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Politics on Parade

Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

[Editor's Note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidate without restriction, and may or may not reflect the opinion of this newspaper. This column is open to all candidates and they have been invited to participate in this attempt to introduce them to a segment of the public.]

THIS WEEK:

JOHN F. FITZSIMMONS (R)
Candidate For County Commissioner

To The Voters Of Coos County:

I am strongly opposed to the raising of taxes in this county. Our property owners are now taxed to the limit. Income tax paid to both the state and government, personal tax on both belongings and real property is today sapping the citizens dry. What is needed is lower taxation.

I am a citizen and a taxpayer myself but at the same time I realize that in order to develop Coos county to build and maintain proper roads and bridges, it is necessary that a tax be levied upon our citizens. However, I sincerely believe that if more sound judgment and more discretion were used in budget expenditures satisfactory results would still be obtained from the regular budget without having to "bleed" the poor taxpayer by heaping additional taxation upon him.

Many of our rural county roads are in deplorable condition. These conditions could and should be remedied without involving additional cost to the taxpayers in general. After all a large percentage of the business that serves to maintain various business enterprises and in fact in the cases of creameries, etc., their sole mainstay comes from the rural districts. Good roads mean trips to town far

more often by rural residents, and the more often folks from the rural districts come to town the better business will prove to city merchants. Those who choose to make their homes in the country are taxpayers and as such should be provided with decent roads upon which to travel. Good rural county roads are truly a worth while investment for they are an asset to both business and the county in which they happen to be.

By receiving full value for each dollar spent for various road projects I feel sure that we can acquire better roads throughout Coos county and that they can be maintained in decent shape without additional cost of the taxpayer.

I have stressed the value of improving our rural county roads owing to the fact that I believed it to be one of the most vital problems facing us at the present time—it is directly associated with county expenditure. But I wish to assure you that I have the welfare of any worthwhile proposed projects at heart which will serve to promote the welfare and pleasure of all the good citizens of Coos county if it does not infringe upon their rights and liberty and does not mean they will be burdened by more excessive taxation.

I have made no pre-election promises nor do I intend doing so. If elected I shall conduct my office to the best of my ability and with the interest of the taxpayer strictly at heart at all times. I do not consider this in the light of a promise, but as a statement from a candidate who has the welfare of Coos county and its citizens at heart. I will be very grateful for your support at the May Primaries.

Respectfully yours,
John F. Fitzsimmons

FRED C. TRUE (R)
Candidate For Re-Election Coos County Commissioner

To the Voters:

I have been asked by many friends throughout the county as to my views on policy as commissioner for the next 4 years, if re-elected.

Of course, I am most pleased to state to the voters a few of principal items that come to mind which no doubt you as my employer will be glad to know.

To begin, you have a County Court whose views on policy blend together to the extent that there is never friction, which to my belief

is one very good feature in favor of the people of Coos county. Without friction in your county government many problems to your advantage can be accomplished, and we of the court know this to be true.

Second, as to the job of being commissioner, no doubt you realize it is not a small task to guard your tax dollar and make it work for you to your best interest. You realize also that a corporation such as Coos county with a total assessed valuation of 39 million dollars means that there is a great deal of your money to look after, so you should consider seriously for who you vote.

Third, my policy is, and always has been based on "Honesty of Purpose." If a person is honest with himself you can be quite sure he is honest with you. Mistakes are bound to be made by anyone and I do not consider myself perfect.

As I said before, my job is a large one, no doubt you are aware, and for any new commissioner, no matter who he may be, it takes a great deal of study of State and Highway laws before he can begin to get his feet on the ground (as the saying goes). This will take at least three years before he knows what it's all about. Any change, perhaps on policy and other things, tends to slow down and make a costly deal for us taxpayers.

It has been my pleasure to be a resident and taxpayer of Coos county for over 40 years and I believe I am better qualified to know Coos county's needs than any new aspirant to the place.

It surely behooves you, Mr. Taxpayer, to thoroughly investigate your candidates before you vote.

If I am reelected for another four years, my policy will not change. I plan as I always have to try to do a job for all the people. Our plans in the County Court, in the expenditure of your tax dollar will be as always, to give a square deal to everyone and to make all monies reach as far as possible. No one can do more.

As commissioner, my primary interest is roads and highways of Coos county. For the past five or six years county roads have received a terrific pounding from vastly increased and heavy traffic until now they are worn thin. If we expect in the future to have more and better roads we must make up our minds that it will cost us large sums of money, over and above the wholly inadequate amount our county is now receiving from gas taxes. The gas tax Coos county now receives is not enough to even maintain our county roads and does not allow anything for building them up to better conditions. Therefore, we must find other sources of road revenue, and it seems our only solution is to levy some taxes for road purposes only, over and above the moneys our regular budget can provide.

On a special ballot May 19 you will have a chance to vote new

taxes through a continuing levy which has been made as easy as possible: 5 mills each year for a period of 5 years, raising about \$195,000 each year. In the expenditure of this amount carefully for roads only, I visualize that within the next two years you will not a great deal of betterment in the Coos county road system.

During the next three weeks I expect to discuss with you further on your county's problems and our county in general. In the meantime we of the court welcome, as always, any information you desire on county affairs. I hope that all people will cast their vote this election and I again urge you to consider qualifications and ability of any candidate before casting your ballot.

Fred C. True,
County Commissioner
For Re-election

FOUR ROTARIANS OBSERVE BIRTHDAYS AT CLUB

Rotarians Fred Lorenz, Clovis Church, Dutch Clinton, Bert Polson observed birthdays at Rotary club Wednesday and had a birthday greeting sang to them.

Mose Parmateer, Standard Oil public relations representative, showed colored movies of Operation Miki, a landing on Hawaii by a Ft. Lewis infantry detachment.

Return From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. William Klenz have returned from a business trip to Portland.

At MAST Hospital

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Matthew Wileczak, Sitkum Rt., M. P., April 30; Mrs. Vilas Grossley, Coquille, April 30; Mrs. William Robison, Arago, April 30; H. B. Elliott, Coquille, May 1;

Richard Crook, Myrtle Point, May 1.

BIRTHS REGISTERED
Mr. and Mrs. Odell L. Lay, Coos Bay, daughter, April 25; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Albert Hudson, Coquille, son, April 26; Mr. and Mrs. Bryce E. Everdend, Broadbent, son,

April 28; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hodge, Coquille, daughter, April 28; Mr. and Mrs. Truman R. Jackson, Coquille, son, April 30; Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Ayers, Myrtle Point, son, May 2; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Dumire, Myrtle Point, son, May 2.

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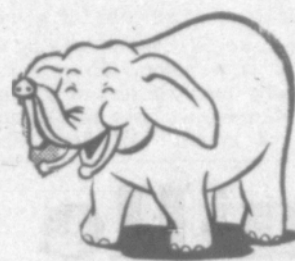
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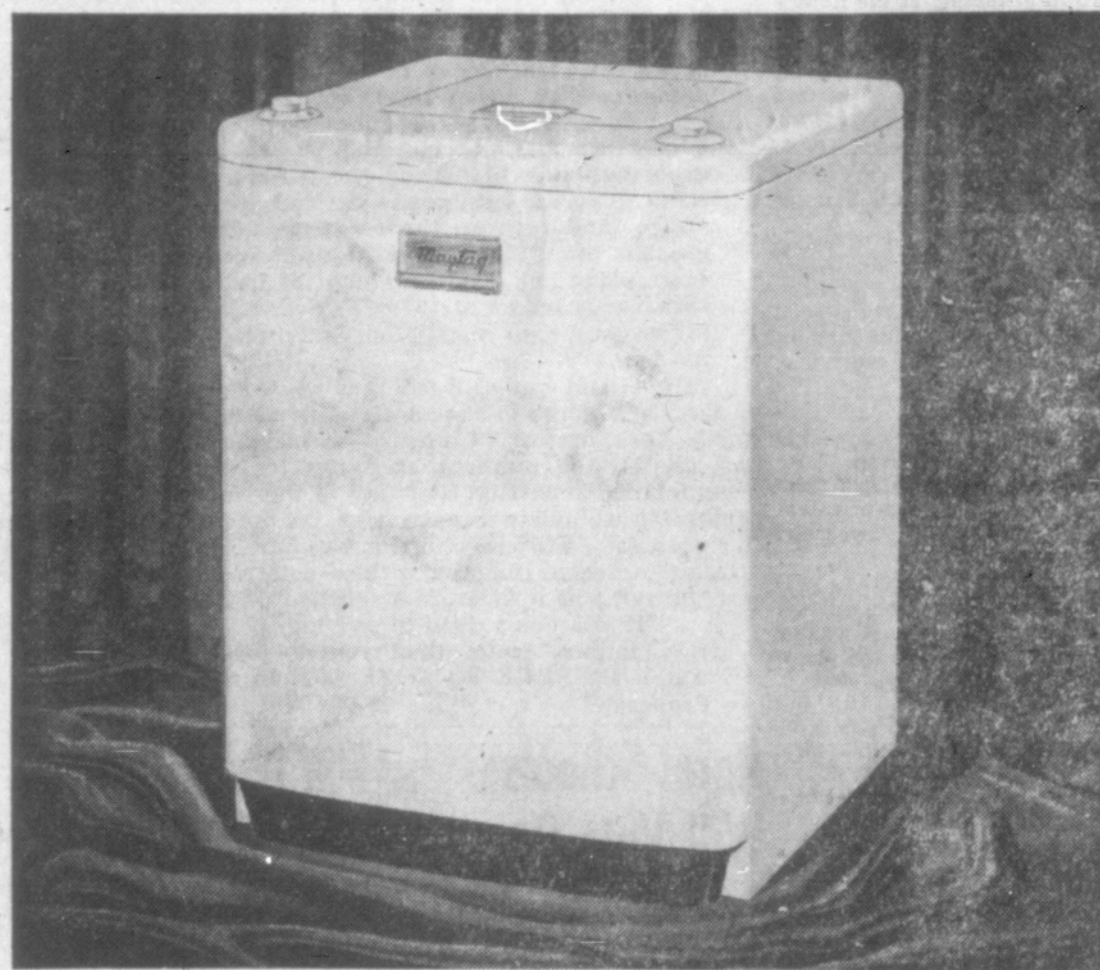
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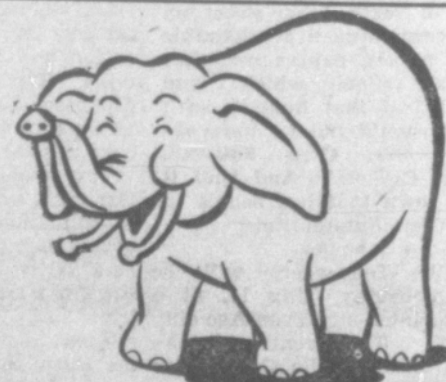
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