

Hunter Schumacher

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When we select our groceries at the store the clerk figures the cost of the items and we pay the bill. If we feel the bill is too high we may put back the round steak and take hamburger. Similarly, this is what happens on a county level. We, as voters, select the items we desire and then, through taxes, we pay the bill. It will be my responsibility as your assessor to see that the cost of county government and services are fairly distributed.

Since filing for this office, it has been my intention to bring the office to the people. I do appreciate the individuality of tax problems and will give considerable attention to all who call on me. However, much can be done through the intelligent efforts of the taxpayer.

Everybody's Business
Taxes are everybody's business. One person cannot raise or lower taxes. Our government is still of the people, for the people and by the people. The people voted taxes in and by the same process can adjust the situation. Why should we as Americans go begging for relief when we have a ballot in our hand? I would encourage and assist you to form rural and urban committees in the county. This would give us an opportunity to discuss problems "on the spot." A committee of this type improves the assessor's position and helps to convince those people who know the value of property that the appraisal work is being done thoroughly and impartially.

Persons familiar with the value of real property such as realtors, bankers and farmers should be among those asked to participate.

The committee should have an opportunity to review and discuss land valuation maps, farm land classification maps and sample appraisals. It would be the responsibility of the assessor's office to make the final decision, but not without reporting the final conclusion to the committee.

Public Relations
A public relations program should be set up which would publish your questions and answer them from our taxation laws and express the views of qualified citizens. This would lead to a uniform county-wide understanding of procedures and an equal approach to values.

I can offer you intelligent, aggressive leadership. As a state of Oregon certified appraiser, I am familiar with the assessing procedure. As one who has been in the building trades for 25 years, I am aware of valuation problems. I am asking you to elect me as the voice of the people, to have in office a man with a working man's approach to taxes, and one who will serve with equality to all.

Herbert Hunter
Candidate for
County Assessor.

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dures have placed upon the assessor, the requirement of specialized training in administration and appraising.

The Oregon State Tax commission has supervision of assessment procedure and prescribes the methods and rules for use by the county assessors in appraising property for taxation. Certified appraisers, hired by the assessor, must be trained to the appraisal methods set by the State Tax commission, and to local costs and conditions, if equality is to be obtained. The county assessor should possess qualifications to train appraisers in this process.

New laws require new accounting procedures and create many problems in existing systems. The assessor must know how to cope with these problems.

There are many laws affecting taxation that the assessor must be familiar with, and be able to form opinions on specific cases, when called upon.

Reviewing my past record, you will find that I have had over 30 years of successful business experience in Jackson county.

Licensed Broker
Being a licensed real estate broker and appraiser, I was engaged in sales, building, loans, management and appraising from 1943 until assuming this office in 1957.

I am experienced and trained in administration, accounting, building, and appraising. I have attended appraisal courses, seminars, and conferences on appraising annually for 15 years. I am certified by the Oregon state civil service in urban and rural appraising, and was designated appraiser and construction inspector for the Veterans administration.

I have qualified in Circuit and U.S. Courts in giving expert testimony in cases of condemnation and equity.

I ask that you study the record of my administration of this office over the past four years.

Given Opportunity
Under my administration all taxpayers have been given the opportunity to appeal to the assessor on the valuation of their property, before appealing to the board of equalization. I have personally reviewed over 2,000 appraisals, few of these were appealed.

Complete reorganization of office procedure and systems, training programs, and market studies have been installed, improving office efficiency and expediting records to a current level.

Public relations of the office have been improved by courteous consideration of the taxpayers problems by all office employees.

I have kept the taxpayers informed of the methods and laws by compiling and distribution of the taxpayers booklet, and tax summaries.

Advise Public
I have advised the public through press releases on matters affecting taxation and have presented the five point



PROBLEM FOR TEACHER—First year teacher Diane Brannan discovers to her dismay that there are other things to teaching besides learning the three R's. Here, lets Shelly, Sheree and Shauna Ashley, 4, at Merced, Calif., kindergarten, Miss Brannan finds that handing back schoolroom lessons to their proper owners is no simple task—especially when the owners are tripping.

Tuttle Named To State Committee

Shelby Tuttle, executive secretary of the Jackson County Fruit Growers League, has been appointed to the Oregon Committee on Crime and Delinquency, it was announced recently.

Main goals of the committee are better protection of the community and more offenders restored as useful citizens, according to the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Oregon is the first state to be developed under the grant of the Ford Foundation to the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. The Oregon committee will be supported by the Oregon United Appeal, effective Jan. 1, 1962.

The NCCD has been doing exploratory and developmental work in Oregon during the last few months with key lay leaders and officials interested in developing the program.

EYES OPEN
Boston—Young chinchillas are born full-furred and with their eyes open.

Jaycee Members Attend Meetings

Members of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce recently visited other chapters in southern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas V. Peters, Medford, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Don Eldridge of Grants Pass, attended charter night ceremonies at the Gold Beach Jaycees. Peters is secretary of the Medford Jaycees, and Burns is president of the Grants Pass chapter.

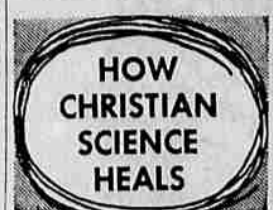
Attending a meeting in Grants Pass recently were John Gustafson, first vice president; Hank Haydal, sec-

ond vice president; Peters; Earl Johnson, director; Terry Green, director; and members Gene Schwein, Jim Pugh, Gray Colton, Wally Williams, Dennis Walker, Bill Tope, Michael Smith, Ted Litchfield, and Dick Fry.

State Jaycee officers also attended the Grants Pass meeting.

WEST INDIES TALKS SET
London—UPI—The United States and the West Indies will begin talks in London Nov. 3 on the 1941 Churchill-Roosevelt agreement establishing U.S. bases in the West

Indies in exchange for 50 U.S. destroyers. Nationalists in the West Indies have been pressing for a revision of the agreement.



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plan before legislative groups, and other organizations, in an attempt to reduce and limit property taxation.

I have not and will not make any idle promises, that cannot be kept, by restrictions of law. I can only promise that I will continue to do my best to give fair and impartial administration of this office.

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

Ray J. Schumacher
Candidate for
County Assessor

TOO GENEROUS
Chicago—UPI—City officials admitted with some embarrassment Friday that they were too generous in voting

raises for the next municipal court bailiff and clerk. The approved \$5,500 salaries exceed the statutory limitations on salaries for the two officials.

Forest Service, BLM Plan Two Mountain Roads

Klamath Falls—Two separate roads, roughly parallel for half their length, are planned to extend into different timber areas south of Lake of the Woods, according to reports from the bureau of land management.

Construction of the two roads is expected to start within a few weeks and completion is expected late next fall. Both roads would link Highway 66 near Keno with the Dead Indian rd. south of Lake of the Woods. Timber carried out over these roads would go to Klamath Falls and Medford mills.

One road is being developed jointly by Klamath county and the U.S. forest service. The county section leaves Highway 66 half a mile east of Keno and passes the east side of Oatman lake to reach Clover creek guard station.

Forest Service Road
The forest service will construct the road from the guard station up Spencer creek by the east side of Buck lake to the Dead Indian rd. two miles east of the Jackson county line. Length is 21 miles.

The other road, planned by the BLM, leaves Highway 66 six miles west of Keno, runs along Clover creek to the south side of Buck lake, then swings westward through Howard Prairie to the Dead Indian seven miles west of the Jackson county line. Length is 28 miles. The BLM plans to build a connecting link near Clover creek guard station where they would be only two miles apart.

The Manley Logging company, Medford, is completing removal of 7.4 million board feet from the BLM right of way, it was reported, and should be completed in a few weeks.

Dr. Luther To Speak at Meeting

"Giving Interpretation to Your Mathematics" will be the title of the address by Dr. Chester F. Luther before the regional meeting of the Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics at Hedrick Junior High school Oct. 29.

Dr. Luther, of Willamette university, will be followed by Vernon Hood, assistant supervisor of mathematics of the Portland public schools.

Other speakers will present topics of interest to all elementary and secondary mathematics teachers. Sessions will begin in the Hedrick speech room at 9:45 a.m. under the direction of Wendell C. Hall, OCTM president.

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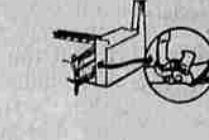
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