

Candidates' Statements

Editor's note: As in past years, the Mail Tribune is offering space in its news columns for statements from candidates seeking office.

This year because of the interest in the non-partisan Medford city elections, this offer has been extended to candidates for Medford mayor and city councilman.

The third in the series today includes statements from candidates for county judge and commissioner.

Republican Democrat



Earl M. Miller

Earl M. Miller, incumbent county judge of Jackson county, has resided in the county since 1925 as a resident of the city of Medford. He has owned and operated an automotive service (Miller Motor Service) for 27 years, and during the past four years has been an inactive partner with his son in the same business.

Miller has served terms on the Medford planning and budget committees, six years as a councilman from Ward 11 and 1955-56 as mayor of Medford.

He is now finishing his first four-year term as Jackson county judge. During this term he has served on the roads committee of the Association of Oregon counties one year and elected for one more year. He is also on the urban affairs committee of the Association of Oregon Counties, of which he is chairman. Miller was also on the welfare commission of the Association of Oregon Counties for a period of two years.

Named to Committee

In 1959, Miller received an appointment on the Urban Affairs committee of the National Association of County Officials and still serves on that committee.

He has been active in civic affairs of the county for many years, being a past Scoutmaster of Troup 3, charter member of the Medford YMCA, past president of the Medford Lions club, a Republican precinct committeeman. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church, a Mason, member of Scottish Rite, Hullah Temple of the Shrine, Reames Chapter Order of Eastern Star and the Phoenix Grange.

If elected, he will continue progressive county government with emphasis on long range planning, as he believes this business-like management will assure uniform economic development and continued better service for the people of Jackson county.

In Eventful Times

Miller believes Jackson county is passing through eventful times which can be rewarding to each and all county citizens. He feels the county's population growth in the past 10 years is real proof of the potential development and faith that people have in this area.

His willingness and ability to work with the industrial and agricultural segments of Jackson county's economy as a county official has been of the greatest importance during his present term and will, if elected, continue in future.

Miller has shown a great interest in the recreational development of Jackson county as he believes this development to be a great factor for the future economy of the county as well as a diversion for the pleasure and enjoyment of everyone.

He believes that county government has an important part to serve in all of these basic programs as well as to maintain a sound fiscal approach in the administration of the county's business which has become a large and complex organization.



Hunter

Democrat

Ralph James

I favor the two party system of government. The county judge is the presiding officer of the county court, which is the administrative body for Jackson county.

The principal duties of the court are to supervise all county property, to prepare the county budget with the budget committee and to approve the amount of money required for county purposes. The court provides for construction, repair and maintenance of buildings for county use. It works to conserve, develop and promote county resources. The court serves as members of the Jackson county public welfare commission.

If elected, in the first order of business I will endeavor to change the names "County Court" and "County Judge" to "Board of Commissioners and Chairman."

Licensed Insurance Agent.

I have been a licensed insurance agent for several years. I have had several



Ralph James

years experience in general farming and dairying. From 1957 to 1961 I served as county commissioner. During that time I was privileged to take part in numerous projects which have proven to be of continuing benefit to Jackson county.

My wife and I have lived in the Sams Valley area for over 20 years. I am presently secretary for the Sams Valley-Beagle Water Developing association, now organizing into an irrigation district, and am a director of the Rogue River Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association. I have been active in the Grange for several years.

In September, 1961, I was appointed manager of the surplus food program in Jackson county. It has been a challenge to start and keep this in smooth operation.

Fast changing conditions have brought many new problems which cannot be ignored. These problems present not only challenge, but a great opportunity.

Issues of Real Concern

Issues of real concern are: 1. The proposed Rogue River Basin Project. This will benefit both industry and agriculture. I will continue to give the project my whole-hearted support. 2. Ball park. I do not favor just a ball park only. I do favor a multi-purpose stadium constructed to take care of present needs and allowing for future expansion, to be constructed as soon as possible. 3. Industry. New industry is vital to our future prosperity. I feel that we should support measures that will attract new industry. 4. County employees. I believe in an automatic, graduated pay scale to a top rate with periodic reviews of the scale. Job classifications would control both the increases and the top rate. 5. Welfare. I favor and will support a welfare self supporting work program. I also favor a county jail inmates misdemeanors work program so long as this does not interfere with paid workers or different trades. 6. Recreation. I favor recreation expansion within reason, with county control of all recreation centers that are supported by the county. I do not believe in turning this control over to the concessionaire.

Experience is of prime importance for efficient administration. Your vote for county judge is appreciated.

Democrat



Larry Sheehan

Larry Sheehan, Rogue River mayor, Democratic candidate for Jackson county commissioner, has been a leader in Jackson county community affairs for the past 14 years.

Imaginative, responsible and progressive in his thinking, he is dedicated to providing a program of government for Jackson county that will establish the maximum service to all of the people of Jackson county.

Long interested in youth, he and Mrs. Sheehan have made investigative trips to all larger counties of the state, studying pilot programs that have been successfully carried out. He has interviewed youth authorities and administrators of youth working camps and programs, gathering valuable statistical information that could be applied to our own community.

Open Class Fair

He favors the open class fair with adequate multiple facilities for Jackson county. He feels this would not only provide the most effective and efficient showcase for youth and adult exhibits, but would be economically sound for this county.

Larry Sheehan is personable, friendly and approachable. He favors giving every group, minority or otherwise a fair hearing and thorough consideration of their problems.

He appreciates the loyal and dedicated service of the many employees of Jackson county and would work for any improvement in their working conditions. He would cooperate with them in improving the efficiency of the Jackson county operation in every area.

Larry Sheehan was born in Rome, N.Y., where he was reared on the family dairy farm, and went west as a young man. As a resident of Rogue River he has served his community and proved his ability as a leader in countless ways.

Organizer of Club

He was an organizer and charter member of the Rogue River Lions club, holding every office, including district governor.

He was chairman of the

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Community Chest for three years; temporary chairman and one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce, now a member of the board; active worker and chairman for several years of the widely known Rooster Crowing contest.

He is vice president of the PTA, an elder in the Hope Presbyterian church, a member of Live Oak Grange, and was chosen as Man of the Year for 1961, an honor bestowed for service to his community.

Information furnished by E. C. (Tex) Phillips, Medford, chairman of Sheehan for County Commissioner committee.

Republican



Donald E. Faber

I believe in sound, planned county government. This principle should be applied to all phases of our county government. Extravagant spending should be guarded against and eliminated. The above principle should be applied at the start of all departmental budgets.

All phases of our county government should be progressive and sound, but they do not have to be the best in the United States. Citizens should not take good government lightly. I believe that good government should start at the city and county level and the voters are charged with the responsibility of selecting the best qualified candidate for county offices.

I believe I am qualified to be your county commissioner. I am a native of Jackson county. My parents established a mercantile business in Central Point in 1909. I am 52 years old. My early background began in the grocery store. I have worked as a pear smudger; in the spring picked strawberries, tomatoes and pears. I realize how important general farming, fruit industry, lumber industry and small businesses are to Jackson county's economy.

Success in Activities

I have been successful as a teacher, coach, professor, administrator, businessman, subdivider and public servant.

Proceeding the primary election, I made the following statement of principles. I still believe them. First: I believe in sound, planned county government. Second: I believe in the free enterprise system. Third: Our county should have partisan politics. Fourth: Good government should start at the city and county level. Fifth: We must stop the centralization of power. This centralization of power will destroy us. Sixth: Extravagant spending must be stopped. Seventh: Jackson county must continue to be a good place to live. Eighth: County officials should conduct themselves as servants of the people of Jackson county.

eral, means a change in the way public money is spent. I do not believe the county should go into the real estate business, but good roads to the recreation centers are a must. I am not against picnic areas and camp sites. Anglers and hunters pay a good part of their own expenses for recreation.

I am for replacing the baseball seats at the county fairgrounds, starting with a small and modest park. Other little league parks should be made available to the recreation department. By furnishing recreational activities, we can cut down on the money spent in the rehabilitation of delinquent youth.

Favors County Fair

I am for a county fair, if it can be more or less self supporting. A master plan should be developed for the fairgrounds with emphasis put on the existing 4-H and FFA and other youth activities. A modern, up-to-date fairgrounds could become a real part of the life and every citizen in Jackson county.

Jackson county needs a large auditorium to accommodate conventions, civic music events, plays, etc. This installation would take a large expenditure. The citizens should organize, as projects like this and a multi-purpose stadium should come only as a mandate of the people.

A county commissioner becomes one member of the county court. The action of the court affects the lives of every citizen of Jackson county. I, Donald E. (Don) Faber, ask for your vote in the general election, Nov. 6.

Truman Opposes Summit Meeting

Independence, Mo.—(UPI)—Former President Harry S. Truman Thursday warned President Kennedy against agreeing to a summit meeting during the current crisis over Cuba.

"They aren't worth a damn," Truman said of summit meetings.

The former president, who called a news conference here today, also said he had cancelled the remainder of his scheduled appearances in the current political campaign because of the crisis.

He said his decision was motivated by "my long time practice that partisan politics be adjourned in time of national danger."

Truman Called Upon "Everyone"

Truman called upon "everyone, regardless of his party affiliations, to support the chief executive and the commander in chief."

FEELING BETTER

New York—(UPI)—Friends of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said Thursday her fever is lower and her spirits higher. The former First Lady, 78, continued to rally under treatment for anemia and a lung infection. She was released from Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center last week. Mrs. Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. Anna Halsted of Birmingham, Mich., is staying at her apartment.

CONFERENCE SET

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon State Employment Service said Thursday that a manpower resources conference will be held in Eugene Nov. 9.

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