

Communications

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Opposes Tax Base Now

To the Editor: The recent story about the tax base which appeared on your front page quoting the county assessor as favoring the proposed permanent tax base leads the reader to think that a tax base is a necessity and that we must have one in order to obtain money with which to operate the county government.

The opening paragraph, and the second from the last paragraph imply that if the tax base proposal is voted down, we will not have sufficient funds to operate the county government.

This implication is given by the statement in next to the last paragraph: "If the measure passes the county will have sufficient funds on hand to pay for its operations without levying any taxes, but at the same time a realistic tax base will be preserved if it is needed, due to declining federal forest revenues."

The county treasurer reports as quoted in a recent news article that as of today, May 13, 1958, we have in the county treasury \$950,000 cash on hand with which to start the new fiscal year, with also an anticipated minimum of all receipts from other sources as of 1956, 1957, of \$2,901,959. Adding these two sums this will give us \$3,851,959 to operate the county government.

Our budget last year was

\$3,112,695.77, so we can see that at the end of the coming year we will have almost \$750,000 cash surplus again. So, if we can operate like this, why do we need a tax base now? Our County Treasurer assures me that we have sufficient funds in sight to operate on for the next two years, so let's wait until then to see if it is necessary to have a tax base.

We all know we can vote a tax base any time we wish.

Frank Christian
Mayor
Talent, Ore.

Keating's Record Cited

To the Editor: Keating's platform—his record in office:

- (1) 1954. He opposed the ballot measure for construction of the juvenile detention home, and continued to drag his feet on the actual construction for two years after the voters approved it.
- (2) 1954. He approved dance hall on Merriman Road in residential area across from Friends Church, discontinued after residents hired attorney and took matter to civil court—at considerable personal expense.
- (3) 1954. He recommended to the State Department of Motor Vehicles the first licensing of wrecking yard in residential area on Hilton road, without consent of two commissioners.

Prior to Keating's appointment, residents filed three

separate petitions with county court protesting licensing of the wrecking yard, and had been assured by Judge Coleman and commissioners that court would not approve.

(4) 1954, August. Residents noticed wrecking yard in operation and inquired by telephone if license had been recommended. Informed no information could be given unless call made in person to talk to Keating. Called in person, and Keating said he could give no information unless three or four from area made appointment with court and came in group. At hour and on day specified, eight representatives went to courtroom. Though the secretary said there were no prior appointments, group waited 45 minutes. No seats in waiting room, and four ladies in group. Meanwhile, Keating visited with a friend, finally admitted to courtroom, Keating said application for license had been approved. When group inquired disposition of petitions opposing wrecking yard on file with court, Keating disclaimed knowledge of them and further stated, in essence, that with his appointment, this court became a new court and that it held no responsibility to prior court.

(5) 1957. Complete check of County Commissioners Journal failed to show that county court had considered license application for this wrecking yard in 1954 (twice), in 1955 and in 1956. Also, failed to show any record of hearings held on matter in July, 1955 and in December 1956. In fact, the commissioners' journal, where complete records of court actions are presumably kept, show little except weight limits on roads, expenses at county farm home, and presence of court members.

Anyone interested in his record of economy can determine it by his travel expenses. How much has it cost us for him to drive a county car 21 miles daily to his home for the past three or four years?

Keating's record speaks for itself.

John Benson,
Box 1175,
Medford

"Good OLD Ed"

To the Editor: We would like a little space to comment on some of the propaganda going the rounds relative to the office of circuit judge, to be voted on next Friday. It seems that some are hard put to find qualifications for some candidates and objections to others. For instance, the insinuation that if Ed Kelly was elected judge, juvenile delinquents would be encouraged in their delinquency.

If Judge Kelly, because at times having been a defense attorney, working on the defense, would turn law violators loose, then by the same token, Nunley, having been a prosecutor, would try to hang all indicted persons coming before his court. One makes as much sense as the other.

To those who know the Kelly kids, two of them judges of courts in local cities, do they look, or act like, they have been brought up in a home where the parents catered to lawlessness? Some have discounted the Bar Association's recommendation, but if they wouldn't know an attorney's qualifications, who would? We wouldn't ask a watchmaker or druggist to recommend some one to run our farm, we would go to some good farmer, like Otto Bohnert.

We have known the Kelly family for a long time, dating back some 50 years, when Col. Kelly, Ed's father, was district attorney. Ed was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. What he is, and his reputation as a lawyer, was attained by hard work, and a desire to become an honest and efficient jurist.

During his hitch with Uncle Sam, during World War II, he served as defense attorney, prosecutor and judge. He has represented the Government in civil and other suits, has brought suits against the Government, as he did here for farmers when they were not paid enough for their farm lands.

He has represented persons under indictment, where in our system of government they have a right to counsel and a man is innocent until

proven guilty. He was the attorney for hundreds of us who counted on him to keep our legal matters straight.

Judge Kelly's qualifications in the field of law are so many that space will allow only a few of them here. As a former Texan remarked, "You could search the State over without finding anyone better qualified for this position than little old Ed Kelly, raised right here in little old Jackson county."

When voting on this important office, one should remember that a competent judge should know more about law than the prosecutor or defender.

In a ball game, both teams insist on having good umpires; not merely a nice fellow, but one that can tell a strike from a ball, or a foul from a base hit.

R. E. Nealon,
Route 2, Box 275,
Central Point

Ashland Query Answered

To the Editor: In response to the recent letter of Mr. Tod V. Gandee of Ashland asking for clarification of background concerning Republican candidate for Sheriff Joe Walsh, the following:

At the age of 15 in 1942, Joe quit high school in Connecticut and enlisted in the United States Navy, being honorably discharged after the war in 1946.

The same year, Joe returned to complete his high school education and received his diploma. From there Joe entered dental school and left in 1949 to enter the Bridgeport Police Academy. Having been graduated with top honors in a class of over 200 applicants, Joe was appointed to the Bridgeport Police Department where he served with distinction until his appointment as special agent for Prudential Insurance company. For the past five years, Joe has served the people of Jackson county as a city patrolman and in the sheriff's office where he is the present chief criminal deputy.

His plans, Mr. Gandee, are concise and to the point: (1) No sweeping and costly revision of present personnel; some change in assignment; (2) Adequate office representation in outlying communities not presently receiving their fair share of enforcement and protection; (3) Plainly marked cars on patrol; (4) Developed and training of volunteer civic groups to aid and assist the office in local emergency; (5) Close cooperation with present, existing law enforcement agencies and civic associations.

The position demands time and ability, Mr. Gandee. Joe Walsh has demonstrated that he is willing to devote more than the necessary time and has served us in the past with more than the necessary ability.

Thanking you again for your support and letter,

Alan B. Holmes
649 J St.
Medford

Rotation Plan Approved

To the Editor: There are a few points which need clarification before Friday concerning the race for coroner.

Mr. Perl, who is asking for this office on the "Fair Rotation Plan," is an experienced man of many years standing, having served two terms some 20 years ago, and familiar with details of the office most of his life.

The incumbent, or his firm who has held this office for 16 years out of the last 18, would have you believe that if Mr. Perl is elected, the coroner would be rotated

monthly and records scattered in five locations. This is absolutely not the case. Only a deputy in each of the funeral homes would assist in the duties of the office as need requires. They would keep duplicate records, of course. The original report filed with the coroner who has thorough knowledge of all transactions, makes his report to the district attorney. A much better method than keeping records in only one place, as in case of fire, etc.

Duties of coroner are simple and detailed. He is sworn to uphold the law and fulfill the duties to the best of his ability.

The very nature of the office provides the coroner with great advantage to his private business when he is a funeral director. This applies when there is no family or when they have no particular preference to handle funeral arrangements. Up to 50 per cent of the cases fall into this category. It is this percentage that Mr. Perl proposes to rotate, and this only. Family preference would always be respected and honored. We wouldn't want it otherwise.

Counties far and wide are changing to this "Rotation Plan" as the only fair and efficient method of operation of the coroner's office. This plan does not increase costs one cent to the taxpayer. It does remove the political plum from one man's operation and brings harmony and good-will to participating members.

Col. H. R. Jordan
558 Holly st.
Ashland

Cites Coroner Experience

To the Editor: During the past year it was my misfortune to have had need of the coroner's office in the death of a member of my family.

I was notified by a deputy coroner, and very nicely was told about the death of my loved one, and what had happened. I then was told that I had complete freedom of choice of funeral homes and that I could notify the funeral home of my choice, after I had given this some thought, or that the deputy would do this for me and deliver the remains to my funeral director. The deputy coroner left my house and I made a selection of a funeral home.

I have been watching these ads in regards to the coroner's race in the county, as well as the information about the elections to all offices. My reason for writing this letter is that I feel the office of coroner is being conducted in an excellent manner, and that as far as being fair to each of his competitors, no one could operate the office in a better manner than Carlos Morris. I recently read in your paper that the funeral directors in the area had elected him as their president for the following year. They must respect his leadership or they would have never elected him to this office.

I feel that I know more about this coroner business than the average person does, having had to go through the actual experience.

I further feel that the people of Jackson county not only should vote for Carlos Morris but really owe him their vote for the excellent job he does in every venture he engages in.

Mrs. Jean Barker,
722 Broad st.,
Medford.

P.S.—From 1952 to 1954 a doctor was coroner. Carlos has only been coroner for four years. He was not a candidate but was elected by a write-in vote in the last election.

A Boost for Larson

To the Editor: Of our three Republican candidates for sheriff, the one who seems to me to be the best qualified and most capable of giving Jackson county progressive leadership is Ralph A. Larson. He has behind him more years of actual experience in sheriff's work than either of the other two candidates, having served for 10 years in Los Angeles county's sheriff's office, so that he also has the benefit of the more varied experiences in a larger place.

His platform is well thought out and contains many new and interesting ideas and programs which would surely benefit us in many ways. He is older enough than Joe Walsh to have had much more experience, but not so old as to have gotten into a rut. He could bring an entirely fresh administration instead of merely shifting around in the old political game of musical chairs.

While I don't want to disparage either of the other two candidates, who have both given the public years of service, it does seem, from a study of the voter's pamphlet that they have somewhat exaggerated their years of experience and various details of their backgrounds, as has in fact been pointed out by several other letters to the Medford Mail Tribune recently.

Let's vote for Ralph A. Larson and give Jackson county a chance at the very best leadership available. Why take second best when the very best is available to us?

Sam F. Coy,
321 Effie st.,
Medford.

Lawyers Playing Footsie

To the Editor: I believe Mr. Nunley to be an honest man who will be a good conscientious judge. The very fact that the majority of lawyers are for Mr. Kelly is proof of this. They want some one they can play footsie with behind the scenes. There is altogether too much of this manipulation in the county. A few men not in government pull the strings and most of the ones in public office jump like puppets. And they jump the wrong way for our general welfare.

For instance a few orchardists, businessmen and Medford Chamber of Commerce decided the highway should pass through Hawthorne Park, destroying the use of it to the people. How come there are more delinquents in Jackson county than in other parts of the state? We even have our own penal institution for teen-agers.

Let us clean house in the

courthouse and elect honest people who will have the interests of all our citizens at heart and not to be tools for the selfish interest groups and dictators now controlling our county.

E. B. Crowell,
Crater Lake Hy.,
Shady Cove.

Strong For Nunley

To the Editor: Please print this in your paper, as I want the people of our community to know how I feel about the attack which the Kelly-for-Judge sympathizers are waging against Mr. Walter Nunley for the stand he takes against soft justice, and what he means when he says that a judge must be objective.

On Tuesday, March 18, 1958, my husband, Wayne Dailey, was murdered and robbed in cold blood by Robert Lee Ayers. After Ayers' confession, he was given life imprisonment on a second degree indictment. I doubt very much if any judge or district attorney in this county would have any reason to believe that it was not first-degree murder, yet District Attorney Reeder and Judge Kelly let this murderer get away with an opportunity to get out of prison in less than 10 years, to perhaps repeat his murderous actions. Does anyone think Judge Kelly was fair and objective in this case?

This is the type of thing Mr. Nunley means when he says that he is against soft justice and that a judge should be objective. I also feel that the attorneys are being very unfair in ganging up on Mr. Nunley for saying and standing up for what he believes to be the best for the law-abiding people of our community. I am going to vote for Mr. Nunley for Circuit Judge, position No. 3, and I am asking the people who think I am right to do the same.

Corabelle Dailey,
Ashland, Ore.

Whose Recommendation

To the Editor: For many years, I have been in business here in Medford. Until recently, I owned and operated a sporting goods store with my brother. I know a great many professional law enforcement officers in southern Oregon, especially in Jackson county. I like and respect these men. I am also acquainted with a number of lawyers in our community. The lawyers have had their poll, and have instructed us as to who they want for circuit judge. The police officers are prevented by law from participating in politics, as I understand it, a law probably put through by the lawyers.

Anyway, they can't conduct a poll and publish the results. So far, we don't have any law against people saying what they think to their friends. I know that 99 per cent of the police officers are for Walter D. Nunley for circuit judge. I would rather take the recommendation of the law enforcement people than the recommendation of the lawyers, if I wasn't going to do my own thinking.

L. C. Cass,
1232 Winchester ave.,
Medford.

Coos Bay Youth Gets 5-Year Term

Portland—Clarence R. McGregor, 18, Coos Bay, Tuesday was sentenced to a five-year term in the state penitentiary after pleading guilty to an armed robbery charge. McGregor had been indicted for the robbery of a Rose City Transit Co. bus driver April 18. Also accused were Albert Bradley, 18, and a 16-year-old boy who was turned over to juvenile authorities.

Vote for RODNEY KEATING

REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT

FOR

COUNTY JUDGE

Jackson County Needs an Experienced Man in This Office

No other candidate has had 4 years experience in County Government.

No other candidate is as familiar with the County Road Program.

No other candidate has served on the O & C County Association Committees which guard this source of revenue.

No other candidate has served on the Jackson County Welfare Board for eleven years.

Vote for the Man with EXPERIENCE

30 (X) Rodney Keating

E. H. Singmaster, Chairman,
Keating for County Judge Committee,
P.O. Box 226, Ashland, Oregon

Pd. Adv.

RAY R. KOCH

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

IF YOU WANT

"A Fighting Sheriff for Law, Order, and Fair Play for ALL CITIZENS"

Read This and See it Carefully Before You Vote.

The Primary Election, May 16, 1958, is very close. This is a reminder to the citizens before you go to the polls, and for those who did not hear me speak on the radio and at various meetings where I voiced facts not rumors.

The voters pamphlets are out and you have had the opportunity to read my list of qualifications which did not state that I have studied law the "hard way" since childhood. I did not attend law school, but my cousin, who was one of the better known attorneys in the State of Ohio, assisted me and his teachings helped me decide on the career of a private investigator so I could be of greater service to others. This work requires a good knowledge of law, which I have read and studied since childhood, and am of necessity, still doing.

I have made the statement that "no one is financing me in the primary." This way I will not be obligated to any faction or group because I feel that everyone should be treated alike. All of us should think about the committees backing candidates and about the amount of money they are spending on advertising—and their reasons for so doing. Who is making a goat out of whom?

In speaking of economy, do you call it economizing the way some candidates are making expenditures for advertising? If so, do you think they will spend less money after taking office and they have the taxpayers' money to work with? We need all of this tax money for law enforcement to protect our citizens. This is one reason why I am seeking election to the office of Sheriff.

I am qualified for the office of Sheriff due to experience I have had as a Private Investigator in Civil, Criminal, Domestic, and Industrial investigations. Business experience and the supervision of a staff requires more than sitting in an office and just signing your name.

As one American to another, whose votes are stronger, those of private citizens or those of the Attorneys who belong to the Bar Association? Why should certain attorneys finance some candidates when private citizens cannot finance the candidates who will do the most for them? This also refers to several public offices, the expense of which is the taxpayers, yet he cannot assist his candidate financially. Think before you vote. There are some attorneys who are for you and some who are not. Be sure, in your own mind, who is for you and not just their own interests.

I believe in protection under our constitutional rights and we need that in this COUNTY and I will work with any attorneys if it is for equality and justice. It is impossible, in a county as large as Jackson County, to protect our citizens and to reduce crime with only a small percentage of deputies on patrol duty at night when you are asleep and should be getting protection. I say you are not. On the present staff there is an inadequate number of deputies on duty, but only in the daytime, as you can see them around the courthouse at any time. We all know that it is more difficult to solve a crime than it is to prevent one. The right supervision would make a proper allocation of deputies over a 24 hour period. A Sheriff should work with his men in the field and not just sit behind his desk. He should see that his deputies do enforce the law and give protection, that they are courteous to all and that they work closely with other law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney, the Judiciary, and others in office who are interested in crime prevention, reducing Juvenile Delinquency, and in the protection of all under their constitutional rights. This, I will do, as long as it is for the best interest of all concerned.

These are some of the things for you to take into consideration, to study over carefully before you cast your vote. To be a good sheriff requires more than just giving a man the name. It is a full-time job that requires experience, ability, and integrity.

I do not hold any personal grudge against any of the Candidates for the office of Sheriff. Due to their experience and jobs done, I am sure that they have done their work to the best of their ability and in the manner in which they were told to do it. Modernization of the Sheriff's Office should be accomplished here in Jackson County, but due to the difference in size and population, it cannot be done on the same scale as it is in Los Angeles County.

I am presenting facts so that you will be able to decide for yourself, who is capable, and who is willing to do the best job for you. In order to do the best possible job for you a future sheriff should know the various attorneys, judges, deputies, city police, and most of all, he should understand the problems which confront us as citizens, as businessmen, working men, farmers, teenagers, and others, in our everyday life. You have to be able to understand a man and his problems, that sometimes he will do or say things without intending harm to others, if so he should be forgiven. There are those who will attempt to harm another for self-gain or profit and these people are the ones from whom you require protection, adequate protection.

In order for us all to help those who need it, vote for and elect one to the office of Sheriff who does understand. Remember there is both GOD'S LAW and MAN'S LAW with which we have to live by as well as with ourselves. Do not cause to be printed or speak of any rumors. Use only the TRUTH and HONESTY as I have done as ACTIONS speak louder than words. I also, believe in freedom of speech and I know there are many more who feel the same as I do. I want to help you, but I DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE. If you want a Sheriff that will fight for Law, Equality, Justice, and has the necessary know-how to be Sheriff and an understanding of all our problems VOTE MAY 16, 1958. Mark X for Ray R. Koch, No. 28, on your ballot.

Pd. Pol. Adv. Ray R. Koch for Sheriff, P.O. Box 425, Medford



VOTE FOR Anna Scott For County Clerk

Jackson County Republican

All around the County, people are saying: "We need a change in the County Clerk's Office." Cast your vote for Anna Scott for County Clerk of Jackson County May 16th. Anna Scott has had wide experience in County Government and Private Enterprises. Let her bring some real SCOTT-ish economy into this important office, together with courtesy, efficiency and a spirit of cooperation.

Anna Scott for County Clerk Committee
Marion Beeson, Chairman
Talent, Oregon

Elect ANNA SCOTT County Clerk of Jackson County

Pd. Adv.

Senator Morse Backs Jason Lee

Jason Lee received the support of his former law school dean and instructor, Senator Wayne L. Morse, at the Roosevelt Dinner held in Medford, May 3.

Senator Morse stated, "Jason Lee is running for a position on the Oregon Supreme Court against an incumbent who has passed a reasonable retirement age. I hope Jason Lee wins."

"We need to increase the number of younger men not only on our State Supreme Court, but on some of our other courts as well," Senator Morse said.

Pd. Adv. Rev. James Matthew Alley
295 State St., Salem, Ore.

ELECT WALTER D. NUNLEY Circuit Judge

Position No. 3

"... AN HONEST, HIGHMINDED, ABLE AND FEARLESS JUDGE IS THE MOST VALUABLE SERVANT OF DEMOCRACY ..."

Charles Evans Hughes
Eleventh Chief Justice
U. S. Supreme Court



WALTER D. NUNLEY

- ★ HE WILL BE FAIR WITH EVERY MAN WITHOUT REGARD TO MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZED GROUPS, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY CONSIDERATION NOT AFFECTING THE JUSTICE AND MERITS OF THE CASE.
- ★ HE WILL IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE MATTERS, BY DEALING WITH THEM REALISTICALLY AND OBJECTIVELY.
- ★ HE WILL IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL MATTERS BY ELIMINATING LEGAL TACTICS WHICH DELAY AND INCREASE THE COST OF LITIGATION, AND WHICH INTERFERE WITH ORDERLY PROCEDURE.
- ★ HE WILL KEEP THE CIRCUIT COURT OUT OF PARTISAN POLITICS.

DON'T LOSE CONTROL OF YOUR COURT

Improvements in the administration of justice do not assist one lawyer in competition with others ... they usually come from judges and lawyers only in response to unusual public pressure.

Sam B. Warner & Henry B. Cabot
50 Harvard Law Review

Improvements in the administration of justice, have been accomplished usually by young lawyers, not the veteran leaders of the Bar. Dean Roscoe Pound, "The Legal Profession and the Law."

The general professional reaction is, quite naturally, against change. A reform of procedure which merely adjusts itself to the majority view of the Bar can be only a minor readjustment, perhaps even harmful ... Leadership can properly be expected only from the minority and from individuals, it is not a criticism of our profession if we recognize these actualities. Charles E. Clark & James W. Moore ... 44 Yale Law Journal.

Nunley for Circuit Judge Committee, Granvil Brittain, John Von Kuhlmann, Co-Chairman, 8A, Goldy Building.—Pd. Pol. Ad.