

Small Turnout For Candidate Forum

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions asked by the citizens, and the candidates' responses, included:

What will you do to get rid of the bootleggers in town?

Campbell: "I would encourage stressing in the churches to encourage the people not to take part in the bootlegging activities, and strengthen the police force so they can take care of it."

King: "Our law enforcement officers do a good job, but a lot of times the higher echelon are hard to apprehend. Within this administration, monies have been allocated to this item. Sometimes you have people working in areas that you can't let people know that they're working in. I can assure you that we're working on this problem."

Moss: "This is a very difficult problem. Each budget for the past several years has had an appropriation to curb bootlegging. I plan to send to the Board of Commissioners a noise ordinance that would help some in this area. We should endeavor to tighten the codes enforcement. We all recognize that these activities often occur in homes that need repairs."

"This is a real severe problem," Moss went on. "The laws permit a lot of liquor and beer to be kept in homes. You have to have a witness to say that the beverages have been sold. Citizens need to lend their support and encourage others to do likewise."

McKee: "I have no answer."
Franks: "There aren't many things you can do except report it to the police. We need to get a lot of people involved. It's hard to get a conviction unless you can get someone to make the purchase and then testify in court."

Wright: "If a person knows about it, he should report it, and the person convicted should be penalized heavily. People should be encouraged to report the bootleggers."

Childers: "According to the police chief, you cannot go into a bootleggers and make a purchase and then get him arrested. It takes a certified police officer or an undercover man to make it stand up in court. We're working on this problem but it cannot be cured overnight."

What kind of plan do you have to bring back revenues lost because of the 74 bypass?

Childers: "We're going to have to have annexation in that area of town. The city will grow in the future along that bypass and we already have utilities for that area."

Wright: "It would take some serious study to see what would be involved."

Franks: "A lot of income lost eventually could be made up through annexation and opening of new businesses in that area. I would like to see the Chamber of Commerce strengthened."

McKee: "A committee could be appointed to look into it."

Moss: "We'll lose a high percentage of traffic for a short period of time, but the traffic count would gradually go back up. The bypass will provide opportunity for the expanded growth of the city. We need to work with people on King Street to develop plans to stimulate activities while we're going through this period of grow-back."

King: "We're very fortunate that the mayor has appointed

committees to study annexation and other matters. Frankly, I'm looking forward to the completion of the bypass. It's going to be a great challenge for us."

Campbell: "We should bring other homes into the city to broaden the tax base, and continue efforts to encourage industries to locate here. We also need to develop our cultural activities to encourage more people to move into our city."

Hamrick: "The bypass is not going to hurt King Street. We're still going to have people coming in from out of town to buy our services."

What will you do in regards to new industries and encouraging youth to stay in town?

King: "The industrial committee is working to recruit industries and provide jobs for youth, and we will continue it."

Moss: "The industrial com-

mittee is currently working with four prospects, and we will encourage young people to want to accept positions in these industries."

McKee: "We should have an industrial committee qualified to know what the city needs."

Franks: "The industrial committee has done a good job. If it were not for Moss Lake, we wouldn't have nearly as many industries locating here as we do. Water is a good drawing card."

Wright: "A committee could be formed to go where a lot of new industries are locating and encourage industries to come here."

Childers: "There are a lot of intangibles that go into locating industries. They are very secretive and don't want publicity in the areas in which they are looking. We have as good an industrial committee as there is, but the last two or three years

the economy has been down and has stopped some industries from locating."

Hamrick: "The only ones qualified to answer that question is the mayor and commissioners King and Childers."

Campbell: "Our cultural and educational programs should be improved, and the industrial committee could arrange to give industries locating here a tax break for a certain period of time."

An ABC election can be called by the city board or by a petition with the signatures of 25 percent of the registered voters. If an ABC question is put to the city board in three years, how would you vote?

Wright: "No."

Franks: "I think it's a good idea to get 25 percent of the registered voters to sign a petition. If you can't get 25 percent

to sign it in 90 days, not enough people want it."

McKee: "It's a controversial thing. If my voting against it would take it out of the world, I'd do it. But any child can go

out and buy it from a bootlegger. A child can't buy it from an ABC store."

Moss: "I'd prefer to go the petition route."

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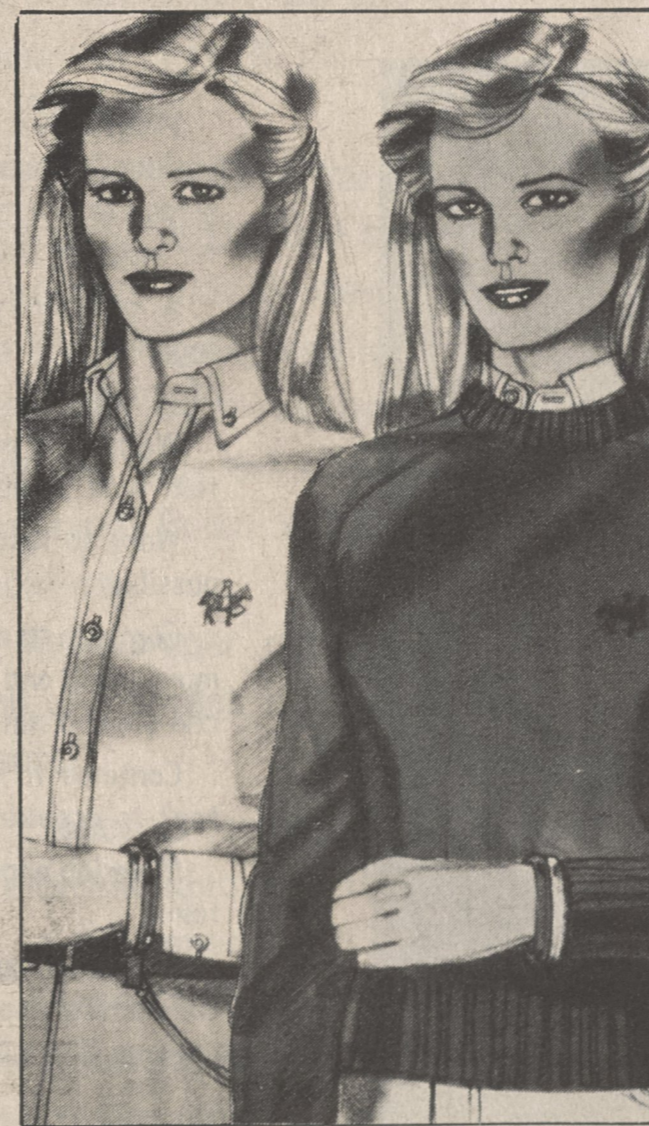
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MONDAY: Escort Service, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bible History, 11 a.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m., AHOY-Exercise Class, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY: Escort Service, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m., Quilting Class, 12:30 p.m., Artist Guild, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Escort Service, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m., Self-Care Workshop, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.