

PURSEL FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

William L. Pursel, 49, of 925 S. Third St., a former trustee of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital, has filed for the Democratic nomination for Clark County public administrator.

Because the duty of this post is to probate the estates of those who have died without leaving a will, Pursel says his background in estate planning and public trust qualifies him to seek the office.

An executive sales consultant for the Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. since 1959, he says the job of public administrator "is a position of fiduciary relationship requiring knowledge, honesty and fairness."

During his eight-year term as hospital trustee from 1962 to 1968, he says he never missed a meeting and served a portion as chairman of the board.

A 35-year area resident, he is a graduate of Las Vegas and Woodbury College in Los Angeles. He is a Nevada real estate broker and a member of the National Association Security Dealers.

Pursel also is a past president of the Nevada State Association Life Underwriters and Southern Nevada Life Underwriters. He says he has received many in-



WILLIAM PURSEL —
...seeks county office

dustry and company awards for the quality of his sales leadership and public service.

The candidate also has been involved with the Parent-Teachers Association, Boy Scouts, YMCA and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A military veteran, Pursel and his wife, Mabel, a registered nurse, are the parents of three children. Several members of his immediate family reside here in Las Vegas.

JIM PHILLIPS FOR SUPREME COURT

Longtime Las Vegas attorney and resident James H. Phillips, 46, is again seeking election to the Nevada Supreme Court.

Phillips stated, "For many months I have given sober reflection as to whether or not I again should seek a seat on the Nevada Supreme Court."

"Being a Supreme Court Justice requires, among other things, absolute dedication to the law and an appreciation of the honor and dignity such a high position carries with it. I believe I possess the qualifications for that position or I would not have considered filing, for after the campaign is over and one is sworn into office, the extremely serious and difficult responsibility begins."

He re-emphasized he is not running against an individual but rather for a seat on the state's high court.

As a part of his platform, Phillips advocates the completion of a program whereby the Supreme Court shall hold at least a portion of its sessions outside of Carson City (a suggestion which was considered by the Nevada Legislature after proposed by Phillips in 1972).

Phillips believes the Supreme Court should be expanded to seven members to meet the increasing caseload and that an intermediate Appellate Court should be created which would allow the Supreme Court to concern itself with extraordinary appellate matters requiring immediate and thorough review.

"Recent experiences with high government officials have shown us that the public must be kept fully informed" and therefore, as in 1972, Phillips also advocates bringing the Supreme Court "closer to the people" by initiating a program whereby a brief summary of the decisions of that court, similar to the "Legislative



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Calendar," be regularly published throughout the state in a section of the newspapers designated for that purpose so that the general public can be apprised of the legal decisions affecting their daily lives.

"I am of the opinion the news media can and should have a great effect on the outcome of this and other races this year."

The extent to which the news media gets involved in this and other campaigns should help to eliminate the necessity that a candidate virtually must have unlimited funds to mount an effective campaign.

Phillips is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, having earned his undergraduate degree and his LLB and Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Phillips was formerly a prosecutor in Nebraska and served with the district attorney's office in Clark County before entering the private practice of law in Las Vegas in 1960.

Phillips is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and all federal and state courts in Nevada and Nebraska.

Phillips is a Marine Corps veteran.

POLITICAL HOPEFULS

He was appointed to the Nevada Civil Rights Commission during 1960-1962 and currently is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Arbitration Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, International Footprinters Association, Life Member of the U.S. Auto Club, Indianapolis, Ind., and has been a member of the Musicians Union since 1945.

During the early '60's he was a co-author of training bulletins on felony crimes and co-conducted seminars for the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

Phillips, his wife, Marsha, and daughter, Cynthia, reside in Paradise Valley in Las Vegas.

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