

Know your AIR FORCE

A veteran of the fighting in the early part of the Korean War, where he served as a sergeant in charge of a heavy weapons section in the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division, is currently serving in the transportation section of the 408th Fighter-Interceptor group at the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport.

Airman First Class Harry Stephens, of Pontiac, Michigan, first joined the U.S. Army in 1949 and served with the 10th Infantry Division before being sent to Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division in the summer of 1950.

During the desperate fighting in the summer of 1950, the North Korean Communists pushed the thinly scattered U.N. forces back to a small perimeter around the port of Pusan in Southeast Korea. The 2nd Infantry Division was flung into the battle at this perimeter and it was here that Airman Stephens (then Sgt. Stephens) began his four months of active combat duty with his heavy weapons section (a heavy weapons sec-

tion of an infantry company is armed with heavy mortars and 75 mm recoilless cannon). The U.N. forces pushed the Communists back over the 38th parallel and up to the Yalu River in Northern Korea in about four months time. During this time Airman Stephens commanded his section in many encounters with the Reds.

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hind the enemy lines accompanied by another similar gun section. By the time the two weapons sections had neared the lines of the U.N. forces, they had been joined by other scattered units of U.N. soldiers and were swelled to about the strength of two infantry companies. A tank company from the U.S. forces was dispatched to rescue the men and was successful in getting them back to safety. It was during this evacuation that Stephens was wounded. He was awarded the Purple Heart following his Korean service.

Stephens was flown to an Army hospital in Japan and then was brought back to the states for final recuperation. He served in the U.S. until his discharge from the Army in September, 1952. Stephens then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in November, 1953. He has served at various air bases in the U.S. since that time and was assigned to Klamath Falls this year. He is slated for overseas duty late this year.

Commenting on his duties at Klamath Falls Stephens said, "This city is the best community that I have served near in all my service career of six years."

Stephens resides at 2339 Home Avenue with his wife Joan and one son.



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ED GOWEN

Here's Your Candidate

Ed Gowen is a Republican candidate for reelection as a commissioner of Klamath County.

He is a native of Klamath Falls and has lived here throughout his life except for war-time service. He is married and is the father of one daughter.

For many years he was in the mercantile business in Klamath County and later farmed in the Bonanza district for 14 years.

Concerning his candidacy for reelection Gowen had this to say:

"I was elected commissioner of Klamath County in 1948 and re-elected in 1952. I have tried to administer the duties of my office in an efficient, impartial and courteous manner. During my terms in the county court much has been done in modernization of the county institutions and in highway development on a pay as you go basis. While many counties are floundering under huge deficits, Klamath County's budget is balanced.

"If reelected I shall continue to devote my full time and service to give the people of Klamath County a progressive, honest and efficient administration. I have made a conscientious effort to see that the county got full value for every dollar expended. If reelected, I shall continue to do everything in my power to promote the welfare and further the interests of Klamath County."

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Morty Meekle



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Arthur R. "Major" Dickson is the Republican candidate for reelection to the post of Klamath County assessor.

He was first elected to office in 1952 and prior to that was a teacher at the old Klamath Falls High School, was for 20 years a personnel man and paymaster for the Euwana Box Company, and farmed in the Mt. Laki area for six years.

He has in the past been a member of the Klamath Falls School Board, and is an active member of the following groups: E. L. K's, Kiwanis, Masonic Lodge, Grange, and Farm Bureau. He is an associate member of the board of realtors and is on the advisory committee for the state tax commission. He has also been active in community betterment projects and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He is a native of Iowa and has lived in Klamath County since 1931. He was educated in Iowa elementary and high schools, and is a graduate of Monmouth College in Illinois.

"I have only to say that I am an advocate of the equalization program whereby everyone pays their fair share," he added, "no more... no less. I am a firm believer in assessing the property and not the individual, and feel that my experience and assessment

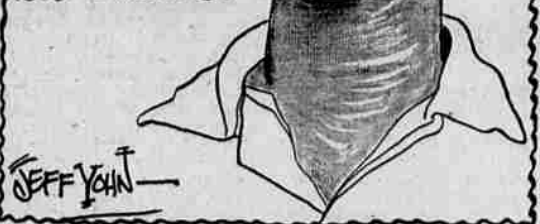
knowledge are of considerable value to the people."

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