

Duncan Defends His Record While State Representative

Robert B. Duncan, state representative seeking reelection in the Nov. 4 general election, said Friday "the facts show that I represented Republicans and Democrats alike while serving in the legislature."

Duncan issued a statement Friday in reply to a recent challenge of his record as a legislator. He issued the statement, he said, because "my opposition has failed to accept my offer to discuss my record before their group. I deem it necessary to advise the people of this county what the real facts are."

He referred to a recent letter to Mrs. Lester Adams, chairman of the Jackson County Republican Women's club, and Donald Stathos, chairman of the Jackson committee. Duncan's record recently was discussed at a meeting.

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The Democratic candidate said "I promised that there would probably be no tax cut. This one I am happy to say was broken and tax reductions to both income and real property taxpayers have resulted."

"For the first time, basic school support was increased by the legislature, taking a burden off the real property taxpayers who otherwise support the schools. At the same time, income taxes were reduced below the 1935 level. While the effective rate in the low bracket was increased in the general session (and lowered in the special session) my assailants neglect to tell you of the benefits to the low income group resulting from raising the exemption from \$500 to \$600."

agencies, he said, was \$516,439,568.56, a most "twice that of the general fund."

Duncan pointed out that "to say I voted 'Yes' on all bills which increased the general fund budget is a rank untruth. I voted 'No' on more budgets than any member of ways and means. I voted 'No' on many bills I would like to have supported, but felt we just could not afford."

He noted that "talk is not economy. It requires judgment, courage, and above all the responsibility to vote 'Yes' when public interest and progressive government demands it. I cannot begin to list here the budgets in which I had a hand in cutting expenditures. Yet I supported increases to education, mental health, teachers' and other state employees' salaries, educational TV and, contrary to what has been said, the commodity commissions, most of which more than justify their existence."

Duncan said he voted against the bill preventing levy of a state property tax on the floor, and not in committee. "I did it not because I wanted the state to collect real property taxes... The bill gave no tax relief whatsoever. I voted 'No' because the legislature cannot put the emergency clause on tax legislation. I was the only Democrat in the House who had supported such a provision in the last election."

Consider Need Ability

Duncan said he promised to vote money only after considering both the need and the ability of the state to pay. "I have always felt that our taxes must be controlled at the spending level. The real work for economy goes on in ways and means committee meetings," he noted. Duncan served on four of the subcommittees.

He insisted, he said, that the so-called self-supporting boards and commissions operate as economically as possible. The total budget for the

First Democrat

Duncan pointed out he was the first Democrat to be elected from this county in 20 years. "There are issues on which I did not and do not agree with my assailants and on which our votes differed. In their view, this puts me in the 'wild-eyed clique.' But name calling is no help to those voters who are looking for facts on which to base their judgement. And the facts show that I represented Republicans and Democrats



Geddes Visits in Jackson County; Plans to Return

Republican Congressional Candidate Paul Geddes, in Jackson county on a brief campaign stopover, visited various groups and individuals in Central Point and outlying Medford areas before leaving for Eugene Friday afternoon.

In his meetings and coffee hours, the Roseburg attorney and former state legislator continued to assert that the fourth congressional district was not being properly represented in Washington because "my opponent is too interested in his own private projects and so-called crusades in other parts of the world."

Geddes also expressed his views on federal aid to education to a group of Central Point teachers. He said he favored President Eisenhower's proposal to assist needy school districts in providing school rooms, and that this could be one means of helping to equalize not only the school cost burden, but also the educational opportunities. He repeated his view, however, that any federal aid must have safeguards to assure complete local control of schools.

HILTS Birthday Parties Held

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN

Hilts - Mrs. Betty Hamilton was hostess to two birthday parties honoring the twelfth birthday of her son, Gary, on Monday Sept. 15, and the sixth birthday of her daughter, Becky, on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Rider of Red Bluff were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaston. Rider was one of the lucky hunters, getting his buck the first day of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Geer of Oroville were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King on a recent Sunday. Mrs. Geer is a granddaughter of the Kings.

Neuberger Asks Why Wocus Bay Cut From Refuge

Portland - (UP) - Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Friday he has asked Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton to explain why Wocus Bay has been eliminated from the area of the Klamath Marsh which is to be made a waterfowl refuge under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The senator suggested that Seaton, "in the best interests of conservation," reverse the decision.

Speaking before a dinner meeting of the Izaak Walton league here at the Multnomah Hotel, Neuberger said: "I know that the Senate Interior Committee understood that the entire marsh was to be protected as a wildfowl refuge under the act, and no witnesses ever drew our attention to any other plan."

The new proposal, Neuberger said, would exclude 1,000 of the 15,730 acres of marsh in the refuge. He warned that if the Wocus Bay acreage was "for example, to be rented to wealthy hunters, it might make possible a slaughter of migratory birds right at the borders of the refuge which would seriously impair or even nullify the protective purposes for which the marsh was meant to be acquired."

Warehouse Burglars Followed Directions

Pendleton - (UP) - Burglars were presented with a \$500 windfall at a warehouse here sometime early yesterday morning.

Police Chief Ernest Gallaher reported that when the thieves entered the Pendleton Distributing company warehouse they found the printed combination to the safe, turned the dial and made off with more than \$500 in cash.

Forest Service Acts to Prevent Timber Cut Lags

Portland - (UP) - Regional U. S. Forester J. Herbert Stone announced here yesterday a new Forest Service policy "to prevent undesirable speculation in national forest timber offered for sale."

An order from the chief forester warned private timber operators that "failure on the part of the purchaser to cut his timber within the specified time limits will result in termination of the sale contract."

The policy would make those who fail to live up to cutting contracts liable for any price differential between the contract price and lower values caused by current market fluctuations.

The Forest Service said it would grant contract extensions if the operator plans to cut other Federal timber "which needs to be cut more quickly," or if other timber will be cut and it will not be disadvantageous to the United States.

Before an extension will be granted, however, at least 50 per cent of the timber must have been cut and enough roads built to service at least 60 per cent of the purchase tract.

Oregon Bar Elects Hibbard President

Gearhart, Ore. - (UP) - George L. Hibbard, 46, Oregon City, yesterday was elected new president of the Oregon State Bar, succeeding George Neuner of Roseburg.

Hibbard is a member of the law firm of Beattie, Hibbard, Jacobs & Caldwell. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon law school and was admitted to the bar in 1936.

Carl G. Helm Jr., La Grande, was named new vice president and Paul Sayre, Portland, was elected treasurer. John H. Holloway, secretary of the bar since 1954, was retained in that position.

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Conference Committee

"To say I voted against the compromise tax bill in the special session is likewise untrue," Duncan continued. "As a matter of fact, I served on the conference committee that finally worked out the compromise. I would have preferred a smaller cut because we were dealing not with a surplus, but with an estimated surplus made at a time when Oregon's economy was no longer rising."

"I wanted to be sure we had sufficient revenue to meet our expenses. To do otherwise seemed to me imprudent. I compromise, however, recognizing that such is the essence of our democracy and hoping, as seems to be the case, that the projected revenues would in fact be collected."

Duncan invited anyone interested in pursuing the question more fully to contact him.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

Syracuse, N.Y. - (UP) - M. Leonard Shapero is Republican majority leader of the Board of Supervisors. Henry R. Norman is its Democratic minority leader. Shapero and Norman are partners in a Syracuse law firm.

President Eisenhower has signed a bill to redesignate the Petrified Forest National Monument in Arizona as the Petrified Forest National park.

The innocu, a type of whitefish found in the Mackenzie River basin, sometimes weighs as much as 40 pounds.

A meeting of the committee women registered with Brownie troop 223 was held at the home of their leader, Mrs. Gilbert Luper, on the afternoon of Sept. 5.

Discussion of the year's activities was held. Several mothers volunteered to assume the responsibility of planning meetings for the months in which there are special holidays.

Mrs. Robert Goodwin chose Halloween; Mrs. Vic Vande Weghe, Thanksgiving; Mrs. Tony Marin, Christmas; Mrs. John Brannon, Valentine Day; Mrs. Doug Whittaker, Easter; Mother's Day plans will be made at a later date.

Cake and coffee were served at the close of the meeting. Brownie Scout troop 223 held their first meeting after summer vacation on Sept. 12 at the Scout hall in the Community Center building.

The first group, consisting of second and third graders, arrived at 2:45 p.m. and were organized into Patrol No. 1. They were instructed in flag etiquette. Celia White celebrated her birthday during the summer and was presented her World Association pin by leader, Mrs. Luper.

Star membership pins were awarded to Donna Burns, Yvonne Van de Weghe, Celia White, and Laura Zanotta, each Brownie having been a member for one full year.

Officers for this group are Patrol Leader, Laura Zanotta; secretary, and treasurer, Donna Burns; song leader, Gail Gould; and Promise leader, Clara Williams.

Patrol No. 2 consisting of fourth grade Brownies, arrived at 3:45 p.m. and participated in a flag drill also. Discussion was held in regard to what each girl has to do to prepare for her "Fly up ceremony."

Officers for this group are Patrol Leader, Louise Brannon; secretary and treasurer, Cathy Whittaker; song leader, Carleen De Clerk; and Promise leader, Karen Hughes.

Humane Group Gets Funds by Donation

County residents interested in contributing funds to the Southern Oregon Humane Society have been reminded that they can do so through the United Medford Crusade. Mrs. Perry Duncan, secretary, said Saturday.

She said persons may make checks payable to the Society direct, or specify on a check to the UMC that the money should be used by the Humane Society.

She pointed out that the Humane Society obtains no funds from state, county or city government, and must depend on contributions for continued operations.

An average passenger automobile in the U. S. is 3.2 years old at the time it is traded in by its first owner.

Hostesses for the day were Cathy Wittaker and Delores Luper. Donna Burns led the group in asking the blessing before refreshments were served.

There were 10 Brownies present, five visitors, two committee women, leader, Mrs. Luper, and assistant leader, Mrs. Robert Preston.

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