

Know Your Candidates

Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles by the Klamath Falls League of Women Voters on candidates being voted on in the primary, May 16.

Democratic candidates for county commissioner are Earl K. Allison, Verland L. Huff, Robert B. Walker, C. R. (Chet) Williams, Dennis E. Depuy and James V. Kaler.

Allison, 35, lives at 5910 Denver Avenue. He has had one year of college, and two years of technical school.

At present, Allison operates his own concern, Allison's Jewelers. He has operated his own business for the past seven years.

He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and secretary of Twyla Ferguson School Club No. 71. Allison indicates that he will devote all the time necessary to doing a good job for the people in the office. He lists as one of his qualifications for the office, a willingness to work for a better Klamath County.

On raises for county employees, Allison said, "With living costs going up as they are, an across the board raise system seems food for the present time, but no doubt there could be an approved system that with study may work out better. I think certain qualifications for employees ought to be met before they are hired by the county no matter for what department."

On county home rule, Allison replied, "Home rule seems like a good thing so when problems in the local counties come up, they can be dealt with first hand, but further study of this home rule at work in other states would be a help to all."

On Oregon Tech, Allison said, "I think the county should accept responsibility for keeping OTI in Klamath County, and go on record as such. Keeping OTI at its present site or moving it closer to town would depend on many things and more study is needed on the subject."

Allison also said, "The county has a responsibility toward the Klamath Indians as citizens of the county and should be of as much help in seeing they take their rightful place in the county."

Huff, 36, 3117 Crest Street, received his education at KUHS and Oregon State. He is currently farming, and has farmed on Lower Klamath Lake and near Midland since returning from Navy service in World War II.

Huff said, "I am interested in the progressive development and constructive welfare of Klamath County. I feel that the county court should have a representative from the rural area of the county. I am a life long resident and will give whatever time necessary in the interest of the county."

On questions dealing with court procedure, Huff wrote, "All purchases should be on a bid basis, other than small repairs."

He also suggested the court take the county out of the contracting business.

On employee salaries, Huff said, "I favor across the board raise for county employees in accordance with the cost of living. At this time, I can't see anything being worked out on a merit system that would be too complicated."

On home rule, he replied, "I am in favor of home rule as I know about it. Who knows better our problems than we do. It all has to be paid for, and why figure that there is something for nothing."

Huff stated, in reply to questions on Oregon Tech, "Even though OTI is a state institution, I feel every move should be made to show the taxpayers they are getting their money's worth. I feel the present buildings with a reasonable amount of repair would be adequate."

On the Klamath Indian problem, Huff replied, "The Indian problem

Walker, 44, Merrill, is a graduate of Merrill High School, and has been in service station business and distributor of petroleum products and agricultural chemical dealer for the past 25 years. A Lions Club member, Walker has been mayor of Merrill for four years.

Walker states he will devote all the time necessary to the job of commissioner that is necessary to fulfill the office.

He indicated that he favors a merit system, and is in favor of a test. Walker also wrote that he would work to put systems into effect on civil service examination and the establishment of qualifications for employees.

On Oregon Tech, Walker wrote, "OTI should be kept in Klamath County, at the present site or another location near Klamath Falls, whichever is more economical. The decision of the location to be determined by the State Board of Higher Education."

Although declining to answer questions on the Klamath Indians in relation to the county court, Walker pledged, "I would work with the Klamath Indian Council to the best interest of all concerned."

Williams, 58, Sprague River, is currently employed in a garage and service station. His occupational background includes construction, road work and serving the public.

He has been a Democratic committeeman, and has held the GOC post since it was formed. A PTA worker for years, Williams also lists close contact with the Indians and their problems.

He indicates that he will devote all the time necessary to fill the job, and has talked with the people of the county on their needs and wishes.

He is in favor of a centralized purchasing office, urges closer cooperation between departments of the county. Williams also put himself on record as favoring a job analysis of each department if it would help the taxpayers and be of more service to the county with less cost to all concerned.

On county employee salaries, Williams wrote, "The present blanket across the board raises are fine but all jobs county or otherwise should be handled on a merit system of qualification if we are to get the most out of our labor."

"Home rule would be fine on all sanitary and garbage dumping and health in all areas," Williams wrote, "and should be accepted by all of our county."

He continued, "The county court should accept all responsibility possible to keep Oregon Tech in the county, as well as all taxpayers."

On the Indian problem, he said, "The termination of the reservation will cause the people terminated to be on our tax books, but a lot of them have been before and a long time, and all should be considered as part of the county."

The questionnaires which were sent to Dennis E. Depuy and James V. Kaler, both candidates for county commissioner, were not returned to the league.

This is the concluding "Know Your Candidate" article, and the League of Women Voters urges everyone to fulfill his obligation as an American citizen and cast their ballot on Friday, May 16.

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