

KF Police Department Tax Request On Ballot

Editor's Note: This is the ninth and last article appearing in the Herald and News explaining the state and local measures which will be on the November 6 general election ballot.

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A badly needed expansion in the number of policemen on the Klamath Falls police force would be authorized if the voters of the city approve a two mill property tax levy which will appear as one of the two city measures on the November 6 general election ballot. The other city measure appearing on the ballot, if passed, would authorize fluoridation of the Oregon Water Corporation's water supply.

The two mill levy, if passed,

Kiwanis Club Plans Election

Officers for 1957 for the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club will be elected during the luncheon meeting at the Willard Hotel, Thursday, November 1.

Names to be presented by the nominating committee include: Greer Drew, president; Harry Fredricks and Bob Kent, vice president; Bert Thomas, unopposed for reelection to the treasurer's office.

Nine directors will be elected from the 19 proposed: Howard Austin, Robert Ballard, Frank Bogatay, Bob Bonney, A. R. Dickson, Frank Drew, Gene Favell, C. M. Gilmore, Don Kirkpatrick, Joe Mercer, Dick B. Miller Jr., Charles Mortensen, Grover Moley, John O'Neill, Frank Rickey, Jack Roper, Andy Silani, Don Sloan and Gus Vlahos.

would supply about a \$23,000 annual increase in funds to the police department and would be a continuing levy collected each year.

At present, the police department is authorized a force of 29 men including Chief Orville Hamilton and Assistant Chief Paul Robertson and two office workers and one parking meter maintenance man. The added funds would be used to reduce the policemen's work week from 44 to 40 hours and would provide for the hiring of additional men.

The request for the additional funds, as originally presented to the city council by representatives of the Police Beneficiary Association, is an attempt to stabilize the police department personnel.

It is felt by those backing the levy that if passed the additional funds could be used to make service with the local police department more attractive, thus attracting a good caliber of man and inspiring him to remain in his position.

The present rather high turnover of policemen with Klamath Falls force costs the city much more in the long run than would an increase in funds for the department. Proponents of the levy state that it costs about \$2,000 to train a new policeman, and if he doesn't stay with the force then this recruit training goes on and on at the resulting high cost to the taxpayers of the city.

Although the Klamath Falls department is a modern organization equipped with most of the police protection devices such as radio, etc., that other departments of cities of this size have, it is

considerably undermanned by modern police standards. Experts in the field of police work state that in a modern American city there should be a minimum of one policeman for every 500 inhabitants of the city. In Klamath Falls, the force is authorized 29 men (and this figure is usually

short due to resignations and other reasons) when it should have a minimum of 37 men to adequately serve the citizens.

The two mill levy, if passed, would be a continuing levy and would be earmarked specifically for the police department's use. All registered voters who re-

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Geary, Semon To Attend Meet

E. A. Geary, speaker of the House, Oregon State Legislature and chairman of the emergency board, with Henry Semon, state representative and board secretary, will attend a meeting of the eight-man board in Salem, November 9.

Geary, who became board chairman upon the resignation of Governor Elmo Smith, called the meeting for the purpose of opening bids for new construction of buildings for the Board of Higher Education which include additional buildings for the McLaren School for Boys at Woodburn. The board will also provide for use of emergency funds for the Alcoholic Education Committee which distributes educational material in the schools and provides

two shelters in Portland, one for women and one for men. Under Oregon law, certain funds are provided for this committee from the sale of alcoholic beverages in the state. Funds appropriated to this use are about exhausted, Geary stated and the board at this meeting will provide for further funds.

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