

Meet the Candidates

(Editor's note: Each election year, the Mail Tribune makes space available to local candidates in contested races to set forth their programs and ideas. In the primary election, only eight candidates for local office have competition. Following is the first of four "Meet the Candidates" features in which, side by side, the candidates' statements or those made on their behalf, are published.)

Democratic Candidates For County Assessor



ANDREW HAWVER

Today, as never before, Jackson county needs able administrators, particularly in the office of County Assessor. Many residents do not understand the function and purpose of this office, and the newcomers to our area have lived in other states under different systems of assessment and taxation. The assessor is charged by law with the duty to uniformly evaluate each parcel of real property and each piece of personal property, the method for so doing being determined by the laws of Oregon and standards set and regulated by the State Tax Commission. He must keep a complete set of records which are kept up to date, and since these records contain such information as code and account numbers, names of individuals, values and other technical information, they are of necessity complicated.

Taxes are not determined by the Assessor's office. Each year, as of January 1, our office establishes a value for all property in the county by code area or taxing district for each individual owner. An assessment ratio to true cash or market value is determined, all of which is done prior to May 14. Each taxing district submits a budget which must be in our office by July 15. Our only concern is to determine that the budget is legal as prescribed by law. We then divide that budget by the total assessed value of the taxing district and the result is a millage. Thus, a property owner pays a tax only in proportion to the value of his property.

The simple explanation above makes no mention of the continuing changes through expansion, improvement, deterioration and loss, nor the ever increasing number of taxing districts, many of which overlap others nor of the great amount of detail work caused by changes in our laws, correspondence and consultation.

There have been inequities in the appraisal of property in the past and no matter who is elect-



RAY SCHUMACHER

In presenting to the voters of Jackson County my qualifications for the office of County Assessor of Jackson County, first, let's consider the office and its duties. The County Assessor is responsible for the appraisal of all Real and Personal Property in Jackson County, so that all taxpayers will pay taxes based on true cash value of their real and personal holdings. The Assessor employs personnel, trains and administers this personnel. The Assessor must also have a Public Relations Program so that you, the taxpayer, will know how your property is assessed and how the taxes you pay are equalized with other property.

The Oregon State Tax Commission supervises and provides Factor Books and Formulas for use by the County Assessors in Oregon in appraising real property. These factor books and formulas, when used by appraisers with a thorough knowledge of the appraisal process, with experience and judgment in the market provides an equitable basis of appraisal for tax purposes, and the County Assessor should possess qualifications to train appraisers in this process.

It was through the efforts of friends, who believe that the County Assessor should be an experienced appraiser with experience and judgment in the market, that I have placed my candidacy for this office before you.

I have lived in Jackson County for over 30 years. I am experienced in administration, accounting, building and appraising, and have been in various mercantile businesses in Jackson County since 1928.

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This is a federal aid project, according to the Oregon State Highway commission, who is advertising for the bids. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. June 4 and 9 a.m. June 5 in the Queens room of the Imperial hotel, Portland. This is among 24 highway projects the commission is advertising at a value of approximately \$1,390,000.

ed to this office, there will be mistakes made in the future. However, it is necessary for the good of our county that the person who is elected Assessor have a thorough knowledge of the duties required of him as well as the willingness, desire and ability to serve all residents impartially. He should rectify any errors promptly and courteously and administer the affairs of the office to the extent that costly and complete reappraisals would not be necessary.

It has been my privilege to serve the people of Jackson county during the past seven years in the office of the County Assessor. During this period of great growth I have performed duties in all capacities and at present I function as Chief Appraiser, heading the Personal Property department.

It is evident that my performance of duties has been proper and satisfactory since my political registration has been as a Democrat while the incumbent assessors were Republicans.

In seeking the office of Assessor, I do so with the sincere belief that the people want a person who, through education and experience, is qualified and capable.

Clarence Diebel Named to Program

Ashland — Clarence Diebel, associate professor of science at Southern Oregon college, has been selected as one of two consultants in the science teaching improvement program sponsored by the American Association for the Advance of Science under a grant by the Carnegie corporation to the University of \$19,000 for carrying on the program in the high schools of Oregon.

Diebel will receive an appointment as assistant professor of chemistry and supervisor in the state department of education, and will be granted a year's leave of absence from SOC while serving at the University of Oregon.

His duties include visiting secondary schools where actual assistance and consultative services will be given in their day-to-day teaching methods, problems, and procedures.

Developed by the Cooperative Committee on the Teaching of Science under the parent association, the service is carried on in the states of Oregon, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Texas as a pilot program.

As pointed out by Diebel, the entire program is aimed at increasing the number of trained scientists and engineers from the standpoint of national security.

G-STRINGS GONE
Nashville, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Strip-teaser Ora Lee Branch told police someone stole \$1,500 worth of clothing from her automobile, including "jeweled G-strings."

tate since 1940. I have been in the Real Estate Brokerage business since 1943, engaged in building, sales, loans, management and appraising.

I have been employed as a free appraiser by the Oregon State Highway Commission, the Bureau of Land Management, Major Oil Companies, Banks, Attorneys, Veteran's Administration and individuals. I have qualified as an expert witness on real estate value in the Circuit Court and the U. S. District Court.

I am a Past President of the Medford Realty Board, Past President of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards. I served as a Director of the National Association of Realty Boards from 1949 through 1954.

In your consideration of my candidacy, I want you to consider my qualifications for this office. If, after this consideration, you think I am the man for the job, I will appreciate your vote of confidence.

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Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

Military order of Cooties and Lady Bugs were at Camp White Friday afternoon for a cigarette spread handled by Ivan and Helen Lusk of Medford aided by Lady Gold Bug Mary Newman of Ashland. Candy was taken to the wards on Friday, May 4 by Lady Bugs Martha Bishop of Grants Pass, Vada Page of Gold Hill, Lella Birch of Shady Cove and Medford's Ladies Lillian Williams, Bessie Aldrich, Mary Hales, Lelas Banks and Helen Lusk.

Monday VFW Auxiliary dance was featured at the refreshment intermission by Dewey Stanley of Medford presenting trained dogs Friskie and Tinker, in an act. Refreshments of coffee and homemade cakes were under the direction of Ruth Walters, Hazel McKay, Marian Cech, Nellie Gibson, Gildie Brooks and Edith Willets. Mrs. Willets, the newly installed president of VFW 1 auxiliary 540, was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Walters, who made

the trip from Santa Maria, Calif., to attend her sister's installation. Music was by the Camp White orchestra.

Monday American Legion auxiliary recreation of cards and games was sponsored by Ashland with Ruth Lewis, president, Bertha Smith, Frances Jordan and Stella Cortrell. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

Medford Blue Star Mothers No. 2 hosted for a wheel-chair party at the theater Friday afternoon with Marian Cech in charge, aided by Mary Note, Mayme Leiter, Elsie Graves, Eva Ware, Jennie Pitts and Ethel Severson. Games were played and refreshments served.

VFW Post 2302 of Grants Pass under Commander George Perry entertained with games at Camp White, Friday, May 4. Camp White volunteer assistants aided.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY United Press Correspondent

(Editor's note: Aline Mosby is on vacation. Filling in for her today is Arthur O'Connell, who writes about his impressions of his new costar, Marilyn Monroe.)

By ARTHUR O'CONNELL
Written for the United Press

Hollywood — (U.P.) — When an actor works with a girl named Marilyn Monroe as I presently am doing in "Bus Stop," it's a cinch he's going to be answering a lot of questions mostly along the lines of: "What do you think of M.M.?"

I don't mind discussing the

Eisenhowers Back From Gettysburg Trip

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower returned to Washington late Monday from a week-end at his Gettysburg, Pa. farm. He immediately conferred with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles who had returned earlier from Paris.

Dulles brought back with him the reaction of his country's Atlantic Pact allies to U.S. suggestions for broadening the non-military aspects of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower, who went to their Pennsylvania farm Friday, motored back under gray skies, arriving at the White House at 4:35 p.m. (EDT).

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Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — As a bare-foot boy, I plucked ducks, geese and chicks for Abe Roseloom in a Farmer City, Ill.

Abe was pretty decent about it. He paid Fred (Soup) Bean and me two cents a bird. He hurried us up and said that if we worked real hard we could get rich fast.

Abe even went beyond the call of duty. He let us fetch home most of the feathers. Washed out good, they made nice filling for quilts and pillows.

All of which carries us up to the present. I was happy to learn after a visit to the U. S. Patent Office that a man doesn't have to wear his chicken-pickin' fingers to the nub any more. Science has come to the rescue.

New Wrinkle
Seth S. Barker and Allen W. Sharp, a couple of old fowl pickers from Ottumwa, Ia., have come up with a new wrinkle in the mechanical poultry picking business.

Picking machines have been on the market for a long time, but these two Hawkeyes have come up with one that eliminates the need for a "head-holding device."

In a learned preamble to explaining how patent No. 2,743,477 works, Barker and Sharp went to considerable trouble to give a history of chicken-pickin'.

"In the dressing of poultry," they report, "one of the steps is picking the feathers from the fowl." It has been demonstrated, they added, that good picking results come "by picking both with the lay of the feathers and against the lay of the feathers."

That will give you a rough

UO Hospital Not To Take OPS Patients

Portland — (U.P.) — Subscribers of the Oregon Physician's Service will not be eligible for treatment in the new University of Oregon medical school teaching hospital under a policy statement adopted by the OPS board of trustees.

The board's statement to its more than 100,000 subscribers in Oregon merely reiterated that the OPS contract with the individual excludes liability for fees at government hospitals.

A spokesman for the group said, however, that the policy statement was adopted in respect to the new teaching hospital.

wheels running at top speed, they say No. 2,743,477's little fingers run up and down the drum sticks and "breasts, grabbing off feathers down to the smallest pin.

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Skyway for an atomic blast. Maybe you recall seeing the atomic test that was telecast from Yucca Flat, Nev., last year. But maybe you didn't realize the picture was made possible by special telephone equipment—a portable microwave radio-relay system. Ten "dishpan" relays—like those beside Telephone Men Brad Davis and Bill Burgess, above—beamed the telecast from Yucca Flat to

TV networks in Los Angeles. Actually, this was telephone progress at work. For the relays could have carried hundreds of phone calls instead. Important? Yes, for in emergencies these portable relays can be set up fast to carry your calls, as they did during last winter's floods. And you can be sure we'll continue working to keep our service ahead of your needs.

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