



PREPARE MATERIAL—Part of the Duncan family is shown here preparing campaign material. From left, they are Angus Duncan, 16; Nancy Duncan, 17; Mrs. Marjane Duncan, the candidate's wife, at the typewriter; Mrs. Eugene Duncan, Bloomington, Ill., Robert Duncan's mother who is visiting the Duncan's to help care for the children during the campaign, and Bonnie Dee, in the highchair. (Knackstedt Photo)



WITH BUMPER STRIPES—The children of Robert B. Duncan, Medford, help in his campaign for nomination for representative from the fourth Congressional district. Above are shown James, 9, Laurie, 7, pushing Bonnie Dee, 1, and David, 11, with their dog, Barrie. (Knackstedt Photo)

Duncan's Family Takes Leaf From Kennedy Campaign Book

(Editor's note: This is the first of two articles on the activities of children in the campaign of candidates seeking fourth district congressional nomination. The articles were submitted at the invitation of the Mail Tribune, and are from Robert B. Duncan, Medford, and Robert W. Straub, Eugene. No articles were received from Charles O. Porter or Patrick M. Flynn.)

The six children of House Speaker Robert B. Duncan, Democratic candidate for Congress, fourth district, may be somewhat younger than were the campaigning Kennedys when the former Massachusetts senator blazed his historic trail to the White House in 1960, but from all appearances they are taking a leaf out of the Kennedy campaign book.

From their current "Duncan-for-Congress" answer to all incoming calls at home, to making speeches, covering precincts and distributing literature, it is an all out family effort. So declares Jackson County Duncan-for-Congress Chairman James A. Redden.

"While Bob is filling speaking engagements outside his home county, concentrating on the populous areas in Lane, Linn, Douglas and Coos counties, attending President Kennedy's inter-governmental relations advisory committee meetings in Washington, D.C., and winding up interim committee chores left over from the last legislature, Bob's

wife, Marjane, a politically wise performer in her own right, is highly active on the home front.

Also Pinch Hits

"Not only does Marjane take her turn answering phones and doing other chores at the local Duncan headquarters, 311 East Eighth st., Redden explained, "but she pinch hits for her husband at candidate meetings, rallies and coffee hours. "In the meantime, she manages to keep the Duncan home running smoothly and responds to the varied needs of a family of children, ranging in age from one year old to age 17."

Daughter Nancy, a senior at Medford High, has not only spoken at public meetings for her father, but she has distributed bumper stickers and campaign cards to her school friends, teachers and neighbors. It is as a speaker, however, that she feels most at home, being somewhat of a "veteran" on the high school speech and debate circuit.

With partners she has so far won first and third places in both state and district meets in various categories. She also won first place at Pacific University last December as an after dinner speaker in a district contest.

School Activities

In between times, she serves as president of the Medford High school Girls League; was selected by the faculty as one of the four outstanding senior girls, won the Elk Lumber company college

scholarship and another scholarship from the AFL-CIO on her essay on Labor Law and History. The latter scholarship will be substantially increased if she comes out among the top three after interviews in Portland with competing contestants from all over the state. She has been accepted at Willamette university.

Angus, 16, a high school sophomore is also busy pinch hitting as a speaker for his father around the county, as well as distributing literature, writing letters and explaining campaign issues as they arise. With a flair for both writing and speaking, he has already become a first place winner in competitive speaking. Like his father, he plans to be a lawyer and perhaps follow a political career.

Believe in Action
David, 11, a fifth grader, James, 9, in the third, and Laurie, 7, in the second, all at Roosevelt school, believe in action more than words. They have managed to persuade not only school mates but most of their neighborhood to accept and display Duncan campaign literature.

In the line of campaign duty, not the least valuable is the volunteer Duncan family baby-sitting pool for one-year-old Bonnie. The latter's main contribution to the cause, is to wear a home made campaign button made for her by Laurie, and to demonstrate a queen-sized preference for "Daddy" each time he reappears at home from his long, long campaign trail through the seven-county congressional district.

Infante Court Action Postponed

Los Angeles - UPI - Court action against self-styled Mexican revolutionist Marcantonio Diaz - Infante has been delayed two weeks because of "sketchy, unverified facts and unsubstantiated claims."

Diaz - Infante, 39, leader of the Mexican "Zapata" movement, was returned to county jail when Superior Court Judge J. Howard Zeimann granted a defense motion for continuance of the hearing.

The Mexican revolutionist was arrested when the court revoked his probation for leaving the state without permission following a 1946 grand theft conviction. Zeimann said the probation was revoked following reports that Diaz-Infante appeared at the United Nations on behalf of the Zapata movement.

Highway Department to Hold Open House in May

Salem—The nerve centers of the Oregon state highway department will be put on public display during a statewide open house scheduled at 12 major offices and shops May 20-26 in observance of National Highway Week.

State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper said the public will be invited to meet local highway representatives and learn of the department's operations in the area.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield will issue a proclamation for National Highway Week and will open a new section of freeway June 1 in connection with the event. The freeway section, a nine mile portion of Interstate 5 between Grants Pass and Rogue River, will connect two other completed projects to form the third longest continuous freeway stretch in Oregon.

Featured at the 12 locations will be guided tours, exhibits and displays of equipment used to maintain modern highways. The offices will have scale models of highway

projects on hand to demonstrate latest features in highway construction. Employees will work staggered shifts during the open house to keep the offices open for evening visitors.

Eichmann Decision

Jerusalem, Israel - UPI - The Israeli Supreme Court will announce its decision May 29 on convicted Nazi mass killer Adolf Eichmann's appeal against his death sentence.

The court announced today it will then read its judgment on the appeal.

Eichmann, a former high official in the Nazi SS, was kidnapped from Argentina by Israeli agents and tried and convicted in Israel last Dec. 15 for his part in the killing of an estimated six million Jews in Europe during World War II.

Largest of the open houses will be in the state highway headquarters in Salem. The tour through the state highway building will include the electronic computers in the data processing section, the photogrammetry-aerial mapping facilities, and highway

and bridge construction design rooms. The extensive highway shops area will also be open to public inspection.

The division offices in Milwaukie, Roseburg, Bend, and La Grande, and the Metropolitan highway field office in Portland will all feature similar programs. Also scheduled are open house activities at Klamath Falls, Albany, and are highway field offices in Medford.

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On Workmen's Compensation

Stathos Says Workmen's Compensation Law Needs Legislative Attention

State Senate candidate Don Stathos told an audience Thursday night that revision of the Workmen's Compensation Law must be a major item of business at the next session of the state legislature.

"At present, 39 per cent of the domestic labor force in Oregon is not protected by this law," Stathos pointed out at a dinner meeting of the Talent Lions club.

He suggested three improvements to the 1913 law which he described as "providing medical care and weekly income to a wage earner in hazardous employment who is injured on the job, regardless of fault."

Benefits Extended

"The benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Law should be extended to virtually all Oregon workers and employers alike. In addition, a wage earner should be able to appeal his award without entering into time-consuming and costly legal expense," Stathos said. He advocated the appeal system used by 43 other states under which 99 per cent of all claims are satisfied without litigation.

Making his third recommen-

dation, the Republican candidate suggested that a competitive system be used in place of the present state monopolistic system.

"Competition between the state plan and others will encourage accident prevention by inducing improved safety practices," he declared. "This will reduce Oregon's industrial death rate which was the fourth highest in the nation in 1959."

In addition to the human value, better safety practices also would minimize costs, he said. He cited the fact that an Oregon farmer must pay nearly twice the rate which is paid by a farmer in California.

"If the state legislature were to enact these changes," he added, "new business would look more favorably upon locating in Oregon."

On Property Tax Relief

Taxes Discussed At Roundtable

The burden of heavy property taxes is discouraging Oregon families from buying more adequate homes and discouraging business expansion, it was charged Monday by State Senate candidate Don Stathos at the Medford Chamber of Commerce Roundtable luncheon at North's Chuck Wagon.

Stathos declared that home owners were being penalized for becoming established members of the community. He also pointed out the adverse effect of high property tax on a major industry of Oregon.

"Farmers in 1960 paid \$22 out of every \$100 of their net profit for property taxes. It is no wonder the farmers in Oregon find it difficult to make a living. The property tax is not an equitable tax because it is not based on ability to pay."

Stathos said relief should be sought by adopting a sales tax as a direct property tax offset, with food and services such as medicine exempt so that it would not be a burden to retired people and low income families.

"Tourists alone would have added \$11,000,000 this year to the state revenue. This would build a lot of classrooms," he noted. "Tourists are already accustomed to paying a sales tax in California and Washington."

Stathos said the proposal was one of several measures he advocated to upgrade the economic climate of Oregon.

On Lumber & Logging

Lumber Industry Must Recapture Most Markets

"The state legislature must take the initiative in helping the lumber industry recapture its lost markets," it was stated here during the week end by state senate candidate Don Stathos.

Appearing as the principal speaker at the initial meeting of the newly formed Jackson County Log Truckers association, Stathos noted that there has been no employment increase in Jackson county's largest industry, forest products, despite a substantial increase in its population.

"Canada has made great inroads on the markets normally supplied by our local industry. One principal reason is that stumpage in Canada has been selling for \$2.50 per thousand feet while stumpage rates here have been \$20 or more per thousand feet. No wonder Canadian lumber can outprice and outsell our own industry," he declared.

Release More Timber

Stathos said it was imperative to make available the maximum safe allowable cut to the lumber industry. "The release of more timber would have the effect of lowering stumpage rates and allowing our operators to compete," he continued.

The Republican candidate told his audience that he would work to bring about a close relationship between the state legislature and the U.S. forest service and bureau of land management if elected to the state senate.

"The legislature must be coordinated as a solid force that will guard the interests of our number one payroll," Stathos stressed. He added that the flat-fee option, "necessary to the economic survival of the logging industry," must be retained.



On Tax Revision To Attract New Industry

Stathos Suggests Income Tax Changes

State Senate Candidate Don Stathos suggested Tuesday that economic activity in Oregon could be stimulated through two changes in the state income tax.

The Republican candidate told a group of supporters that business investment, with its new payrolls, would be encouraged if Oregon would adopt the federal system of capital gains and loss-carry-back structure. The present system tends to stifle economic activity at a time when it is most needed to offset the lagging lumber economy, he said.

Two points were emphasized by Stathos in calling for the change. The cost of state auditing would be reduced, he said, and any loss of tax revenue by the state would be more than made up by taxes from increased economic activity.

Stathos outlined the tax proposal as one of a series of economic measures in his platform to create a healthier economic climate for Jackson county.

On Welfare Economy

Stathos Asks Better Welfare Program

"Oregon legislators should have the vision and political courage to adopt a welfare program that seeks to solve the problems of welfare, rather than just coping with them," State Senate Candidate Don Stathos said last week.

The Republican candidate advocated a welfare program that would turn tax receivers into taxpayers during a speech before the Townsend club at Knights of Pythias hall.

"Oregon's welfare program is concerned with supplying the material necessities of life. It should help these people to help themselves. This becomes self-supporting. This could be done by giving them the training they need to compete for modern-day jobs," he said.

Stathos said the cost of training would be repaid to the state many times over through the saving of welfare benefits and the payment of taxes by the individuals.

On Farming

Stathos Notes Compromise Bill

Don Stathos, Republican candidate for State Senator, Monday night called senate bill 502 "an outstanding example of compromised legislation."

Speaking before the Ashland Toastmasters club at Ashland Public Library, he pointed out the danger of compromising on a vital piece of legislation.

"Compromise can become a habit whereby a legislator would lose his effectiveness," Stathos said. "Senate bill 502 was originally designed to prevent unscrupulous union tactics, but the compromised version only gives the farmer false security. The farm industry in Oregon deserves more than this."

On Tourist Industry

Stathos Comments On Tourist Business

A plan to stimulate the tourist business in Oregon was outlined last week by State Senate Candidate Don Stathos in a speech before the Medford Chamber of Commerce at North's Chuck Wagon.

"Jackson county has some of the most beautiful fishing streams in America, but it is fast losing its national reputation as a stream fisherman's paradise," he warned.

"Every dollar invested in keeping our streams stocked would be returned many times over," Stathos said. "Tourists leave their dollars here and take their problems home."

Stathos said the tourist industry should be the forefront in an economic cake of promised to work for a healthier economic base through several measures he has proposed.

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