

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 fourth in the series today includes statements from candidates for county assessor and clerk.

Democrat



E. M. Madden

As the incumbent, and as a candidate for reelection to the office of county clerk, I would like to use this statement to discuss our point of view in the clerk's office and the work to which we have applied ourselves during this term.

Four years ago I said that I thought people who come to the clerk's office should be treated as cordially as they would expect to be treated if they entered a private business as a buyer. This point of view has been foremost with me during this term. I have consistently felt that all persons should be treated with equal promptness and courtesy regardless of whom they might be. I believe we have conformed to this standard, not as a chafing rule of conduct, but out of willingness to be of public service.

Public employees have long been employed at wage rates somewhat less than the going rate in private business. During my term it has been my pleasure to see that wages were increased to a scale commensurate with what these employees might enjoy if working for a private employer. I believe that proper wages produce better morale, more stability and greater efficiency in work.

Sometimes Elusive
Economy is sometimes an elusive thing in view of the fact that the county has grown in population and the activities of the clerk's office are at an all-time high. Yet, on comparing, I find that on all expenditures excluding payrolls, we spent less by \$3,500 on the 1961-62 budget than my predecessor budgeted on the 1958-59 budget. I believe this substantiates the claim of efficiency, that is, to accomplish a greater volume of work but with less expenditure for supplies, equipment, travel and maintenance.

The clerk's office is staffed with highly qualified and experienced people who are willing to take initiative in their work and apply their ingenuity to the solution of the many problems confronting us daily. Much of the credit for the successes we have enjoyed is attributable to their efforts.

It has been a privilege, a great experience and a pleasure to have served as county clerk during this term. I would appreciate your support for a second term. Remember to vote on Nov. 6.



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in a businesslike manner."
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Republican

Bereth P. Hopkins

One of the most important decisions the voters of Jackson county will make on November sixth is to determine who will operate the county clerk's office for the next four years.

The figure of \$91,635.94 is one in the 1962-63 county budget that shocked me into deciding to run for the office of county clerk. That is the amount allowed to operate that office for one year. (It does not include the cost of running the election department.)

Every voter wants to cut the cost of government. We are all worried and have every reason to be.

But can we economize? Can we lower the cost and still get the services which we expect and demand of our County government?

I think we can! I would like the opportunity to prove that the cost of operating the county clerk's office can be lowered and still maintain an acceptable level of efficiency and quality of service.

Business-like Administration

1. By reestablishing a business-like administration. This requires orderly organization.



BERETH P. HOPKINS

effective personnel direction, and personal supervision over the operation of all departments.

2. By encouraging harmonious cooperation among employees. This means employing fairness in the distribution of the work load. It means discouraging waste whether it be time, motion, supplies or the skills, education and experience of individual workers.

Economical effective operation of government service offices such as that of county clerk can be realized if the voters take a firm stand and do something about it.

I am sure after having had 5 1/2 years experience as county clerk of Jackson county that operation costs can be cut in the clerk's office. If I am elected Nov. 6, I propose to work toward that goal with every means I can command.

County Resident

I have been a resident of Jackson county for 29 years, and am married to Curtis L. Hopkins, an insurance counselor.

Republican

Herb Hunter

"I must stand for anybody who stands for right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong." - A. Lincoln.

The underlying basis for Herb Hunter's qualifications is his honesty and sincerity. This, in turn, is strengthened by more specific qualifications, such as certified state of Oregon appraiser, home contractor for 25 years, and plumbing trade experience.

Hunter, if elected, would work for a solid public relations program. This would include informing voters, prior to bond issue elections, what effect there will be on assessments.

Information Available

Home building and remodeling information would be made available to those interested in sound building practices. This would also serve as a guide for prospective home buyers.

Hunter would encourage the use of current marketing information to aid those wishing current values for buying and selling; he would encourage the taxpayer to ask questions and present problems regarding assessments.

He would post a schedule of where the assessor will be on specific days and evenings.



HERB HUNTER

This would permit the assessor to meet with people in remote communities who find it difficult to get to the court house at the regular hours.

Appraisal Duplicate

Hunter would give a duplicate of the house appraisal card to the home owner. This would show the method of determining the property value and would give the owner a history of the property. For example when built, type of construction, insulation, a record of termite inspection, wiring and plumbing.

He would encourage an interdepartmental cooperation; encourage technical aid to other departments; and explore the possibility of forming labor and office machine pools to promote more efficient use of equipment and personnel.

"There's just one thing about rules for success. They do not work unless we do."

Herb Hunter has not only rules and plans for successful operation, but also the ability and desire to make them a reality.

Democrat

Thad Hatten

There are two matters of general concern connected with the office of county assessor that I would like to clarify in this presentation.

First is the continuing process of reappraisal of property in the county. The Oregon law requires that all property be reappraised at least once each six years. In order that this may be accomplished in an orderly manner with the regular staff of employees, it is necessary to divide the county into six districts each year. We are now in the fourth year of the cycle and at the close of this year a little more than 60 per cent of the county will have been covered. We are this year in the process of appraising all property in the city of Medford.

This process is not as simple as it sounds in these few words. To arrive at market value, which is required under Oregon law, much research must be carried on. First, for comparative value in the market we must keep a continuous record of the sales of all property and the prices paid. Then, in order to equalize values so each property bears its fair share of the tax burden, we must compare like or similar properties in all parts of town. In the case of commercial and industrial



THAD HATTEN

properties we must use all three approaches to value, the comparative sales, the summation or reproduction cost less depreciation and the income approach. This does not mean an average of the three are used but that each is considered and weighed in arriving at true cash or market value.

Assessment of Property

Always, please bear in mind, that the primary function of the assessor's office is the establishing of equalized values for assessment of property. The Assessor's Office does not set your tax rate.

This is done solely by the budgets of the various taxing districts. All the operations which are necessary to carry on the functions and furnish the services required of these various districts must be paid for from tax money.

The other matter I would like to clarify is the so called "Green Belt Law" or zoned agricultural land.

I will not attempt to cover all the requirements of the zoning law but will only mention some of the main points of misunderstanding. The law states that any tract of land of five or more acres that is zoned exclusively for agricultural purposes must be assessed at agricultural land values and not influenced by values of adjacent property. This consideration only applies to lands in actual agricultural use and not to land purchased for speculation and allowed to lay idle.

All requests for establishment of zoning districts must be made to the county planning commission.

This information has been furnished by Thad W. Hatten, present county assessor and candidate for election to the office on the Democratic ticket. Your support is solicited.

LAUGHTON 'FAIR'

Hollywood - Actor Charles Laughton, 63, who underwent surgery for a collapsed vertebra more than two months ago, remained in "fair condition" today at Cedars of Lebanon hospital.

Seedlings Survival Rate Reported High

Yreka - Survival counts on last year's planting of seedlings indicate exceptionally high survival for this area, according to Lynn Murray, forester on the Ukonom district of the Klamath National forest.

District personnel feel the high percentage of survivals can be attributed to favorable weather conditions and improved planting techniques. A soaking rain of three inches came in August, a critical period of seedling survival. Much more emphasis was put on handling and care of seedlings from the nursery to the planting sites last year.

Foresters are exercising increased controls in the directions of more care in handling of stock and better planting techniques, Murray indicated.

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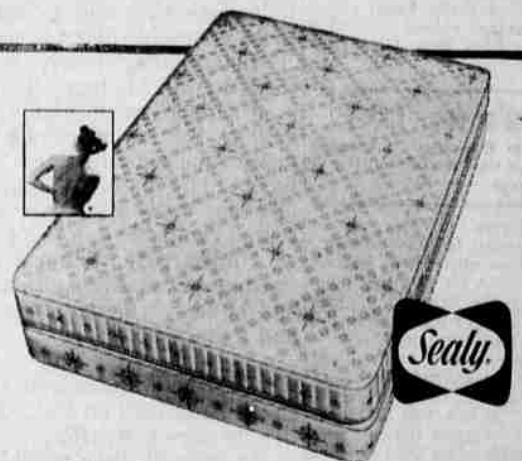
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