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1996 Benton County

Republican Women



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1996 BCRW Officers: New officers for the Benton County Republican Women were installed at the group's Christmas luncheon recently. They are (front row) Geri Allen, president; Kaye Hahn, first vice president; (back row) Mary Femmer, treasurer; Vickey Boozman, second vice president; Margaret Otte, recording secretary; and Donna Marlow, corresponding secretary.

The officers begin their term of service.

WEDNESDAY

January 16, 1996

Voters Nix Road Program

James Jefferson
The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK

Gov. Jim G. Tucker says people all over the state told him how they want better roads. The toll that Tuesday they didn't want to shell out \$4 billion in new taxes to pay for them.

Tucker's \$4.5 billion highway bond issue, which would raise taxes on everything from gasoline to groceries to build a new highway system, lost badly in a statewide special election.

With 1,829 of 2,739 precincts reporting, the results showed the vote was 59-41 for the \$4.5 billion highway bond issue for highway construction.

The separate ballot issue of a 1-cent increase in the diesel tax also failed, 48-52 for the increase. — AP

with 1,827 precincts reporting. Bond for 15-year, even higher mortgage than Tucker's call for 10 years, the people have about enough and they would like to see the way they want the state of Arkansas to do business.

Arkansas' Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee, who appeared on national Republican primary night, called the results "unbelievable and beyond my comprehension."

"It's very clear that this issue was not decided on the basis of partisan politics, but by an overwhelming sense of frustration among Arkansians with taxes which are too high," Huckabee said. "This does not mean Arkansians don't want better roads, but it does mean that they do not want to pay more."

single taxes. Legislature passed a half-cent sales tax increase and a 6 percent excise tax on the pump and made the increase.

Vickers said his group would oppose the increase and go directly to the people to determine how they want to build new roads.

"We think a lot of people are going to go back to the taxpayers' do business," he said. "I think a lot of people are going to go back to the taxpayers' do business."

Election officials around the state reported a turnout of 63 percent of registered voters, which was a record for the state's registered voters would

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With 67 percent of the precincts reporting, the bond issue was failing after a 5-to-1 margin and the diesel tax was losing 6 to 1.

Tucker counted on a larger than expected turnout for his ambitious road-building program and pass the first highway bond issue in Arkansas since former Gov. McMath's first term in 1949.

Over 155,000 voters cast as Dec. 12 on Tucker's call for a constitutional convention, which was expected by a 4-to-1 margin. State Senator Gus Wingfield predicted a turnout for the highway election but still expected less than 20 percent of the state's 1.2 million voters to go to the polls.

Tucker made road-building a key issue in his 1994 election campaign, arguing the economic benefits of new ways as he stumped across the

At every stop, supporters expressed a desire for new roads they'd travel in their lifetime, he said. He came up with a plan that would accelerate construction already under way and build some 1,300 miles of four-lane highways over nine

supporters put the price tag at \$5 billion over 22 years and said it would be a good investment in the state's economic future. They projected the highway program would create thousands of jobs and some \$11 billion in spinoff economic activity.

Region's Turnout Shuns Bond Plan

The Morning News

Northwest Arkansas voters followed state trends Tuesday, casting a big "no" vote to Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's highway-bond program. Turnout was very good compared to other special elections.

In Washington County, about 31 percent of the registered voters turned out to vote in the highway election. During this recent special election on whether to hold a constitutional convention, only about 11 percent of registered voters turned out statewide.

With only the absentee ballots uncounted, 15,048 of 17,635 voters, or 86.4 percent, went against the bond proposal. Only 2,363 voted for the proposal. The diesel tax fared slightly better: 2,607 voted for it while 14,835, or 85.1 percent, voted against it.

In Carroll County, voters went 2,621 against, 295 for the bond issue and 2,587 against, 318 for the diesel tax. Madison County was having minor problems with vote counting late Tuesday.

In Benton County, numbers were similar. With an estimated 40 percent of registered voters turning out, early counting showed Benton County

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easily defeating both proposals as well. Cumulative totals showed 20,496 ballots cast, with 17,248 — 88.45 percent of those voting — opposing the issuance of construction and improvement bonds. A total of 2,253 favored the bonds. A total of 17,042 — 89.37 percent of the voters — voted against the increase in special fuel and related products tax.

Rep. Jim von Grep, R-District 2,

said, "I didn't think this bill — with as little public input as there was — was the best plan."

He said there was no priority placed on roads to do first or priority based on spending and that legislators had only 36 hours during the legislative session in April to decide whether to put the measure on the ballot.

"This bill was shoved down our throats and down the public's throat," von Grep said.

He said that the average Arkansan

would be unwilling to tax necessities such as milk, bread and diapers to commit to a long-term debt, perhaps as long as 30 years, to build highways.

However, von Grep said the no vote on this plan doesn't mean that taxpayers would be unwilling to commit to paying for roads under a more reasonable plan. Von Grep said he not opposed to going back to the table to compose a more reasonable plan.

DAILY RECORD

Wednesday, January 10, 1996

State voters pass on Tucker's highway plans

By JAMES JEFFERSON
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Gov. Jim Guy Tucker says people all over the state told him last fall they wanted better roads. They told him Tuesday they didn't want to shell out \$8 billion in new taxes to pay for them.

Tucker's \$3.5 billion highway bond issue, which would raise taxes on everything from gasoline to groceries to build a new highway system, lost badly in a statewide special election.

With 1,829 of 2,739 precincts reporting unofficial results, the vote was 39,505 for — 15 percent — to 231,332 against — 85 percent — a proposed \$3.5 billion highway bond issue for highway construction.

The separate ballot issue of a

5-cent-gallon increase in the diesel tax also trailed, 38,442 for — 14 percent — to 231,237 against — 86 percent, with 1,827 precincts reporting.

Both lost by even bigger margins than Tucker's call last month for a constitutional convention.

"Obviously, the people have spoken tonight and they said this is not the way they want the state of Arkansas to do business," said Bill Vickery, spokesman for the anti-road tax group Arkansans Against Unreasonable Tax Hikes.

Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee, whose appearance on anti-bond issue television commercials paid for with national Republican money angered Tucker, called the results unbelievable and "beyond my comprehension."

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"It's very clear that this issue was not decided by special interests or partisan politics, but by an overwhelming sense of frustration among Arkansas voters with taxes which are too high," Huckabee said. "This does not mean Arkansans don't want better roads, but it does mean that they do not want to put their grandchildren in debt and pay unreasonable taxes."

Last year, the Legislature passed a half-cent sales tax increase and a 6.5 percent excise tax on gasoline — equivalent to a 5-cents-a-gallon increase at the pump — and made the increases contingent on passage of the bond issue.

Vickery said his group would

bypass the governor and go directly to the people to determine how they want to build new roads.

"We think we need to go back to the taxpayers of Arkansas to find out from them how they want to do business," he said.

Election officials around the state reported a higher turnout than for the Dec. 12 special election on calling a constitutional convention, when less than 13 percent of registered voters rejected the call. State Auditor Gus Wingfield predicted about 18 percent of the state's registered voters would cast ballots Tuesday.

With 67 percent of the precincts reporting, the bond is-

sue was failing by better than a 5-to-1 margin and the diesel tax was losing 6 to 1.

Tucker counted on a larger than normal special election turnout to carry his ambitious road-building program and pass the first highway bond issue in Arkansas since former Gov. Sid McMath's first term in 1949.

Fewer than 155,000 voters cast ballots Dec. 12 on Tucker's call for constitutional convention, which was defeated by a 4-to-1 margin. State Auditor Gus Wingfield predicted a better turnout for the highway election, but still expected less than 20 percent of the state's 1.2 million voters to go to the polls.

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County voters spurn plans

By CHAD HAYWORTH
Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE — Nearly 90 percent of Benton County voters said no to Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's ambitious \$3.5 billion highway plan Tuesday.

Benton County returns mirrored results statewide.

With all 39 county polling places reporting, 2,253 voted in favor of question one, while

17,248 voted against. Question one asked for approval to issue highway improvement bonds.

On question 2, which asked for an increase in fuel taxes, 2,028 voted to approve, while 17,042 voted against.

Almost 38 percent of registered voters turned out for the

special election, a far cry from the constitutional convention election held in December. For that election, 16 percent of the county voters cast ballots.

"Turnout was much better than in December," said County Clerk Mary Lou Slinkard. "But then, we expected it to be.



Daily Record photograph by Charles Fowler

Geneva Holt, 87, cast her ballot with a little help from Jan Muetzel, right, at the First Baptist Church in Rogers Tuesday. Holt said that she has been voting since she became old enough and has never missed an election.

"I think we had a really good turnout."

Tabulating the ballots turned into an arduous affair for Election Coordinator Dorothy Lindermeier. Because of equipment problems, final results were not available until after 10:30 p.m.

"Because of the damp weather, some of the ballot cards had a slight bend to them," she said. "They wouldn't go through the machine properly. Therefore, we had to run some precincts again to make sure they were counted correctly."



Geri Allen, President Benton County Republican Women and Reta Hamilton, 3rd District Director, (back row from left) attend installation of charter officers of Northwest Arkansas Republican Women. Cathy Treadway (3rd from left on front row) was installed as president. Mary Harvey, AFRW President, is on extreme left front row.

FEBRUARY 1996

GOP's young guns taking aim in west

BY DAVE HUGHES
SEBASTIAN-GARFIELD-FORT SMITH GUNBOSS

FORT SMITH — Tom Gean, a Fort Smith attorney, balks at the notion that he's part of a new breed of Republicans in western Arkansas.

"I did not grow up as a Democrat," Gean, 33, said recently. "I graduated from high school, college and law school when Ronald Reagan was president and individuals my age, in their mid-30s, were exposed to conservative political philosophies of that time."

So what looks like a new group of fairly young and politically attractive Republicans is actually just Gean and others of his generation coming of age and becoming politically active. That group would include rookie state Reps. Gunner DeLay of Fort Smith and Jim Hendren of Gravette, and state Sens. Fay Boozman of Rogers and John Brown of Siloam Springs.

Gean, former legal counsel to the state Republican Party, will be the first candidate in 18 years to challenge Prosecuting Attorney Ron Fields, 47, of Fort Smith this year. Fields is a Democrat.

When Gean made his announcement to run against Fields, state Republican Party Chairman Lloyd Stone attended, not only because he's a friend but to emphasize that the party

needs to gain ground at the courthouse level of politics, said Richard Bearden, executive director of the state GOP.

"Lloyd Stone has placed importance on winning seats at the local level," Bearden said.

Gean is focusing his campaign on gangs, an issue he has accused Fields of ignoring. He said he's offering voters a political choice.

"Sebastian County voters have not had an opportunity to cast a vote in a contested race for prosecuting attorney for 18 years," Gean said. "It's 1996 and it's time for a change."

Gean isn't alone in challenging entrenched Democrats in Sebastian County.

Ken Parsons, a Fort Smith businessman, has said he'll run against Democratic state Rep. B.G. Hendrix, a member of the House since 1963 and a lawmaker who has faced few challengers through the years.

Bill Spicer, a political newcomer and an elementary school principal in Fort Smith, has announced that he'll challenge incumbent Democratic Sheriff Gary Grimes. Spicer will be Grimes' fourth Republican challenger in five election campaigns.

The Republican effort in Sebastian County this year is build-

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ing on substantial gains the party made in the 1994 election.

Besides DeLay's win over longtime Democratic state Rep. Buddy Blair, Peggy Jeffries, a Fort Smith schoolteacher, defeated Republican state Sen. Travis Miles in a still somewhat rare Republican primary. Closer to home, the majority on the Quorum Court swung from nine Democrats and four Republicans in 1993 to eight Republicans and five Democrats in 1994.

Richard Griffin, Sebastian County Republican Party chairman, said quality candidates are no longer afraid to run on the Republican ticket. He pointed to the majority shift on the Quorum Court as an example.

"That's a refreshing breath of air to people that wanted to run as a Republican but just didn't have the ego that could take losing," Griffin said. "And now they know that they can win."

One secret of its success is that the party, under former state party Chairman Asa Hutchinson and Stone, has sent out political missionaries — among them Jeffries and Boozman of Rogers — to organize or reorganize the party in various counties.

Boozman, who stunned Northwest Arkansas when he beat Reid Holiman, a Democrat, for the District 33 Senate seat in 1994, said he has traveled to Pope and White counties and telephoned Republicans in other

counties to urge development of the party and to recruit and support Republican candidates in those counties.

It's an easier job now than it used to be, he said. Now when he asks someone to run as Republican, people actually stop and think about it instead of just dismissing the idea out of hand, he said.

Republicanism is spreading even to such stalwart Democratic areas as the Delta region of the state, Boozman said.

"We're seeing some real willingness to embrace the Republican philosophy," he said.

The acid test of how the Republican recruiting campaign has fared will be in the November election, but for now Boozman said he's encouraged by the progress the party appears to be making.

"I think there's a realization in Arkansas that there really are two parties," he said.

This time last year, Montgomery County didn't have a Republican Party. Bruce Campbell of Scott County, heading a task force Hutchinson formed to organize party committees in five western Arkansas counties, was sent as a missionary to Montgomery County to organize the party.

Now, monthly party meetings in Montgomery County draw 30

to 50 people. Participants held a Lincoln Day dinner and raised more than \$1,000 for U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey of Pine Bluff. They also are looking for permanent



Asa Hutchinson

headquarters in Mount Ida and have some prospects this year for candidates in the upcoming election.

Campbell announced Saturday that he will run for state representative from District 16.

Jon Standridge, Montgomery County Republican Party chairman, said he's sending out letters urging incumbents to switch to the Republican Party.

Standridge said he believes most of the people in the county are conservative and vote Republican when given the chance. He pointed to the fact that Montgomery County voters favored Sheffield Nelson, Julia Hughes Jones, Mike Huckabee and Dickey in the 1994 election.

But Montgomery County voters, as well as some in other counties, haven't had an adequate opportunity to vote Republican because the party couldn't afford to pay for poll workers for its own primary.

Bearden said few Republicans were dedicated enough to drive across the county to cast their votes in the one or two available Republican boxes.

All that will change this year, he said. A new law requires the

state to pay for party primaries, which the parties had been paying for.

The change will enable both parties to have equal numbers of boxes at polling places. The Republican Party will benefit, Bearden said, especially in counties where there are fewer supporters and funds are slim.



Peggy Jeffries

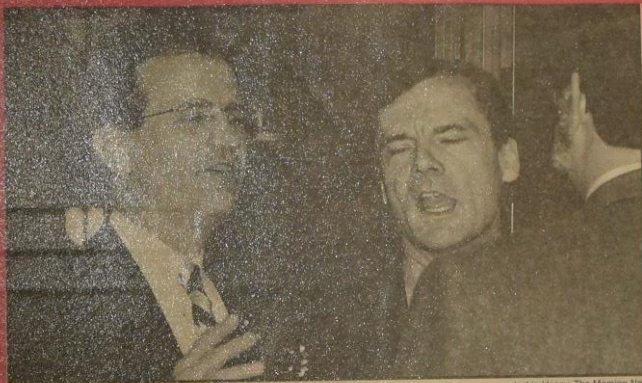
"The more opportunity people have to vote Republican, the more they will," he said.

Western Arkansas is fertile ground for the Republican Party, GOP officials say. Geographically, the mountains have made the people more independent and more conservative, they say.

They also have a historical distrust of Central Arkansas, growing out of the belief that Little Rock doesn't return to western Arkansas the tax money western Arkansians send east, said Jonathan Barnett, the Benton County Republican chairman.

Also, western Arkansas has been growing and people have been moving to the area from other states, many of which have thriving two-party systems.

"People are still moving to Arkansas from other states that have a strong two-party system, so they bring that influence here and make a significant impact in western Arkansas," Hutchinson said.



Jackie Hosey, The Morning News

Greeting Fans: U.S. Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla. (left) and U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., meet Benton County supporters Friday night at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in Rogers.

Lincoln Day Audience Told to Get Involved in Politics

Jackie Hosey
The Morning News

Benton County Republicans were told to unite and get involved in national and local politics Friday night as they gathered at Elmwood Junior High School in Rogers for their annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., was on hand for the event as well as several state representatives. A host of Benton County's elected officials also attended the Republican fund-raiser.

U.S. Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., keynote speaker for the event, told the group that Republicans are faring well in Oklahoma and that he sees the same on the horizon for Arkansas.

"In 1993, we (Oklahoma) had more Democrats (in congress) than Republicans. Now there is only one Oklahoma seat held by a Democrat. If we can do it, you can," he said. "I predict that, in six years, Arkansas will be all Republican."

Coburn, who put his medical practice on hold to run for the congressional seat formerly held by Mike Synar, said he is proud of what the Freshman group of Congressmen have accomplished.

"Of the 73 freshmen in Congress, 40 have never held a political office before. They came in not knowing the political process and not caring if they return to Washington," he said. "Because they don't want power, they've got it."

Coburn added that the incoming class of congressmen should serve as an inspiration for everyone to get involved in politics on some level.

"The key is involvement. I can honestly say that there is not one person in this audience that can't greatly represent the people," he said. "It is up to us to make sure we leave our children with the same heritage that we were left with."

Coburn also said he is not offended when he and his fellow rookie congressmen are labeled radicals.

"I take that as a wonderful compliment," he said. "As a physician, when something is real, real sick, you have to do something radical to make it better. That is what we've had to do."

Coburn ended his brief speech with a prediction of a Republican stronghold in both his home state of Oklahoma and the state of Arkansas.

"Oklahoma will be 100-percent Republican after this year," he said. "I hope to come back here in a few years and we will be six and 0 and you will be four and 0."

**Republican Women to host
guest speaker Lloyd Stone Jr.**

David Stone Jr., vice president and chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas, will be the guest speaker at this month's meeting of Benton County Republican Women.

Stone is a graduate of Arkansas Tech University in Russellville and the former president of Communications Media Corporation. He has served as chairman of the Faulkner County Republican Committee and as the party finance chairman.

Stone will speak on the future of the Republican party in Arkansas. He served recently, Stone said. "We're at a crucial time as we look to the future of the party in Arkansas. If we have diverse interests in the party, I feel I can unite those groups in a word of being a diverse force."

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Rogers Youth Center, preceded by an informal lunch at the Crystal Tea Room.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Wednesday, March 20, 1996



Photo submitted

Cecile Bledsoe, chairman, Americanism Essay Contest, Megan Looney, ninth grade student, Benton County Christian School and Geri Allen, president, Benton County Republican Women.

Benton County Christian School student takes third place in essay contest

Megan Looney, an eighth grade student at Benton County Christian School won third place in the Benton County Republican Women's Americanism essay contest.

Megan is the daughter of Carol and Joe Looney of Lowell. She was one of 77 entries from throughout Benton County's seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students.

Brad Harris of Gravette High School was first place, Alison Fullmer of Gravette High School won second place and Rochelle Riley from Walton Jr. High School in Bentonville won honorable mention.

Their essays on the topic "Accountability in Government" are now entered in state competition.

Presenting the award was Mrs. Geri Allen, president of the Benton County Republican Women.



BENTON COUNTY
**Women's
Shelter**

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March 26, 1996

Dee Van Laningham
Republican Women's Club
2 Crestwood Drive
Rogers, AR 72756

Dear Ms. Van Lanningham:

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and all who dwell within the Shelter, I want to thank you for the gifts of soaps, sundries, combs, etc. you have given to our project. You have helped make it possible for us to continue to provide a safe place for the victims of domestic violence.

The lives of many women and children have been touched in a more positive way by the services we have made available to them. Many have been able to get a fresh start in life, and it is our hope that we have helped save lives too.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your caring of and sharing in our program and we will appreciate your continued support. By working together, we are transforming the lives of abused women and their children.

Sincerely,

Debby Wieneke, Director
Benton County Women's Shelter



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MOTOR VOTER SEMINAR, APRIL 13, 1996
Mary Lou Slinkard, County Clerk, gives seminar.



Mary Lou Slinkard, County Clerk, and Geri Allen, President
Benton County Republican Women at Motor Voter Seminar.

The State Legislature Race: GOP House Hopefuls

Hit Record Numbers

April 14, 1996

appropriation and tax issues that require a 75-percent majority, but Bearden said the party could be satisfied without more than doubling its contingent.

"I don't think we have to get to 25 because there are some conservative Democrats who vote with Republicans," Bearden said. "If we get near 20, we can be a force out there. We only had 12 last year, and they built a nice coalition on some issues."

A Republican primary is set for a House seat in the Delta, an area that usually is controlled by Democrats. The GOP winner will face incumbent Rep. Ben McGee, D-Marion, or his Democratic primary opponent.

McGee has been the subject of considerable controversy since the 1995 legislative session when he tried unsuccessfully to get state money allocated to a day-care center that operates in space donated by his church.

He eventually obtained a \$20,000 grant for the center in West Memphis through the governor's office. The money would help the center care for the children of unwed mothers while the mothers get an education, McGee said.

Challenging McGee in the Democratic primary is Gheric Bruce, a 33-year-old security officer from

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A record number of Republicans want to join the Arkansas House of Representatives next year.

Although Democrats control 88 of the 100 House seats, the days in Arkansas politics have long since passed when a candidate without a "D" by his name had no shot of being elected.

Republican candidates are seeking 44 House seats. Of 52 GOP candidates, 44 are involved in contested House races in the May primary or the November general election. The Republicans field a record 39 House candidates in 1994, a record until this year's filings.

"I think it is a sign of growth in the party," Richard Bearden, executive director of the state Republican Party, said of the increased number of House candidates.

Bearden also attributed the increased interest of Republicans to seek office to Gov. Jim Guy Tucker's proposals on highways and updating the state's constitution. Both measures got to the ballot through legislative approval.

Dawne Vandiver, executive director for the state Democratic Party, says the increased interest by Republicans is a result of national GOP money being pumped into Arkansas. She gives credit, though, to state Republicans who worked to recruit candidates.

She would not discount the possibility of Republican gains, based on the number of candidates.

"We, of course, will still have the majority by a good number," Vandiver said. House districts 1-5 in Northwest Arkansas, without question, belong to the GOP. Two of those seats will be decided in Republican primaries and the other three are uncontested.

The party continues to push outside its stronghold in the northwest quadrant of Arkansas, however, and hopes to gain a significant number of House seats.

The GOP would like to end up with 25 seats in the House to give the party more influence on

West Memphis. Republicans seeking the seat are John Griffie of Marion and Betty Wolfe of Crawfordville. Griffie is retired and Wolfe is a homemaker.

In District 2, where Rep. Jim Von Gremp of Bentonville stepped aside, David C. Hausam of Bentonville and Jim Parsons of Springdale will meet in the GOP primary, with the winner advancing to the legislature. Hausam, 49, is an investment banker, and Parsons, 62, is director of the Arkansas Christian Educators Association.

The noble Von Gremp said that, rather than seek a term beginning in 1997, which will be the last for all veteran lawmakers under term limits, he wanted to give someone from his area a term-up on what promises to be a huge freshman class in 1999.

In District 5, Charles Rogers Fuqua is taking on incumbent Rep. Jerry Hinshaw in the GOP primary. Fuqua is a lawyer; Hinshaw is a farmer. Both are from Springdale.

Another Republican incumbent, Joe Hudson of Mountain Home, faces a GOP challenger in a race that drew no Democrats. Quinten Brakebill, a 62-year-old retiree, also from Mountain Home, is trying to unseat Hudson.

A hotly contested rematch from 1994 is brewing in District 15, where Democrat Ed Wilkinson ousted Republican Jerry King in 1994. King, 51, is a former minister who lists himself as government relations director for an environmental company. Wilkinson, 34, has visions of following in his grandfather's footsteps as House speaker. He is a bank president.

"King has kind of a fire in his belly," Bearden said. "He wants to prove he lost because he was incapacitated (from a car wreck) and was unable to campaign. I believe he will unseat Ed Wilkinson this fall."

Longtime House member B.G. Hendrix, D-Fort Smith, gets a free ride in the primary, but three Republicans are vying for the opportunity to try to unseat him in the fall. Hendrix, 73, has been a House member since 1963.

Seeking the Republican nomination are William Jones, 47, a real estate manager; Ken Parsons, 31, a business manager, and Rick Stanford, 34, who owns his own business.

Sebastian County, a stronghold for Republicans, favored President Bush over favorite son Bill Clinton in the 1992 presidential election, and Bearden said he believes Sen. Bob Dole, D-Kan., will carry the county over Clinton in November.

"If candidates can tap in to the groundswell for other Republican candidates, I think B.G. Hendrix will be in trouble," Bearden said.

Vandiver said Hendrix has a lot of loyal support in the area and she believes he will retain his seat.

Perhaps the most prominent Republican seeking a House seat this year is Asa Hutchinson, former state GOP chairman. Hutchinson, brother of Congressman Tim Hutchinson, has never been elected to public office, but has been a candidate for state attorney general and the U.S. Senate.

Asa Hutchinson is running for the District 14 seat being vacated by one-term Gunner DeLay. W.K. "Mac" McGehee Jr., a well-known Fort Smith businessman, is running as a Democrat.



Newton County Courthouse, Jasper, Arkansas, April 18, 1996. Background (L to R) Mitchell Lowe, RPA Field Worker from Little Rock, and State Representative Jim Hendren, Benton County, District 1. Front (L to R) Delores Warabow, President Boone County Republican Women, Geri Allen, President Benton County Republican Women, and Reta Hamilton, AFRW 3rd District Director.



Newton County Courthouse, Jasper, Arkansas, April 18, 1996.
(L to R) Delores Warabow, President Boone County Republican
Women, Reta Hamilton, 3rd District Director AFRW, and Geri
Allen, President Benton County Republican Women.



Newton County Courthouse, Jasper, Arkansas, April 18, 1996. Background (L to R) Mitchell Lowe, RPA Field Worker from Little Rock, and State Representative Jim Hendren, Benton County, District 1. Front (L to R) Delores Warabow, President Boone County Republican Women, Geri Allen, President Benton County Republican Women, and Reta Hamilton, AFRW 3rd District Director.



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State Senator Peggy Jeffries (standing) of Fort Smith was the special guest of Benton County Republican Women's Membership Tea. Margaret Otte, Recording Secretary, is seated beside her.

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GOP senators

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TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1996

Sen. John Ashcroft (third from left), R-Mo., gets a little more involved in a hog call than the other five Republican senators appearing at a fund-raising reception Monday in Little Rock for Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee (far right), who hopes to

in state

for Huckabee



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join their ranks. The complete lineup consisted of (from left) Sens. James Inhofe of Oklahoma, Rod Grams of Minnesota, Ashcroft, Spencer Abraham of Michigan, Mike DeWine of Ohio and Bill Frist of Tennessee.

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BY KEVIN FREKING
Democrat-Gazette Capitol Bureau

Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas has no opposition in the May 21 GOP primary for the U.S. Senate, which means he can spend the spring raising money for his fall campaign. Huckabee was doing just that Monday as six Republican senators came to Little Rock for a fund-raising event.

The six Senate freshmen were the stars of a \$1,000-per-person reception Monday afternoon, which Huckabee said would net his campaign \$65,000 to \$85,000. Huckabee expected 75 to 100 people to attend the reception. He said some of those supporters already have donated the maximum amount allowed by federal law.

The GOP senators said Huckabee's presence in the Senate could make a difference on issues where Republicans have been close to winning.

"If you want a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution, send Mike Huckabee because we were one vote short of passing a balanced-budget amendment," said Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

Joining Ashcroft on a two-day campaign swing through Alabama, Arkansas and Illinois were Sens. Spencer Abraham of Michigan, Mike DeWine of Ohio, Bill Frist of Tennessee, Rod Grams of Minnesota and James Inhofe of Oklahoma.

Huckabee will face the winner of a five-man race in the Democratic primary. Democrats seek-

ing the seat being given up by Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., are Bill Bristow, a Jonesboro lawyer; Attorney General Winston Bryant; state Sen. Lu Hardin of Russellville; Sandy McMath, a Little Rock lawyer; and state Sen. Kevin Smith of Stuttgart.

DeWine said freshman Republicans have helped pass legislation like the line-item veto, which President Clinton supported.

"We have just begun the revolution," DeWine said. "When you send Mike Huckabee to the Senate, you are going to make a major contribution to continue it." An Arkansas Democrat-Gazette poll last month showed Huckabee with a lead of 3 percentage points over Bryant, the Democratic

front-runner.

Huckabee said Monday was the first time he remembered so many senators visiting the state at once.

Abraham said the senators decided to work for candidates they felt "would change the direction of Washington."

Reports filed April 15 with the Federal Election Commission showed that Bryant raised \$165,441 from January through March. With the money Bryant raised last year, the attorney general had amassed \$587,959.

Huckabee raised \$199,661 from January through March, bringing his total to \$449,564.

Bryant and Huckabee had raised more money than the other four candidates for Pryor's seat.



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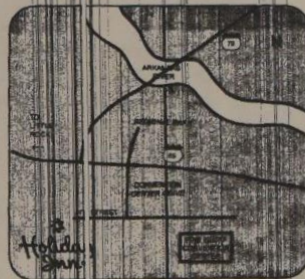
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The winners are: first place, Melinda Perry of Washington County, daughter of Randy and Deborah Perry and a ninth-grader at Fayetteville Christian School; second place, Thomas Witkowski of Pulaski County, son of Mark and Joetta Witkowski and an eighth-grader at Sparrow Academy Home School; third place (tie), Beth Milum of Boone County, daughter of Larry and Judy Milum and an eighth-grader at Harrison Junior High School, and Dustin C. Summey of Pope County, son of Hank and Becky Summey and a seventh-grader at Russellville Middle School.

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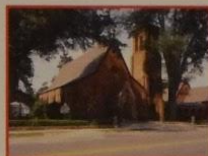
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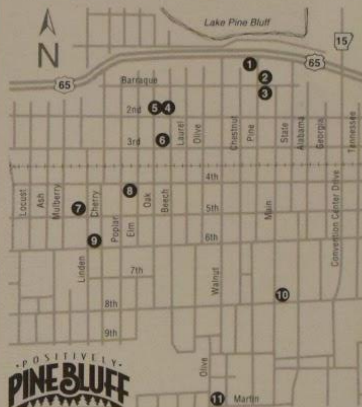


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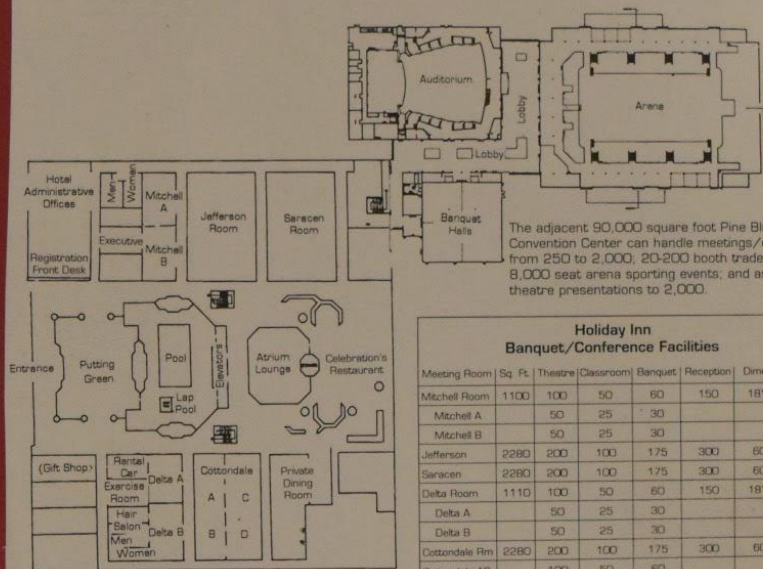
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Delta A		50	25	30		
Delta B		50	25	30		
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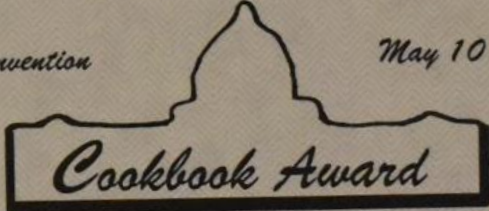


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JUNE 1996



Benton County Republican Women June Luncheon held at Rogers Youth Center
(L to R) Arkansas Senator John Brown, District 34, Lieutenant Governor and Governor-To-Be Mike Huckabee, Geri Allen, President Benton County Republican Women, and Asa Hutchinson, Candidate for 3rd District Congressman.



Lieutenant Governor Mike Huckabee with Brad Harris of Gravette High School, winner of Benton County Republican Women's Americanism essay contest.



Doris Holke with Lieutenant Governor Mike Huckabee



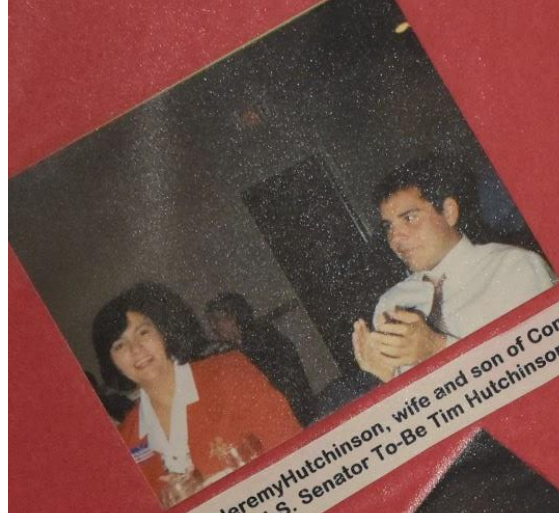
Senator John Brown, Doris Holke, Lieutenant Governor Mike Huckabee, Geri Allen, President of Benton County Republican Women, and Asa Hutchinson, Candidate for 3rd District Congressman.



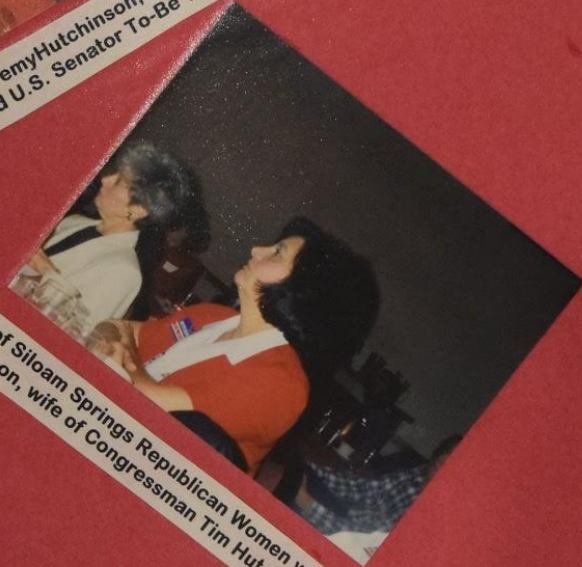
Doris Holke, Geri Allen, and Lieutenant Governor Mike Huckabee.



Lieutenant Governor Mike Huckabee with Megan Looney, 3rd place winner of Benton County Republican Women's Americanism essay contest.



Donna and Jeremy Hutchinson, wife and son of Congressman
and U.S. Senator To-Be Tim Hutchinson.



Kay Emery of Siloam Springs Republican Women with Donna
Hutchinson, wife of Congressman Tim Hutchinson.

Huckabee Lauds Region's 'Vision'



Don Bowen, The Morning News
Governor-to-Be: Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee chats Monday with a supporter during a Benton County visit.

TUESDAY

June 25, 1996

Northwest Arkansas could benefit greatly after Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee is sworn in as governor by July 15.

"Northwest Arkansas has been the vision for the rest of the state," Huckabee said, speaking to the Benton County Republican Women's Club at noon Monday.

Huckabee thanked members of the crowd of about 150 people attending the luncheon for "standing by me" after he lost a bid for U.S. Senate in 1992 and won the lieutenant governor's seat in 1993.

"It's good to know you have friends who have been with you since the get go," he said.

Huckabee will be sworn in as governor when Jim Guy Tucker steps down by July 15. Tucker was convicted of federal fraud and conspiracy charges that originated from the federal Whitewater investigation.

field rather than the front office," he said. Ideas should come from the people more than from just the policy makers.

"I will not promise you a perfect administration," he said. "I do ensure you that I love this state. This is most of all I know I don't just love the Republican Party; I love Arkansas."

"I love to fish in our waters," he said. "I want the kind of place where people can look up and see stars and not just neon. You can build casinos and you can build a concrete jungle and call it amusement, but you can't build the mountain views, the rivers like the Buffalo and the hillsides around Eureka Springs."

Huckabee reminded audience members that he is taking over an office that he didn't seek out, but rather a seat that he inherited.

"I wanted to be the first Republican senator from Arkansas," he said. But when Tucker announced his resignation, Huckabee realized what he had to do.

Don Bowen
The Morning News

Two of the three top administrators for Huckabee's gubernatorial staff are from Benton County — Jim Von Greppe of Bentonville, a current Arkansas representative, and Dick Barclay, a former legislator from Rogers.

Huckabee said it was logical for two of his top aides to live in Northwest Arkansas. They would be "Republican people who I have confidence in. Beyond geology, anyone would be hard pressed to find two guys who can do the job better."

Barclay and von Greppe "are not only great servants for the governor's office, but they won't forget from whence they came," Huckabee said. "You'll realize you'll have friends in the governor's office."

When Huckabee takes over the governor's office, he wants to bring back fairness, dignity and respect to the office, he said.

"I would like to have the kind of government where we listen to ideas from the

Phone calls from national Republican leaders weren't to pressure him to stay in the senate race, he said.

"Everyone who called said to do what I feel is best," Huckabee said. "The state is torn, wounded and damaged."

Huckabee's administration won't be one for Republicans, but rather an administration for Arkansans, he said.

However, with U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson stepping into his place in the U.S. Senate race against Attorney General Winston Bryant, the Republicans have a chance to be a dominant force in Arkansas.

Huckabee predicted that the Republicans will take all four U.S. House of Representative seats in Arkansas, with U.S. Reps. Ray Thornton and Blanche Lincoln not seeking re-elections in the first and second congressional districts.

"People can find out that we're not the monsters (that Democrats) have said we were," Huckabee said.



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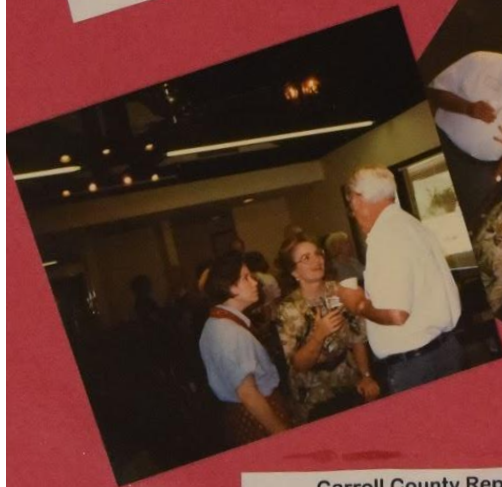
JULY 1996



Carroll County Republican Women, July 15, 1996.
(L to R) Susan Hutchinson, visitor and wife of 3rd District
Candidate Asa Hutchinson, Marianne Butler, President Carroll
County Republican Women, Geri Allen, President Benton
County Republican Women, Janet Finley, 2nd VP AFRW, Donna
Blake, President Bella Vista Republican Women, Reta Hamilton,
AFRW 3rd District Director, and Cathy Treadway, President
Northwest Arkansas Republican Women.



Lunch at Crescent Hotel, July 15, 1996,
(in foreground L to R) Susan Hutchinson, Geri Allen, Pres.
BCRW, and Donna Blake, Pres. BVRW.



Carroll County Republican Women's meeting--
Benton County Women Presidents are busy in conversation!



July 15, 1996, Arkansas State Capitol.
Seeing history in the making with the exciting and eventful
swearing-in of Governor Mike Huckabee are:
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VP BCRW) and John Hahn, and Vickey (2nd VP BCRW) and
State Senator Fay W. Boozman, III (District 33).



Swearing-in of Governor Mike Huckabee (center).
(L to R) Chief Justice of Arkansas Supreme Court, Governor
Huckabee, and wife Janet Huckabee.



Arkansas State Capitol, July 15, 1996.
Governor Mike Huckabee addresses attentive crowd packed
into House Chamber after many hours of postponements.

Huckabee becomes 51st governor

By JAMES JEFFERSON
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Mike Huckabee was sworn in as Arkansas' 51st governor Monday, replacing Jim Guy Tucker, who gave up the office temporarily, then reclaimed it, then quit without reservations in the wake his Whitewater convictions.

"So help me God," Huckabee, a Baptist minister, said with a smile as he finished the oath of office, which capped a tumultuous day that had Arkansas on the brink of a constitutional crisis.

After he was sworn in, the state's new Republican governor vowed to work with mostly Democratic lawmakers, some of whom raised impeachment talk as Tucker balked at giving up the office.

"You stood and you did what you knew in your heart was right," Huckabee said in his delayed inaugural speech. "I hope that we'll be able to work together as long as I am in my chair, which, I realized today, could come and go at any moment."

In a four-hour period, Tucker sent legislative leaders three letters, quitting in the final one only after Huckabee threatened to call lawmakers to Little Rock for an emergency legislative session to consider Tucker's impeachment.

Tucker's first letter claimed his conviction was only a temporary disability that made him briefly ineligible for office.

The second declared the disability over and Tucker re-

claimed the office, which would have curbed Huckabee's ability to call the Legislature into session.

The third offered Tucker's unconditional resignation. It was hand-written on governor's mansion stationery; the first two were typed.

After Tucker initially refused to resign, Attorney General Winston Bryant sued Tucker in state court to oust him and urged lawmakers to consider impeachment.

"It's not something that I cherish doing, but he has forced a constitutional crisis," Bryant said.

Tucker was convicted on Whitewater-related fraud and conspiracy charges May 28 and announced that day he would resign on or before Monday.

But when the time for Huckabee's swearing-in approached, Tucker cited a clause in the state Constitution that could let him declare himself temporarily ineligible for office because of disability and retain the right to return to the job.

Tucker said he is confident a federal judge will reverse his conviction.

"The elimination of the verdict would eliminate the reason for my resignation," Tucker said.

Tucker's lawyers last Friday

filed a motion saying a juror in his case was prejudiced against him because she, during the trial, married into the family of Robert "Say" McIntosh, a local activist and Tucker critic.

He had denied commutation to the husband of that juror, he said. He said he expected the court to rule on the motion by Aug. 19, the date of his sentenc-

ing. If the court rejected his appeal, he would resign, he said in his first letter.

Lawmakers who had gathered for Huckabee's inauguration howled when Tucker's initial letter was read to the House chamber. Some caucused to discuss whether impeachment would be the proper remedy and Huckabee said the state needed to heal the "open and oozing wound" of having a convicted felon as governor.

"We will ask the members of the Arkansas House and Senate to convene on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. this week for the purpose of initiating the process of impeachment," Huckabee said in issuing his threat to Tucker.

Huckabee, a Republican, gave up a U.S. Senate campaign in which he was leading so he could replace Tucker for the final 2 1/2 years of Tucker's term.

With his eventual swearing in, he became the state's first

Republican governor since January 1983 and the third since Reconstruction.

Huckabee was stood up initially at 1:55 p.m., when Tucker called to say he had reconsidered. In his first appearance before lawmakers as acting governor, he started characteristically with a stab at humor: "Is there something going on here this afternoon that I need to know about?"

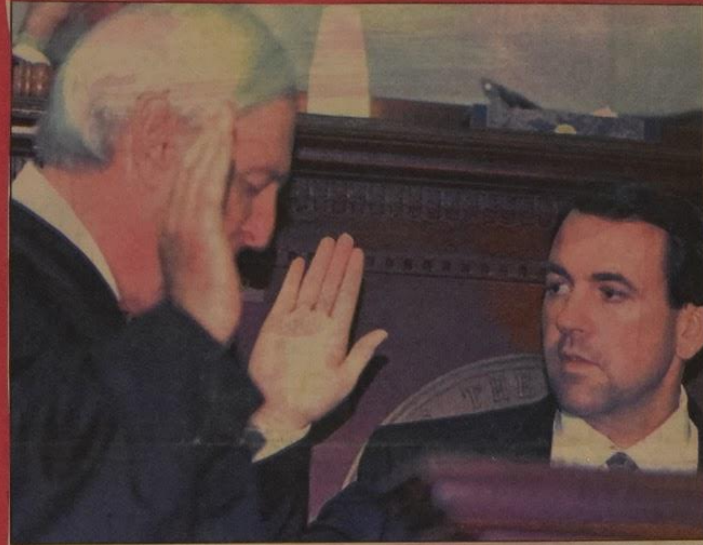
Huckabee and legislative

leaders gave Tucker two deadlines. The first prompted Tucker's letter reclaiming the office, in essence keeping Huckabee from summoning the Legislature to consider impeachment.

A second deadline was set for Tuesday morning, but Tucker resigned.

"I personally asked him to resign as Speaker and on behalf of other lawmakers," House Speaker Bobby Hogue, R-Jonesboro, said.

TUCKER QUILTS IN FACE OF IMPEACHMENT THREAT



Associated Press photograph
Mike Huckabee, right, takes the oath of office as governor of Arkansas from state Supreme Court Justice Bradley Jesson in the state Capitol in Little Rock on Monday evening.

Huckabee becomes governor

after Tucker finally resigns

County Republicans

critical of Tucker's shenanigans

By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE — Shortly after Gov. Jim Guy Tucker resigned without qualifications, three of Benton County's prominent Republicans were sharply critical of the departing Democratic governor.

Tucker had agreed to give up his office but, in a 1:55 p.m. phone call to Huckabee, contended he had the right to resume office if his conviction is overturned on appeal. In a tele-

He (Tucker) must have temporarily lost control of his mind. He proved some while ago that he had no ethics... and then, this afternoon, he proved he has no sense of honor.

— Robert A. 'Porky' Wenzel

vised address, acting-Governor Mike Huckabee said he would seek Tucker's impeachment unless the governor resigned without conditions. Shortly after Huckabee's address, Tucker announced his resignation without

conditions.

"He (Tucker) must have temporarily lost control of his mind," said Robert A. "Porky" Wenzel, Republican state committeeman from Rogers. "He proved some while ago that he

had no ethics, because he broke the law. He proved in the last three months that he had no respect for the state of Arkansas. And then, this afternoon, he proved he has no sense of honor.

"Anyhow, it's probably an awful shock to him, and I don't know how I would react to that much shock," he said. "... But, son of a gun. To let this go to the last minute and not notify Huckabee or anything...."

"Can you believe that?" asked

Doris Holke of Rogers, former Benton County GOP chairman. "For anybody that's supposed to be such a gracious man, and intelligent and all, he certainly isn't using his smarts with the people of Arkansas.... It's almost disgraceful."

"My feeling is sadness, really," said Geri Allen of Rogers, president of Benton County Republican Women's Club. "I must say that I thought that Mr. Tucker, our governor, was kind of a class act, on immediately

saying he would resign and give Mike transition time. And I admired him for that. ... And then when he tried these shenanigans (Monday), it was like everything that I had been willing to credit to him just went down."

Wenzel, Holke and Allen all lauded Huckabee's actions during the day.

"I'm glad it's resolved," Holke said. "And I'm glad Mike took the leadership and didn't just sit back."

AUGUST 1996



Republican National Convention, San Diego, California, August 12-15, 1996, (foreground) Reta Hamilton, Delegate and 3rd District Director, (right) Mildred Homan, Arkansas National Committeewoman of Mountain Home.



Reta Hamilton, 3rd District Director AFRW and Delegate to Republican National Convention, San Diego, California, August 12-15, 1996. Reta was elected to serve 8-9-96 on the National Convention Committee on Rules.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14, 1996

Ronald Brownstein
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — Reversing strongly stated earlier positions that had clashed with Bob Dole and party conservatives, vice-presidential designee Jack F. Kemp said Tuesday in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* that he now supports expelling the children of illegal immigrants from public schools and the California ballot initiative to repeal state affirmative action programs.

Kemp also denounced a provision in the party platform that calls for a constitutional amendment to deny citizenship to children born in the United States to illegal immigrants — an idea that California Gov. Pete Wilson advocated during his 1994 re-election campaign.

On Monday, Dole said he "would want to think long and hard" before accepting such an amendment; in the interview, Kemp denounced it unreservedly. "I've never agreed with that constitutional amendment," Kemp said. "Born in America, you're an American."

Kemp's comments on these explosive issues continued a rapid ideological repositioning since his selection as Dole's running mate last week and demonstrate the tightrope he is walking as he bal-

ances loyalty to Dole with fidelity to his pleas for a more inclusive party. Though Dole campaign officials hope Kemp will broaden the party's appeal to moderates, they also are concerned that he remain acceptable to conservatives.

On both affirmative action and immigration, Kemp's remarks Tuesday carried him sharply toward conservative positions he had earlier criticized. In 1994, he had warned that removing the children of illegal immigrants from schools — a step called for in California's Proposition 187 in 1994 — could lead to discrimination. Now, Kemp said, "I think it is achievable in such a way (that) we don't turn America into a police state."

And, though he had argued in the past that it was premature to repeal affirmative action, Kemp said that "I am now convinced with Bob Dole that we can go beyond — race-based quotas, or race-based set-asides" and instead rely on economic and educational incentives to provide more opportunity for the poor.

In other interviews earlier this week, Kemp indicated sympathy for the balanced-budget amendment — another Dole priority he has long opposed.

In the interview with the *Times*,

Please see **KEMP**, Page D2

Kemp reverses positions that clashed with Dole

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Kemp insisted that he would continue to privately press any differences he has on issues with Dole, but he added that in public he would serve as the nominee's "blocking back" and support his decisions.

"He did not pick me to be a puppet," Kemp said. "He wants to me to be Jack Kemp — and I will be Jack Kemp. But I will do it in private. In public, I will support the leader of our ticket."

Democrats immediately argued that by reversing his earlier positions on affirmative action and immigration, Kemp was undermining his promise to open the party to minority voters.

"So much for Colin Powell's advice to the party Monday night" to reach out to all voters, said White House adviser Rahm Emanuel, who deals with affirmative action and immigration.

But Kemp said that Dole had given him a firm commitment that the fall campaign would not be "divisive."

And he said he was committed to pursuing means other than affirmative action for providing greater opportunity to minorities and the poor.

"With enterprise zones and education, the party and hopefully mine on the national opportunity and access to growth side, there is a marriage of credit and capital and housing. I think we can say we have a better (school) with the ultimate goal of civil-rights initiative (than liberal), Kemp argued.

Over the past 18 months, Kemp has publicly expressed frustration with the Republican Congress. In the interview, Kemp only accusing them of overemphasizing budget cuts and not offering a sufficiently positive alternative to the direction since taking office in January 1995.

But he argued that by calling for running mate could be interpreted as an across-the-board 15 percent cut

in tax rates while still promising to balance the budget by 2002. Dole had unified the party across its most important divide — between those who place principal emphasis on cutting taxes, and those most concerned about reducing the deficit.

"With his certificate of approval of the fiscal conservative wing of the party and hopefully mine on the growth-cutting taxes (and the doubling the size of the U.S. economy) early in the 21st century," Kemp said.

In the interview, Kemp only obliquely echoed his earlier criticisms of the Republican Congress to the direction since taking office in January 1995.

Asked if his selection as Dole's running mate could be interpreted as an admission the party had

steered off course, he said carefully that "that's an assumption that might be made by some."

"For a while there I think the party got on defense; we were kind of the antithesis to the era of big government and the welfare state," Kemp added. "In effect what Bob Dole did in unifying the party (behind the tax cut proposal) is he put the party on offense."

In the interview, Kemp said he had Dole's commitment to pursue his "urban capitalism" agenda — a program of tax breaks and subsidies meant to encourage homeownership among the poor and job-creating investment in inner-cities. Those ideas largely languished without interest from the White House while Kemp served President Bush as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Dole had never expressed much enthusiasm for them either.

GOP parades criticism of Clinton at convention

By John Knafo
AP Political Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — From taxes and spending to welfare and crime, Republicans delivered a scathing convention critique of President Clinton's record Tuesday in a session designed to boost Bob Dole's support among women by presenting his agenda with a female face.

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GOP criticizes Clinton

In planning meetings, campaign manager Scott Reed discussed the possibility of announcing as early as next week some picks for a Dole Cabinet, including Colin Powell for secretary of state. But sources said Dole had not signed off on any such plan.

"If there is a Dole administration, which I expect there will be, I would consider anything that the president asked me to do," Powell remarked.

Hours before the convention session got under way, Dole set the day's tone by leading the GOP's character critique. "I have credibility," he said, "something that President Clinton lacks from time to time."

That theme was echoed time and again in the evening program — with Clinton the villain in a made-for-TV presentation that included several video clips of Democratic promises that Republicans said were either broken or forgotten. Also shown: Clinton's lament that wealthy Democratic donors were mad at him for raising taxes too much in 1993. "I think I raised them too much, too," Clinton says in the clip.

"Mr. Clinton, we do feel the pain — and you are causing it," said Connecticut Gov. John Rowland. In contrast, he said Dole would cut taxes 15 percent across the board and still balance the budget by 2002.

Democrats said that was impossible, and labeled the plan reckless. "I find it stunning,"

Democratic Chairman Christopher Dodd said of Dole's \$538-billion tax-cut plan.

Significantly, one Republican who made his name with attack-dog politics deliberately steered

clear of the night's Clinton bashing: House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Instead, he sought to soften his public image with a testimonial to charities and community service groups.

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Through a drumbeat of red meat attacks on Clinton, the delegates seemed largely subdued on the long convention floor, perking up when vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp made his first appearance. "Go Jack Go," the crowd chanted to the former football player.

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Gramm boosts Hutchinson

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Arkansas GOP Senate nominee Tim Hutchinson has a booster in a political neighbor, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm.

Gramm said Tuesday that Republicans nationally feel good about the chances for Hutchinson, who has represented the 3rd Congressional District in northwest Arkansas since January 1993.

He acknowledged that initially Republicans were disappointed because Republican Gov. Mike Huckabee dropped out of the race. Huckabee, the lieutenant governor under Jim Guy Tucker, ended his campaign when he took over the governorship after Tucker was convicted of Whitewater-related charges.

Before the Republican National Convention convened, polls showed the contest between Hutchinson and the Democratic nominee, state Attorney General Winston Bryant, was close.

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'Most optimistic man' accepts nomination

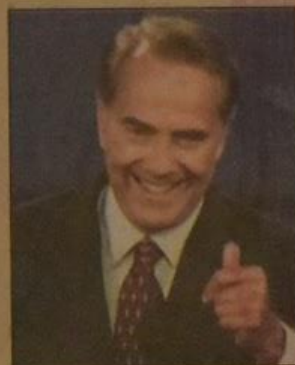
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The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Offering himself as a "bridge to a time of tranquility," Bob Dole accepted the GOP presidential nomination Thursday night vowing to restore heartland values of faith and trust to a White House he called captive to elitists "who never sacrificed, never suffered."

In a dramatic Republican convention finale, Dole described himself to 1,990 delegates as the "the most optimistic man in America," and a candidate tested by poverty, war, disability and public service.

"Age has its advantages," the 73-year-old Kansan said, suggesting that, at the dawn of the new century, the cure to the nation's



Bob Dole

moral and social problems was a return to the values of his modest prairie upbringing.

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By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The band played the theme from "Rocky" and 1,990 delegates chanted cheers of encouragement Thursday night as Bob Dole declared "I'm ready to go!" Accepting the GOP nomination, he confronted three issues often used against him: age, disposition and a proclivity to compromise.

Dole, the oldest major-party candidate ever nominated for the presidency, made a grand entrance to the Republican National Convention, moving smartly through a sea of delegates, shaking outstretched hands along the way.

Delighted delegates waved signs proclaiming "Bob Rocks the House."

"This is a big night for me. I'm ready, I'm ready to go," Dole proclaimed.

After Dole delivered a 57-minute oration, the convention hall erupted into cheers and blasts of confetti and gracefully descending red, white and blue balloons. Dole, running mate Jack Kemp

and their families were joined on the platform by his vanquished primary rivals.

The speech launches Dole into full battle with President Clinton, whom he has trailed all year in polls, and closed a four-day convention in which the party sought to portray itself as more tolerant of diversity than in the past.

Dole, not known for his prowess for public speaking, reworked and rehearsed the speech for weeks. For the most part, he delivered it forcefully, sticking to his prepared text.

Dole offered himself as a "bridge" between gen-

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erations, in a specially-produced video and in his speech.

"I was born in 1923, facts are better than dreams and good presidents and good candidates don't run from the truth," the 73-year-old candidate proclaimed. "Age has its advantages."

He also sought to cast in the best possible light a testy side of his personality, which sometimes comes across as mean-spirited. "If I am too combative, it is for love of country. It is to uphold a standard that I was born and bred to defend," he declared.

GOP cheers

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Yet he made several cutting references to Clinton. "It is demeaning to the nation that within the Clinton administration a corps of the elite who never grew up, never did anything real, never sacrificed, never suffered — and never learned — should have the power to fund with your earnings their dubious and self-serving schemes."

Of criticism that his years as Senate majority leader have made him too quick to compromise, Dole declared: "In politics, honorable compromise is no sin. It is what protects us from absolutism and intolerance."

"But one must never compromise in regard to God, family, honor, duty, country."

"Tonight, I stand before you tested by adversity, made sensitive by hardship, a fighter by principle and the most optimistic man in America."

If age was a problem, you couldn't tell it from delegates

watching Dole's speech.

Opal Vankommer, a 79-year-old Oregon delegate, said Dole's age was an asset, not a problem. "It's high time we used some of the wisdom of our older citizens," she said. "He's hale and hearty and capable."

Shelly Ritthaler, 40, of Upton, Wyo., said: "I really regret and I don't know what we're coming to when we don't equate wisdom with age and see experience as a good thing."

Dole talked of his upbringing in the small Kansas prairie town of Russell and spoke fondly of his working class parents, father Doran and mother Bina, both deceased. His lip quivered at one point when he talked of his father's sacrifice.

"There is no height to which I have risen that is high enough to allow me to forget them, to allow me to forget where I came from, where I stand, and how I stand, with my feet on the ground, just a man, at the mercy of God," he said.

Dole, who overcame grave World War II wounds that left his right arm withered and paralyzed, said, "the triumph of this nation lies not in its material wealth but in courage, sacrifice and honor. We tend to forget this when our leaders forget it and to remember it when they remember it."

"All things flow from doing what is right," Dole said.

He also sought to portray the Republican party as "broad and inclusive," suggesting the intolerant make use of the exit signs

in the hall.

And he turned his theme of "trust" and the values attained in growing up in small-town America into an attack on President Clinton's Democrats.

"We are not the party that, as

drug use has soared among the young, hears no evil, sees no evil and just cannot say, 'just say no.' We are the party that trusts in the people. I trust in the people. That is the heart of all I have said to you tonight."

Hausam in the House

Investment banker chosen to succeed
von Grep, will run unopposed in fall

Jackie Hosey
The Morning News

Benton County Republicans held a convention of their own Friday night to nominate David Hausam of Bentonville to the State House of Representatives.

Hausam will take over the second-district seat recently vacated by Jim von Grep of Bentonville. Von Grep resigned from the seat sever-

al weeks ago to accept a position in the administration of Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Following von Grep's resignation, Huckabee charged both Benton County Republicans and Democrats with the task of nominating a candidate to fill the position. The governor also set a special election date of Sept. 24.

Because Hausam will run unopposed for the position in the Novem-

ber general election and would take office in January anyway, the Benton County Democratic Committee chose not to nominate a candidate for the three-month interim position.

Hausam and Jim Parsons of Rogers were the only two Republicans to file for the interim position by the deadline earlier this month. Citing a need for harmony within the Republican party, however, Par-

sons announced Sunday that he would withdraw his name as a candidate.

Parsons stated at the time that he believed it would be wrong for the Republican party to nominate himself to the position, given that Hausam defeated him in a race for the same congressional seat during the primary election earlier this

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year.

It was little more than a formality Friday night when the committee accepted, by acclamation, Hausam's nomination.

Although Hausam will have no Democratic opposition for the interim position, county officials must make the appointment official with a special election Sept. 24.

Given that Hausam needs only one vote to win the election, county officials will operate the only polling place at the Benton County Courthouse.

Hausam told committee members that he appreciated the nomination and promised to remain accessible to the people of the second district.

"I'll be looking for a lot of help from the people back home," Hausam said. "And, if it looks like I'm getting a little big-headed, I expect you, as friends, to come up and kick me soundly in the fanny."

Hausam said he did not know when he would be sworn into office.

"We'll have to have the election on Sept. 24, of course, and it will have to be certified, then, I guess, just as soon as I can get to Little Rock."

Hausam, 49, works in Fayetteville as an investment banker for the Llana Corporation. He and his wife, Cindy have two children and two grandchildren.

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SEPTEMBER 1996

Yates, Barclay, and von Grempp preparing for legislative session

By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

LITTLE ROCK — Benton Countians have been intimately involved in Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's preparations for the next regular legislative session, set for early in 1997.

The state budget and a Huckabee proposal for a sales tax rebate will be among the major items on the agenda.

In general, budget-related questions have been a top priority for Joe Yates of Bentonville, the associate director for finance and policy administration of the Department of Finance and Administration; Richard L. "Dick" Barclay of Rogers, the executive director of legislative affairs and budget; and another Benton County resident,

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Preparation for legislative session keeps people busy

Jim von Grempp of Bentonville, coordinator for almost all state agencies and departments of state government except the state Highway and Transportation Department and the state Department of Finance and Administration.

"... All of us (Yates, Barclay and von Grempp) spend a lot of time on the budget question: How are we going to make all our ends meet and submit a balanced budget? There are (also) discussions with various agencies and people

about the kind of legislation they may seek to submit for inclusion into the session, problems that have cropped up over the last couple of years that need to be addressed legislatively," Yates said.

The governor has the responsibility of submitting a balanced budget, Barclay said.

"We are in the process now of hearing the agencies and their explanation of their budget request. After that, we'll

actually make our recommendation to the Legislative Council, as the legislative process begins to review the budget," he said.

Also, the governor's proposed rebate of sales tax on food will be ready for legislative action early next year, Yates said. Under a Huckabee proposal estimated to cost \$115 million when fully implemented, the state would issue rebate checks instead of directly repealing the 4.5-cent tax on food.

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Each Arkansas resident would get the same amount, no matter how much money is spent on groceries, with the most each person could get set at \$50 a year, or \$200 for a family of four.

People would be guaranteed at least \$25 under the plan, because money to cover that part of the rebate would be included in the Category A part of the state budget. Category A is the part of the budget that is always funded.



Daily Record photograph by Chad Hayworth

Jim von Gremp, Joe Yates, and Dick Barclay in the state Capitol.

Helping the governor

By Gary Lookadoo
Daily Record Staff

LITTLE ROCK—Three Benton Countians see political acumen and a willingness to work hard as two-thirds of the formula for success in their new jobs, assisting new Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

But Jim von Gremp and Joe Yates, both of Bentonville, and Richard L. "Dick" Barclay of Rogers — submitting to a joint interview Wednesday at the governor's office — apparently see a sense of humor as the third, indispensable part of the formula.

His new job, coordinator between the governor and almost all state agencies and departments of state government, requires that he stay familiar with developments at Health and Human Services, in higher education, at the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, with parks and tourism, in forestry, with employment security and at any of the other 34 departments and other agencies, von Gremp said.

"If a department head has a problem... when there's an idea, a problem, a concern, an opportunity, the department heads usually talk to me first and if it's something we need to get the governor involved in we scheduled another meeting," he said.

The job is "a real challenge, very interesting, exciting work.... You know, I learn new things every day (but) realize, you don't ever get to sit down," von Gremp said.

Nevertheless, he worked for Wal-Mart earlier in his career and he hopes his experience with the pace at the giant retailer will be repeated in state government, he said.

When he began at Wal-Mart, there was three times more than a person could do, but it got better. As time went on, there was only twice as much as a person could do, von Gremp joked.

And Yates made clear that, while he likes his job, too, it's like von Gremp's in having good points and bad points. "Some days it's easy and some days it's not easy," he said.

But Yates, the associate director for finance and policy administration of the Department of Finance and Administration — not with the governor's office but spending "a lot of time" there, he said — thinks a certain unpredictability in his job is in the nature of government jobs.

"I don't have a routine kind of job where I do the same thing

day after day after day. And I know Dick and Jim don't either. Something happens every morning to cause you to change your schedule and respond to the system. But government's that way," Yates said.

"I try to change my title every week," he joked.

In fact, his dozen years in the state senate (1982-1994) was good preparation for what he does now, he said.

"Over the years as a legislator you've helped people all over the state. So your role is not that much different," Yates said. von Yates, Barclay and von Gremp exchanged learned comments about upcoming budgets, legislative priorities, revenues sources and other matters.

Then, Yates tried to put the administration's current situation, and the role of the trio within it, in perspective.

"With the exception of we three sitting here, we've got 51 or 52 persons who really never have worked in state government to a great extent. A few secretaries (have), but mostly they don't have a lot of state government experience. Subsequently, we three have to stay abreast of all those things and get everybody brought on line slowly, so they can gain some experience and know what state government's about," he said.

One task of government, preparation of the budget, is already in full swing, Barclay said.

As the executive director of legislative affairs and budget, Barclay's duties often involve the state Highway and Transportation Department and the state Department of Finance and Administration.

He will be responsible for setting up the governor's legislative program, and for preparing the governor's office for the legislative session, which starts in

January 1997, Barclay said. Part of that, developing the governor's program, is "already starting to take shape," he said. Another part, staff training in preparation for the legislative session, is also planned, he said.

Liaisons from the governor's office will "be trained with regard to how they'll interact with

the legislators and the legislative process. We'll have training for them (and) we'll also have training for all the governor's staff," Barclay said.

Also, he will be reviewing agencies' requests for legislation, and make recommendations about them to the governor, he said.

Barclay pointed out that all three men will be involved with legislative affairs and the budget.

Then, apparently to dispel any possible conclusion that all three men have a lot of work before them, Yates abruptly changed gears.

"There are certainly some advantages, you know, to being down here," Yates drawled. "To-

day is my 36th wedding anniversary and by being down here I don't have to buy my wife a gift."

Barclay feigned horror at the prospect of Yates' remark making the newspapers, but it made clear he really knew it was all in fun, prolonging the laugh with his own topper: "Joe, you'd better rethink that one," he said.

In fact, all three said their families are supportive of their demanding schedules, which require them to be far from home at least 5 days a week and often more.

"I'm very proud of the work, but it's been a while since I've been able to get back to Benton County," von Gremp said.



Geri Allen, President Benton County Republican Women, presenting gavel to Gayle Barnes, President Marion County Republican Women, September 4, 1996, Flippin, Arkansas.



**Marion County Republican Women Membership Tea,
September 4, 1996, Flippin, Arkansas.
(L to R) Geri Allen, President Benton County Republican
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Women, Reta Hamilton, AFRW 3rd District Director, Dolores
Warabow, President of Boone County Republican Women, and
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The
REPUBLICAN PARTY
of Arkansas

September 4, 1996

TO: State Convention Delegates
FROM: Lloyd Stone, Chairman
SUBJECT: Call of the State Convention

Please be advised that Delegates are hereby called to be present for the biennial State Convention to be held as follows:

September 13-14, 1996
Double Tree Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas

This year we are giving you an opportunity to pre-register for Friday, Saturday, or both days. For overnight lodging, please contact the Double Tree Hotel at (501) 372-4371. For a discount on accommodations, mention that you are with the Republican Party of Arkansas and that you will be attending the State Convention.

The convention kick-off luncheon, "A Salute to Republican Women in Politics," features a keynote address by Governor Mike Huckabee. The Honorable Carolyn Pollan, State Representative, will also speak. The Honorable Ann Bush will also preside.

An agenda and a pre-registration card are enclosed. Please assist us by getting this back to the State Headquarters by return mail as soon as possible.

Friday evening, Governor and Mrs. Frank White are hosting a fish fry honoring Congressman Tim Hutchinson. It will be at North Oaks Special Events Center, 6600 Crystal Hill Rd. in North Little Rock. Proceeds will go to the Hutchinson for Senate Campaign. In addition, the College Republicans are hosting a reception for delegates and guests at the Double Tree immediately following the Friday afternoon session. They will be serving light hors d'oeuvres just preceding the Fish Fry. Proceeds will support the vital work of the College Republicans.

This year I'm pleased to announce there will be no registration fee, so you can hopefully, attend each of these major functions.

The tickets you order will be in the packet for you at registration.

From the agenda, you'll see much serious work goes on. We've tried to plan it so it's a fun time as well.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS
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SEPTEMBER 13 - 14, 1996

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

Friday, September 13, 1996

11:30 a.m. KICK-OFF LUNCHEON
"A Salute to Republican
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Presiding: Hon. Ann Bush
State Representative

2:00 p.m. Call to Order

Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Special Music Presentation

Chairman's Report

Report of Credentials Committee

Reading of the Call

Roll Call

Reading & Approval of Minutes

Election of Convention Co-chairmen

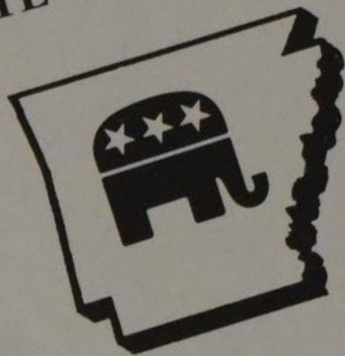
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A SALUTE TO REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN POLITICS

Presiding

Honorable Ann Bush
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Invocation

Reta Hamilton
Bella Vista

Luncheon is served

Special Music

Today's Opportunities for Women

Honorable Carolyn Pollan
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Introduction of Honorees

Lloyd Stone, Jr.
State Chairman

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Keynote Message

Honorable Mike Huckabee

Benediction

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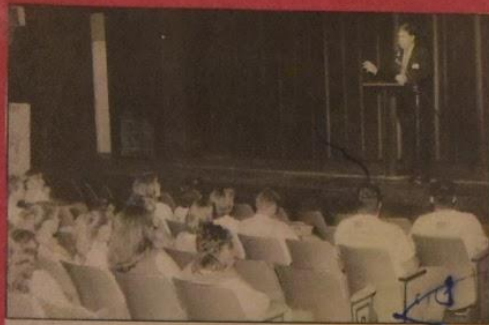
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News-Times/Joe Knox

Talking politics

State Sen. Fay Boozman of Rogers speaks to members of the Young Republicans at El Dorado High School. Timothy Hutchinson, son of U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson, a U.S. Senate candidate, also spoke to the group. The two were in El Dorado Friday.



**Breakfast Fundraiser, Fayetteville, Clarion Inn,
Congressman Tim Hutchinson and Congressman Canady of
Florida, Author of Partial Birth Abortion Ban Bill.**



Opening of Benton County Republican Headquarters for Campaign Season, September 30, 1996.
(L to R) Duane Neal, Mary Femmer, Margaret Otte, Asa Hutchinson, Geri Allen, Reta Hamilton.



Benton County Republican Committee Chairman Jonathan Barnett presents a \$1,000 check from the Republican Party of Arkansas (grant) to the Permanent Headquarters Chairman Mary Femmer and Committee Treasurer Margaret Otte, September 24, 1996.



Asa Hutchinson, Republican candidate for 3rd District Congress, speaks to Benton County Republican Women, September 17, 1996.



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**Susan Hutchinson is introduced to
Benton County Republican Women.**



Susan and Asa Hutchinson attend opening of Benton County Republican Headquarters for Campaign Season 9-30-96.



Benton County Republicans attend opening of Benton County Republican Headquarters for Campaign Season 9-30-96.

OCTOBER 1996

By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE — Acknowledging that to be elected he must carry the county by a wide margin, Asa Hutchinson, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress, helped open a GOP headquarters in Benton County. "I really need a huge turnout in Benton County" to win the 16-county race, Hutchinson told about 60 supporters Monday at the formal opening of a temporary county GOP headquarters at 1007 S.E. 14th St. (Arkansas Highway 102 east) in Bentonville.

Hutchinson, 45, is trying to succeed his brother, two-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., who is running for the U.S. Senate.

He faces three opponents: Democrat Ann Henry; Reform Party candidate Tony Joe Huffman; and Independent Dan Ivy.

He is counting on election help from the county in which he grew up and in which he worked. Hutchinson attended grade school in Gravette and graduated from Springdale High School. He received an accounting degree from Bob Jones University and a law degree from the University of Arkansas.

He practiced law in Bentonville and served as Bentonville city attorney.

ate and a 1990 race for Arkansas Attorney General.

He served as Arkansas Republican Party co-chairman or chairman from 1990 to 1995.

Hutchinson and his wife Susan — also present for the headquarters opening — now live in Fort Smith.

People throughout the district are responding well to his "common sense conservative" message, the candidate said.

A bipartisan commission might be appointed by the next Congress to make recommendations on Medicare reforms, but the objective of such reforms



Daily Record photograph by Darin Brown
Asa Hutchinson and his wife Susan welcome everyone to the GOP headquarters in Bentonville.

Appointed U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas in 1981, Hutchinson successfully prosecuted members of the Covenant, Sword and Arm of the Lord, an anti-tax group which had been involved in a lengthy armed standoff must be to "preserve and strengthen Medicare," Hutchinson said.

He pledges to work hard at constituent services, for district veterans, for the elderly, and for others, the candidate said.

The district was represented well for three decades, first by former U.S. Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt and then by Tim Hutchinson, and his experience in government as a U.S. Attorney and as Arkansas Republican Party chairman make him the best candidate to continue their strong emphasis on constituent service, Hutchinson said.

Candidates heat up Third Congressional District race

JBU students quiz Asa Hutchinson

By PHYLLIS FERRIN-BYRD
Siloam Springs Herald Leader

SILOAM SPRINGS—Billed as a "friend of free enterprise," Asa Hutchinson spoke to the Students for Free Enterprise and the Young Republicans at John Brown University of Thursday at the Bynum Theatre in the Walton Health Complex on the University campus.

A group of approximately 50 students came for different reasons.

"I came because I wanted to hear him; not for the extra credit or for the cookies," Jamie Meyer, a JBU student, said. "What has made our nation great is what will strengthen us as we go into the future," Hutchinson said. "I believe that to be the principle of independence."

Hutchinson outlined issues that will make that happen — Issues like capitol gains tax reduction, a reduction of the deficit, reducing government regulation on business and welfare reform.

As an example, Hutchinson talked about how his dad helped him start Bentonville's first F.M. radio station.

"When the business sold and I was able to return Dad's money, the government said it was a windfall and



Asa Hutchinson

taxed it at a high rate."

Hutchinson said he would rather see those who take risks and create capitol rewarded not penalized. He talked about how a soda fountain in a local drug store stopped selling ice cream because of governmental regulations on freon.

"I don't need government to do more for me, I need it to take less from me."

"Employers have a hard time keeping workers because it's easier to go on welfare and make just as much," he said.



*Benton County
Republican Committee*

**23rd Annual
Benton County Republican Committee Picnic**

Sunday, October 13, 1996 - Elmwood Jr. High - Rogers, Arkansas

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David Hausam	State Representative	#2
Dave Bisbee	State Representative	#3
Randy Bryant	State Representative	#4
Charlie Fuqua	State Representative	#5
Bill Pritchard	State Representative	#8
Gunner Delay	State Representative	#12
Carolyn Pollan	State Representative	#13
Jerry King	State Representative	#15
Bruce Campbell	State Representative	#16
Audry Whisenhunt	State Representative	#17
Russ Bennett	State Representative	#22
Doug McDougall	State Representative	#24
Luke Heffley	State Representative	#25
Tim Cornelius	State Representative	#28
Jim Milum	State Representative	#29
Dr. Richard Lovell	State Representative	#30
Darrin Roland	State Representative	#31
Ted Mullenix	State Representative	#32
Tom Wilkins	State Representative	#33
Dr. Gary Heidt	State Representative	#34
Joe Hudson	State Representative	#40
Chaney Taylor	State Representative	#41
Lois Ann Burks	State Representative	#46
Ronnie Hall	State Representative	#49
Ted Thomas	State Representative	#53
Tom Alexander	State Representative	#55
Erma Fingers Hendrix	State Representative	#56
Joeph Dunlap	State Representative	#57
Tom Prince	State Representative	#60
Ryan Roy Rogers	State Representative	#63
Otis Stewart	State Representative	#64
Tom Howard	State Representative	#68
Randy Minton	State Representative	#69
Betsy Francis	State Representative	#71
John Allen	State Representative	#78
Buddy Lemons	State Representative	#82
Jim Farley	State Representative	#86
Ted Pylant	State Representative	#87
Garry Poty	State Representative	#88
Paul Spears	State Representative	#91
Ann Bush	State Representative	#93

John Griffey
Bill Walters
Sharon Trusty
Mary Harvey
Scott Wallace
Johnny Rhoda
Janet Moore
John Turner
Warren DuPwe
Bud Cummins
Asa Hutchinson
Jay Dickey
Tim Hutchinson
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Boozman recovers from accident, still feels the effects

Don Bowen
The Morning News

State Sen. Fay Boozman returned to his ophthalmology office in Rogers on Friday afternoon for the first time since he was injured in a Halloween accident.

Boozman was greeted by employees as he sat at his desk going through the stacks of mail. Wearing an aerobic warm-up outfit and old running shoes, he requires the use of a walker to help him get around because of a broken hip.

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Boozman also suffered a collapsed lung, a bruised heart, broken ribs and kidney injuries as a result of the accident. The Republican senator was a passenger in a car driven by Timothy Chad Hutchinson, the son of U.S. Sen.-elect Tim Hutchinson. The accident occurred on U.S. 71 near Brentwood.

Boozman and Hutchinson were injured after the car crossed into oncoming traffic. A couple from Center, Texas, died in the crash and their son was injured.

After being released last week from Washington Regional Medical Center at Fayetteville, Boozman said he's starting to recover.

"Every day I'm really improving," he said. "I'm sleeping through the nights much better, but I'm a little slower in the mornings getting going."

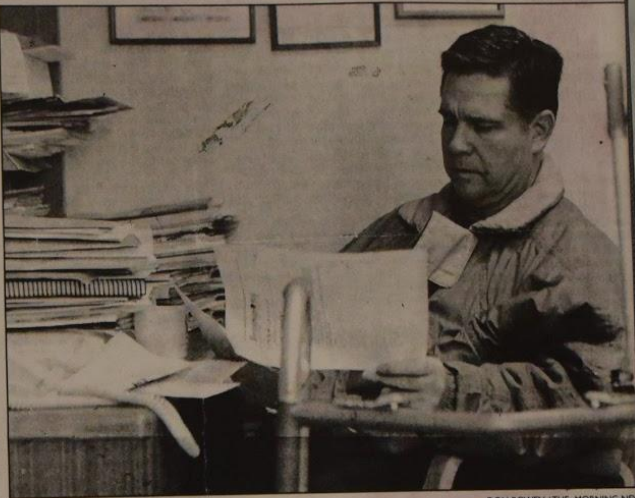
Because of the broken hip, Boozman can't put weight on his left leg. That means he can't walk up the stairs in his home. He said a hospital bed has been set up in the living room for his use.

The accident was "obviously, a significant tragedy," Boozman said. Two lives were taken, and three of us were spared.

"These kinds of decisions are in God's hands. The challenge for me is to learn the things that God is trying to teach me out of this. I come from the perspective that nothing just happens. Everything has a purpose."

But surviving an accident in which two people were killed hasn't caused him to look closer at mortality, he said.

"Being a physician, we deal with those types of issues every day," he said. "But it does make me realize the frailty of our existence. Plans can quickly change. Timothy and I were heading toward a campaign



DON BOWEN / THE MORNING NEWS

State Sen. Fay Boozman reads mail at his work since he was injured in an accident on desk Friday, the first time he had been at Halloween.

function (for the elder Hutchinson), and in a fraction of a second all that gets changed.

"I've always considered myself to be a young person even though I'm 50," he said. "I think of myself as immortal. I think (the accident) personified a lot of things."

Boozman said he doesn't blame Hutchinson for his condition. If anything, he said it brought the two closer together.

After the accident, "we were in the car for about an hour ministering to each other," Boozman said. "We probably experienced a little bit of what soldiers go through together in battle. Bless his heart, Timothy has been a wonderful strength through this."

"It was just one of those terrible nights," Boozman said, remembering the rainy conditions of Halloween night. "We hit a spot of water on the highway and hydroplaned. That took us into the path of the other car. There's no fault."

At the hospital, Boozman said, about 100 friends and acquaintances were there for support. "I still need to write all of them to express my thanks," he said.

Even though Boozman is recovering, he still feels the effects of the accident.

He said he has to use the walker for about five more weeks before his hip heals enough for him to put weight on both legs, and he said that coughing hurts because of the fluid still in his lungs.

Even with that discomfort, Boozman said, he plans to return to work half time this week.

The week of Nov. 25, he will attend a state Senate organizational meeting where committee assignments will be given. He said he expects to be back to work full time by the middle of December.

As a result of the wreck, Timothy Hutchinson faces misdemeanor charges of driving left of center and failure to maintain his vehicle in safe mechanical condition.



October, 1996, State Senator John Brown with College Republicans' Treasurer Dennis Whittaker in Fayetteville at the Clarion Inn.



October, 1996, State Senator Fay W. Boozman, III and Dennis Whittaker, Treasurer of the University of Arkansas College Republicans in Fayetteville at the Clarion Inn.



October, 1996, State Senator Fay W. Boozman, III Addresses University of Arkansas College Republicans in Fayetteville at the Clarion Inn

NOVEMBER 1996

Hutchinson leads
Bryant with 31%
of precincts tallied

BY RACHEL O'NEAL
Democrat-Gazette Capitol Bureau

Rep. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., seeking to become the first Republican in this century to win a U.S. Senate seat in Arkansas, appeared headed for victory Tuesday night over Democrat Winston Bryant.

With 60 percent of 2,465 precincts reporting, the totals were:

Hutchinson.....	268,303
Bryant.....	253,541

Bryant was seeking to hold a U.S. Senate seat for Democrats against Hutchinson, who entered the race late but drew to a dead heat before the election. Based on exit polls, all three major networks projected Hutchinson as the winner.

"We've got a long night ahead of us," Hutchinson said. "But we sure do like the way it's going."

Bryant did not disagree with that assessment but did disagree with the likely outcome.

"I'm a little nervous, but we've got a great crowd here and I'm enthusiastic about this race," Bryant said. "So we're going to do the best we can and pull this out."

Through Bryant, Democrats hoped to keep the Senate seat that retiring Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., has held for nearly 18 years.

In fact, Bryant's campaign received last-minute kicks from Pryor and his Democratic colleague, Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., two longtime, popular incumbents who lent their prestige.

President Clinton also flew in to lend his considerable presence to the Bryant campaign.

Democrats hoped to retain control of the seat, which Pryor has held for almost 18 years. The GOP was hoping Hutchinson would become the state's first Republican senator since Reconstruction.

Throughout the campaign, Bryant stuck with the Democratic Party line, accusing Hutchinson of joining with other Republicans in trying to slash funding for

Medicare, child nutrition, Head Start, college tuition loans, benefits for veterans and other government programs in an effort to provide a tax break to benefit the rich.

He also sought to portray Hutchinson as an extremist in "lock step" with House Speaker Newt Gingrich with whom Bryant liked to note, he voted 96 percent of the time. The Democrats across the country sought to use the strident, controversial speaker as the election-season whipping boy in their effort to retake control of Congress.

In the latter stages of the campaign, Bryant emphasized that the better-financed Hutchinson campaign was trying to buy the election in an effort to embarrass President Clinton in his home state. Bryant was counting on a huge turnout to propel him to victory.

Hutchinson contended Bryant ran a negative campaign that was bereft of ideas while Hutchinson offered a platform that included tax breaks and credits for working families. His campaign also smothered the airwaves with advertising critical of Bryant's ability to manage the attorney general's office after a staff attorney missed two deadlines that resulted in the release of two murder suspects.

Each candidate raised more than \$1 million, the bulk of which was spent on television advertisements. But while Bryant had more than a year to raise the money, Hutchinson had to come up with the funds in about four months. His campaign was supplemented by a huge supply of "soft money" from the Republican Senate campaign committee, which had targeted the Arkansas seat.

Hutchinson's campaign was thrown off stride late in the campaign when his son was hurt in a car crash that killed two others last week. Hutchinson withdrew

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from personal campaign appearances in the final weekend until his son, Timothy, 22, was released from the hospital.

But Timothy was at Hutchinson's election-night headquarters at the DoubleTree Inn in downtown Little Rock, immersed in the hoopla surrounding the massive re-election party for Clinton and his supporters.

Meanwhile, Bryant supporters watched election returns with their candidate from the Holiday Inn City Centre. Ironically, a member of Bryant's family was involved in a vehicle accident on election day. His sister, Betty, was treated at and released from a local hospital, a campaign spokesman said.

For much of the year, Hutchinson planned to run for re-election to his 3rd Congressional District seat. He switched races when

Mike Huckabee withdrew from the Senate race. Huckabee went from lieutenant governor to governor July 15, following the May conviction of Gov. Jim Guy Tucker on felonies in the Whitewater trial.

Bryant, 58, got his start in politics in 1972 when he won a seat in the Arkansas House of Representatives. After serving two terms, Bryant was elected secretary of state in 1976, serving a single term.

In 1978, Bryant suffered his only race loss. He made it to the run-off the 4th Congressional District seat, where he lost to Beryl Anthony Jr. of El Dorado.

Bryant came back in 1980, winning the lieutenant governor's seat, a position he held for 10 years. In 1990, Bryant defeated Hutchinson's younger brother, Asa, in a heated race for attorney general.

Bryant was re-elected in 1994, beating Pryor's son, Mark, in the primary and Republican lawyer

Dan Ivy of Fayetteville.

Hutchinson, 47, won his first race in 1984 by unseating 18-year Democratic state House veteran Clayton Little. Hutchinson four terms in the state Legislature.

In 1992, Hutchinson ran for the 3rd Congressional District seat held for 26 years by Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt, who retired.

In the primary, Hutchinson ran against his friend, former Rep. Dick Barclay of Rogers and Dryden Pence of Fort Smith. He surprised political analysts when he won the primary without a runoff.

In the general election, Hutchinson defeated Chancellor John VanWinkle of Fort Smith and Ralph Forbes of London.

In 1992, Hutchinson defeated Democrat Berta Seitz of Fayetteville, winning 68 percent of the vote.

Since the direct election of U.S. senators began in 1914, Democrats have won every election but one. Independent John E. Miller won a special election in 1937. Before 1914, state legislatures picked U.S. senators.

Arkansas' current senators, Pryor and Bumpers, were only the third and fourth senators elected since World War II. Bumpers replaced J. William Fulbright and Pryor replaced John L. McClellan.

Information for this article was contributed by The Associated Press.

Arkansas voters send first Republican to U.S. Senate

James Jefferson
The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas voters sent a Republican to the U.S. Senate for the first time Tuesday, electing U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson to succeed a retiring three-term Democrat. Hutchinson was elected while President Clinton carried his home state by a wide margin.

Hutchinson, who entered the race late but drew to a dead heat before the election, narrowly defeated Attorney Gener-



Hutchinson

al Winston Bryant to become the state's fifth Republican U.S. senator and the first since Reconstruction.

No Republican had won a Senate seat since the 17th Amendment was ratified in 1913 to authorize a popular vote for the office. Before then, state legislatures chose U.S. senators.

Bryant, who had never lost a statewide race for three constitutional offices, was unable to hold on to the seat for Democrats.

Hutchinson, who accepted the GOP nomination in June after Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee dropped out to become governor, became the first Republican U.S. senator since Stephen W. Dorsey in 1879.

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U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson is assisted Tuesday by election volunteer Art Miner (right) as Hutchinson votes at the First Baptist Church in Bentonville.

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Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Wednesday, November 6, 1997

Tim Hutchinson secures Senate seat for GOP

The Associated Press

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"Clinton won big, and in
spite of that we're going to
win, too," Hutchinson said.
"It indicates that Arkansas
voters are very
independent."

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behalf during a special trip home
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With 74 percent of the vote
counted, unofficial returns
showed Hutchinson with
321,511 votes, or 51 percent,
and Bryant with 306,270 votes,

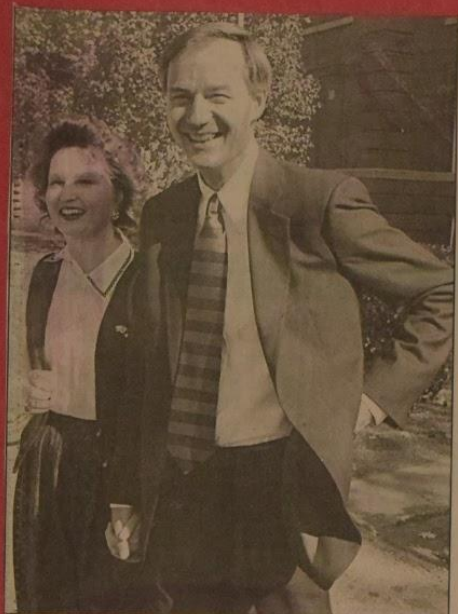
or 49 percent.

Hutchinson led in the state's
3rd Congressional District, in
which he has served since 1993,
and also in the 2nd District in
central Arkansas, the state's
most populated area.

Bryant led in the rural 1st and
4th districts, encompassing
mostly rural southern and
eastern Arkansas. He conceded
early Wednesday.

"I have just called
Congressman Hutchinson and
have told him he is the winner of
this race," Bryant told
supporters at a Little Rock hotel.

Asa Hutchinson clings to slim lead



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/DAVID GOTTSCALK

Asa Hutchinson, the Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional District, leaves the Adult Education Center in Fort Smith with his wife, Susan, after the two voted Tuesday morning.

Henry backers hold onto hope in GOP bastion

BY MICHAEL WHITELEY
AND GREG HARTON
Democrat-Gazette Fayetteville Bureau

FORT SMITH — With a slim lead and victory in a county his strategist has dubbed a benchmark in the 3rd Congressional District, Asa Hutchinson made an appearance among his supporters at the Fort Smith Holiday Inn Tuesday night.

"We feel strong," the Republican nominee said. "I think the bus tour gave us the push we needed during the last few days of the campaign."

With 214 of 646 precincts reporting, the unofficial totals were:

Asa Hutchinson	38,040
Ann Henry	28,502
Tony Huffman	2,092
Dan Ivy	0

About 9 p.m., Ann Henry supporters at the Washington County Democratic headquarters kept eyes on televisions seeking some clue about how Henry's 52-day campaign had turned out, but early returns showed their candidate a few points behind.

"It's just going to be a horse race," said Bianca DeLille, a Henry campaign spokesman. "We just don't know yet."

Playing lesser roles in the campaign were the Reform Party candidate, Tony Joe Huffman of Mansfield, and a write-in candidate, Dan Ivy of Fayetteville.

Hutchinson, a former U.S. attorney from Fort Smith, seemed relaxed and confident as he en-

tered the hotel's Memphis room about 8 p.m., chatted with a crowd of 200 supporters, and spoke with reporters.

"He's more relaxed than I've ever seen a candidate at this point," said campaign manager Mark Myers.

Myers said Hutchinson was confident of a victory. But he said Hutchinson also knows that his abbreviated 1996 run for the 3rd District is "sort of a make-or-break election."

A victory Tuesday night would
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be Asa Hutchinson's first in a series of campaigns that began exactly two decades ago.

Hutchinson lost a bid for Benton County Quorum Court in 1976 and for prosecuting attorney two years later.

He won 38 percent of the vote in a U.S. Senate race in 1986 against Democratic incumbent Dale Bumpers and 47 percent of the vote against Democrat Winston Bryant for attorney general in 1990.

Hutchinson was confident enough that he briefly appeared at the corner of Rogers and Waldron Streets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, voted about 10:30 a.m. and spent the rest of the day at his law office paying bills.

Henry spent much of the evening at home in Fayetteville with family members, watching the returns.

Betsey Wright, who served as chief of staff for then-Gov. Clinton and now is Henry's political consultant, said the campaign, after trying to erase Henry's virtual anonymity early, focused its efforts on issues important to independents and "undecideds" — education and the "Gingrich agenda," referring to GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich. A key was overcoming the idea that Northwest Arkansas was strictly GOP territo-

ry.

"Democrats and independents had to believe that a Democrat could win," Wright said.

Wright, a political veteran, said Henry's seven-week campaign was the most satisfying of any in which she has participated because of the spirit of volunteer force, referred to as "Ann's Army."

"This is the hand we were dealt," Wright said. "We gave it our best shot in seven weeks."

Henry, after casting her vote Tuesday morning at Trinity Temple Church on Rolling Hills Drive in Fayetteville, did no last-minute campaigning. Instead, she spent time at home with her family and preparing for her appearance at Democratic headquarters Tuesday night.

Both campaigns got a late start in a race that once promised to be a nonevent across the 16 counties of the 3rd District. That changed in June, when incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson dropped out to take over the GOP slot in the U.S. Senate race when Mike Huckabee became governor following the resignation of Jim Guy Tucker in July.

Asa Hutchinson easily won the 3rd District nomination from a Republican caucus in July despite warnings from 4th District Rep.

Jay Dickey, R-Ark., and others that two Hutchinson brothers would be one too many on the GOP ticket.

After one Hutchinson took the place of another in the race, it was time for the Democrats to make a move. Saying there was too little time or money to mount a fresh campaign against a different Hutchinson brother, the original Democratic nominee — Lincoln lawyer and publisher Boyce Davis — dropped out.

Democrats held their own caucus Sept. 14 and tapped Henry, a University of Arkansas business professor. Henry is a former Fayetteville alderman who worked on several statewide campaigns and has close personal ties to the Clintons.

Asa fills Tim's 3rd District position

Republican Asa Hutchinson was elected representative of the 3rd District, filling the seat left open when his brother Tim Hutchinson ran for the U.S. Senate. He defeated Democrat Ann Henry of Fayetteville who jumped into the race only seven weeks ago.

Asa Hutchinson maintains a GOP hold on the 3rd District seat established in 1966 when John Paul Hammerschmidt defeated Democrat Jim Trimble.

"It came out like we hoped it would," said Hutchinson. "We're enormously gratified by the turnout and overwhelming support. It appears we may carry every county (in the 16-county district). I wanted to

have a strong victory, and I believe we have it here tonight."

Hutchinson thanked his "tremendous volunteers" for pulling the election through for him even though his opponent spent \$100,000 more during her seven-week campaign than Hutchinson did during his four and one-half month campaign.

"We couldn't equal her dollar for dollar," said Hutchinson, "but the enormous effort from our volunteers pulled us through."

Hutchinson said he received a call from Henry at about 11:15 p.m. congratulating him on his victory.

Hutchinson said he felt the election results were going his

way early Tuesday evening, especially after he carried Baxter County, an area where Henry had purchased television advertising.

Hutchinson said he will take the next couple of days to wind down and thank his supporters.

Henry tearfully thanked her army of campaign volunteers and many of her close friends, who put their lives and careers on hold to help Henry mount a competitive campaign against Hutchinson.

With 255 out of 646 precincts reporting unofficial returns, Hutchinson had 46,467 votes, or 56 percent, to 34,325, or 41 per-

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Asa Hutchinson wins congressional seat

By CHRISTOPHER BATTLE

Times Staff Writer

Judging by the voting trends coming out of the 16 counties of the 3rd Congressional District, Republican candidate Asa Hutchinson knew by about 9:30 p.m. that he was headed for victory in his congressional race.

By about 11:30 p.m. Democrat Ann Henry — Hutchinson's main opponent — conceded the same trends.

With 255 out of 646 precincts reporting unofficial returns, Hutchinson led Henry 56 percent to 41 percent at press time. Reform Party candidate Tony Joe Huffman trailed in the distance with about 3 percent of the vote. Write-in candidate Dan Ivy did not register a percentage point.

Unofficial returns with six boxes out in Washington County showed that Hutchinson lead Henry by a 20,111 to 18,495 vote. Huffman got 455 votes in the county.

Hutchinson was most buoyed when areas such as Mountain Home and Mena, where he was unsure of his support, showed favorable returns.



Hutchinson

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Northwest Arkansas Times, Wednesday, November 6, 1997

Cummings leading Benton County judge's race

Don Bowen
The Morning News

With about half of the precincts reporting in Benton County it appears that a justice of the peace will become county judge and the sheriff will be sworn into office for a fifth time.

By midnight, tallies from 58 of the 121 precincts in the county were counted. The results were not complete, nor were they official.



Cummings

Republican Clyde Cummings, 54, of Rogers received 10,919 votes to Roy Rudd's 6,395, according to the incomplete results. Rudd, 44, a Democrat of Bentonville, works in management in the International Division of Wal-Mart.

Current County Judge Bruce Rutherford did not seek reelection to a fifth term.

In the first 35 precincts posted, Cummings won 30 and tied Rudd in one precinct. Rudd won the four others.

Cummings, a native of Lookout east of Rogers, is serving his first term as a justice of the peace. After serving 30 years in the U.S. Navy, Cummings moved back to Rogers in 1991.

In the sheriff's race, Andy Lee, 48, a

Republican, had received 13,283 votes by press time. Democratic challenger Billy Ray Smith received 5,233 votes.

Of the first 35 precincts posted, Lee won 31 to Smith's four.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., Lee's family moved to Rogers in 1963. He graduated from Bentonville High School in 1967.

Lee, who served for 10 years in the Washington, D.C., police force, has served as Benton County sheriff since 1989. Before becoming sheriff, Lee worked as a district supervisor of a restaurant chain and as executive director of the Bentonville-Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce.

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GOP's Cummings elected

Benton County judge

BY LINDA HICKS
Special to the Democrat-Gazette

BENTONVILLE — Republican Clyde Cummings, 54, of Rogers defeated Democrat Roy Rudd, 44, of Bentonville in the race for Benton County judge. Bruce Rutherford, who has served as county judge since 1989, announced earlier this year that he would not seek reelection.

With 45 of 121 precincts report-

ing, the unofficial totals were:

Cummings.....	8,996
Rudd.....	5,358

Cummings said the trend was encouraging and if sustained he would be out traveling the county after a short rest.

"I'm going to rest up and take tomorrow off and then the planning process will start. I will be doing a lot of research between now and the first of the year. One thing that I will implement im-

mediately is an open-door policy with the public and the media.

Cummings, a member of the Quorum Court, said fiscal accountability will be a priority in his administration.

Road construction and maintenance, and solid waste management will be facing his new administration. But improving communication between the county judge's office and constituents and completing the

Dartmoor bridge in Bella Vista are also priorities, Cummings said.

Cummings said he will draw on his administrative experience as a retired assistant director of the Naval Air Training Command at Memphis to implement a management structure and plan for the office.

County employee pay scales have been the subject of review. See CUMMINGS, Page 3D

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and discussion before the Quorum Court the past two years. Cummings says he is advocating creation of a position to address human resources.

Cummings would like to see a reward fund established to pay those who provide information that leads to the arrest and conviction of people caught dumping illegally.

Arkansas helps GOP's battle to keep Senate

BY TERRY LEMONS
Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

Arkansas voters nudged Republicans closer Tuesday night to retaining control of the Senate.

Republican Rep. Tim Hutchinson's victory in Arkansas, coupled with other GOP victories in the South, pushed the party closer to staying in control of the chamber for the second straight election, thus quashing President Clinton's dream of a Democratic Congress.

Razor-thin races across the nation kept control of the Senate and the House too close to call. But GOP leaders said network projections that Arkansas would elect its first Republican senator since Reconstruction signaled broader strength for the party.

"It looks like we may actually increase our majority some with that announcement in Arkansas," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said in a CNN interview.

Besides Arkansas, Republicans picked up open Senate seats previously held by Democrats in Alabama and Nebraska. Democrats countered with an upset of incumbent Sen. Robert Smith in New Hampshire.

Even if Democrats didn't overtake GOP majorities in the House and Senate, White House aides said the close races of Tuesday night signal a mandate for the political middle.

"The moderates who appeal to the center of the American political spectrum are doing well," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said. But he declined immediate comment on the Arkansas race.

The struggle over Congress threatened to stretch deep into the night. Dead heats and high absentee balloting in states like Oregon and Washington conspired to keep the election in doubt. It was even possible that control of the House might remain unclear until Dec. 10 when several Texas races might be settled in runoffs.

In Little Rock, presidential aides braced for a long wait.

"We'll be up half the night," Clinton campaign press secretary Joe Lockhart said. "We may go to sleep not knowing."

The battle for Congress has been the hardest-fought in years with House Speaker Newt Gingrich emerging as a central figure in the high-dollar battle over the House. Democrats needed 19 seats to end the GOP majority.

In the Senate, Democrats faced the tougher challenge of erasing the GOP's 53-47 edge. The Democrats needed to pick up at least three seats to create a 50-50 tie, and Vice President Gore could serve as the tie-breaker.

For a second Clinton term, control of Congress represents the difference between Democrats providing a friendly legislative atmosphere or Republicans starting more White House investigations.

The GOP's plans call for a speedy review of Democratic fundraising after questions about campaign contributions involving the

Lippo Group, an Indonesian financial conglomerate with ties to Arkansas. Attention on campaign financing sparked a round of political headaches for Democrats in the campaign's closing weeks. Analysts said the Lippo fallout slowed Democratic momentum and gave the GOP a last-minute boost.

In Alabama, Republican Attorney General Jeff Sessions captured the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. Howell Heflin. In Nebraska, Republican businessman Chuck Hagel defeated Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson in the contest to replace Sen. Jim Exon, a three-term Democrat.

The Democrats countered with a surprise in the conservative stronghold of New Hampshire. Former Rep. Dick Swett, a victim of the GOP uprising in 1994, gained revenge with his stunning defeat of Smith, a leading opponent of abortions.

Democrats also prevailed in Massachusetts, home of the most closely watched Senate race of the year. Sen. John Kerry won a third term, edging out Republican Gov. William Weld, a potential presidential contender in 2000.

In the nastiest Senate battle, Democratic Rep. Robert Torricelli won in New Jersey over Republican Rep. Dick Zimmer. He will replace retiring Democratic Sen. Bill Bradley.

The Massachusetts and New Jersey victories brought a boisterous round of cheers from Clinton campaign aides running the press office in the Little Rock Convention Center.

In Minnesota, liberal Democratic Sen. Paul Wellstone also survived another tough race.

But Republicans staved off tough Democratic challenges in North Carolina, where fiery conservative Sen. Jesse Helms won a fifth term over Harvey Gantt. Gantt had hoped to become the first black senator from the South since Reconstruction.

Tuesday's elections presented a potentially history-making proposition. It has been rare to simultaneously have a Democratic president and a Republican Congress. Counting the past two years, it has happened four times. If voters were to give Clinton a Republican Congress, it would be the first time such a combination existed for more than two years.

The last time voters could have elected the combination was 1948 when President Truman made attacks on the GOP Congress the centerpiece of his campaign. But voters turned out the Republicans and returned the Democrats to power.

Clinton hoped to repeat Truman's trick. He carefully avoided blatant calls for a Democratic Congress, but there was no mistaking the purpose of his travel itinerary in the campaign's final week. During 20 stops, he stumped for at least 22 Democrats locked in tight races.

Clinton's quest was at odds with history, which has repeatedly seen re-elected presidents fail to pass their popularity along to their party.



Winthrop Rockefeller waves to supporters gathered Tuesday night at the Main vent Entertainment Center in Little Rock. At midnight, he was leading Democratic challenger and former state Sen. Charlie Cole Chaffin in the race for lieutenant governor.

Rockefeller leads Chaffin for No. 2 job

Edge goes back and forth in lieutenant governor race

BY JOE STUMPE
Democrat-Gazette Staff Writer

Winthrop Paul Rockefeller nursed a lead Tuesday night over Charlie Cole Chaffin in the lieutenant governor's race, according to incomplete election results.

With 58 percent of the 2,465 precincts reporting, the vote counts were:

Rockefeller	264,432
Chaffin	257,666

Earlier, the returns had seenawed throughout the night, giving both sides anxiety and hope.

"It's a race!" Rockefeller said at his election-watch party as supporters chanted, "Rockefeller, Rockefeller, he's our man. He can beat Charlie, yes he can."

At her party, Chaffin had her hands full with four grandchildren. She had run commercials saying the state needs "more grandmas" in office.

"We're real excited about the early returns," Chaffin's campaign manager, Berta Seitz, said. "We just expect her to keep climbing and this to be a victory tonight."

Although overshadowed by other races, the campaign for the state's No. 2 job offered some interesting contrasts.

Chaffin, a Democrat, ran as a middle-class grandmother and the candidate with experience in government.

Rockefeller, a Republican and the billionaire son of a former Arkansas governor, said his famous name and connections could help bring economic development to the state.

Rockefeller had more campaign money; Chaffin more success slinging zingers at her oppo-

nent, taking a 6-foot cutout of Rockefeller around the state to dramatize his refusal to debate her.

Chaffin, 57, is a former teacher from Benton who was elected to the state Senate in 1985 and spent 10 years there. Its only female member, she made her mark primarily in education and ethics issues.

Chaffin ran for lieutenant governor two years ago but garnered only 41 percent of the vote against the current governor, Mike Huckabee. She bested a field of Democratic rivals to win the nomination again during a party caucus earlier this year.

Rockefeller, 47, a businessman with homes at Little Rock and Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton, was seeking elective office for the first time. The son of Winthrop Rockefeller, Arkansas' governor from 1967-71, he has served on the President's Council on Rural America, the Arkansas State Police Commission, the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and other boards and commissions. *Forbes* magazine listed him as the nation's 127th wealthiest person earlier this year.

The job they are seeking has just two constitutionally mandated duties — presiding over the Senate and filling in for the governor in his absence or inability to serve.

Chaffin cited her years in the Senate as the best qualification for the first duty; Rockefeller said the 35-member Senate is not much larger than some of the boards and commissions he's presided over.

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Both said they wouldn't spring any surprises while assuming the governor's powers when Huckabee is absent.

Like recent lieutenant governors, both candidates say they'd use the office to push pet causes.

Chaffin offered something of a laundry list of issues for which she'd use the office as a "bully pulpit," including education,

ethics and welfare reform.

Rockefeller said his priority would be economic development.

The state's last two lieutenant governors went on to become governor. In 1993, then-Lt. Gov. Jim Guy Tucker became governor after Bill Clinton was elected president. Tucker won a four-year term in 1994, but resigned earlier this year after being convicted of Whitewater-related crimes. He was replaced by Huckabee.

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BY RACHEL O'NEAL
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The state's first Republican since Reconstruction to win a seat in the U.S. Senate spent the day after the election taking congratulatory phone calls and pledging to reach out to all Arkansans, regardless of their political party.

Rep. Tim Hutchinson, fresh from his victory over Attorney General Winston Bryant, told re-

porters he got about three hours of sleep after staying up to celebrate. Now he plans to take a few days of vacation before preparing for his transition from Congress to the Senate.

With all 2,465 precincts reporting, the complete but unofficial vote totals were:

Hutchinson	439,583 (53%)
Bryant	396,764 (47%)

"For the first time in 160 years

of Arkansas statehood, the people of this great and often unfairly maligned state have said we will let a Republican represent us in the United States Senate," Hutchinson told supporters. "And by God's grace and with your help we will not let them down."

After the victory — which wasn't clear until the wee hours of the morning — Hutchinson received telephone calls from Gov.

Mike Huckabee, former President George Bush and others. He also got a call from Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., the man he is about to replace.

Pryor, who endorsed Bryant in the race, was "always the gentleman and very gracious."

"He said something to the effect of 'You outfoxed us, outworked us and got more votes

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Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/STEVE KEESEE

U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson answers an aide's question Wednesday at his campaign headquarters while speaking to a supporter on the phone a day after defeating Democrat Winston Bryant for the U.S. Senate seat David Pryor is vacating.

than we did," Hutchinson recalled during a news conference at his campaign headquarters.

Bryant also was gracious in defeat, conceding about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday. He addressed somber supporters 15 minutes later.

"They were tenacious, they fought hard. We did likewise," Bryant said in his concession speech. "But they have won the race and I want to congratulate him on a great victory and a great race and I want to wish him and his family the best for the future of Arkansas."

Hutchinson said he plans to work hard to convince the large number of Arkansans who voted for Bryant that he will be a senator for the entire state.

"We're going to do our best to demonstrate that whether they are Republican, Democrat or independent, I'm going to be their senator," Hutchinson said. "And whether they live in Southwest Arkansas or Northwest Arkansas or down in the Delta, I'm going to equally represent their parts of the state as well. I think you have to prove that and fortunately I've got six years to do it."

Hutchinson also said he hasn't always seen eye to eye with Arkansas' senior senator, Dale Bumpers, D-Ark. But he said he

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thinks the entire Arkansas delegation — now equally split between Republicans and Democrats — will work together for the betterment of the state.

"If we're going to accomplish anything for Arkansas, we'd better work together," Hutchinson said. "But I don't think that means you minimize your own convictions or your own beliefs

or own political philosophy. It does mean that you're willing to work together, reach across the aisle when Arkansas is at stake."

After the election, Arkansas' four congressional seats will be held by two Republicans, Rep. Jay Dickey and Hutchinson's younger brother, Asa, and two Democrats, state Sen. Vic Snyder and Marion Berry.

Bryant actually won more counties — getting the majority of the vote in 41 counties compared with 34 counties for Hutchinson. But Hutchinson was able to get large percentages in heavily populated areas like Benton, Washington and Sebastian counties.

Bryant, on other hand, won by only a slim majority in many counties.

Hal Bass, a political scientist at Ouachita Baptist University at

Arkadelphia, said Hutchinson's victory may indicate Arkansas is catching up with the political trend of the rest of the South.

"It does seem to me there is a pattern of Republican Party identity and loyalty trickling down in Arkansas politics. We are lagging behind the rest of the South, but we are coming along slowly but surely," Bass said.

But Bass also credited Hutchinson for running "a pretty good campaign."

"It was not spectacular, but he showed he wasn't the extremist that the Democratic Party ads portrayed him to be," Bass said.

Bass said Bryant failed to "capture the imagination of the Arkansas electorate," adding Arkansas voters don't "automatically" vote Democrat anymore.

"I don't think Winston Bryant's campaign ever caught fire," Bass said. "I think there was this notion that Winston always finds a way to win and there was this false confidence that he would pull it off."

Bryant had never before lost a statewide election in seven races.

Jay Barth, a political scientist at Hendrix College in Conway, said the "big news" from Tuesday's election is the "rise of the suburbs around Little Rock as a Republican stronghold."

"This has been happening for a while, but this was the first election that really made the difference," Barth said. "Saline and Faulkner counties were horrible for Bryant."

Barth also agreed that both candidates had "real trouble connecting with voters." Because of that, Barth said he believes that many voters may have chosen to skip the Senate race.

Information for this article was contributed by Democrat-Gazette staff writer Noel Oman.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/DAVID GOTTSCHALK

Asa Hutchinson, the Republican 3rd Congressional District candidate, stands with his wife Susan on Tuesday night at

the Holiday Inn in Fort Smith after learning he defeated Democrat Ann Henry in the race.

Big scene in Hutchinson saga put spotlight on brother Asa

By MICHAEL WHITELEY
Democrat-Gazette Fayetteville Bureau

FORT SMITH — It had all the elements of high drama.

Asa Hutchinson entered the Holiday Inn's Memphis Room, filled with balloons, jazz and about 300 Republican supporters, around 11:15 p.m. Tuesday to tell them the long wait for victory would grow longer.

But while he briefed the crowd on the delays "over the mountain" in Washington County, a cell phone chirped in the coat pocket of Hutchinson's campaign manager, Mark Myers.

"It's Betsey Wright," Myers whispered to a fellow staffer, who ushered Hutchinson from the stage to take the expected call from the candidate for whom Wright served as campaign manager — Fayetteville Democrat Ann Henry, Hutchinson's opponent for the 3rd Congressional District seat.

The crowd fell dead silent and listened, as Hutchinson accepted

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Henry's best wishes and then headed back for the stage to embrace his wife, Susan, his children, and his 90-year-old mother, Coral Hutchinson. Hutchinson will take the seat given up by his brother, Tim, who defeated Winston Bryant in a race for the U.S. Senate.

"You were mighty tough," Hutchinson said with a smile into the phone. "And, thank you."

Two other men in the race, Reform Party candidate Tony Joe Huffman of Mansfield and write-in candidate Dan Ivy of Fayetteville, barely had an effect on the outcome.

With all 646 precincts reporting, the unofficial totals were:

Hutchinson	132,315
Henry	99,977
Huffman	5,851
Ivy	43

Tuesday night's rare scene, nor-

mally played out in the privacy of candidates' hotel suites, provided a fitting end to a bizarre campaign that began for Hutchinson in July and for Henry on Sept. 14.

"I think she ran a tremendous race. I think she did an outstanding job. She's a great candidate," said Carl Whillock, the Henry adviser credited with helping Bill Clinton in 1974 almost beat veteran U.S. Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt for the 3rd District seat.

"If we had four more weeks to deal with, this would have been different," Whillock said.

With the ballots still being counted in Washington and Benton counties, two population and political centers of the 16-county district, both campaigns were struggling Wednesday to explain Hutchinson's decisive victory.

By late Wednesday, it was clear that Hutchinson had won in all but two counties, Johnson and Scott.

The vote provided a decisive win in traditionally Democratic Wash-

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ington County, Henry's home. In Benton County, where Hutchinson and his brother Tim Hutchinson spent their early years, he won by a margin of nearly 2-to-1.

"First of all, I think it simply reflected what happened across the district — that I had pretty deep roots and the right message," Asa Hutchinson said of the Washington County vote Wednesday. "Even though Ann Henry is extremely strong in the Fayetteville area, I went to high school in Springdale."

Hutchinson said the campaign also mobilized University of Arkansas students. In all, he gathered 24,903 votes in Washington County to 21,605 polled by Henry, who is a UA business law professor.

Rockefeller comes out on top in Chaffin race

Lieutenant governor swearing-in next week

BY JOE STUMPE
Democrat-Gazette Staff Writer

A Rockefeller is headed back to the state Capitol, and soon.

Billionaire businessman Winthrop Paul Rockefeller, whose father was Arkansas' governor from 1967-71, eked out a victory Tuesday in the lieutenant governor's race over former state Sen. Charlie Cole Chaffin.

The outcome was in doubt until Wednesday afternoon, when complete but unofficial results gave Rockefeller 8,626 more votes than Chaffin, or 1 percent of the 836,424 cast.

"From 6 o'clock yesterday to this afternoon was very long," said Rockefeller, who received a congratulatory call from Chaffin at 2:35 p.m. Wednesday.

Because their contest was a special election to fill a vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office, Rockefeller will be sworn in as soon as the results are certified, a process that should be

complete early next week. The vacancy was created when Gov. Jim Guy Tucker resigned after he was convicted of crimes stemming from the Whitewater investigation and then-Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee ascended to the state's top job.

Chaffin said Wednesday that the difference in the race was simple: "Money. If we had had enough money to be able to begin television (advertising) two weeks prior to when we did, or about the same time he did, and to be able to do the amount of media that was done (by her opponent), that would have made the difference."

"I believe our campaign outworked the other campaign," she said.

Rockefeller outspent Chaffin 7-to-1, according to the most recent campaign finance reports, pumping his own money into the campaign in the form of loans and loan guarantees, Chaffin said.

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Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/KAREN VANDONGE

Winthrop Paul Rockefeller outlines his plans for the lieutenant governor's office at a news conference Wednesday after late returns from Crittenden County sealed his narrow victory over Democrat Charlie Cole Chaffin. Rockefeller says he won't accept the position's salary and will probably give it to charity.

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Rockefeller said the money spent on the campaign was "really" sort of immaterial. The lieutenant governor's job pays \$10,674 a year.

"For both Ms. Chaffin and myself, the purpose is to serve our fellow citizens," he said.

During a news conference next to a car dealership that he owns in Little Rock, Rockefeller said he:

● Won't accept the lieutenant governor's salary, saying he'll probably give it to charity.

• Might use some of his own fortune to subsidize operations of the lieutenant governor's office, as his father did while serving as head of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission and governor.

"I'll have to take a look at what resources I have available," he said.

The office has a budget of \$77,063 per year, with three authorized positions.

• Plans to work at the job, which some previous holders have treated as a part-time position, "pretty well full-time."

"I was told last night that the governor has a 'honey-do' list for

and on Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton.

He has served on the President's Council on Rural America, the Arkansas State Police Commission, the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, and other boards and commissions. *Forbes* magazine listed him as the nation's 127th wealthiest person earlier this year.

Rockefeller campaigned on a promise to make economic development his priority, vowing to use his famous name and connections to open doors in that area to the state.

Chaffin, 57, was elected to the state Senate in 1985 and served 10 years as its only female member.

She touted her experience in government and tried to portray Rockefeller as out of touch with ordinary Arkansans.

Legend:

- White: Win
- Gray: Cole Chaffin (D)
- Tan: Charlie

me," Rockefeller said to laughter from his supporters. "I think we'll work very well together."

Rockefeller said the first items on his agenda are putting together a staff and doing "a fair amount of listening" to the governor's staff, state agency heads and state senators.

Presiding over the Senate is one of the lieutenant governor's two constitutionally mandated duties. The other is filling in in the governor's absence.

The race was Rockefeller's first for elective office. During the campaign, he refused to debate his opponent or take a stand on issues like the Wayne Dumond case and the proposed gambling amendment. Chaffin took to carrying a 6-foot cutout of Rockefeller around the state

with her

"I still believe that the people of the state of Arkansas want their candidates who have the possibility of being governor to answer issues questions," she said Wednesday, noting that the state's last two lieutenant governors have become governor. "There were a number of people who said they voted for me based on that."

Tucker ascended to the state's highest office after then-Gov. Bill Clinton was elected president.

Chaffin came much closer to victory than in her 1994 campaign for lieutenant governor when she got just 41 percent of the vote against Huckabee.

Rockefeller, 47, is a business man with homes at Little Rock

Asked Wednesday whether her plans for the future include another run for office, Chaffin said, "I would never say never but right now ... I've already been for a walk in the woods. I'm going to get ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and then figure out what lies down the road for me. I would like to continue to make a difference in the lives of Arkansas people."

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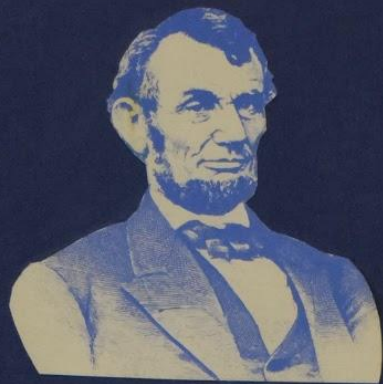
Republican Women



Photograph submitted

Recently installed officers of the Benton County Republican Women are: left to right, seated, Phyllis Schatz, president; Jody Parsons, first vice president; standing, Kathleen Butler, treasurer; Dorothy Baker and Donna Marlow, corresponding secretaries; and Margaret Otte, secretary. Not present is Kaye Hahn, second vice president.

Recently installed officers of the Benton County Republican Women for 1997



I do the best I know how--the very best I can;
and I mean to keep doing so until the end.
Abraham Lincoln

"You cannot bring about prosperity
by discouraging thrift."

"You cannot help small men by fearing
down big men."

"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening
the strong."

"You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down
the wage payer."

"You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich."

"You cannot keep out of trouble by spending
more than your income."

"You cannot further the brotherhood of man
by inciting class hatred."

"You cannot establish security on borrowed money."

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away
men's initiative and independence."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them
what they could and should do for themselves."



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Vickey Boozman
Benton County Republican Women Historian