

# Candidates Give Views on League Questions

## Information Sought On Unbiased Basis

Registered voters at the general election Nov. 4 will elect congressmen, state and county officials.

In an effort to obtain unbiased information on candidates' views on certain subjects, the League of Women Voters has submitted questionnaires to the candidates. Both the Oregon League and the Medford League provided information appearing here.

The League pointed out that it is a non-partisan organization devoted to promoting the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League never endorses or opposes candidates or parties.

The Voters Service committee of the League collects information on candidates and measures for the use of members and the general public. The committee collects, to the best of its ability, complete factual and unbiased information, League officials noted.

The Oregon League of Women Voters asked two questions of candidates for congressional offices.

**Charles O. Porter**

Charles O. Porter, 39, of 2680 Baker st., Eugene, is Democratic candidate seeking reelection as congressman from the Fourth district. Educated in Eugene schools and at Harvard, Porter has been in the House of Representatives since 1937.

The Oregon League questions, and their answers:

**Q. Please indicate the aspects of U. S. foreign policy with which you are most in agreement; those of which you are most critical.**

A. "I agree with foreign aid, but believe it could be far better conceived and executed: with renewal of reciprocal trade agreements act; with avoiding pointless summit meetings, although I think we should strive harder to find common ground for such negotiations. I am most critical of the Administration's by-passing of the United Nations and not providing moral leadership."

**Q. In what domestic legislation are you especially interested? Please state your support or opposition.**

A. "Housing. I strongly support housing legislation making it possible for every family to have decent living quarters.

"Public works. I strongly support duly approved projects for flood control, reclamation, power, recreation and port development.

"Right to work. I strongly oppose these misnamed laws and support the repeal of Section 14b of the Taft-Hartley law which makes them possible.

"Tax relief and reduction. I strongly support feasible measures to help the ordinary family, not those who don't really need help.

"Education. I strongly support federal aid (not control, of course) to education in the following fields: construction and maintenance in federally-impacted areas; building programs; merit scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study.

"Social security. I strongly support increases in amounts paid and a program for helping retired beneficiaries meet medical costs, both on an actuarial sound basis."

**Paul E. Geddes**

Paul E. Geddes, 51, of post office box 567, Roseburg, is Republican candidate for congressman from the Fourth district. Geddes, an attorney, served in the Oregon legislature as a representative and a senator. He served three years on the Interstate Cooperation commission in dealing with problems of mutual interest to the states and state of Oregon and federal government.

The Oregon League questions, and their answers:

**Q. Please indicate the aspects of U. S. foreign policy with which you are most in agreement; those of which you are most critical.**

A. "Agree that mutual security aid, military and economic, and other such programs have done much to maintain peace and should be continued but with more careful supervision to meet need instead of permitting wasteful practices and to avoid such aid reaching and helping communistic nations.

"I am critical of failure to exhibit more of a 'walk softly and carry a big stick' attitude toward Communism which could prevent Red spread and still avoid war."

**Q. In what domestic legislation are you especially interested? Please state your support or opposition.**

A. "Support legislation to protect and provide accountability for workers' welfare funds whether administered by management or labor or both and to make labor racketeering impossible.

"Support those essential public services which people cannot perform for them-

seeking reelection for governor. Formerly a manager of an Astoria radio station, Governor Holmes served in the state senate four terms, and has been active in conferences concerning governors.

**Q. How can Oregon meet its growing educational problems?**

A. "Oregon will meet its growing education problem by doing the only sensible thing it can do: appropriate sufficient funds to see that school plant and school staffs are sufficient to meet students' requirements. We shall have to improve teacher training programs, and this means a realistic survey and analysis of what our education aims are to be. I think our testing and guidance program should be stepped up earlier so we can get a clear picture of the child's potential. To realistically meet this challenge we must have sound federal aid to education so that all the people may share in the rise of national income."

**Q. What is your position on County Home Rule?**

A. "The closer the government remains to the people, the better the government the people receive. Under some conditions government services can best be administered as a centralized agency, but the final voice should always be in the hands of the voters at the local level."

**Q. What specific action would you recommend be taken in regard to Oregon's economic situation?**

A. "The state department of planning and development was created by the 1937 legislature and its activity is backed by a strong advisory committee. Progress has been made by this agency. The response to this advertising (in the New York Times of April 6) has been tremendous. It has already increased tourist traffic and has resulted in a considerable number of serious inquiries from industrialists interested in locating in the state.

"The inventory of Oregon projects ready to go when federal funds are available has been completed at my direction. Together with Congresswoman Edith Green, I have appointed the Portland Area Industrial committee to work for government contracts.

"Progress is being made in agricultural research and with active experimentation which will lead to an increase in our stock feeding industry. A good deal of experimentation is being done with hogs to see whether we cannot support our pork needs within the state.

"The executive branch of government is giving particular encouragement to both agricultural and lumber research and experiment, particularly in utilization and marketing of these basic resources and the things processed from them. I have given particular attention to Port development, also.

"The fact that Oregon has a well trained, intelligent, and socially integrated labor force is one of the great factors that will encourage economic development in the state.

"The independent tax study which has been made under the direction of the executive department of government has already been partially completed and will be entirely completed by the time the legislature convenes. This objective study will, I am sure, do much to give us a clearer picture of the importance of the tax factor in our economic development and will do much to clarify the public's thinking on taxes."

**Lyle E. McCauley**

Lyle E. McCauley, 54, of 1930 Market st., NE, Salem, is Republican candidate for state labor commissioner. This is McCauley's first political venture. He was educated in Oregon schools, and has completed graduate school courses at Harvard university.

**Q. What recommendations do you have for the expansion of industry and payroll in Oregon?**

A. "I recommend reappraisal of the state's tax structure coupled with the flexibility of the tax base to attract more payrolls. A tax program that is competitive with Washington to the north and California to the south is needed to attract payrolls to Oregon. A vigorous incentive program should be enacted to encourage exploration of our natural resources throughout the state. We need a reappraisal and equalization of interstate freight rates, especially to the eastern markets in order to meet competition from other areas. Direct attention should be given to prospective industry of our abundant water, climate, natural resources, and potential waterpower, which we must protect by

definite conservation programs."

**Q. What specific labor legislation could help solve the problems of the older worker, the handicapped and the unemployed?**

A. "Amend Oregon Fair Employment practices act to eliminate discrimination against the worker over 39 years of age, make it more attractive for employers to take advantage of older workers' experience. Amend Social Security law by inserting an escalator clause based on the cost of living index in a large number of labor contracts to protect older people on fixed incomes."

**Norman O. Nilson**

Norman O. Nilson, 49, of 3935 SE Henry st., Portland, is Democratic candidate for reelection as state labor commissioner. Prior to being elected in 1934, Nilson worked in the construction industry for 20 years, and was connected with the U.S. department of labor for two years. He also was state director of apprenticeship.

**Q. What recommendations do you have for the expansion of industry and payroll in Oregon?**

A. "Development of electric power projects; increase urban renewal projects; pool industry and technical facilities to secure prime federal government contracts; expand development of uses for mineral deposits, timber, etc.; fight discriminatory freight rates to the east and develop markets to the west; provide research and other information and service to encourage further diversification of industry; aggressive sales program to attract industry, contracts and markets."

**Q. What specific labor legislation could help solve the problems of the older worker, the handicapped and the unemployed?**

A. "Plan an over-all social action approach to solving the frustrations created by our present complicated society: Specifically on these three problems assign (or create) a state agency for the task of promoting understanding of the economic value of the older worker, as has been done for the handicapped worker. Provide a trained staff to stimulate labor, management and community action for this purpose. Provide increased placement service for all three groups. Extend unemployment benefits to provide the necessary purchasing power to bolster the economy while relieving the serious consequences for the affected families. Improve technical and trade training programs to substantially reduce the proportion of unskilled workers in the work force."

In connection with the League of Women voters program of furnishing unbiased information on candidates and measures appearing on the ballot, the Medford League of Women Voters recently presented questionnaires to candidates for state and county officers in Jackson county.

Candidates were asked to give biographical information, and answer two questions. The questions were:

1. In what way can the office you're running for better serve the people of Jackson county?
2. What is your position on the proposed County Home Rule amendment, and why?

Below, the candidates are listed, giving a brief biographical sketch of each, the office for which he is a candidate, and the candidate's answers to the two questions by the League. The questions are answered in the order listed above.

**Dr. Edwin R. Durno**

Dr. Edwin R. Durno, 59, of 2512 East Main st., Medford, is the Republican candidate for state senator from Jackson county. He had been a member of the state board of medical examiners for 11 years, and has been active in civic committees, Masons, Shriners and various medical organizations.

Dr. Durno's answer to the League's questions:

**Question 1:** "I cannot. I am proud of the Senators who have served Jackson county. I can only strive to remain ever mindful of my responsibilities and obligations to the people, keeping in mind our changing economy, our aging population, and our way of life."

**Question 2:** "The basic concept of County Home Rule is sound. I would support such a measure in the legislature should it contain the necessary limitations and safeguards to protect the rights and liberties of all of the people of Jackson county. Matters of law, taxation, conservation, etc., should be defined."

**Gordon Hudson**

Gordon Hudson, 37, of 349 Windsor ave., Medford, is the

Democratic candidate for state senator. A pharmacist who owns three drug stores in this area, he is a past president of the Lions club. Although he has never sought a political office previously, Hudson said he has been an "interested student of political affairs since college days." He has a bachelor's degree from Oregon State college.

Hudson's answers to the League's questions:

**Question 1:** "I am running for a legislative office and intend to make myself accessible to all the people of my county at all times. I shall try to establish fixed hours for interviews when I am in Medford during recess so the people of Jackson county can bring their problems to me. While at the legislative session, I shall invite the closest possible contact with the people of my district by letter and personal interview."

**Question 2:** "I strongly favor the County Home Rule amendment because it will give the citizens of our county more autonomy in county government. It will allow for flexibility in taking advantage of opportunities for improvement of services, and for exercising inherent powers and authority over our own county affairs that touch the lives and welfare of all our people."

**Mrs. Marijane B. Duncan**

Mrs. Marijane B. Duncan, 37, of 1500 Terrace dr., Medford, is a Democratic candidate for state representative. Active in the Parent Teacher association, the Methodist church, the League of Women voters and the Knife and Fork club, Mrs. Duncan has had business experience before and after marriage, and was legislative secretary during both 1937 sessions. She attended Illinois Wesleyan university.

Mrs. Duncan's answers:

**Question 1:** "With increased coordination between representatives from Jackson county and better cooperation with other members of the legislature and the administration, the office of state representative could be far more effective in serving the people of our area and the state as a whole."

**Question 2:** "I support it wholeheartedly as a constructive step toward more efficient county government, giving to each county the right to modernize according to its particular needs and the desires of its citizens."

**Robert B. Duncan**

Robert B. Duncan, 37, of 1500 Terrace dr., Medford, is a Democratic candidate seeking reelection as state representative. An attorney, he received his education at Illinois Wesleyan university and the University of Michigan. He has been active in several local civic organizations and was chairman of the Juvenile Advisory committee.

Duncan's answers:

**Question 1:** "An experienced legislator, occupying a position of leadership and responsibility in the House of Representatives, will, with the interest and assistance of the people of Jackson county, bring both prestige and accomplishment to our area."

**Question 2:** "As a member of the 1937 session of the legislature I voted for County Home Rule because I felt that changing times and increased demands on our county governments had, in many areas, rendered present organization inefficient and obsolete."

**Melvin J. Lattie**

Melvin J. Lattie, 61, of route 3, box 200, Medford, is a Republican candidate for state representative. A graduate of Nute academy, Milton, N. H., Lattie is an orchardist and diversified rancher and director of two large cooperatives. He was active in politics at an early age in New Hampshire, and has been a member of the Phoenix school board. He has supported various organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce Tax Research committee.

Lattie's answers:

**Question 1:** "The next session of the legislature will have many problems to solve. Correcting inequities in the tax structure, formulating a sound budget, educational problems, East-West highway, relief of the aged of low income on real property taxes, are just a few of the problems. Solving these and others on a sound basis can benefit all the people of Jackson county."

**Question 2:** "I am thoroughly in favor of seeing the County Home Rule amendment approved by the voters of Jackson county on Nov. 4. Basically I believe that government should be as close to the people as possible. The County Home Rule amendment will allow for greater participation by all the people at the local level and will not in any

## Growth of Valley Firm Reviewed at Rotary Meeting

Asbland - The growth of business of Bear Creek Orchards, Medford, since 1932 when the gift package was introduced, was reviewed by Richard W. Gray, vice president of the firm, here last week.

Speaking at a Rotary meeting, Gray said the firm sold 467 boxes in 1932, and this season "the Christmas gift pack will exceed three-quarters of a million packages and the total gift pack for the year, including the 'Fruit of the Month' items, will exceed 1,100,000."

Bear Creek Orchard's payroll last year reached \$194 million Gray said, and at the peak of the gift packing, 1,300 people were employed.

**Plan Early**

Planning for the gift pack season starts early each year, when the firm orders reeds from Hong Kong, China, for baskets which are woven at the site. In February, the coconut honey is ordered from the Philippines. The later arrives in the spring, and is packaged by Bear Creek.

Late in the fall, company officials meet with representatives of the express company and the railroads, and shipping schedules are checked.

"The peak of the shipping comes about Dec. 12," Gray said. Between "50 and 60 car trains of gift packages move south in express trains. They are dispatched to 39 distribution points in the country, and from there the packages continue on their way in less than carload lots."

Bear Creek orchards, and other fruit packaging concerns this year will ship about 250 railroad cars in addition to substantial shipments by motor carrier. "All of the fruit must be delivered the week before Christmas and scheduled so that it arrives at its destination in prime condition," Gray said.

## Salem Closed To Red Artists: 'Craziest Thing'

Salem, Ore. (UP) - Salem is off-limits to Russian culture, Willamette University officials have learned to their surprise.

The university received a letter from concert impresario Sol Hurok of New York City stating that Salem has been designated a "closed area for Soviet artists and attractions," the ban means that Russian violinist Igor Besrodni will not be able to appear here as scheduled March 11.

The 28-year-old artist had been scheduled more than six months ago as one of four attractions on the university's distinguished artist series.

"We don't know why this should apply to Salem," the letter said, "but we will have to assume that the State Department has its reasons."

Both university and city officials expressed disappointment at what they called a "cultural blockade."

"It's the craziest thing I've ever heard," one city official said in surprise.

Miller's answers:

**Question 1:** "With a personal consideration and business like management of all county problems, and with a fair, impartial administration for all citizens and every section of Jackson county."

**Question 2:** "I definitely believe in County Home Rule, but can't agree with proposed amendment because it isn't specific enough between state and county and in uniformity for all counties. This change in county government needs much study."

**Larry Sheehan**

Larry Sheehan, 47, of post office box 555, Rogue River, is Democratic candidate for county sheriff. A hotel and restaurant owner and operator, Sheehan was educated in New York and at Woodbury college in Los Angeles. Active in the Lions club, Elks club, PTA and the Grange, he was president of the Democratic Social club, and chairman of the county Democratic Central committee.

Sheehan's answers:

**Question 1:** "Astute management and handling of county tax collection monies. Sheriff's office open 24 hours a day for better protection. I am in favor of county owned, properly marked cars for the sheriff's department, and complete cooperation with po-

## Classes Set To Meet This Week

Asbland - Classes scheduled to meet for the second session on Mondays and Tuesdays, 7-9:45 p.m. are the night courses in constructive accounting, basic accounting courses offering three hours of undergraduate college credit, Raymond E. Pettay, regional representative of the general extension division, Oregon state system of higher education, has announced.

Classes are held at the Medford High school, room 229, for a period of 10 weeks. Fees for the course are \$9 per credit hour, or a total of \$27.

Both classes were scheduled at the request of employees and employers of various firms in the Medford area. All persons interested in this course are urged to register at these second meetings as insufficient enrollment may cause one or both of the classes to be cancelled, Pettay said.

## CORVALLIS FIRM LOW

Portland - (UP) - Bonneville Power Administration said yesterday that Witzig Construction company, Corvallis, was apparent low bidder at \$79,964 for construction of the switchyard for the 20,000 kilovolt-ampere Larson substation, four miles north of Moses Lake, Wash.

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