

Regional News

14 Running for Phoenix School Board; Election Set Monday

BY HELEN NIKODYM
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Phoenix - Fourteen candidates are running for election to the school board of the recently reorganized Phoenix school district. Seven positions will be open when voters in Phoenix and Talent go to the polls this Monday.

Observers wonder why so many persons are running for election. Also, this election is different than previous school board elections since seven persons will be elected to the board instead of the usual five. Registered voters will vote at large, or for all seven zones which represent Talent, Wagner Creek and Phoenix.

Length of the term of office will depend on the number of votes received. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve the longest term - four years. The rest according to votes received, will serve from one to three years.

Candidates Quizzed

Candidates were asked why they were running for election. Here are the answers given in a personal interview.

The following are running from the Talent and Wagner Creek area:

James Cyphers - "I served on the Talent board and feel there is a very good future for our small school system."

Joyce Goodrich - "I was on the Talent board. I am vitally interested in our school and all the more so in our new combined system and would like to carry on."

Samuel James - "One reason is I am very interested in our schools and feel a board member has an opportunity to do things. I have been in on this consolidation from the start and want to see it succeed."

Lynn Newbury - "I was on the Talent school board. My main interest is to be able to finish the job started and have a hand in seeing our combined districts grow and succeed."

Harold Smeltzer - "My main interests are to see our children get a good education, see our money spent wisely, and see good cooperation throughout our school system."

From the Phoenix area:

Pauline Baker - "I believe we need a board that will fight to save our schools. If we are not eternally vigilant, surrounding areas will nibble off bits of our district until we won't be self-supporting. A lot of work went into our consolidation and we don't want the fastest growing area of our district appropriated from us without a fight."

Curtis Barnes - "My children go to school here and I believe this is a good way to show my interest."

Jeanette Grove - "I had three years to serve of my last term. We worked hard for consolidation and I would like to continue on a cause I believe in."

Allen Harris - "I worked hard for our consolidation and would like to do my part to help it succeed."

Protect Boundaries

Melvin Lattle - "I feel present school boundaries should be protected."

Merle Simmonds - "The citizens favored consolidation and I would like to see a junior high school and other accomplishments."

Fred Wilcox - "I attended school here for 12 years and have always been interested and more so with my own children here in school. I am most anxious to have the best school possible."

A. E. Trozier - "I am interested in the best educational program possible and if elected would work with that aim in mind."

Dr. McGeary - "I am interested in providing the best education that can be obtained for children of Phoenix-Talent area."

School Vote Set In Butte Falls For This Monday

By MARY JO HARRIS
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Butte Falls - The annual school election for Butte Falls School District No. 91 will be held at the high school between 2 and 8 p.m. this Monday.

Purpose of the election is to elect one local director for a five-year term, one rural school board member, Zone 3, for a two-year term, and rural school board member-at-large for a two-year term.

Voters also will be asked to vote on increasing the tax levy for fiscal 1960-61 to provide for necessary expenditures, District No. 91 has total budget must be submitted to the vote of the people.

Budget for the coming year totals \$126,189.76, of which \$96,602.40 has to be raised by taxes.

Budget board members are Duane Burton, chairman; Earl Dean, secretary; Mrs. Bob Edmondson, Mrs. Duane Burton, Joe Dyer, George Rowden, Doug Finch, Mrs. Harry Dalton, Charles Ferguson, F. E. Poole, William Hunter and Mrs. Bill Edmondson.

Out on a Limb

By BOB WALTERS

Rumors

Well, it happened again. Someone reported a rumor that Meier and Frank were going to build a store in the Medford area.

Yawn.

The latest rumor had it that Otto Niedermeyer had sold the big department store chain an 8-acre plot in the vicinity of Bybee's corner, a point just about equidistant from Medford, Jacksonville and Central Point.

After getting the tip Monday morning, we tried to call Otto. When his phone didn't answer, we tried his brother, John. He wasn't home either, but we left a message with his wife asking him to call us.

Otto finally called a few minutes before deadline, and we told him what we'd heard.

"There's nothing to that at all," he said, after letting the yarn sink in. "I haven't sold any land to anyone."

Brother John called next and greeted the "news" with a horse laugh.

"That makes about the 15th plot of land that Meier and Frank have bought down here," said John after regaining his composure. "They're going to build one heckuva lot of stores!"

Just one would suffice.

Youths Campaign For Election at CP Junior High

By DORIS HUGHES
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Central Point - Central Point Junior High school will hold its annual elections next Thursday, according to Richard Traylor, student council advisor.

Applications must be checked by each teacher for grade averages and citizenship. Each student must have a 3-point average or better and continuous satisfactory citizenship before being accepted to candidacy. Each application is signed by all teachers involved.

Second step in the elections requires that all students make campaign speeches one week before election. These speeches are made before the student body so that appearance, poise, originality, and confidence can be observed by the voters.

Campaign Posters

Posters are displayed and all candidates conduct general campaign efforts during the final week before elections. Candidate posters are placed by selection of the poster committee whose duties are to inspect posters for size, originality, and attractiveness as specified by the student body constitution. According to Traylor, excessive or expensive poster or campaign materials are discouraged.

Traylor stated that leadership and citizenship training was quite apparent by student enthusiasm and the good judgment that has been exemplified by the selection of past student body officers. Student body members have always exceeded 90 per cent in their voting turn out, he added.

Principal George Johns stated that this year only grades six and seven will vote in the junior high school election, whereas in years past all grades, three through eight, had participated. Students in all grades have indicated that the present organization does not give students in the lower grades full opportunity for leadership participation, he said.

Changes Sited

According to a recent vote, all grades, three through eight, have chosen to have two separate councils - one for junior high and one for grades three through six. Full extent of this change will take place next fall when grades three through six will develop their own student council, elect their own officers, and develop their own constitution. Johns pointed out that this separation will provide more student participation, both for leadership and citizenship and that student council meetings will be better adjusted to meet the needs of both groups.

Manor to Aid Local Economy, Higgins Tells Ashland Group

Ashland - Rogue Valley Manor, the swank apartment building now under construction atop a hill just south of Medford, will make a "very sound" contribution to the local economy, the manor's executive director told the Ashland Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

"Frankly," continued Walter Higgins, "it's a windfall to this valley."

Higgins, addressing the chamber's noon luncheon meeting at Omar's, backed up his statements by saying that 65 to 70 per cent of the elderly retired persons who will live at the manor will come from outside the state, thus bringing "new money and new tourism" to this area.

Construction of the 10-story, \$5 1/2 million building is "about" on schedule, Higgins continued, and the manor should be completed by the scheduled contract date of Nov. 28.

About 80 employees will be on the manor's payroll on a year-round basis, he added, and they, together with the 325 to 350 persons who will live there, will insure that the manor has "a very healthy economic impact on the community."

Higgins emphasized that the building is being constructed by a non-profit corporation and that Rogue Valley Manor will be self-sustaining.

In short, that means it won't cost taxpayers a penny.

The manor itself, he added, is "as fire-proof a building as can be made. It's designed to last about a hundred years."

Higgins also pointed out some other facts about the manor:

It will contain some 3 1/2 acres of carpeting.

Laundry equipment costing \$28,000 was delivered last month.

The auditorium will seat 400 persons, thereby enabling members to take local residents to social functions as guests.

Hill Is 'Sturdy'

The hill on which the manor is being constructed "is solid rock-it's sturdy."

The manor will be air-conditioned summer and winter.

It's constructed so that only 14 apartments will be overlooking the parking lot.

Members can furnish the apartments themselves or let the corporation furnish them. They also can choose colors for their carpets, tile and walls.

Higgins said the smallest apartment will cost \$8,500 for lifetime use while the largest will cost \$30,000. The three intermediate prices, he added, are \$10,625, \$15,625 and \$28,000. Majority of the apartments will be those costing \$10,625 and \$15,625 for lifetime use.

Assurance Fund

Members will deposit \$50 for each month of their probable life expectancy upon entering the manor. Higgins said, with the money going into the corporation's "life care assurance fund plan."

That fund, he said, is designed to eliminate the "one deadly problem" of operating such an establishment, that of persons entering the manor and later running out of money.

Higgins emphasized that there are no mortgages because all funds are kept within the 36-member corporation which operates the manor, thus members will have no fears of being evicted.

"They can't foreclose on themselves," Higgins concluded.

Officers Elected By Williams PTG

Williams - Mrs. Loretta Rak was named chairman and Mrs. Alice Hyde vice chairman when the Parent-Teacher group of Williams school elected officers recently.

Other new officers are Mrs. Elizabeth Beard, secretary, and Mrs. Shirley Fisher, treasurer.

Plans were made for the school cooks, Marian Brittan and Gertrude Davidson, to attend cooking classes July 11-13 at Oregon state college. The classes, open to all schools in Oregon, offer the latest information on meal planning and nutrition.

Mothers in Williams band together each summer to can and freeze foods, obtained either from their own gardens or from donations by neighbors. They have found that this not only cuts the cost of lunches, but also provides more balanced meals for the students.

18 Candidates Talk At Prospect Event

Prospect - Eighteen candidates for nomination in the May 20 primary elections spoke at the Prospect "candidates' fair" Monday evening.

Each candidate spoke for about five minutes and many of them later spent time visiting with local residents.

The event was sponsored by the Prospect PTA, with Mrs. Doris Boothby, PTA legislative chairman, in charge.

Pre-School Clinic Set in Applegate

Applegate Valley - A pre-school clinic will be held in the Applegate school building next Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Children who plan to enter first grade in September are eligible to attend.

Immunizations will be offered and Dr. C. I. Drummond, county health officer, will be the examining physician. It is asked that each first grade child receive a physical examination at this clinic or from his own physician before entering school.

Appointments for the clinic may be made by calling PRovolt 2506.

Prospect-The Prospect High school senior class will sponsor a film entitled "Bamboo Prison" at the school beginning at 7:30 tomorrow evening.

Regional Calendar

Gold Hill-The adult Bible study group of the Gold Hill Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Bessie Henderson at 7:30 tomorrow night.

Butte Falls-The Butte Falls Lions club will hold its monthly family potluck supper at the Bill Thomas Community hall this evening. Lions will hold their regular meeting following the dinner.

Applegate Valley-A benefit potluck dinner sponsored by the Applegate PTA will be held at the school cafeteria beginning at 7 o'clock tonight. There will be a white elephant and plant sale.

Gold Hill-Past Noble Grands club of Amethyst Rebekah lodge will meet at the home of Mrs. James Clements at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Butte Falls-Local Cub Scouts will hold their pack meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Bill Thomas Community hall. Den 1 will present a Paul Bunyan play, with members of Den 2 serving as stagehands. The public is invited.

Sams Valley-The Bible study and prayer group of the Sams Valley Community church will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller in Sams Valley.

Children May Enter In SOC Kindergarten

Ashland - Parents wishing to enroll children in the Southern Oregon college kindergarten for fall term 1960 may register Friday, April 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the kindergarten. Supervisor Roberta Westra has announced.

Parents are requested not to bring the child being registered, since a visitation time will be planned in May. A child must be five years old prior to Nov. 15, 1960, to be admitted to the kindergarten, and a \$5 deposit is required, Mrs. Westra said.

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Three Injured in Traffic Accidents

Three persons were injured in one of two accidents occurring in the Talent area Monday, according to state police.

Injured were Ernest Hiram Briscoe, 49, of 639 Wilson rd., Ashland, chest and back injuries; his passenger, David Louis St. John, 58, of Gervais, Ore., bruise on the right side of his head, and Donald Eugene Newman, 1965 1965 Springfield rd., Medford, slight leg injuries, and cuts and bruises on his head.

The accident occurred as two cars were making a left turn onto Valley View st. Phil Henry Blood, 31, of 3660 Madrona lane, will be cited in Ashland justice of peace court for failure to yield right of way as a result of an accident yesterday on Highway 99 near Talent, state police said.

Blood's car and one driven by Ronald Wirth Cogswell, 26, of Grants Pass, were involved in the accidents.

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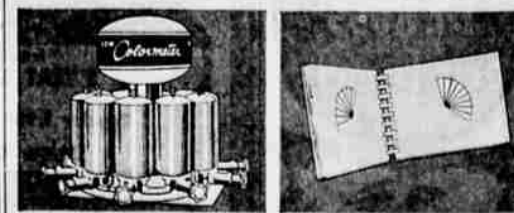


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