

Republican Candidates Tell Views at Monday Luncheon; Ask Approval of Electors

Republican candidates who have opposition in the coming primaries were given a chance to state their views at a luncheon meeting of Jackson County Republican Women yesterday noon at the Jackson hotel. About 75 attended.

Judge J. B. Coleman, candidate to succeed himself in the office of county judge, was the first to speak. The judge reminded his audience that he had been holding public office for 36 years, and said this was his 16th campaign.

Duties Set By Law

The duties of the county judge and commissioners are set by law, the judge said, and added that the three county executives are merely a board of directors running a multi-million dollar corporation which is the county. "That corporation belongs to you," the judge said, "and you should see that efficient officials are elected to run it."

The judge's opponent, Robert L. Brantly, was not present.

R. G. Fowler, candidate for the office of assessor, said he believed there should be equality in assessments and in taxes, and that "everyone should be on the tax rolls." Fowler mentioned his 24 years as Jackson county agent, his later work as appraiser for the First National bank, and said that if elected, he would run the office of assessor with efficiency and justice for all taxpayers.

Promises Efficiency

Following Fowler was John Tizek, candidate for the same office and formerly a deputy assessor. He spoke of the rising costs of operating the assessor's office and promised efficiency in administration and "to work for the general welfare of the county" if elected.

W. P. Tucker, a third candidate for assessor on the Republican ticket, was not present. Mrs. Tucker explained that a previous commitment made it impossible for him to attend.

Answering his own question of "Why am I running for office?" Walter Nunley, candidate for district attorney, said he had been educated under the GI bill and therefore felt it his duty to serve the county in some fashion. Nunley said he came to Medford because he liked the people and the climate, but that "there are some things I don't like about this wonderful country," adding that the people could change these things if they agreed with him.

Reads From Oath

Nunley read from the oath which attorneys take when they are admitted to practice in Oregon, pointing out that lawyers swear to uphold the constitution and the laws of the United States and Oregon. "I wonder how many attorneys read and remember this," he said, and continued by saying "All laws should be enforced—not just some of them. If the people don't want them enforced, then the laws should be changed."

"If I'm elected I'm going to enforce the laws," he declared, and added that many people "don't like what I'm saying, many prominent, wealthy and socially known people."

Nunley spoke of gambling, and said that it could become a major problem in any section if laws are not properly enforced. He also referred to the cost of running county offices, and said "if laws are not enforced, the cost is too high." Nunley closed by saying that "maybe I won't be here after election."

Reviews Career

When his opponent Paul Haviland, present district attorney was introduced, he opened his talk by saying "I intend to live here the rest of my life, and practice law here whether I'm elected or not." Haviland reviewed his career as a former FBI man and director of the Delaware state police, and then spoke of the great growth of this county and the "complex duties" of his office.

Pointing out that it is the duty of the district attorney to "protect the innocent, prosecute the guilty and furnish legal advice to all county officers," Haviland said his office had last year handled 170 felony cases, 152 misdemeanors and processed several thousand traffic violation cases. Haviland added that because of the type of investigation carried on by his office, it had been necessary to bring only one felony case to trial, many offenders realizing that the cases were so complete trials would be useless.

Needs Public Aid

He pointed out that the district attorney can not sign criminal complaints, and that knowledge of wrongdoing must be brought to his office "by people like you."

"Many people misunderstand the function of the district attorney," he said, and believe that he should be a "knight on a white horse." Haviland closed by saying he would "fulfill his duties without fear or favor" if elected.

Dr. M. P. Vogel, candidate for county coroner, read excerpts from the law setting forth the coroner's duties. The doctor said he believed the office should be

filled by a medical man since he could sign death certificates and thereby relieve the county health officer of this task. In some instances, the doctor further declared that since a medical man is better trained to recognize death from unnatural and unusual causes, he would make a better coroner and added that it was possible "many murders go unknown."

Contradicts Opponent

Carlos Morris, present coroner seeking reelection, said he believed Dr. Vogel had misrepresented the facts. Morris declared that coroners may not order autopsies, that the district attorney must do so, and said that the investigation of cases where there is unusual or unnatural death is properly done by law enforcement agencies, and not the coroner. He added that the county health officer is required by law to certify to death when no physician is present at the time of death.

In his talk Dr. G. A. Dierdorff, candidate for the house of representatives, spoke of the "cancer of corruption" and said that there is evidence of corruption in all levels of government. He also spoke of the "disease of socialistic thinking" and added that too many people have the "gimmies."

Flaws in System

He spoke of the spread of subsidized business and agriculture, and pointed out that if the people tolerated these they could expect their taxes to go up. The doctor also mentioned flaws in the welfare system and said "we are now helping to pay for Great Britain's socialistic mistakes, and we shouldn't have to pay for the same thing here."

E. H. Mann, who served in the legislature last session, stated that he was asking for reelection on his record, declaring that he had been honest and faithful. Mann said that just as an efficient and honest employee would not be fired from his job, an efficient legislator should be returned to office if he desired reelection.

The candidate said he was "no crusader" and had no special interests but would judge all legislation on its merits.

Confesses Mistakes

Last speaker on the program was Robert Root, who also is seeking reelection as representative. Root said he had found the legislature highly interesting and educational. He confessed that he had made many mistakes as a freshman legislator and had been "sandbagged" a couple of times because of his inexperience, adding he believed he would be able to serve the county better during a second term than would a newcomer.

Root also pointed out that he would be assured of more important committee appointments because of his seniority if returned to the legislature.

Mrs. Ben Stafford, president of the club, presided, and Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, vice-president, introduced the speakers. She also introduced a number of county officers and candidates who are unopposed in the primaries.

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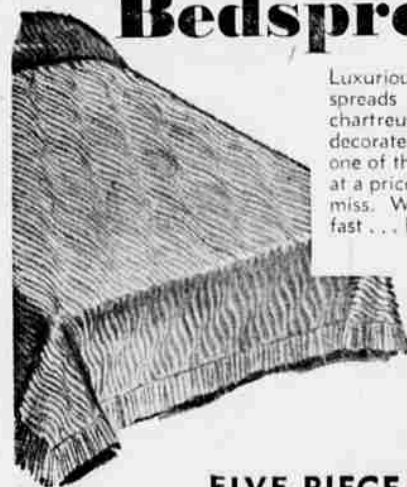
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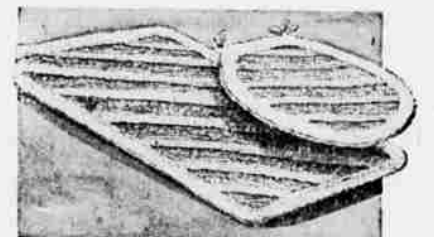
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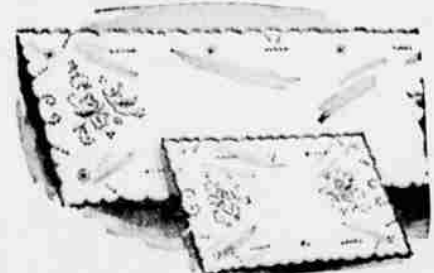
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