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School Board Candidates Express Views

Eugene

More interest is being expressed in candidates for Monday's election to the Eugene School Board this year than in many previous years. Five men are competing for the post being vacated by Harry I. Hamilton.

They are R. Grant Crakes of 2080 Madison St.; Fred R. Carlson, 1213 Sunnyside Drive; Dr. L. W. Rutherford, 725 Walnut St.; Orval E. Dyer, 2835 Potter St.; and Otto Vonderheit, State Game Farm Rd.

Here are brief sketches of candidates and their ideas concerning the post:

R. Grant Crakes

R. Grant Crakes, 51, a partner in the insurance firm of Smith & Crakes since 1941 when the firm was organized. Married. His children have attended Frances

E. Willard, Wilson Junior High, and Eugene High School. A son and a daughter have since been graduated from college. He has been in business 20 years in Eugene, has been a member of the YMCA board for the past 14 years; Methodist Church, Kiwanis, Toastmasters, past president of Toastmasters International.

"I would work for cooperation," Crakes said last week. "We have a big job to do. There have been mistakes made; there are more to be made, and I would make some myself. I want to see the best job done and taxpayers get the most for their dollar."

Crakes and his wife have taught school.

Fred R. Carlson

Fred R. Carlson, 38, married, with two children in school and one pre-schooler. The children attend Howard School. He is secretary-treasurer of the Lions Club and former member of the Eugene Gleeman. He is a member of the Eugene firm, Carlson, Hatton, and Hay, Inc.

"My slogan would be, if I had one," Carlson said, "that I am interested in the product and in the cost of turning out that product."

L. W. Rutherford

Dr. L. W. Rutherford, 41, married, four children, with three of them at River Road School and one pre-schooler. Was graduated from Silverton High and later attended Willamette University. In 1936 enrolled in Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and on being graduated set up office in Eugene and has been in continuous practice here since then.

Has been active in Scouting work and PTA. Served two years on the River Road PTA executive committee and was cubmaster of Pack 66 during the past year.

He is president of the Oregon Chiropractic Research Assn. and for the past three years has served on the board of control of the International Chiropractor Assn.

Dr. Rutherford said, "As a citizen, parent and taxpayer, I feel I can offer service to my community if elected to the board. In my opinion, the present school board has done a fine job in the administration of school needs. If I could be a part in the continued effort and help in the problems and work, I would be glad to serve."

Orval E. Dyer

Orval E. Dyer, 37, one girl in Harris School and one at Roosevelt Junior High, a boy, 3½ years. They have lived in Eugene

since 1938. He works for a power line construction firm doing considerable work for Pacific Power and Light.

"With three children, I am naturally interested more in the schools. I realize the value of an education. Being an hourly wage earner, and taxpayer, I won't be in favor of spending money recklessly. I do, however, want to see teachers paid a salary consistent with their ability and service."

"I hope to offer a different slant on school matters, as an hourly wage earner. In most instances in the past, school board members seem to have been white collar workers."

Dyer said he has the backing of organized labor in the area; has no commitments to serve any one group, but will be as fair as possible on all issues.

Otto Vonderheit

Otto Vonderheit, 42, married, three sons in Eugene schools and two girls of pre-school age.

Served five years with infantry, World War II. Was vice president of Willakenzie PTA year before last; is past chairman of Oregon State Bar Committee on Taxation and is now a member of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce committee on taxation. He was special instructor in taxation at University of Oregon Law School for one term each during the past six years.

He is a graduate of the U. of O. Law School and is now Lane County Alumni Director for the U. of O. Vonderheit is a member of Eugene Rotary, the Lane County Bar Assn. and other organizations.

The primary reason he is running for the board, he said, is his special interest in the school system because of having three sons and two daughters who will be educated here.

"I recognize the necessity of adequate physical facilities for the public schools, but I feel it is equally important to obtain and hold the best qualified teachers who are to teach our citizens of tomorrow," Vonderheit said. "My professional experience and training will help me render valuable service to the community on the school board."

Springfield

Two men will vie for one five-year term on the Springfield School Board Monday during voting at 12 school polling places from 2 to 8 p.m.

The polls will be the same as for the earlier budget election held this year.

Candidates are Dr. Melvin Bryson of Springfield and Don Burch of Goshen.

Don Burch

Burch, 41, has been owner of a grocery store and service station in Goshen for the past eight years. He has sold the store and is now farming near Goshen. He was a member of the Goshen School Board prior to its consolidation with Springfield District 19. He was also a member of the Mercer Lake school board before it was joined to Florence School District. He has been active in PTA work and is now retiring president of the Goshen PTA and has been in Boy Scout work for the past seven years. He is married and they have four children—three of them in Springfield schools.

Melvin Bryson

Bryson, 34, is a chiropractic physician in Springfield where

Church Votes To Approve Birth Control

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The annual Augustana Lutheran Conference this week, took what its leaders believe is the unprecedented action of voting church approval to birth control.

There were no dissenting votes heard among the 515 delegates who represent a church membership of 499,640 in 34 states. A physician delegate, Dr. Robert Holmen of St. Paul, Minn., speaking in support of the proposal said, "this statement will give guidance to troubled people."

The report adopted by the convention had been two years in preparation. Action on it was deferred last year. It states in part:

"God does not expect a couple to produce offspring at the maximum biological capacity. The power to reproduce is his blessing, not a penalty upon the sexual relationship in marriage."

"A married couple may so plan and govern their sexual relations that any child born to their union will be desired both for itself and in relation to the time of its birth."

"The means which a married pair uses to determine the number and the spacing of the births of their children are a matter for them to decide with their own consciences, on the basis of competent medical advice and in a sense of accountability to God."

he and his wife have lived for the past three years. They have two children, one in the first and one in the second grade at Maple School. He is a veteran of World War II, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and Springfield Lions Club.

He is a member of Masonic. The men are competing for the post being vacated by A. C. Hoffman, outgoing chairman of the board who is not running this year.

Bethel

The annual election to name one person to the board of directors of Bethel School District 52 will be held at Willamette High from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday.

There are two contestants: Marvin Hendrickson, outgoing chairman who has served on the board for the full five years of his own term and two years prior to that in filling the unexpired portion of another member's term; and Harry De Young, a member of the budget committee who is running for the board post this year.

Harry De Young

De Young is 40, married, with two children. One is at Willamette High and one in the elementary schools. He and his wife have lived in the Fairfield area for about six and one-half years and elsewhere in the area many years. He is an underwriter with the State Farm Insurance Co.

Marvin Hendrickson

Hendrickson is 40, and has two children in school in the district and two pre-schoolers. He and his wife have lived in Bethel since about 1923. He is also fire chief of the Bethel-Danebo Fire Department, and an operator of the Bee Line Service, automotive repairs.

Russia, Iran Sign Barter Agreement

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Russia and Iran have signed a new barter agreement sharply stepping up Soviet shipments of industrial equipment and durable goods.

In the new pact—effective May 1, 1954, through March 31, 1955—Russia pledges to send 68 million rials worth of agricultural machinery to Iran, plus 20 million rials worth of electrical equipment. Iran will send fish, lead and tin, ore, skins and other products.

In last year's pact the total such shipment reached only 32 million rials. The rial's official rate is 32.5 to the dollar.

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