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5th Congressional District

Miller Newton

Miller Newton, Pasco County circuit court clerk, is making his second race for the Democratic nomination to the 5th Congressional District seat.

Newton, 37, lost his first bid for the nomination in 1972. In 1973, Gov. Reubin Askew appointed him to a vacancy in the clerk's office.

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Newton was re-elected to that post in 1974, receiving 83 per cent of the vote in Pasco County.

Newton is seeking the congressional nomination on a detailed platform. Its planks include calls for increased government efficiency through "zero-based budgeting," temporary public works jobs to cut unemployment, and a national health insurance program to deal with catastrophic illness.

Newton has been active in Democratic Party politics. He represents Pasco County on the state Democratic Executive Committee. He was active in the campaigns of Askew, U.S. Sen. Lawton Chiles and Atty. Gen. Robert Shevin.

Before his appointment as circuit clerk, Newton was a teacher and administrator at the University of South Florida in Tampa. An ordained minister of the United Methodist church, he had also pastored a church in Indiana for two years after earning a master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1963. He is also a graduate of the University of Florida.

He and his wife, the former Ruth Ann Klink, have three children.

Florida has 15 U.S. congressional districts. Residents of each district select their representative. All of the country's 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives are elected every two years, and they are paid \$44,600 a year.

In the 5th congressional district which includes northern Pinellas County, Pasco, Citrus, Hernando, Sumter and parts of Lake, Orange, and Seminole counties, five Democrats are vying in the Sept. 7 primary for a crack at incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard Kelly, R-Port Richey.



Don T. Reynolds

Don T. Reynolds is a Sanford educator making his first campaign for public office. Reynolds, 41, has been principal of Seminole High School for three years and a teacher in Seminole County since 1959. He is seeking the Democratic nomination.

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"I am seeking this office because I am disappointed with our representation at this time and do not have confidence in some of the other candidates seeking the office," he says. He believes his experience as a teacher and school administrator "makes me sensitive to the needs and problems" of the district.

He characterizes himself as an advocate of "a judicial system based on crime and punishment, not crime and reward," and as an opponent of "governmental bureaucracy." Reynolds also favors tighter controls on welfare and foreign aid spending.

A native of Tennessee, Reynolds was graduated from Stetson University in 1959, and received a master of education degree from Rollins College in 1969.

He is married to the former Ann Whitaker of Sanford, and they have four daughters ranging in age from 9 to 17. He is a Baptist, a Rotarian and has been honored by both the Sanford Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce for his "service to youth."

Although a "lifelong Democrat," Reynolds says he has never been actively involved in party affairs.



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