

### TOM MILLER FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

County Commission candidate Tom Miller has sent a letter to the Public Service Commission (PSC) seeking a hearing on why Nevada Power Company and Central Telephone Company have not requested a tariff rate on a new system of reading utility meters which could save the citizens of Clark County large sums of money.

According to Miller, "This system was tested late last year and early in 1974. It accomplished everything it was supposed to and any changes requested by Centel or Nevada Power were successfully accomplished. The system did not interfere with voice communication on the telephone, and meter readings were 100 per cent accurate."

"Now the system has been disbanded and neither company seems inclined to approach the PSC for a tariff rate so the system could be implemented."

The Democratic candidate for Commission seat D tried to contact representatives of both companies to get their side of the story. At the telephone company he was referred to "Public Relations;" at the power company an official told him the system did not work and they could never be sure unless someone continued to check new computer readings.

"This was hard to understand," Miller says, "because I have seen a letter from Nevada Power which attested to the accuracy of readings during the test period."

Miller indicated there may be legitimate reasons why the meter reading system has not been adopted, but the answers he has received so far leave some doubts and he hopes the



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PSC can assist.

"If there is any chance the taxpayers can save money today or in the future, the Public Service Commission should schedule a hearing."

Miller indicated he had no desire to argue technical details with anyone, but the possible economies involved are easy to understand.

"The telephone company stands to make \$3 per year for every meter hooked up to the new system. This is brand new income, and it can be earned without ever lifting a telephone from a hook. This is also revenue which would have to be con-

sidered by the PSC if Centel came forward with a rate request."

"Centel might argue the expense of the new system is too great, but projected figures show the initial system could be paid for within five or six years, and this is extremely short by PSC standards."

As far as Nevada Power goes, additional funds would be realized by savings instead of new income. "This system is expected to cost 25¢ per meter per month," according to information gathered by Miller, "and Nevada Power can not prove to the PSC it spends less than this now. Utility companies in other parts of the country also recognize that reading meters is growing more costly under traditional methods and accuracy or readings is becoming a major problem."

"I know I am taking a chance pushing for this hearing," Miller said, "but all my information indicates a good chance the citizens of Clark County could save money. I believe asking for a hearing to establish the facts is a more positive approach than just complaining about higher utility bills."

### PHIL LAMPKIN FOR STATE SENATOR

Another name was added to the list of candidates for Public Office when Phil Lampkin, the well known former Musical Director and Executive of the Mutual Broadcasting System filed for the State Senate from District No. 3.

He was for the past several years engaged in Labor-Management relations as an International Representative for the American Federation of Musicians, AFL-CIO, as well as Acting Assistant to the President of that organization.

Among his many reasons for seeking the State Senate seat are three important issues, Lampkin stated:

"The influence of our State should be used upon the Federal Government to establish a suitable Veterans Administration Hospital in Clark County to provide in-patient facilities thereby eliminating the necessity of Veterans traveling long distances out of the State to receive required medical and hospital care."

"The Senior Citizens Property Assistance Law must be amended to provide that every



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eligible Senior Citizen living on a fixed income will receive a refund of part of the property taxes levied against his or her dwelling."

"State statutes must

be made more stringent to mandate specific penalties for offenders of our Laws, particularly in the area of narcotics."

Lampkin attended the University of California, George Washington University, and while in the Army Washington and Lee University.

A retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, he is a Mason and Shriner and has been invested with the Legion of Honor of the Order of DeMolay. Presently, he is also Secretary of the Board of Directors of the University Crest Homeowners Association.

A Republican, Lampkin's labor affiliations include membership in Local 6, San Francisco.

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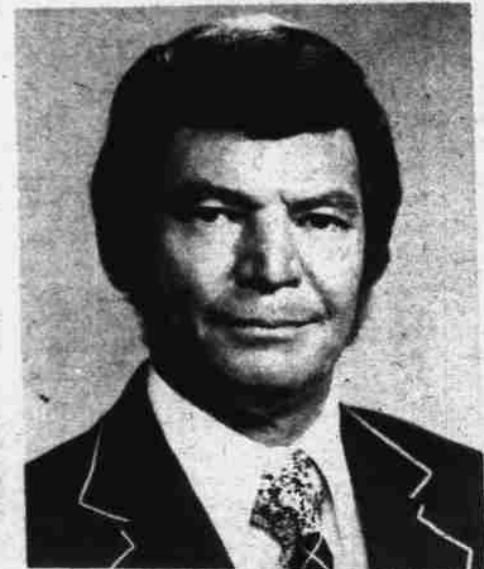
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