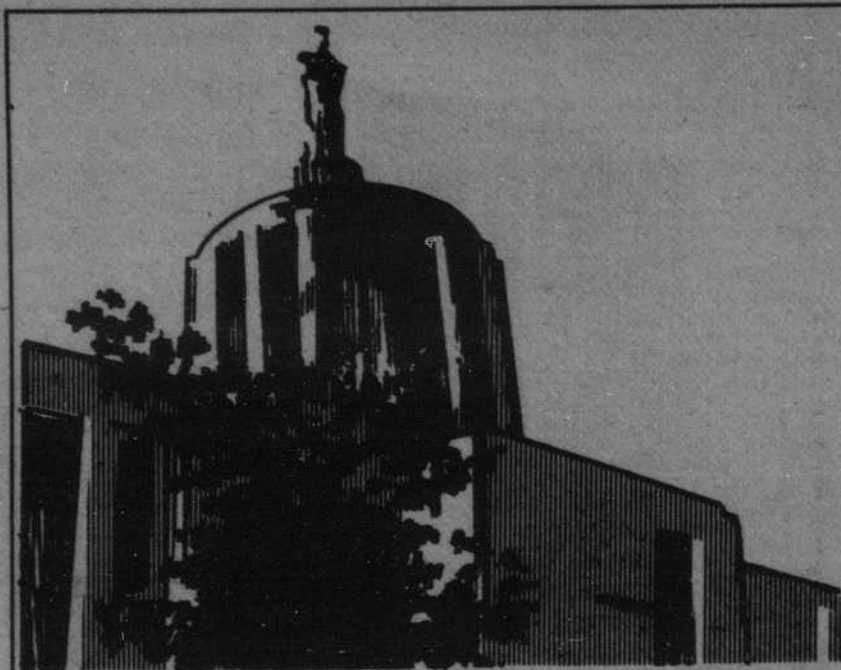


The race is on; candidates rush to file



By JANE LEHMAN
Of the Emerald

The countdown for the May 23 primary is well underway as various political aspirants file for office and mount their campaigns, while citizen groups turn in petitions to add ballot measures to the docket. Many candidates threw their

hats into the ring during the last days of 1977. The December rush of filings received by the state election office allowed campaign contributors to claim state income tax credits for donations made in the 1977 tax year.

All of the U.S. representative seats are up for grabs this election. U.S. congressional seat No.

4, which includes Lane County, is pursued again by incumbent Democrat Jim Weaver for a third term. Also in the race is Jonathan Bates of Eugene who has filed a preliminary petition. The Democrat must gather 1,000 signatures of registered Democratic electors in the district by March 15 to be eligible. Only one other candidate, William Anderson, a Republican from Grants Pass, has formally filed for the seat.

Peter Applegate of Jacksonville, an independent, has also filed to collect signatures to run for the Senate in November's general election. He will not be eligible for the May voting due to his independent party status.

In the race for governor of the state, four Democrats and two Republicans have filed to date. Incumbent Gov. Bob Straub of Salem has again filed for the Democratic nomination. E. Buck Lambert, also of Salem, Marvin Hollingsworth of Portland and James Smith of Cannon Beach are also pursuing the Democratic berth.

On the Republican side, Roger Martin of Lake Oswego and Victor Atiyeh, Portland, have begun their campaigns to nab the governor's slot.

Republican John Smets, Lake Oswego, is the only announced candidate for commissioner of the Bureau of Labor.

Three contenders have filed in the nonpartisan state race for Superintendent of Public Instruction. They are Verne Duncan, Milwaukie; Fred Heard, Klamath Falls and J. Ruth McFarland, Gresham.

Four ballot measures will go before state voters, all of which were referred to the people by the 1977 Legislature. Measure No. 1 is a constitutional amendment regarding county home rule in the form of the initiative and referendum pro-

cesses. Measure No. 2 proposes changes in Oregon's open meeting law requirements.

Bonds to finance low income housing for the elderly will be considered under Ballot Measure No. 3. The fourth proposal before the people concerns the state's domestic water fund.

Ballot measure No. 5 proposes to increase the state gas tax from 7 to 9 cents.

All the positions in Lane County's legislative delegation will be up for election this time around. In the State Senate races, no one has yet filed for Position 20, currently held by Republican George Wingard. Senator Ed Fadeley, Democrat, has filed for re-election to position 21. Republican Charles (Rod) Palmer is also running for the slot. Incumbent Democrat Ted Kulongsoski, of Junction City, has declared his candidacy for Senate seat 22. Republican James Pack, Vida, has put in his bid for the other party's nomination.

Seven spots are open in the House. Republican Max Reiken has filed to retain his representative seat. In District 39, incumbent Grattan Kerans, Democrat, has filed a preliminary petition for his post. To meet the eligibility requirements he must collect signatures from 2 per cent of the Democratic electors in the district. Republican Gary Wright has also taken out a preliminary petition.

In District 40, incumbent Dave Frohnmayer, Democrat, is the only one who has filed for the office. Incumbent Mary Burrows, Republican, District 41, similarly faces no opposition at this time.

In District 42, Nancie Fadeley is circulating a preliminary petition to place herself on the ballot for re-election. Democrat Clinton Boehringer, who was appointed to represent District 43 this past year, has filed to be elected to the

post. Larry Campbell, a Eugene Republican, has also declared his candidacy for the post.

In District 44, Bill Rogers, Vida Republican, has filed a preliminary petition for re-election.

At the county level, a raft of aspirants have put in their bids for two of the three new county commissioner posts. Last November, voters approved a county charter change that adds three non-partisan positions to the board of commissioners for the east county, west county and Springfield areas.

The following have filed for east county commissioner: Waster Wilson, Springfield; Jerry Running Foxe, Cottage Grove; Roy Stone, Cottage Grove; Noah Cosner, Creswell; Peggy Jolin, Cottage Grove; Wally Parker, Fall Creek and E. Robert Smith, Lowell. Smith has filed a preliminary petition that requires 225 signatures from eight precincts in his district.

Filing for the west commissioner post are: Robert Strunk, Noti; Gordon (Lee) Baldwin, Florence; Earl Kelley, Junction City; Edward Reindl, Florence and Phil Rose, Eugene. Kelley is also filing a preliminary petition.

No one has yet filed for the Springfield commission slot.

The county tax assessor spot is also up for election. William Bain has put in a preliminary petition for the post.

In the city of Eugene, at least one ballot measure will go before the voters — a referendum decision on the city council's "gay rights" amendment to the city's human rights ordinance.

Possibly, voters will also consider four city council member positions. The city council is scheduled to vote this month on whether the terms, which expire Dec. 31, will be put on the primary ballot, rather than decided in the general election.

Keller sees 1978 crucial year for city's downtown

By RICHARD SEVEN
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Eugene Mayor, Gus Keller, listed achievements of the city council and the city of Eugene for the past year and the needs for the future as part of his State of the City address, at the year's first Eugene City Council meeting last night at City Hall.

"While our livability is beyond question, our economic well-being is not," said Keller. "For this reason the Council voted economic development top prior-

ity at its goal-setting session in June. To remain a healthy community we need a mix of residential, commercial and industrial development."

Keying the economic situation, according to Keller, is a proposal for a new civic auditorium in 1978. "1978 will be a crucial year for downtown Eugene," Keller said. He emphasized that by building an auditorium the city can assure success in its efforts and investments in urban renewal. He added that a new auditorium could provide the necessary environment for "stimulating the high-

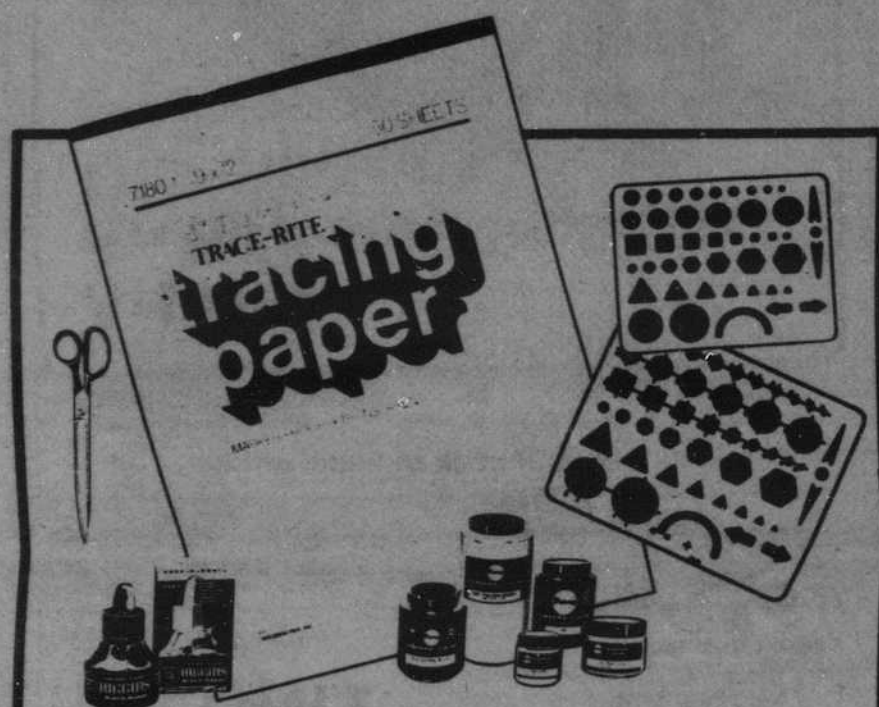
residential development and increased retail expansion we need to conserve our central city."

The mayor said the city council has "reaffirmed its refusal to provide sewer and water services beyond our specified urban services boundary," in support of the 1990 plan. "We join with other Oregon cities in urging that the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LDCDC) adopt, at its January meeting, the administrative rule proposed to deal with both the status of land within city limits and the standards to be used in reviewing annexations."

According to Keller, the city's property tax was reduced by \$.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation because its budget committee used the city's allocation of roughly \$500,000 as a property tax offset. Keller said tax payers owe a word of thanks to local legislators for approving the state revenue sharing proposal. The mayor added that convincing the 1979 legislature to continue to support the plan is high on the council's priority list.

Keller listed gaining legislative support of Eugene's position on the field burning question, and interpreting the first city-wide survey of citizen opinion on City services and policies as other issues of importance for the Council.

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