

HISTORY

REPUBLICAN
WOMEN'S CLUB

OF

BENTON COUNTY

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Ann Schmidt. Rep.
Booth, Benton Co. Fair.



Kim and Dave
decorating Republican booth., Benton Co. Fair."83

Local woman to receive award

Betty Haley of Rogers has been notified that she will receive the Diamond Award, the highest award for service on behalf of Republican Party candidates, at the National Federation of Republican Women's 22nd biennial convention which will begin Oct. 6 in Louisville, Ky.

The award represents recognition of 2,000 hours of work as well as financial support for candidates and Republican youth groups and support of community affairs.

Also attending from Rogers will be Betty Haley, Doris Holke and Clovis Linville. Haley, who is president of the Republican Women's Club of Benton County, is a delegate and Linville is an alternate delegate.

Holke is vice-president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, secretary of the state Republican party and vice-chairman of the Benton County Republican Committee. She is a delegate-

at-large to the national convention for the state organization and is serving on the credentials committee of the convention. Gail Thomas, president of the Bella Vista Republican Women's Club will attend the convention as a delegate for her club.

Linville's daughter, Judy LaMora, is a nominee for first vice-president of the national organization.

NFRW is the largest political women's organization in the country with a membership of

160,000.

"Women and the Economy" is the convention theme, which will be carried out through a series of workshops and seminars. Pres. Reagan is scheduled to top the list of speakers at the convention. Other speakers will include Congresswoman Lynn Martin of Illinois, Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich and Letoria Coley, director of the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor.

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Trio to attend GOP women 22nd national meeting

ROGERS — The National Federation of Republican Women will hold its 22nd biennial convention in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 6-8.

Attending from Rogers will be Betty Haley, Doris Holke and Clovis Linville. Mrs. Haley is delegate for the Republican Women's Club of Benton County and president of the club, and Mrs. Linville is alternate delegate. Mrs. Holke is delegate-at-large for the state organization.

Mrs. Holke is vice president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, secretary of the State Republican Committee, and vice chairman of the Benton County Republican Committee. She is serving on the Credentials Committee of the Convention.

Gail Thomas is going as delegate for the Bella Vista Republican Women's Club of which she is president.

Mrs. Haley has been notified for the club that she will be presented the Diamond Award which is given at the awards luncheon.

The Diamond, the highest award, represents recognition of 2,000 hours of work given on behalf of Republican candidates, as well as financial support for candidates and Republican youth groups such as TAHS (Teen Age Republicans) and support of community affairs in its programs and growth in membership.

Of special interest, Judy LaMora is nominee for first vice president on the slate of officers to be elected at this biennial convention. Mrs. LaMora is the daughter of Clovis Linville.

The convention is expected to be the largest national gathering of Republicans in 1983. More than 2,000 delegates are expected to attend.

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Convention-goers

Members of the Benton County Republican Women's Club who attended the National Federation of Republican Women's biennial convention in Louisville, Ky., Thursday through Saturday were, from left, Ginny Hammerschmidt, Clovis Linville, Doris Holke, Veda Taylor, Betty Haley and Florence Peck. (Staff photo)



REPUBLICAN WOMEN provide strong leadership in Northwest Arkansas and Sunday's GOP picnic showed it once again. Above, Gladie Hammerschmidt, wife of the Congressman, left, will be with the other GOP women pictured here in attending the National Federation of Republican Women's 22nd biennial convention this week in Louisville, Ky. Other delegates in the photo

are: Clovis Linville; Doris Hale, delegate at large, vice president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, secretary of the Arkansas Republican party, vice chairman of the Benton County Republican Committee; Betty Haley, club delegate and president; Bella Vista Republican Club delegates Veda Taylor and Florence Eck.



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Conventioners

Rogers delegates to the 14th annual convention of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, held this past weekend in Eureka Springs, were, front from left, Peg

Hurst, Clovis Linville, Lois Matsch and Mildred Boettcher. Back, Betty Haley, Ann Schmidt and June Pelphrey. (Staff photo)



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Republican Picnic Set

Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt and Republican Party State Chairman Dr. Morris "Buzz" Arnold will be guest speakers at a Republican Picnic in the Park beginning with a barbecued chicken supper at 4 p.m. at Lake Atlanta Park in Rogers Oct. 2.

The annual picnic rally of Republicans of Benton County is sponsored by the Benton County Republican Committee, according to chairman Kim Lashlee, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

Also attending will be Sen. Joe Yates and Reps. Jerry Hinshaw and Dick Barclay.

Tickets for the event are \$5 and may be purchased by contacting Rex Spavy at 638-5573, Tamara Sawyer at 273-9830 or by contacting any member of the committee. Tickets may also be purchased at the picnic.

In case of rain, the event will be held at the Rogers National Guard Armory.



SPRINGDALE NEWS, Sunday, September 18, 1983

OVER 200 Benton County Republicans attended the annual picnic in the park Sunday and many are shown here.

Bethune assails Demos at picnic

THE BENTON COUNTY DAILY DEMOCRAT, Monday, October 3, 1983

By MARY JANE CLEMMER
Daily Democrat Staff

ROGERS — Republican Congressman Ed Bethune Sunday assailed the Democrats as a "free wheeling, big spending, big lending" party and told those attending the annual Republican picnic at Lake Atlanta the distinction between Democrats and Republicans would be "very clear in 1984."

"You saw that distinction forming Saturday as big labor unions endorsed Mondale — he will have to deliver on the pledges they want," Bethune said.

"Get out your purse and your checkbook — if it is possible that taxation will become confiscatory," if the spending continues, he said.

Bethune was the keynote speaker. He shared the podium with Republican Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, state Sen. Joe Yates of Bentonville, state Reps. Dick Barclay of Rogers, and Jerry Hinshaw of Springdale.

A former FBI agent and Marine, attorney, and former Democrat, Bethune was the first Republican congressman elected from the Second District (Central Arkansas) in 194 years.

"If this recovery doesn't keep on, I may be the last," Bethune joked.

Lacing his comments with down home country humor, and hard hitting attacks on the Democrats, Bethune contended the Rockefeller era was the

greatest thing that ever happened to Arkansas.

"It broke the power and the mind set of this state," which was controlled by the Democrats, he said.

It takes a change in the hearts and minds of people — not just legislation as some may think — to effect political change, he pointed out.

"Competing political forces are healthy," he said. Because of a stronger GOP within the state, "there's room now for division of ideas and viewpoints."

Bethune accused the Democrats of "lunacy" in regard to the party's call to raise taxes to cut deficits.

It is imprudent to raise taxes because they will spend it all," he said.

"They (Democrats) don't use it to decrease the deficit."

"They take money they suck out of private sector and your pocket to spend," he told a crowd estimated at more than 300 persons.

"They vote for more and more spending while you want taxes decreased — that's lunacy," he said.

Bethune, noting that the crowd had enthusiastically applauded Hammerschmidt's remark that the interest rate would go to 10½ percent, said "we've gone out of our minds when we can applaud the crowd that interest rates may go to 10½ percent," the rate should be 3 or 4 percent he said.

With a high tax rate, Bethune said people had lost the incentive to work.

"The difference between working and not working is not worth working for to most people," he said.

It is people who create wealth, not governments, he told the audience. "Economic freedom results in liberty for the individual," he said.

Although the Constitution imposes limitations on government, Bethune said, nonetheless, "government is about to get lost and destroy us."

Bethune concluded his remarks by asking if the American people "have the resolution to do without big spending and the heavy handed approach of the Democrats" in order to reach economic freedom.

Hammerschmidt, who was attending

his 15th annual GOP picnic, commented on those who say the GOP deficits are undermining the country — "they're wrong."

"The deficits are too high but it hasn't prevented a strong resurgence in our economy," he said, noting the following:

- Inflation reduced to 2.4 percent, lowest in 17 years.

- A 25 percent reduction in the personal income tax rate across the board.

- A drop in the prime rate from 21 percent to 11 percent "It will be at 10½ soon," he said.

- An increase in average hourly earnings for the first time in four years.

- A 9.2 percent growth rate in the

economy the last quarter.

- A drop in the unemployment rate to 9½ percent.

- Creation of 2 million new jobs.

- An increase in the number of women employed in the economy from 7 to 9½ percent.

Local legislators commented on the upcoming special session on education and warned their constituents, it would not be easy.

This is the most critical special session in 25 years," Hinshaw said. "It is a no win situation. There is no way we can come home without being scared up."

All three were in agreement they would support a tax increase only and when they were assured they were getting their money's worth in terms of improved standards.

GOP picnic speakers push party

By DAVID WOOSLEY
Morning News Writer

Being Republican was the name of the game Sunday as GOP officials and guests picnicked at Lake Atalanta in Rogers. The outing was sponsored by the Benton County Republican Committee and gave local residents a chance to applaud comments from both state and federal legislators.

The Republican Party has "broken the mind-set attitudes" of Arkansas politics, U.S. Rep. Ed Bethune told the crowd. Bethune said "the changes that occur in the country's legislative chambers are not as important as the changes that occur in the hearts and minds of the people."

The "Picnic in the Park" began with about an hour of socializing as guests and officials were served a barbeque chicken dinner. The attention turned from the food to the podium though as the afternoon's speakers began to address the crowd.

Arkansas politics was first item up for evaluation as three state legislators discussed topics including taxes and education. The local elected officials who spoke were Joe Yates, Senate Dist. 1, Dick Barchay, House Dist. 13, and Jerry Hinshaw, House Dist. 11.

The education program recently proposed by Gov. Bill Clinton drew more words from the state officials than any other state issue.

"Much thought must be given to what the governor proposes," Yates said. The majority of teachers in Benton County would get no raise through Clinton's education package, he said.



(Staff photo)

Bethune, left, and Hammerschmidt share a joke at Sunday's GOP picnic.

Clinton has proposed that additional funding for state education should be done through a 1-percent sales tax increase.

Yates quoted former governor Frank White: "Arkansas deserves an education system it can be proud of — and it can afford."

Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt spoke next and switched the listeners' thoughts to Washington D.C.

Hammerschmidt gave Reagan a slap on the back with some recent

statistics on the dropping rates of inflation and crime. Under the Reagan administration, he also said, unemployment has been curbed. More than 2 million people have gone back to work since the beginning of the year, he said.

Hammerschmidt localized his praise for the GOP with his introduction of Bethune and pointed out that Bethune is the first Republican in 104 years to be elected to represent Arkansas' 2nd Congressional District.

Bethune started with a brief history of his political career. Next, he said that when the Republicans regained control in Washington, America "was in one heck of a jam."

Bethune said that since the GOP took the helm in 1980, the prime interest rate has dropped from 21.3 to 11.5 percent. He said that some analysts say the drop was bad, but he disagrees.

Republicans cautious about Clinton's plan

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"What's wrong with the three, four and five percent interest rates we used to have?" Bethune asked the group.

Bethune turned to taxes and Democrats, and his comments drew applause.

"People have been taxed to death," Bethune said. He denounced Democratic officials in Washington who want to offset the government deficit by raising taxes.

"Democrats want to use the taxes to reduce the deficit — they spend it," he said.

Bethune narrowed his attack from the Democratic Party in general to presidential hopeful Walter Mondale. "Taxes will zoom to confiscatory if Mondale wins," he said.

The scheduled activities ended with remarks from state Republican Party president Morris "Buzz" Arnold. Arnold gave the most detailed explanation

of how the Republican party in Arkansas feels about Gov. Clinton's education program.

First, Arnold said, the party wants to know, "Why is it necessary to have tax increases now for an education plan that doesn't take effect until 1997?"

Arnold said even though Clinton's televised speech on education was technically correct, it could have been misleading. The Arkansas Supreme Court, Arnold said, ruled that more money should be spent on the state's poorer schools. "The Supreme Court did not say that revenues have to be increased," Arnold said.

Arnold joined other speakers at the gathering in saying that quality education is definitely important to the Republican party in Arkansas. But, he said, there may be more than one way to fund the needed changes in the state's education needs.



CONGRESSMAN ED BETHUNE, being considered as a candidate for the U.S. Senate, presented the Republican philosophy in his keynote address to the Benton County Republican picnic in the park at Rogers, Sunday afternoon. Watching as he makes

another point are, left to right, Kim Lashlee (back to camera), chairman, County committee chairman; U.S. Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt and State Representative Dick Barclay.

GOP Will Win Again in '84 Cong. Bethune Predicts

"I think the people are going to choose to go Republican in 1984," Cong. Ed Bethune told over 300 attending the Benton County Republican picnic in the park at Atlanta Park, Rogers, Sunday afternoon.

He concluded his talk with the statement above after building his way to that point by pointing out what would happen if the Democrats should be elected to take over the White House and the U.S. Senate:

"You're going to pay more taxes than any American ever dreamed they'd have to pay.

"They will take the money they can suck out of private enterprise and just spend it, they won't apply it to lowering the deficit.

"They'll tax us more and more and will spend what they make.

"Interest rates will rise again. Inflation will take over."

On the other hand, he said, if the Republicans retain the

White House, control the Senate and gain strength in the House, the recovery will continue and there will be no more recession such as was brought on by the Democratic regimes over the years.

Bethune said he had some understanding of Democrats. He was born one, his father ran for state office as a Democrat. His background as an attorney and with the FBI, he said, convinced him he should become a Republican. He credited the late Gov. Win Rockefeller with breaking the Democratic mindset in Arkansas.

His first venture, Bethune said, was to run as a Republican for attorney general and "I got my ears beat off" in 1972. Later, when he was elected to Congress, he was the first Republican elected from his district to Congress in 10 years.

"Our object," he declared, "has been to undo, to clean up the mess made by Pres. Carter and other Democrats in Washington."

He cited some of the achievements of the Republicans and noted that as soon as the GOP tax decreases were passed, before they went into effect, the Democrats started blaming the Republicans for the recession which had already started as a result of earlier Carterianism.

Hammerschmidt before introducing Bethune, Cong. John Paul Hammerschmidt made a few remarks to the crowd. He noted that the present inflation rate is 2.4% and credited Pres. Reagan with achieving it. He also credited Reaganomics (which the Democrats don't talk about any more) with:

Reduction in the personal income tax of 25%; prime interest rate of 11% vs. the 21.5% rate when Reagan took office; rise of employment and an increase in average real hourly earnings (first time since the Democrats took power years ago); the creation of some 2 million new jobs.

The state party chairman, Buzz Arnold reported on Republican activities in the state. He noted the party has now perfected a direct mail program and is organizing to help elect Republicans throughout the state.

On the Governor's education program, Arnold said the Republican party is in favor of the standards and, generally, they are good. He noted they are to go into effect in 1987 and called this special session a "Trojan horse" for being called so early, adding, "We don't see why massive new revenues are needed until that time."

Education State Sen. Joe Yates also talked about the education problem and the upcoming special session. He said he partly supports the education program but warned "we should not allow a public

relations push by the Governor to keep us from using our common sense."

Yates reviewed the items included in the special session call. He warned that consolidation is necessary and that the call for increased wages for the teachers does not necessarily mean that all teachers will receive raises.

Rep. Dick Barclay called for bi-partisan concern for education in Arkansas and complimented Hillary Clinton and her committee. "She and the committee did an outstanding job. Our response should be a positive response to provide quality education."

He also warned that the legislators and taxpayers should "be sure we know what the cost is going to be over the next four years before action is taken."

Rep. Jerry Hinshaw called this session "the most critical special session we've had in this state for 25 years, maybe longer." He described it as a "no win" situation "no way we can come home without being scarred up."

County Chairman Kim Lashlee introduced the Republican office holders who were present: Sheriff Don Rystrom, Assessor Fred Baugh, Jr., County Clerk Mary Lou Slinkard, County Surveyor Ron Ridout, Justices of the Peace Paul Bynum, Jim Louy, Duane Neal, J. L. Baker and Sidney Ness.



REPUBLICANS ALL - on the speakers' stand at the GOP picnic in the park at Atalanta Park Sunday were, left to right: Joe Spivey; David Elsbee, vice chairman of the county committee; State Senator Joe Yates; State Representative Jerry Hinshaw; Dr. Morris "Buzz" Arnold, state chairman, Republican party; Doris Holke, Rogers, secretary, state

committee; U. S. Congressman Ed Bethune; U. S. Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt; State Representative Richard "Dick" Barclay, and, at the speaker's podium, Benton County Committee Chairman Kim Lashlee.

TIMES Staff Photo



CANDIDATE FOR Arkansas Governor next election? He's testing and visited with Benton County Republicans Sunday. Here, Woody Freeman, right, Jonesboro, is shown with Doris Holke, Rogers, state committee secretary.



SENATORIAL ASPIRATIONS? Others mentioned he might be in the running next year, but he didn't confirm or deny it.

Congressman Ed Bethune, left, and his wife, Lana, posed for The TIMES with Benton County Committee Chairman Kim Lashlee.

Yates: No support of Gov. Clinton unless policy made

By MARY JANE CLEMMER
Daily Democrat Staff

Unless legislators enact a get-tough policy on consolidation of small school districts, state Sen. Joe Yates, R-Bentonville, said in an interview this week, he would not support the Governor's program to increase taxes for education.

"There is no way this state can continue to operate the smaller schools as we do now and get a quality curriculum," he said, noting that one school district had a total enrollment of 72 students for grades K-12 — and receives additional funds for students who are not enrolled under the "Phantom student" policy.

It is this policy that prompted a court fight over the state's funding formula and eventually resulted in the recent furor in Arkansas over education standards, quality and financing.

Yates sees consolidation as the critical issue for legislators who will begin deliberation Tuesday night on the new education standards and school funding when the General Assembly convenes in special session.

"If we don't settle the consolidation thing now, it will be years before the smaller schools consolidate," he said. "I am going to push hard for this."

Yates said he expects the session to last at least three weeks depending on the amount of blood-letting that will take place.

Representatives of the smaller school districts will fight hard to retain



Sen. Joe Yates
Unsure of support

the status-quo, Yates said, and it will not be easy to get the consolidation issue pushed through.

There are other aspects of the Governor's proposal which bother Yates as well, he said.

"Too many people are saying 'let's give the Governor what he wants so we can have this great school system' — but only when I am convinced we will get this great school system will I

support the program," he said.

The proposal consists of three parts: improved standards for quality education; a new funding formula

and new taxes which will generate \$175 million.

"There's been a lot of talk about standards such as reduced class size, forced retention, holding students until they are 18 and others, but these are not included in the legislative package and will not take effect until 1987."

The five recommendations that are included are: opening school after Labor Day; lengthening the school day and the school year; testing of teachers and a stiff discipline policy.

These five recommendations will not cost a large sum of money to implement, Yates said, but those postponed until 1987 will cost money.

"By 1987 the proposed \$175 million raised now will not be enough and in all probability either we will have to have another major tax increase or the legislature will water down those standards."

"That bothers me," he said.

There is general agreement among school districts that the standards that directly affect students should be included in the package, Yates contends.

"Schools only exist for the purposes of educating kids and not for political reasons," he said.

"If they are just going to blow a lot of smoke over this thing, I can't support it in the absence of a guarantee of quality."

The tax proposal includes the following:

✓ A one cent increase in the sales tax projected to generate \$150 million.

✓ A one percent increase in corporate income tax (from 6 to 7 percent) for corporations with a gross income of more than \$100,000 — \$7 to \$8 million.

✓ Increased severance tax on natural gas up to 5 percent of market value — \$11 million. (Yates is strongly opposed to this because of its direct

effect on growers in Northwest Arkansas and said he would not support it.)

✓ A possible sales tax on services such as those provided by lawyers and accountants.

✓ Capping the merchants discount for collecting the sales tax at \$200 — it is now based on 2 percent of the collection.

✓ Sales tax on newspaper and advertising sales (these items are now exempt).

The university system and the school districts would share in the \$175 million, Yates said.

Seventy percent of the proposed formula is for salaries.

Yates said in the next three years, there would be a total increase (statewide) in teacher salaries of \$135 million.

"You've got to consider this in the overall perspective of state government — we need funds for prisons and

our state employees have had wages frozen," he pointed out.

Yates argues that by 1987 school districts will probably have to raise the property tax mill levy to meet the formula.

"We need to give a lot of thought to this and not just emotions."

"I am opposed to driving the tax base in Arkansas to the same condition it is in other states where it takes an inordinate amount of a person's income just to pay the taxes."

Yates said he wants constituents to contact him at the Senate Capitol Building, 727-4211 or at the Coachman's Inn, Little Rock, 372-6271 if they have any questions.

"Before you believe everything you are told, check the accountability to make sure you get what you are paying for," he advised.

Republican Women

The Republican Women's Club of Benton County will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of First National Bank of Rogers.

Betty Haley, Doris Holke and Clovis Linville, delegates who attended the National Federation of Republican Women's Convention in Louisville, Ken.,

will report on the convention.

The election of officers for the coming year will be on the agenda for business. Interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting.



Contractor reveals gubernatorial plans

By DAVID LEWIS
Morning News Writer

Contractor Woody Freeman of Jonesboro all but announced his candidacy for the 1984 gubernatorial race Monday at a luncheon meeting of the Benton County Republican Women's Club.

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responsibility is with my church," he said.

State Sen. Joe Yates of Bentonville stood up to support Freeman at the meeting. Yates said he has had a chance to look over most of the potential Republican candidates, and Freeman is his choice. Yates also said he has agreed to serve as Freeman's

County campaign coordinator. Freeman is 37, and is currently on his doctorate in political at the University of Mississippi. He also has attended Jonesboro and the UofA at will.

In military, he reported that he second lieutenant stationed at Fox, Ky., and was responsible sporting top secret information Viet Nam.

Freeman is executive vice president of Freeman Company (contractor) in Jonesboro and is a general in a Jonesboro real estate

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Freeman is a member of St. Mark's al Church, in which he is a lay r licensed by the Bishop of as.

Freeman is a member of several ro civic organizations and is oard of directors of the United Savings and Loan Associa-

ESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1983

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

November 1983 - PO Box 1007, Rogers, 72756

The Republican Women's Club will meet Tuesday, November 15, at 1:30 pm in the Hospitality Room, First National Bank, Rogers.

Betty Haley, Doris Holke, and Clovis Linville will be reporting on their trip to Louisville, Ky, to the NFRW Convention.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for presentation at the November meeting, according to our by-laws:

- President: Betty Haley
- 1st Vice Pres: June Pelphrey
- 2nd Vice Pres: Lois Matsch
- Treasurer: Ann Schmidt
- Rec. Sec: Loyce Cadwell
- Corres. Sec: Phyllis Schatz

We invite nominations from the floor and urge you to get involved.

Christmas Luncheon and Installation of Officers: Our luncheon and installation will be Monday, December 5 at 12:00 noon, at the Holiday Inn in Rogers, Hwy 71. The cost will be \$4.25 including beverage and gratuity. This meeting will take the place of our regular meeting. Bring a guest!

Dues, January through December 1984 are now payable. Enclosed is your dues payment slip and self-addressed envelope to the Membership Chairman. It is appreciated if you will mail your dues before Christmas Holiday, so the Membership Chairman and President can get their reports and membership lists prepared for State and National Federations, and Club and Membership dues forwarded as early in January as possible. Your membership cards will be sent you as soon as received.

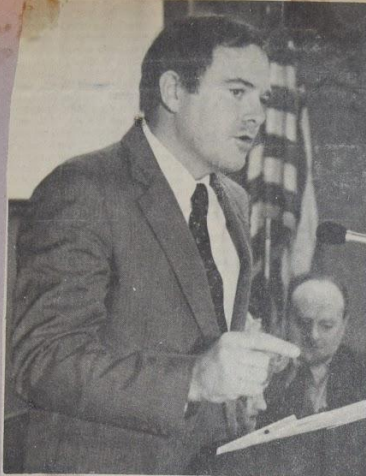
Thanks to all who worked to make our Antique Show another success! We now have almost 100 of our own tables, which makes setting up so much easier!

Our RWC Booth did very good this year, but guess what? We still have pecans!

President
Betty Haley

Republican officers

New officers of the Benton County Republican Women's Club pose for a photo after being sworn in at a luncheon meeting recently. They are from left, Betty Haley, president; June Pelphrey, first vice president; Lois Matsch, second vice president; Loyce Cadwell, recording secretary; and Ann Schmidt, treasurer. Not pictured is Phyllis Schatz, corresponding secretary. (Staff photo)



Jonesboro contractor Woody Freeman

(Staff photo)

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"I am going full speed and looking at everything," Freeman said to the group of about 30 women, and, he said, an official statewide announcement of his candidacy "will be coming up within the next few weeks."

Freeman, a Republican, blasted Gov. Bill Clinton for not keeping campaign promises. He called Clinton an excellent politician and said, "He's good with the blue smoke and the mirrors," but has failed to keep his promises in several areas.

For instance, Freeman said, Clinton promised not to raise the state's sales tax without a vote by the people. Neither, Freeman said, has Clinton rid the state of a sales tax on food or launched a nationwide advertising campaign for Arkansas industry, as Freeman said Clinton promised in 1982 to do.

Arkansas "needs a governor that wants to be governor, not a U.S. senator," Freeman said, adding that he understands "the needs of the people better than the present administration."

Freeman said he made a commitment while serving in Vietnam to serve God and his country. "My first

responsibility is with my church," he said.

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Freeman is 37, and is currently working on his doctorate in political science at the University of Mississippi at Oxford. He also has attended ASU at Jonesboro and the UofA at Fayetteville.

In the military, he reported that he was a second lieutenant stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., and was responsible for transporting top secret information in Viet Nam.

He is executive vice president of Elwood Freeman Company (contractors) in Jonesboro and is a general partner in a Jonesboro real estate firm.

Freeman also is president of the Jonesboro School Board and is on the Arkansas Board of Higher Education, as well as the Presidential Panel on Education.

He is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, in which he is a lay minister licensed by the Bishop of Arkansas.

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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1983

BY MARY JANE CLEMMER
Daily Democrat Staff

ROGERS — Vowing to whip Gov. Bill Clinton in the 1984 gubernatorial election, Woody Freeman, a Jonesboro businessman, Monday told Republican Women he would be the next governor of Arkansas.

Freeman, 37, good-looking, personable, enthusiastic and full of self-confidence, blasted Clinton for broken promises to the voters and promised he would run an upbeat, positive campaign to prove his ability as a leader.

Although Freeman has not officially announced his campaign, he said he would do so within the next few weeks. State Sen. Joe Yates, R-Bethune, who was a guest at the meeting, said he would be Freeman's Benton County coordinator.

Freeman gave a short speech, based more on anti-Clinton rhetoric than on issues.

His comments were met with applause, cheers and several "Amen's."

Despite rumors that U.S. Rep. Ed Bethune, R-Scary, may run for governor, Freeman contends Bethune will have to beat him in the primary.

"I never back down from a fight," Freeman said.

Predicting that 1984 will be a great GOP year, Freeman said Arkansas needs a governor who can recognize the state's needs and accomplish

whatever is necessary to resolve them.

"We need a governor like our president, Ronald Reagan. In 1980 he said he would put America back to work — he did."

"He said he would end inflation — it is the lowest level since 1964."

Freeman accused Clinton of "blowing blue smoke" to the voters when it came to his promises in 1982.

Remember, he promised he would not raise the sales tax, but he said if he did, he would let you vote on it.

Remember, he promised in 1982 to have an elected Public Service Commission, to get rid of the sales tax on food and to wage a nationwide ad campaign to attract new industry to Arkansas.

"It's 1983 and none of those promises have been kept."

The audience applauded and cheered when Freeman made this comment: "We (voters) are not as dumb as you (Clinton) think we are."

Interviewed after the meeting, Freeman said he had statewide support from both Democrats and Republicans for his gubernatorial campaign.

"Some really big Democrats — anti-Clinton Democrats — are supporting me," he said, adding that he was optimistic he could raise the money to wage a major campaign for governor.

"Democrats, GOP and Independents across the state have been very

supportive," he said, adding "Campaign costs will be met."

This is the fifth visit Freeman has made to Northwest Arkansas — the state's Republican stronghold. He was the keynote speaker at the annual GOP picnic at Lake Atlanta last summer.

"There is no individual who can beat Woody Freeman," he said.

"Certainly, I am going to be the next governor of Arkansas."

If he is elected, he will be the third Republican governor in the state since the War between the States.

He said his candidacy — which he described as "the greatest challenge of my life" — would offer voters a choice between "Woody Freeman who knows the needs of the people and someone who has never held a common job."

"Clinton has always worked in public office and doesn't understand the people's needs."

Freeman is executive vice president of Elwood Freeman Company Inc., a Jonesboro contracting firm.

He attended Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Va., where he graduated in 1965 as a "Distinguished Military Graduate."

He received his BA degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in Geography, and was a distinguished military graduate in the ROTC program.

Freeman received his masters degree in Political Science in 1970 from Arkansas State University. In Jonesboro and is currently working on his doctorate in political science at the University of Mississippi, Oxford.

He is president of the Jonesboro Board of Education, serves on the Chamber of Commerce, the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Commission, the National Rifle Association and serves on the Presidential Panel on Education for the United States, U.S. Department of Education.

He served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant during the Vietnam War. Freeman is a member of the Episcopal church and a lay minister.

He dodged the question of whether he would be willing to debate Clinton on the issues, saying, "I will make that decision later."

Asked if he supported electing the Public Service Commissioners, allowing the public to vote on the sales tax, exempting food from the sales tax — he answered that he pointed out those particular issues to show that Clinton had not kept his promises.

"You should not run for office and start saving things you can't finish."

His message to the voters, he said, will be to point out the things that can be accomplished in Arkansas if he is elected governor.

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Woody Freeman

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY, ARK.

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REPUBLICAN WOMENS CLUB OF BENSON COUNTY

January, 1984

A new year lies before us. I hope you are ready to work, and as excited about it as I am.

Our first meeting of the year will be February 21st, Community Room of the First National Bank of Rogers, at 1:30 p.m.

As you have noticed in your newspapers and on television, the Committee for Arkansas has organized a petition drive to amend the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, providing a four-year term of office for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Lands. The Amendment shall take effect and be in operation on January 1, 1987, and the provisions of this amendment shall be applicable to those officers elected at the 1986 General Election and thereafter.

This is a County drive to get names on petition. Space is being donated by the Wal-Mart store in Rogers. There is a need for volunteers to man the table and seek signatures for said petition.

If you agree with this petition and wish to take an active part, I have petitions.

To volunteer your time at the Wal-Mart table, contact Carol Coffey at 1-756-0328.

We will discuss this at our February meeting and vote whether to endorse as a club, "Resolution in Support of Four-year Term Amendment."

Ruth Mauer reports most of the membership dues are in. You will receive your membership cards as soon as we have them ready.

I found more pecans in my freezer, behind the turkey! Need any??

President,

Betty Haley

REPUBLICAN WOMENS CLUB OF BENSON COUNTY

February 1984

Our meeting will be February 21st at 1:30 in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Rogers.

Our program will feature the candidates for the Rogers School Board Election for positions seven and four.

The date for the Lincoln Day Dinner is March 10th at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and can be obtained by calling Dave Peiphey, District Chairman, at 636-1766. Tickets may also be obtained by calling Spivey Real Estate, 314 W. Walnut at 636-7675. The deadline for buying tickets is Wednesday, February 29th.

The featured speaker for the evening will be the Honorable Ed Bethune, Jr., United States Congressman for the 2nd District, and possible contender for a seat in the United States Senate.

Committee chairpersons:
Membership - Ruth Mauer
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Hospitality - Clovis Linville

President
Betty Haley

School candidates offer policy opinions

By DAVID LEWIS
Morning News Writer

More than 40 members and guests of the Benton County Republican Women's Club had the opportunity Tuesday to form opinions on candidates for the Rogers School Board in a public forum at First National Bank in Rogers.

Seven candidates for two positions on the school board offered biographical information about themselves, and a few issues cropped up during the talks, including teacher competency testing and teachers' pay.

Candidates on the floor seeking position 4, a five-year term, were Vergean Bullington and William Schuermann. Edwin Myers was out of town and could not attend, and Barbara Sparks spoke for Clyde Tempel, who also had a previous engagement.

Seeking Rogers' newly-created position 7, also a five-year term, were Bob Taylor, Mary Lynn Reese, Gary Buss and Rich Coleman.

Taylor, branch manager of the Rogers office of A.G. Edwards and Sons investment firm, said he wants to "make the teaching profession an honorable profession again" by raising teachers' salaries based on merit. Taylor didn't elaborate on how to judge the teachers' merit.

Taylor advocated proficiency testing for teachers as part of those teachers' college training. Prospective teachers should be given aptitude tests their sophomore year in college, Taylor said, then they should be identified as to whether they are teacher material in their junior or senior year. Schuermann, a former state director for vocational/career education in Iowa and a former teacher, agreed.

"If we're going to make changes in education," by being more selective in hiring teachers, "let's weed them out as sophomores." However, Schuermann said he opposes Governor Clinton's teacher testing plan. When a satisfactory test is formulated, he said, he'll support it.

Buss, a Garfield grocery store owner, said, "I'm against teacher testing," although he acknowledged that some teachers shouldn't be teaching. Buss spoke in favor of higher pay for teachers. "We want excellence in education," he said, "and yet we do not pay our teachers up to the standards of this nation."

Bullington, president of the PTA City Council of Rogers and a former Rogers business owner, agreed with her rivals that teachers should be tested for competency before they begin teaching.

Some candidates mentioned a need to turn around the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol and broken homes on public school students.

"Your teachers deal with it daily," Schuermann said. Buss said the breakdown of students' morals and their increased abuse of drugs and alcohol "must be stopped" through cooperation between the parents, teachers and the school board.

Buss said his reason for running for position 4 was "perhaps a selfish one. I'm terribly concerned about the future of my children." He has two, ages 6 and 4.

Bullington, who has three children in Rogers schools, said, "Education is a top priority for myself," adding that her biggest motivation in running for the school board is her children. "It's essential," she said of teachers, parents and the school administration, "that each one of us be accountable for the students' education."

Coleman, owner of the Stogie Ne Inn and former sales manager for the Automobile Club of Southern California, responding to a question from the audience, said he opposed high school seniors getting out of school at 1:30 and said he would favor increasing required school days in a year from 185 to "90 or whatever it might be."

Reese, who has an M.A. degree from the University of Arkansas and as president of the Southside Elementary PTA and part-time bookkeeper for her husband's, Michael Reese, medical practice, praised the Rogers school system, but cited a definite need for improvements in writing and speaking communication skills and in math skills. She also cited a need for less class interruptions for sports and other special events. "We need to decide on a priority list," she said.

Taylor praised Rogers' new superintendent Frank Tillery and said, "I want to contribute to his efforts." Referring to extracurricular activities' tendency to interrupt teaching time, Taylor said he feels the purpose of the schools is to educate, not entertain. He also condoned a plan to have students tested in early grade levels for proper channeling during their early years.

Tempel, Sparks related, is the owner of Professional Anesthesia Associates in Rogers. He has two

Public invited to hear school board hopefuls

A public forum for Rogers School Board candidates will be sponsored by the Benton County Republican Women's Club at 1:30 p.m. today in the community room of First National Bank of Rogers.

Speaking will be candidates for position 4, Gary Buss, Rich Coleman, Mary Lynn Reese and Bob Taylor, and position 7 candidates Vergean Bullington, Edwin Myers, Clyde Tempel, and William Schuermann.

Candidates will be given five minutes to tell their qualifications and reasons for seeking the position. A question period will follow.

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children in Rogers public schools. Tempel's main concern, Sparks said, are the schools' physical plant, academics and teachers' salaries and qualifications. "He's objective, he's precise and he's practical," she said. "I do believe in spending money wisely," said candidate Schuermann (pronounced Sherman). Of the other candidates he said, "I could vote for any of them." Of himself he said, among other things, "I'm about eight years younger than the president."

While the school board's job is to formulate school policies, Schuermann said, "The teacher is the most important part of the education system."

Myers, who was attending a convention during Tuesday's forum, is the pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Rogers. He has three children in Rogers public schools.

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Newsbriefs

Forum scheduled for local candidates

Candidates for the Rogers School Board will be guests at a forum sponsored by the Republican Women's Club of Benton County, Tuesday, Feb. 21. The forum will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the First National Bank Community Room.

Each candidate will have the opportunity to present their qualifications and reasons for seeking the position. A question-answer session will follow.

Candidates expected to participate include Gary Buss, Rich Coleman, Mary Lynn Reese and Bob Taylor, who are seeking election to position four; and Vergean Bullington, Edwin Myers, Clyde Tempel and William Schuermann. The forum is open to the public.

ELECTION

The Republican Women's Club of Benton County invites you to come and learn more about your School Board candidates on Tuesday, February 21st, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank. Candidates will each have 5 minutes to give their qualifications and reasons for seeking the position.

Candidates for position 7 are: Vergean Bullington, Edwin Myers, Clyde Tempel, and William Schuermann.

Candidates for position 4 are: Gary Buss, Rich Coleman, Mary Lynn Reese, and Bob Taylor.

This meeting is open to the public. Come and learn more about your School Board candidates.

June Pelphrey

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Schuermann introduces himself at the forum while Sparks and Coleman wait their turns.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

March - 1984

NO MEETING IN MARCH!!!! Due to March 20th being the first day for Candidate Filing, we will not have our meeting in March. Our next meeting date is April 17th at First National Bank of Rogers.

We are happy to have seen so many of you at our February meeting. This being Election Year, we will be having many interesting, informative programs.

Doris Holke will be our Program Coordinator for these meetings. She will be working with Bella Vista Republican Women's Club, and Bentonville Republican Women's Club to coordinate the speakers so that we will have ample opportunity to hear them all speak.

Let's all plan to partake of this effort for our clubs to support our candidates.

We have received an invitation from the Bella Vista Republican Women's Club to hear Candidate for Governor, Woody Freeman, speak on Monday, March 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Concordia.

Due to a scheduling error, Mr. Freeman will NOT be attending our Lincoln Day Dinner, but he will be the Speaker at the Washington County Lincoln Dinner on March 30th, at the Student Union on the University of Arkansas Campus. Tickets are \$12. For tickets, call:

Washington County Chairman--Dr. Ralph Treat
Phone number--1-521-1697

It is now time to think about our Annual Yard Sale. It will be held on June 15th and 16th. Chairman is Ann Schmidt (631-1037; address--1110 W. Little John St.) and Co-Chairman is Phyllis Schatz (636-0505; address--1519 W. Magnolia, which is South of Oak on 16th, turn left to 2nd house). You may begin dropping off your items at these addresses any time now. The Yard Sale will be at the home of JUNE PELEHREY. For pick up of large items, call 636-9086. We also need someone in Prairie Creek or that side of town to collect rummage too.

You will notice your membership list has the addresses of members missing this year. We have done this to cut back on the price of postage for mailing. As of this date we have 97 members. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Hester Crawford and Margaret Otte--A BIG WELCOME TO YOU!! AS NEW MEMBERS. Glad to have you with us!

LINCOLN DAY DINNER--MARCH 10 at 6:30 p.m.--Oakdale Jr. High School.

Betty Haley
President



Republicans in Rogers

Congressmen Ed Bethune, left, and John Paul Hamerschmidt visit with voters at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner held Saturday night at Oakdale Junior High School in Rogers. Bethune said he will be a familiar sight around Northwest Arkansas in the future as he makes a bid for the senate seat cur-

rently held by David Pryor. Bethune was the main speaker at the event that featured several area Republicans including state Sen. Joe Yates and state Rep. Dick Barclay. (Staff photo by Flip Putthoff)

Tickets available for GOP dinner

Tickets for the annual Lincoln Day Dinner sponsored by the Benton County Republican Party are now on sale at \$10 apiece, according to Joe Spivey, chairman of the dinner committee.

The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 10 at Oakdale Junior High School in Rogers.

Tickets are available from June and David Pelphrey (636-1766); Rex Spivey, 314 Walnut St., Rogers (636-7679); Kern Kimbleton, Gravette (787-9939); Paul Bynum, Sulam Springs (524-8172); and Joy Smith, Bella Vista (465-2269).

The speaker will be announced at a later date.

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SENATE CANDIDATE Ed Bethune stresses the differences between the policies and philosophies of the Republicans and Democrats as he addresses the Benton County Lincoln Day dinner Saturday night. Seated to Bethune's left is Congressman John Paul

Hammerschmidt, who introduced the speaker. The face visible behind Bethune and under the microphones is that of Tim Hutchinson, GOP candidate for state representative from the first district.

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Yates - Giv

State Sen. Joe Yates, who is not up for re-election this year having drawn a four-year term, called on those present to support the party and its candidates:

"If you really care about free enterprise, the right to make choices without government telling you how to do it, you'll work this year for the Republican candidates to keep this freedom for our children and grand-children."

Yates denied that the national party will be pouring millions of dollars into Arkansas' campaigns saying that when the Democrats say that "it's a damn lie."

He urged contributions for all the GOP candidates for the coming election.

Others participating in the program included: Joe Spivey, master of ceremonies (he will manage Bethune's campaign in northwest Arkansas); U. Arkettes, entertainment; Rep. Dick Barclay, invocation; Chris Yates, chairman, UA College Republicans, pledge to the flag; Kim LaShlee, county chairman, welcome; County Clerk Mary Lou Slinkard, and Tim Hutchinson, candidate for state representative, Dist. 1, benediction.

Major Parties' Differences Highlighted by Bethune

by Jack Belamer

Differences in policies and principles of the two major parties, Republican and Democratic, were highlighted for some 350 Republicans at the annual Lincoln Day dinner Saturday night by Cong. Ed Bethune, who is challenging Sen. David Pryor for his seat in the coming election.

Bethune pointed out that the Republicans stand for conservative measures, for lower taxes, lower spending and less government regulation of the lives and businesses of Americans. The "other party" he said has just the opposite message to bring to voters this year — more taxes, more spending, more government regulation.

One of the good things about Pres. Ronald Reagan's program, Bethune said, is that he's brought about a reframing of the issues — back to the basic questions of government's

role in our life.

He told the Benton County Republicans that the President's program is achieving success and will continue to do so if the President is given the backing his program deserves from Congress — meaning that there will have to be more Republicans elected in the House and Senate this fall.

While some 350 tickets had been sold for the dinner, the 350 present filled the room at Oakdale Junior High, Rogers, and they interrupted his speech four or five times with applause.

He was introduced by Cong. John Paul Hammerschmidt, Optimistic

Bethune said that he is optimistic over the economic situation, saying "the economic recovery is going on and is stronger than it has been since the years immediately following World War II." He quoted statistics on unemployment, inflation, taxes, interest and lessening of the power of organized labor which contribute to this improvement in the business sector and for the people of this country.

He noted that while taxes haven't been cut, really, they've just been neutralized in their percentage of increase.

"Prospects are very good that this strong economic growth will continue," Bethune added, then noted that the federal deficits will

have to have something down on them, a down payment must be made, but it can't be done before the elections.

The reason, he explained, is that Reagan and Tip O'Neill are so far apart on the philosophy of government that they won't be able to come to an agreement and it won't be done until after the election when the people will choose the course of action by their choice of Congressmen elected.

If the Democrats retain power, he said, the country will go further left and the deficit will increase. He noted the Democratic candidates are — Mondale, way left and learned his government philosophy under Carter; Hart, who learned under McGovern, the same; Glenn — out of the picture due to early losses.

While they promise more taxing and more spending, Bethune said, "the Republicans, on the right, are hammering away trying to do the things you people want done — keeping

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taxes down, spending down, government regulations down."

Common Sense
The Republicans are trying to project the common sense of the American people, Bethune said, while the "Democrats' policies stifle the qualities of the American people."

The Democrats are searching for policies the people want, he added, "We've got it, free enterprise, strong national defense."

He warned that the 1984 elections will set policies for government for a generation to come and predicted that the people will choose what they want — "freedom and free enterprise, or more taxes, spending and government."

He concluded praising the Benton County Republicans for their part in the revival of the Republican party in Arkansas and noted "we're gradually, slowly turning it around" — this country's political course. He urged continued support of the party and its candidates with votes, work and contributions.

On the matter of prayer, he referred to a song presented earlier in the program and added "If Ronald Reagan and the Republicans have our way, the Lord will hear his children pray."

"Our time has come," Bethune added, "the principles on which we base our policies are sound. We need to care like the people who drew up our government, our Constitution. As Benjamin Franklin said, 'We've got a republic — if we can keep it.'"

GOP Lincoln Dinner draws hundreds

By MAYLON RICE

ROGERS — Congressman Ed Bethune of Searcy, an announced candidate for the United States Senate, was interrupted by applause six times by more than 300 loyal Republicans at the annual Lincoln Day dinner Saturday night.

Bethune, calling on the "shining star of the state of Arkansas — Benton County" to come to the aid of Republican candidates, spoke directly to the crowd at the 18th annual dinner for followers of the Grand Old Party.

"This year — 1984 — will be the greatest election year in your lifetime, my lifetime and possibly the greatest election year in the lives of this generation being born this year and for the next decade," Bethune said. "We have the ability to once again bring back responsible government to our country that has been run by the tax and spend crowd."

Siding that Abraham Lincoln was the greatest Republican president, Bethune said that President Reagan had many of those same qualities as



Hammerschmidt (right) and Bumpers visited Saturday.

Lincoln. "We now have a president and a Senate that listens to the people of this nation when they say we don't want any more spending, taxes and

government programs. I haven't been anywhere in coffee shops all over this state where people tell me to go to Washington dream up more programs,

tative taxes and spend more money and make more federal regulations. It is a much, much different story I am hearing," Bethune said, again interrupted by applause.

Striking home on several popular Republican stunts, such as a strong defense and less government regulation, Bethune drew his strongest applause for his remarks on prayer in the public schools.

"If President Reagan has his way, and he will with the backing of the House and the Senate, we will hear the children praying in the public schools again all across this nation," Bethune said to thundering applause from the 300-plus persons present at the Oakdale Junior High School cafeteria.

"The choice is clear, the decision is now and our nation is at the threshold of turning this nation around so that the old tax-and-spend crowd can't possibly get anyone elected this election year."

Bethune is talking about the Democratic contenders for the presidency,

included Colorado Sen. Gary Hart, who had previously been left out of Bethune's published criticism of the Democratic Party. "They have several choices for voters," Bethune said of the Democrats.

"They have the liberal vice president of the Carter administration and then they have the liberal choice of another Tip O'Neil follower, Gary Hart. Now they have already knocked John Glenn (a senator from Ohio) in the head. The Democrats don't have much use for such a conservative man as him."

Bethune spent a great deal of the night talking about the Republican Party losing 28 seats in the House in the last election year two years ago. This loss of seats, Bethune said, "crippled the overall plan of the president and the conservative members of the Congress, but we feel 1984 will be a different year."

Getting stronger and stronger toward the end of an impassioned, dominating speech, Bethune encouraged

the voters of Arkansas to "strut up a stink and stink it like it has never been stunk before."

The Bethune candidacy for the Senate will also have a Benton County man working in the drive, according to an announcement made at the banquet. Joe Spivey of Rogers will join the Bethune campaign for the U.S. senate as a Northwest Arkansas coordinator throughout the next few weeks.

Spivey was the master of ceremonies for the banquet, which featured, introduction of local Republican office

holders, announced Republican candidates, and other dignitaries.



Greeting Bethune

Doris Holke, (left) of Rogers, a national committeewoman for the Republican Party, pins a carnation on Congressman Ed Bethune of Searcy shortly before the annual Lincoln Day dinner at Rogers Saturday night. Bethune, the principal speaker at the dinner, was also warmly greeted by State Rep. Dick Barclay (center) also of Rogers. More than 300 persons attended the dinner along with Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt of Harrison.

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Out of town candidates present for the meeting were: Ralph Treet of Fayetteville who is a candidate for state representative; M.L. Vashel of Mountain Home who is a candidate for state senator; and an undecided candidate possibly for governor, Erwin Davis of Little Rock.

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt of Harrison, the third district congressman for Northwest Arkansas, received a special standing

ovation for his recent honor by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the VFW national convention last week.

Hammerschmidt introduced Bethune, citing an old saw point in Bethune's political history, which he was under consideration for a federal judgeship during 1976. But delayed Senate action, largely on the part of Sen. Dale Bumpers (a Democrat from Charleston), kept Bethune from getting the seat as offered him by former President Gerald Ford. Kim Lashlee, chairman of the

Benton County Republican Committee, told several stories which brought down the house. One story, especially, told of the former Election Commission chairman, a Democrat, being upset with some early voting returns in a recent election. Lashlee said the returns were not going in favor of a Democrat seeking a state-wide office. When asked why, Lashlee told the Democrat he didn't know unless the Republicans were on their way. "And then I told him we haven't even got to counting Bella Vista yet."

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

April 1984

Meeting: Tuesday, April 17

Place: First National Bank of Rogers, Community Room

Time: 1:30 pm

Program: Candidates for the Office of Sheriff of Benton County: Roy Farber, Jerry W. Price, Randy Klutts, Carl Fowler; also candidates for J. P., 2nd district: Diane Fisher and Sidney Ness. They hope to serve precincts 3D, 3E, and Esculapia C.

SPECIAL EVENT: Garage Sale

Date--June 15 and 16

Drop offs--Chairman, Ann Schmidt

1110 Little John

Co-Chairman, Phyllis Schatz

1519 W Magnolia

Big Items: 636-9086

OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

State Representative Dick Barclay reports that the Joint Internal Commission on Public Transportation, adopted a resolution sponsored by Mr. Barclay and other area legislators.

A request that the Arkansas Highway Department implement a plan of action to reduce the number of accidents on Highway 71 between Fayetteville and Alma.

The statistics over the last few years indicate the number of accidents and deaths are on the increase.

Mr. Barclay feels the Highway Department can take steps which will reduce the number of accidents involving trucks. Some are: (1) escape ramps, (2) resurfacing with a non-skid surface, and (3) additional markings and signs.

Pleased to report the Highway Department has responded by issuing a report to the NW Arkansas legislators indicating they "will" do something.

This coincides with Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt's success to appropriate funds for highways, and the future designation of Highway 71 as an Interstate Highway.

This is an important issue in Northwest Arkansas. Let your state legislators know they have your support. They all work for us, their constituency. Let's help them represent us.

Mildred Boettcher is diligent in her effort to get our Antique Show moved to its new home. We will be at the Rogers Community Center. I know you will all be pleased with our new location.

PECANS!!! 636-9086

Clean those cupboards and closets! We need items for the Garage Sale.

President,

Betty Haley

Briefly

GOP candidates plan public forum

The Republican candidates for sheriff and District 10 Justice of the peace will speak at a forum Tuesday sponsored by the Republican Women's Club of Benton County. The forum begins at 1:30 p.m. in the community room of First National Bank.

The GOP sheriff candidates include Roy W. Farber of Rogers, Jerry W. Price and Randy Klutz, both of Bentonville, and Carl Fowler of Gravette. The Republican JP candidates are Sidney Ness and Diane M. Fischer.

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their qualifications and reasons for seeking election. A question-answer session will follow.

The forum is open to the public.

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Sheriff candidates appear

By MARY JANE CLEMMER
Daily Democrat Staff

"Law enforcement has come a long way since the Keystone Kop," said Roy Farber, a Republican candidate for sheriff, who told members of the county GOP Women's Club Tuesday that qualified people needed to be elected to enforce the law.

Farber, Lt. Jerry Price (Benton County's chief jailer) and Randy Klutz, all of whom are candidates for sheriff on the GOP ticket, were guests of the club and were each given time to discuss the issues. Another candidate, Carl Fowler, was unable to attend.

Farber, who currently is administrative supervisor over communications at the Rogers Police Department, emphasized the importance of good management procedures, along with leadership and direction as vital to the success of operating the Sheriff's Office.

Pointing out that there had been drastic changes in law enforcement since the 1960s when massive demonstrations and acts of civil disobedience, rocked the country,

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Farber said law enforcement training, plus good judgment and a knowledge of the law, were needed to run a sheriff's office today.

Landmark Supreme Court decisions pertaining to violations of a person's rights have caused law enforcement officers to work harder at learning the law.

"It's made better policemen out of us," Farber said.

A gully man can walk out the door of the jail if his rights are violated, regardless of the crime, he said.

"The big difference today in law enforcement is that we must have qualified people to be law enforcement officers," he said.

Price and Klutz emphasized the need for additional funds for the sheriff's office.

Price said no matter who was elected sheriff in November, he thought there would be trouble in getting funding, based on past experience. He said pay for deputies is

"way below" that of area law enforcement officers. "We just don't have enough personnel or equipment."

If the Quorum Court is "approached right," Price said he believed the legislative body would appropriate more money for the department. "Above all, we have a job security," he said.

Currently, Price has 12 employees in the jail. But if the radio dispatchers, who now double up as jail supervisors, were removed from the jail, it would necessitate tripling the jail staff, he said.

Price told the audience his basic concern, and one of the reasons he and his family moved here from California, was to make Benton County a safe place for its citizen. "I'm extremely concerned about what my grandchildren will be raised in — hopefully, we can make the county a better place to be."

In answer to a question from the audience, Price said if elected he would not allow families to ride in

GOP Women

According to Betty Haley, president, the Republican Women's Club of Benton County will have the four Republican candidates for sheriff of Benton County and two candidates for justice of the peace, district 10, to speak at their April meeting.

The meeting is Tuesday and candidates will speak at 1:30 p.m. in the community room of the First National Bank, Rogers.

Candidates for sheriff are Roy W. Farber of Rogers, Jerry W. Price and Randy Klutz of Bentonville, and Carl Fowler of Gravette. Candidates for the office of JP, district 10 are Diane M. Fischer and Sidney J. Ness.

At the conclusion of the candidates' allotted time for speaking, the program will be open for questions.

The meeting will close with a Social Hour and is open to the public.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1984

By DAVID LEWIS
Morning News Writer

BENTONVILLE — Benton County Sheriff Don Townsend denied allegations Friday that Prosecutor David Clinger has a hand in running the sheriff's office.

Townsend fired three of his deputies Thursday: Capt. Eymor Clark, Lt. Jerry Price and Glen Karr. Karr accuses Townsend of taking orders from Clinger to fire him, and Clark calls Clinger the "No. 1 coach" in the sheriff's office.

But Townsend said in his defense, "They're my decisions and I stand by them." Clinger "has never suggested that I fire anybody," though Clinger has filed complaints against officers which led to actions by the sheriff, Townsend said.

Clinger is the legal adviser for Benton county officials, and Townsend said he only consults with the prosecutor for legal clarifications.

Townsend said he fired Clark because he was insubordinate, inept and negligent. "He didn't do everything he was aware he was supposed to be doing." He added that Clark's firing did involve his granting Price, who is running for sheriff, permission to take a half-day off from his duties as jail administrator Tuesday to attend a public forum in Rogers for Republican candidates.

As for Price, Townsend said, "It was quite clear that his campaign interfered with the operation of the jail." Price's absence Tuesday, Townsend said, left the jail staff short-handed.

Townsend said Glen Karr had, in fact, been convicted of a felony, thus making him ineligible to serve as a law enforcement officer.

Townsend said he received a letter last Friday from the Arkansas Attorney General that the nation "I don't feel like the department has been run properly," he said. "I think they are out to look after number one and not the citizens of Benton County."



Clinger Townsend

Minimum Standards Commission stating that Karr had a felony conviction in his background.

Karr said Thursday he had pleaded guilty 20 years ago to a misdemeanor offense in Chicago, but had cleared the matter with then-sheriff Don Rystrom in February 1982, after Rystrom received a similar letter from the commission.

Townsend said the commission's letter stated that Karr pleaded guilty in 1965 in Rolling Meadows, Ill., to theft of property valued over \$600, a Class 2 felony. Karr was placed on one year probation, the letter stated, and after he completed his probation the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor.

"He was convicted of a felony," Townsend said.

Townsend also denied allegations that he is making his way through a "hit list" as his staff changes almost weekly. All he asks of his deputies, he said, is that they obey laws and department policies. Townsend said his goal is "to provide the best services we can to the citizens of Benton County."

Eight deputies have either quit or been fired since Townsend took command of the sheriff's office in December.

Sheriff's office won't be 'Keystone Kops'

GOP candidates address women

By LEEANNA WALKER
Morning News Writer

Three Republican candidates for Benton County sheriff indicated Tuesday that if elected, changes are in store for the sheriff's office. One candidate even said that law enforcement "has come a long way since the Keystone Kops days."

Randy Klutts, Jerry Price and Roy Farber spoke to members of the Benton County Republican Women's Club Tuesday. Also invited but unable to attend were Carl Fowler, a Gravette realtor running for sheriff and Republican District 10 justice of the peace candidates Sidney Ness, the incumbent, and Diane Fischer.

Benton County is "one of the fastest growing areas of the state," Klutts told the group. To be effective, he said, the sheriff's office must keep up with that growth.

The sheriff's employees "have been looking out for their self and they ain't worried about the citizens of Benton County," Klutts said. Klutts is an employee of Pat Henry Chevrolet-Olds in Springdale and is the only candidate who does not have extensive law enforcement experience.

If elected, Klutts wants to "get law enforcement back in the sheriff's office where I don't believe it's been the last little while."

Price, an administrative lieutenant who currently heads jail operations for the sheriff's office, has worked in law enforcement since 1957. His experience includes both private and public law enforcement in California and Arkansas.

Price said that as jail administrator, his work involves about one-third of the sheriff's department and one-third of the total budget. He said this experience is very important because the jail is the most crucial area in the department.

Price said he now spends 12 to 14 hours a day on the job and would continue to do so if elected sheriff. "My

whole life has been dedicated to law enforcement."

He said he believes funding for the sheriff's office will continue to be a problem. But, he said, "I think if the quorum court is approached right, they will come around and start to build a better department."

Price said the Benton County sheriff's office is one of the lowest-paid departments in the area. He also suggested that instituting a civil service program would improve job security.

Farber, the third candidate to address the meeting, is an administrative supervisor with the Rogers Police Department and brings 25 years of law enforcement experience to his campaign.

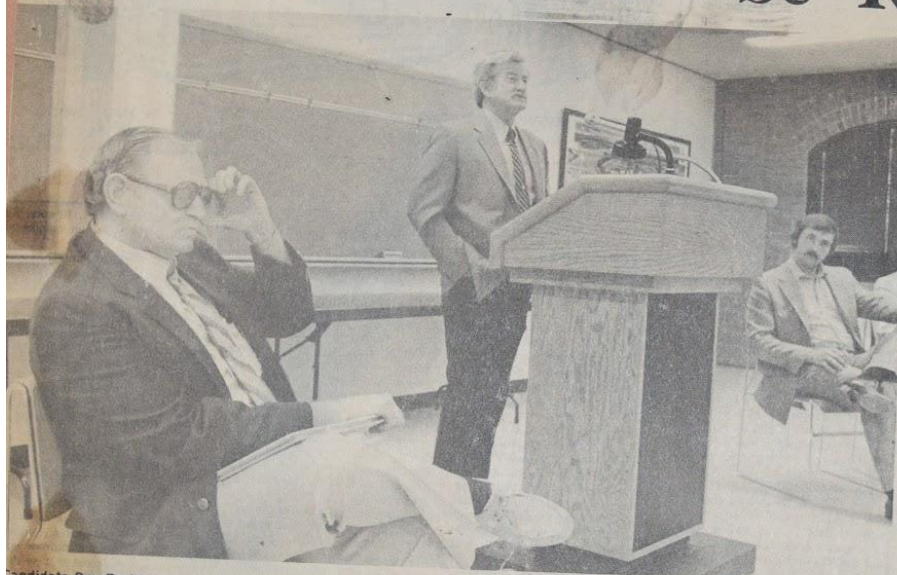
He noted that law enforcement has "come a long way since the Keystone Kops days," pointing to what he called "drastic changes," many of which are the result of Supreme Court rulings on how police agencies must do their jobs.

Farber recalled such historic decisions as the Miranda Warning, which requires that a suspect be read his legal rights before being questioned by police. He said that, at the time, police officers felt that the legal requirements were a burden, but now believe the rulings "made better policemen of us."

Farber said that if elected, the sheriff's office should be staffed by qualified people who are "intelligent" and "have good judgement." He said the county's deputies must be high-quality people since they will be entrusted with the power given by the courts to use "deadly force."

Farber, like Price, said that the sheriff's office must offer good benefits and job security if it wants to hire and keep qualified personnel.

"The sheriff must be a leader not a follower," Farber said. He said he could provide that leadership if elected.



Candidate Roy Farber, center, speaks to Republicans as Jerry Price, left, and Randy Klutts listen.

(Staff photo by Filip Putthoff)

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1984

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY
May 1984

Meeting: Tuesday, May 15

Place: First National Bank of Rogers, Community Room

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Program: Candidates for Governor, Mr. Woody Freeman and Mr. Erwin Davis.

Special Events: Garage Sale
Date---June 13 and 16
Drop offs---Chairman, Ann Schmidt
1110 Little John
Co-Chairman, Phyllis Schatz
1519 W. Magnolia

Big Items: 636-9086

If we don't get some items coming in, we won't have anything to sell. This being an election year, we are going to need all the money we can raise.

Welcome New Members:

Mrs. A.J. Melapi, Eleanor 1200 Tru Lane, Rogers, 636-3964.
Mrs. Earl B. Sagan, Betty 2915 Driftwood Lane, Rogers, 636-6464.
Vivian Scott, 803 So. 4th St. Rogers, 636-4192.

Glad to have you with us.

NO MEETING IN JUNE

Due to our Garage Sale in June we will not have a meeting. We still have plenty of Pecans left to sell. Call Ann at 631-1037.

Antique Show---Oct. 19-20-21 at our new location, The Rogers Center, 315 W.

Olive, Rogers.

Brings someone as your guest to the meeting. We hope to have a good crowd.

Time is drawing near for us to make our choice as who we will vote for.

Come prepared to ask questions about your concerns.

GOP hopefuls to speak today

Republican gubernatorial candidates Woody Freeman and Erwin Davis will speak at 2 p.m. today in the community room at First National Bank in Rogers.

Sponsored by the Republican Women's Club of Benton County, the two candidates will answer questions from the public following their talks and are expected to be available to talk with guests during the social hour at the close of the meeting.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1984

Women's club to host GOP hopefuls

Speeches by Republican gubernatorial candidates Woody Freeman and Erwin Davis are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the community room at First National Bank in Rogers.

Sponsored by the Republican Women's Club of Benton County, the two candidates will answer questions from the public following their talks and are expected to be available to talk with guests during the social hour at the close of the meeting.

Davis, 38, is a Fayetteville attorney. He has practiced law for 13 years and taught business law at the University of Arkansas for 10 years.

Freeman, 37, is executive vice president of Elwood Freeman Co., building contractors, in Jonesboro. He has lived there for 13 years since returning from service in the military as a courier of secret dispatches.

Both men are active in Jaycees. Freeman was president of the Jonesboro School Board and served on a presidential panel on education for the U.S. Department of Education. He also serves on the board of directors of United Federal Savings and Loan Association and is a member of the Farm Bureau.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1984

GOP women

Benton County Republican Women's Club will meet Tuesday in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Rogers. The business meeting is at 1:30 p.m.

Republican candidates for governor, Woody Freeman and Erwin Davis, will speak at 2 p.m. and the public is invited to hear them.

Davis, a Fayetteville attorney and teacher at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, has been active in Fayetteville Jaycees and is a member of the local state and national bar association. He and his wife, Linda, have four children. The family attends Central United Methodist church in Fayetteville.

Freeman, a Jonesboro businessman, is executive vice president of the Elwood

Freeman Company Inc. (contractors), past president of Jonesboro School Board, a member of Jonesboro Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce and the Craighead County Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Linda, have two children. The family attends St. Marks Episcopal Church, Jonesboro.

Guests may talk with candidates during the social hour following the meeting. There will be a question and answer period following the speeches.

GOP takes aim at Clinton

By DAVID LEWIS

Morning News Writer

A contractor from Jonesboro and a Fayetteville lawyer told members of the Benton County Republican Women's Club on Tuesday why Gov. Bill Clinton shouldn't be re-elected — and why they should.

GOP gubernatorial candidates Woody Freeman and Erwin Davis, speaking as the women's guests at the community room of the First National Bank in Rogers, called for action in several areas of state government ranging from quicker execution of death row inmates to repealing the Arkansas truck weight-distance tax. Freeman and Davis, the only GOP candidates seeking the office, unequivocally agreed on one goal: Getting Democratic Governor Bill Clinton out of office.

Davis, 38, who has practiced law for 13 years and taught business law at the University of Arkansas for 10 years, told the group of nearly 70 that the biggest campaign issue facing Arkansas gubernatorial candidates today is "Who can beat Bill Clinton."

Clinton is "not right for Arkansas," Davis said, and he's "really ready to be knocked out of the governor's chair."

Davis said Arkansas Republicans are working hard to insure that President Ronald Reagan is re-elected,

because our next national leader will be appointing five U.S. Supreme Court justices, "the longest lasting legacy of the next administration."

Davis told the Republican club that Benton County is leading the state toward having a legitimate two-party system. "Benton County carries a lot of clout in the Republican primary," he said.

Many of the Democrats in Arkansas government, he said, are "really Republicans in their orientation and philosophy," but they don't claim the party because of a negative stigma attached to its name.

Clinton's challengers from his own party are Lonnie Turner and Kermit Moss.

Freeman, 37, executive vice president of Edwood Freeman Co., a Jonesboro building contracting firm, accused the governor of spending the state's finances inefficiently, saying, "I want to put conservative business principles back into the state of Arkansas."

Freeman accused the weight distance tax on truckers of "killing the Arkansas trucking industry," adding that the tax "needs to be killed today."

Davis said he favors reimbursing the Arkansas trucking companies for the retaliatory taxes they have paid, but won't support a special legislative

session to deal with the problem because it would be too expensive, and the legislature has already met in special session to deal with an issue they should have covered in regular session — a one-percent sales tax for education.

Freeman called for closer scrutiny over which Arkansas prisoners should be allowed out on furloughs, adding, "The problem in Arkansas is that we don't have (law enforcement) individuals that use common sense."

Davis said he would, if elected, make efforts to sufficiently fund the Arkansas State Police. And, he said there is too much delay before executions are carried out. The governor should promptly set execution dates, he said, and the number of execution appeals should eventually be limited to one.

Freeman blamed high utility rates for Arkansas' not having any more industry than it does. He said the governor should appoint Public Service

Commission members that will allow the utility companies to "make some sort of profit," but not charge "exorbitant" rates.

Freeman said Arkansas needs to recruit new "high-tech industry" by establishing a quality vo-tech school system.

Both candidates shared thoughts opposing public school consolidations. Freeman said, "We need local schools run by local individuals," adding that long bus rides from rural areas to central county schools were not conducive to education.

Davis said he is convinced that the Arkansas public doesn't want forced consolidation, and he won't support it, either.

"We must remain fully committed to education," Davis said. Those who design the education system need to understand it in order to finance it efficiently, he said, but he holds to the

philosophy that, "you get what you pay for."

Davis opposes another statewide one-percent sales tax within the next two years. "We cannot continue to tax our people to death," he said.

Asked what he thought about a four-year governor's term, Davis said he thinks the state will eventually adopt the system and that it will get on the November ballot. But, he predicted, it won't pass this year because Arkansans "have long-term distrust of state government," and they are not yet ready to leave the power to one administration for over two years.



Erwin Davis speaks as Woody Freeman listens Tuesday.

Staff photo by David Lewis

REPUBLICAN WOMENS CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

JUNE 1964

NO MEETING IN JUNE!

YARD SALE---June 15&16, 1111 So. R St..

Dropoffs---Chairman, Ann Schmidt
1110 Littlejohn
Co-Chairman, Phyllis Schatz
1519 W. Magnolia
Big Items: 636-9066

We are still badly in need of items.

The Benton County Republican Convention will be Monday June 18, at 7:30 P.M.
in the Public Service Building, HWY. 102 West, (toward Centerton) Bentonville.
Bob Lesley, State Republican Chairman, will be a guest.

Our July Meeting will be held in a different location..Watch your July
bulletin for details..

New Member: We welcome new member Mrs. Virginia Gussman, 1218 W. Wood St.

634-1878

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 1964



Staff photo by Flip Purthoff

Plenty to choose from: Doris Holke, campaign coordinator for the Benton County Republican Party, arranges yard-signs from a variety of state and local GOP candidates as she prepares the party's headquarters in Rogers for an

open house Thursday afternoon. The headquarters on U.S. Hwy. 71 adjacent to the bus depot will be open through the Nov. 6 election.

Those candidates accepting our invitation to speak at the July 17th meeting are,

Mary L. Slinkard----- County Clerk
Gloria Spring----- County Treasure
Judge Oliver L. Adams----- Chancery Judge

Our Yard Sale was a success, thanks to all of you. To those who gave us wonderful items. Some of our Members husbands came and worked beside us. It sure was appreciated! Also Thanks to Dave Felphrey for the use of his yard, and all his work..

From the CAF Update,

Aid For Missing Children (HR 4971) legislation to authorize \$10 million in fiscal 1985 (and more in later years) for a national clearinghouse to coordinate efforts to locate missing children and to set up a toll-free hotline to receive tips about their whereabouts. (Passed House 6/4/84.) pending in Senate.

Upcoming Issues,

Immigration Reform and Control Act (HR 1510)-comprehensive legislation designed to control the flow of illegal aliens into the United States. (Currently under debate on the floor of the House).

Deficit Reduction bill (HR 4170) -- House and Senate versions of deficit-reducing tax and spending packages. (Currently being debated in House/Senate committee).

President

Betty Haley

GOP forum

The public is invited to hear Republican candidates for several area offices speak at a forum at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Rogers. The event is sponsored by the Republicans Women's Club of Benton County.

Featured speakers will be incumbent Mary Slinkard, candidate for county clerk, Judge Oliver Adams, candidate for chancery judge, and Gloria Spring, candidate for county treasurer.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

AUGUST 1984

There will be NO MEETING of the membership in August. The Board is holding regular monthly meetings, so any information you wish to convey can be given to a Board Member.

We welcome the following new member:

Mrs. Dolores P. Banks, 636-7966. Dolores was formerly a member, and we are happy to have her with us again.

Mrs. Dorothy Daily has moved from Rogers.

Please make these changes on your membership list. If recently new members do not have a MEMBERSHIP LIST or a copy of our BYLAWS, please contact the President, Betty Haley, 636-9086 or Corresponding Secretary, Phyllis Schatz, 636-0505.

Also, please ~~make~~ the following dates and places on your calender:

- Thurs. Sept. 13th - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. TEA for Woody Freeman, at the home of Ruth Papini, 314 South 3rd St. Rogers.
The Tea is for the benefit of anyone interested in meeting Woody. We are hoping to reach all school teachers and area business persons. Please plan to come and bring a friend.
Katy Dane and Ruth Papini are making all preparations.
- Sept. 11 thru 15 - Benton County Fair. Since the Republican Women decorate and staff the REPUBLICAN BOOTH, please be prepared to serve when asked.
- Sept. 18th (Tues.) - Our Regular Monthly Membership Meeting in the First National Bank Bldg., 1:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 7 - Republican Picnic in the Park at Lake Atalanta.
A County Committee event, at which a catered dinner is served. All Republicans and interested persons are invited to hear and meet the CANDIDATES who will be on the November Ballot.
Price of tickets and availability will be known later.
- October 19, 20, 21 - Our Annual Antique Show to be in a new location, The Youth Center, 315 W. Olive St. We will not have the food concession this year, but will need additional workers at the doors and at our RWC Booth. Young strong bodies will be needed to help set up booths before the opening, and to take them down after the show. So if you have someone to assist, please contact Mildred Boettcher, 636-1867 or the President.

We are in process of ordering 18 additional tables for use at the Show, to add to the 86 tables purchased last year, which are now in storage. This helps us in not renting tables from various sources, picking them up, keeping track of them and returning. All tables are returned to our storage facility.

Thank you for any assistance,

Betty Haley, President
per AMS.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY -BULLETIN- SEPT. 1984

THURSDAY SEPT. 13 -RECEPTION FOR WOODY FREEMAN- CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR at the Papini home, 314 S.3rd. St., 3:30 - 6 p.m. Many are working very hard so that we may have a successful event. Katy Dane and Ruth Papini are preparing wonderful food for your enjoyment. We want to reach as many voters as possible, so bring someone with you. A tape made for T.V. by Woody will be available for guests to watch in a special area of the house.

TUESDAY SEPT. 18- OUR NEXT MEETING- 1:30 at the First Nat'l Bank. Our speakers will be Roy Farber, candidate for Sheriff and Doris Holke telling of her experiences at the National Convention in Dallas and the recent State Convention in Little Rock.

ROY FARBER defeated three others to win the Primary and needs a lot of support as he faces his Democrat opponent.

SUNDAY OCT. 7th- PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK at Lake Atalanta. The Republican Picnic in the Park is going to be even better this year. The food will be catered by Prairie Creek Hickory House and promptly served at 2:00 p.m. (earlier than in previous years). A Brass Quintet and a Barber Shop Quartet both from John Brown University, will entertain for your enjoyment while we are eating. The program begins at 3:00 and our speakers are Congressman ED BETHUNE, candidate for U.S. Senate; WOODY FREEMAN, and our Third District Congressman JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT. All our candidates will be present and introduced. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at Rex Spivey Real Estate- 636-0123; Barclay, Vantine & Co.-636-4461; in Prairie Creek-Honoria Ricks-925-1085; Garfield-Bonnie Long-359-3285. Ticket Chairman, June Pelphrey can also supply you if you would like to sell in your area. Call 636-1766. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS will be opening at 1608 So. 8th. Sept. 17th. Hours are 10-4. Doris Holke will be in charge and needs your help. Her phone: 925-2178. For those who may not know, this is the former location of the Bridal Shop, next door to Jefferson Bus Lines. The Reagan Re-election Committee, Dick Barclay Chairman will be there too.

THE ANTIQUE SHOW will be held OCT. 19,20,21 at the Rogers Youth Center- 314 W. Olive St. Mildred Boettcher is Chairman and Eleanor Melani will be calling you to work as ticket takers at the entrances. Mrs. Melani is a new member and would appreciate your call if you want to work and did not work last year. Her phone: 636-3964. She will be calling last years workers too.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has been appointed to choose officers for 1984. Expect to hear from them and be ready to serve. This club needs your help if it is to remain strong.

THANK YOU to those of you who answered my pleas for cookies on such short notice. I thank you! Many others of you would have helped me I know, but due to the great response I received I did not have to call on as many.

NEXT MEETING will be NOVEMBER 20th as we are not meeting in October.

Betty Haley
President

Farber speaks to county GOP women

The Republican Women's Club of Benton County will meet in the Community Room of the First National Bank, Rogers, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Roy Farber, Republican candidate for sheriff and winner over three opponents in the primary, will again address the club.

Doris Holke, state party secretary, who was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in Dallas and the recent State Convention in Little Rock, will report highlights from these meetings.

Gubernatorial candidate to be at open house

The public is invited to meet with Woody Freeman, Republican candidate for governor, during an open house at the Papini residence, 314 S. Third St., Rogers, Thursday from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The open house will be hosted by the Republican Women's Club.

Freeman will visit county fair

Republican gubernatorial hopeful Woody Freeman will head the list of office seekers who will visit the Republican booth at the Benton County Fair next week.

Freeman is scheduled to visit on Thursday, 7-10 p.m. He will also be the special guest at a reception by the Republican Women's Club at the Papini home, 314 S. Third Street in Rogers. The open house will be 3:30-6 p.m.

Other candidates who will visit the booth include Assessor Fred Bunch Jr., Tuesday, 7-10 p.m.; County Clerk Mary L. Slinkard, Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.; Senator Joe Yates, Friday, 4-7 p.m.; Rep. Dick Barclay, Friday, 7-10 p.m.; Rep. Jerry Hinshaw, Saturday, 1-7 p.m.

A list of Republican candidates will be available and visitors will be asked to complete a questionnaire on political issues.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1984

The Republican Women's Club of Benton County held an open house Sept. 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rano Papini, 314 S. Third, St., Rogers, from 3 to 6 p.m. Woody Freeman, Republican candidate for governor, was the special guest and nearly 200 men, women and young people met Freeman during the open house.

The candidate addressed those present at intervals in respect to his campaign and the issues. Several present were high school students who will be voting for the first time in the Nov. 6 general election.

Following the open house, Freeman traveled to Bentonville to greet fairgoers at the Republican booth at the county fair.



Staff photo by Flip Puttitt

Stumping in Rogers: Republican gubernatorial candidate Woody Freeman, left, talks with Rogers-area residents Doris Holke and Barry Pitsker at an open house Thursday afternoon in Ruth Papini's home. Freeman will face Democratic Gov. Bill Clinton in the November election. Freeman attended the Benton County Fair Thursday night.

Republicans join attack on Arkansas opponents

By DAVID LEWIS

Morning News Writer

BELLA VISTA — "Taxpayers have paid too much for the education of Bill Clinton," said gubernatorial candidate Woody Freeman at the Bella Vista Republican Women's Club Fundraising dinner, dance and auction Monday night.

Other guests at the banquet included former Republican Gov. Frank White and senatorial candidate Ed Bethune.

"I regard public service as an honor, not a stepping stone," Freeman said, implying that Clinton is quite the opposite. "I never am and never will be a professional politician," Freeman said.

"Bill Clinton has been out of step with Arkansas. He's been out of step with America," Freeman told the 260 or so Republicans. Freeman blamed the governor for Arkansas' rising utility rates and for the fact that the state's unemployment rate is up or steady while that of the rest of the country is going down.

"Bill Clinton really doesn't represent the people of Arkansas," he said.

Freeman also contended that the Democratic governor inadvertently to blame in the deaths of several Arkansas law enforcement officers lately. There have been "needless killings of state troopers in Arkansas" because of outdated equipment, Freeman said.

Freeman attacked the governor's relations with his superiors. Clinton, he said, has been known to discuss business with President Reagan by

post card. Freeman said if he wants to talk to the president, "I'll pick up the phone and call him."

Freeman favors capital punishment. "I'm a believer in capital punishment as a deterrent to crime." He added that Clinton is attempting to schedule an execution in Arkansas just before the November election. "You don't execute a man just for votes," Freeman said.

The candidate said he opposes state-funded abortions, forced consolidation of schools and gun control.

The choice is clear in November, he told the Republicans. It's the liberals — Walter Mondale, Geraldine Ferraro and Clinton — or the conservatives — Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Freeman.

Former Gov. White had little praise for the man who put him out of office two years ago. Of that time in his life, White said, "I found out how long it takes to go from 'who's who' to 'who's he'."

White said Clinton, by concentrating on higher-education institutions, has not done enough for education in Arkansas. "We're not preparing the people in Arkansas for jobs in the future."

White said Clinton has failed to take a stand on Northwest Arkansas water problems, and he said Clinton didn't keep his promise that he would repeal the truckers weight-distance tax if the trucking companies retaliated.

The former governor praised Reagan and said Mondale's attacks against Reagan's record are "pure hogwash."

Ed Bethune, who is running for David Pryor's seat in the United States Senate, stressed the need to protect the Republicans' majority status in the Senate.

Presently a U.S. representative, Bethune noted that most of the states surrounding Arkansas have at least one Republican senator. "Arkansas needs a Republican senator," he said, emphasizing that the state needs a viable two-party government.

Such partisan rivalry, Bethune said, was what got him into politics in the first place. In the 1960s, "I got involved simply because I wanted to be involved in competition in politics."

Bethune, a former FBI agent, said he was raised a Democrat, but was told by his agents about 20 years ago that he thought more like a Republican.

In the 1970s, he said, the parties' differences began to become apparent, and today there is "a great difference, and never has it shown up so clearly."

Bethune said he and his opponent have been friends since they went to college together in 1953. Pryor is "one of the nicest guys you could ever meet," he said, but "those who are concerned about policies should 'take another look.'"

In 1983 Pryor opposed Reagan in congressional voting more times than any other U.S. senator, Bethune pointed out.

Bethune, too, praised Reagan, saying Reagan will one day be "one of the greatest presidents this country has ever had."



Daily Democrat photograph by Tad Hershorn

GOP gathering

Ralph Wilson, master of ceremonies for Monday's Bella Vista Women's Republican Club dinner, greets Doris Holke, secretary of the Arkansas Republican Party, and Florence

Peck, president of the Bella Vista club. During the dinner/fundraiser, local Republicans heard from gubernatorial candidate Woody Freeman and Senate candidate Ed Bethune.



Staff photo by David Lewis

Among Friends:: Woody Freeman speaks to a crowd of Bella Vista Republicans at the Bella Vista Country Club Monday night while emcee Ralph Wilson listens. The evening of speeches, dancing, dining and auctioning was organized by the Bella Vista Republican Women's Club to raise funds for Republican political candidates.



Staff photo by Eliza Pugh
Candidate for sheriff Roy Farber speaks to GOP women.

Farber: Deputies should be 'as smart as the criminals'

By LEEANNA WALKER
Morning News Writer

Upgrading the professional standards of the office and providing job security for deputies are two of the goals Republican Roy Farber said he would strive for if elected Benton County sheriff.

Farber spoke Tuesday to members of the Benton County Republican Women's Club.

Farber, a 25-year law enforcement veteran and employee of the Rogers Police Department, is pitted against Democrat Jerry Price, a former sheriff's deputy, in the November general election.

"You have to be dedicated to be a

police officer," Farber told his audience. He said that for the sheriff's office to attract dedicated, professional officers, deputies must be offered a "living wage and benefits."

"We can no longer hire someone off the street," Farber said, adding that it is important for law enforcement officers to be at least as smart as the criminals.

He urged "taking the politics out" of a deputy's job, and said he would work to promote his officers with job security. Farber said that every time a new sheriff is elected, deputies lose their jobs — action which is "very expensive to the taxpayer."

If elected sheriff, Farber promised

to work harder to eradicate marijuana cultivation and distribution in Benton County. He said the county ranks "fifth or sixth" in the state in marijuana grown. "I don't believe enough is being known," Farber said. "It is very important to stop the importation and distribution of marijuana in the county."

Farber said he would work to provide additional crime deterrents for county residents. The deterrents he mentioned included "well-trained officers . . . the ability to respond to calls swiftly . . . well-marked patrol cars."

He said the Neighborhood Watch program, which has been very successful in Rogers, should be expanded at the county level. Farber also proposed adopting a vacation check program. Patterned on the Rogers Police Department's Vacation House Watch, residents leaving on vacation could register their homes with the sheriff's office and deputies would make daily checks of the premises.

Also speaking to the group was Gloria Spring, candidate for county treasurer, who addressed a report that Ray Jefferson will be kept on the county payroll after his scheduled retirement at the end of this year.

Spring said she had not been told what Jefferson's position would be if he is retained as a county employee.

However, she pledged that she would not hire him as a deputy nor would his salary come from her office's budget.

Jefferson is a "fine gentleman," Spring said, and she said she is certain that should she require his expertise, he would help her.

Reports have circulated in recent days that Jefferson would be kept on in an advisory capacity. The matter has not gone before the Benton County Quorum Court.

Adams gets routine FBI check

By The Associated Press

The FBI should complete its investigation of Oliver L. Adams of Rogers — the nominee for a new federal judgeship for the Western District of Arkansas — within a few days.

"We worked all weekend, but we can do just so much and we have other things to do," James Blasingame, agent in charge of the FBI in Arkansas. He said it might be a couple of weeks before the report is forwarded to Washington. Any person appointed to a federal judgeship is investigated by the FBI.

The American Bar Association is also checking the background of Adams and James Hewitt of Lincoln, Neb., refused to say when he would complete his investigation. Hewitt said he had talked to

Arkansas lawyers about Adams, but refused to divulge their comments.

Adams, 44, is a former prosecuting attorney and current Republican candidate for circuit judge in Benton and Carroll counties. Rep. Ed Bethune, R-Ark., also nominated Eldon F. Coffman, 56, and Warren Oakley Kimbrough, 60, both of Fort Smith, for the judgeship.

Adams said he had not decided what to do about his campaign for circuit judge. "Right now, I'm still running," he said, "but I'll have to seriously consider what's best for the electorate."

President Reagan has not submitted Adams' name to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the committee may not have time to consider the appointment because

Congress is to adjourn in early October. The appointment may be resubmitted next year if Congress does not act on the judgeship this session.

If Adams wins the circuit judgeship, he could serve until he is appointed to the federal office. The caseload in the Fort Smith division of federal court is heavy and Adams said he would consider moving to that city. "If that's where I have to be to do the work, that's where I'll be," he said.

The only full judgeship for the Western District is held by H. Franklin Waters, who lives in Springdale and keeps an apartment in Fort Smith.

Bethune's method of selecting nominees for the judgeship has been criticized by some lawyers because each of the 13 applicants

for the job was interviewed by Bethune, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. William R. Wilson Jr., of Little Rock, president of the Arkansas Bar Association, said he doubted the criticism would affect Adams' appointment because association members were upset about the selection process, not the nominee.

A 1956 graduate of Hope High School, Adams received his law degree from the University of Arkansas Law School in Fayetteville in 1964 and served in the Army from 1964 to 1966. A partner in the law firm of Adams, Scott, Lingle and Lashee, he was prosecutor for the 19th Circuit from 1969 to 1972 and served one year by appointment to a new chancery-circuit judgeship for the circuit in 1982.

SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 1984

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The club is greatly indebted to Mildred Boettcher who graciously agreed to again serve as club president. This may be her last year in Rogers, and she is very kind to accept this responsibility. This is a critical time for our club. Some of our long-time members are planning changes in residence, and we must develop new leaders. Four new members have accepted positions on the slate. The Nominating Committee appreciates the members who have agreed that their names be put in nomination for these offices. Our By-Laws allow for nominations from the floor at the time of election.

ANTIQUA SHOW- October 19,20,21. There will be NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN October. Our Antiqua Show this year will be at the ROGERS YOUTH CENTER- 3rd and West Olive St. Eleanor Melani is responsible to secure persons to take tickets at the three entrances. She would like to hear from you if you are willing to work. Her phone: 636-3964

OUR NEXT MEETING -NOVEMBER 20th- 1:30PM at the First National Bank, Community room, Rogers. Election of officers will take place. The program for this meeting will be in the next Bulletin. Also the date of the Christmas luncheon which will be during the first week of December will be announced in our next Bulletin.

Please add the following new members to your list:
Erma E. Myers (Mrs. Jack) 1301 S. 13th St., Rogers. 636-7932
Gloria Spring (Mrs. Dave) Rt.4, Box 142, Bentonville, 855-3407

NOVEMBER 6 is the day of the Election. The deadline to register to vote is OCTOBER 16th. You can register at the Rogers Chamber of Commerce, and we now have deputies at the Republican Headquarters to register you. There are deputies at most city halls, Lowell, Siloam Springs and Sulphur Springs to register voters. If you will be out of town, pick up an application for absentee ballot at the Republican Headquarters. It must be sent to the County Clerk in order for you to receive your ballot. Your ballot can be sent to you wherever you may be.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS 1608 S. Highway 71- across from Jan-Lin Motel. Ph: 631-1232- Open 10-5 Monday - Friday- on some evenings. Call in if you want to help telephone or address cards.

November 1st. our new P.O. Box address Zip will be 72757-1077 .

PECANS ARE HERE: Price is \$4.50 per lb. bag. Those who have them are Mildred Boettcher, Ann Schmidt, Betty Haley, June Pelphrey and right now we have them at the Headquarters.

Betty Haley, president

Betty Haley

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THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY - NOVEMBER BULLETIN

The next meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 20th, 1:30 P.M. in the Community Room of the First National Bank. We will have the program first so that our speaker, newly elected Chancery Judge, Oliver Adams, may return to his office. We have asked him to talk about the work of the Chancery Judge - wills, probate, etc., things we women need to know about.

The election is over - we did well in Benton County - one of these days we will capture more of the down-state vote, too, for Governor and constitutional offices. We've worked long and hard, and the results are encouraging.

Most of the bills for the Antique Show are in - it was a success, as those of you who attended know, the dealers all want to come back - there was some concern regarding the new location as to whether people would find us. They did!

A big thank you to all who helped. It is a big undertaking, but a source of great satisfaction - and revenue. Eleanor Melani did a wonderful job of recruiting people to work at the doors, and included many new residents. We hope some of them will join in our efforts.

The list of potential officers presented by the Nominating Committee in the October bulletin contains several new Club members. To remain a live organization, we must have some new people on the Board every couple of years - get new ideas. The only reason my name appears is because the Committee was unable to find some one who would take the responsibility, and several years have elapsed since I last held the office. For a while it seemed the president might be "stuck" with the Antique Show - that is how I started managing it; then I learned the dealers like continuity of management, so I stayed on. We are fortunate that Phyllis Schetz, a new member this year, has offered to take that responsibility and carry on.

This really is the year for some one new to take the presidency - it will give her a year to get acquainted with the many facets of the organization before the next election. There will be help from the State and National organizations, as well as former officers; so, if on further thought one of you might like to try it, when nominations are called for from the floor, whisper to your neighbor and have her put your name in nomination. Also - next year the National Federation will hold their convention and we have always been represented.

The CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be held December 3rd (Monday) at the Holiday Inn, Rogers, at 11:30 A.M. We do need to know how many will be present - please call Mildred Boettcher at 636-1867 for reservations. Guests are welcome. Cost will be \$5.00, which includes tax and gratuity, but not beverage. Newly elected Benton County Treasurer, Gloria Spring, will install the officers and share some of her campaign experiences.

Enclosed are membership renewal notices - the fiscal year begins January 1st, so this will give you time to get your dues in. We have a deadline for remitting dues to the State and fees to National.

Our Betty Haley has been out of reach, so, as others pitched in and helped me with the Antique Show when I was scarcely able to see, I am pinch-hitting for Betty.

See you the 20th!

Mildred Boettcher

Chancery judge-elect speaks to county GOP women

The Republicans Women's Club of Benton County will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank, Rogers.

Judge Oliver Adams, chancery judge-elect of Benton and Carroll Counties, is program speaker and will address the subject of wills and trusts as well as work of the chancery judge.

Business of the club, which is the election of officers for the coming year, will follow the program.

A social hour will conclude the meeting and interested persons are invited.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1984

Benton County GOP women to hear state president

The Christmas luncheon meeting of the Republican Women's Club of Benton County will be Monday at Rogers Holiday Inn. Officers for the coming year will be installed by Gloria Spring, treasurer-elect of Benton County.

Spring will speak following the installation about her experiences as a candidate for county office and ideas she may want to share. Also on hand will be Arkansas Federation of Republican Women President Kitty Jean of Magnolia, who will speak on her experiences.

Officers to be installed are Mildred Boettcher, president; Hester Crawford, first vice president; Helen Welsh, second vice president; Loyce Cadwell, recording secretary; Virginia Gusman, corresponding secretary; and Georgia Hillman, treasurer.

Singing of Christmas Carols with Ruth Mauer at the piano will conclude the program.

Interested persons are invited to attend. Reservations are not necessary, but for further information persons may call Boettcher at 636-1987. The buffet is open at 11:30 and those attending should go through the buffet then.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1984

Republican Women

ROGERS — Mayor John Sampier will address the Republican Women's Club of Benton County Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of First National Bank.

Sampier will speak on what we may expect in the way of city services for the coming year. A question-and answer period will follow.

THE BENTON COUNTY DAILY DEMOCRAT, Sunday, February 17, 1985

GOP women to hear Mayor Sampier

Rogers Mayor John Sampier will address the Republican Women's Club of Benton County, Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Rogers.

Mayor Sampier will speak on what may be expected in the way of city services for the coming year. A question and answer period will follow. The mayor will speak at 1:30 p.m.

Anyone needing tickets for the Lincoln Dinner may purchase them at the meeting from Ann Schmidt, ticket chairman for \$10. The dinner will be Saturday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Oakdale Junior High School.

Interested persons may attend and hear the mayor's address.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1985

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

JANUARY-FEBRUARY BULLETIN - 1985

The meeting of the Republican Women's Club has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th, 1:30 P.M. in the Community Room of the First National Bank. We have asked Mayor Samnier to tell us what we may expect in the way of City services for the coming year. If you have questions, bring them with you - it makes for interesting discussion.

The Lincoln Day Dinner will be Saturday, March 2nd, 6:30 P.M. at Oakdale Junior High, Dixieland & Persimmon. Our Club is in charge of table decorations - I have most of the decorations used last year. If you can help that afternoon, please sign the list at the back of the room, or contact Mildred Boettcher - the time to be determined later.

Ann Schmidt is in charge of tickets. If you have received tickets in the mail, please bring your check to Ann at the meeting; if you have not received tickets, they will be available at the meeting - \$10.00 each.

We still have a lot of pecans at \$4.50 per lb., as well as colored mesh bags, crystal elephants and ceramic elephants; also a new item - small ceramic elephant ring holders - for \$2.00. They are practical and make nice gifts.

Our annual yard sale is scheduled for May 10 and 11. We are fortunate that the Pelphreys permit us to use their double garage and driveway for this sale; and it is to accommodate their plans that we decided to hold it in May. Please save your garments and household items - we will let you know later where to deliver them. We do need a CHAIRMAN to coordinate the workers etc. If you would be interested in chairing this event - or helping with the marking and with the sale, please so indicate on the list at the back of the room; or contact Mildred Boettcher at 636-1867.

Being an "arm" of the County Committee, our money goes to help the Committee make up their State quota, headquarters during election years, help candidates - and Benton County fields more candidates than any other county in the state.

Last year we decided not to hold general meetings during the months we had public activities such as Lincoln Day Dinner, Garage Sale, County Fair, Picnic in the Park, Antique Show; the reason being we don't have a good turnout at our meetings, and it is embarrassing to ask busy people to give up their time to address our group, then have only a few show up; and the same people seem to do most of the work. However the Executive Board will meet, and there will be a bulletin to keep you informed. How do you feel about this?

Mildred Boettcher, President

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Visit capitol: Members and friends of Benton County Republican Women's Club traveled to Little Rock on March 6 to tour the Capitol and attend the legislative session of the House and Senate, hosted by Representatives Jerry Hinshaw, Richard Barclay and Tim Hutchinson, and Senator Joe Yates.

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GOP Women in LR

Pictured are representatives Jerry Hinshaw, Dick Barclay, and Tim Hutchinson, all in the background, are Edith Hapeman, Ann Schmidt, Connie Warden, Orma Griswold, Trude Cobb, Hester

Crawford, Doris Holke, Mildred E. Roettcher, Virginia Gusman, Clovis Linville, June Pelphry, Loyce Cadwell, Edith Sloan, Mary Neal, Mary Hammes, Grace Ayres and "Biff" and Ralph Clark.

GOP women tour Capitol

LITTLE ROCK — Members and friends of the Benton County Republican Women's Club traveled to Little Rock Mar. 6 to tour the Capitol and attend a legislative session of the House and Senate, hosted by representatives

Jerry Hinshaw of Springdale, Richard "Dick" Barclay of Rogers, Tim Hutchinson of Bentonville, and Senator Joe Yates of Bentonville. These club members who visited with the legislators were Edith Hapeman, Ann Schmidt, Connie

Warden, Orma Griswold, Trude Cobb, Hester Crawford, Doris E. Roettcher, Virginia Gusman, Clovis Linville, June Pelphry, Loyce Cadwell, Edith Sloan, Mary Neal, Mary Hammes, Grace Ayres and "Biff" and Ralph Clark.



Members and friends of the Benton County Republican Women's Club traveled to Little Rock on March 6th to tour the State Capitol and attend the legislative session of the House and Senate. Their GOP hosts were Reps. Jerry Hinshaw of Springdale, Richard "Dick" Barclay of Rogers, Tim Hutchinson of Bentonville and Senator Joe Yates of Bentonville.

Pictured are Rep. Jerry Hinshaw, Rep. Barclay, and Rep. Hutchinson, with Edith Hapeman, Ann Schmidt, Connie Warden, Orma Griswold, Trude Cobb, Hester Crawford, Doris Holke, Mildred Boettcher, Virginia Gussman, Clovis Linville, June Polgarey, Loyce Cadwell, Betty Sloan, "Biff" and Ralph Clark, Mary Neal, Mary Hammes and Grace Ayers.

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March, 1985



*Best Wishes
Dale Barclay
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White eyes Governor's Mansion again



Staff photo by Philip Posthumus

White at Lincoln Day dinner: I am running now.

GOP dinner

Tickets are still available for the 20th annual Benton County Lincoln Day Dinner scheduled this Saturday at Oakdale Junior High School in Rogers.

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt and former Governor Frank White are the scheduled speakers. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Rogers High School Jazz Band under the direction of Dale Marlow.

State representatives Tim Hutchinson, Jerry Hinshaw and Dick Barclay and State Sen. Joe Yates will also participate in the program. Benton County officials will be introduced.

For tickets call Ann Schmidt, 631-1037; Michael Chase, 273-9960; Ralph Wilson, 855-3004; Kern Kimbleton, 787-9930; or Jonathan Barnett, 534-6254.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and will not be available at the door. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

JPH, White to speak at GOP banquet

U.S. Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt and former Governor Frank White will address the 1985 Benton County Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, March 2, according to local Republican Party officials.

The annual fundraiser will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Oakdale Junior High School on North Dixie Road in Rogers. Musical entertainment is to be announced later.

Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained from Ann Schmidt, ticket chairman, at 631-1037, or from any of the following: Rex Spivey, 636-4134 or June Pelphey, 636-1766; Michael Chase, 273-9960; Ralph Wilson, 855-3004; Kern Kimbleton, 787-9930; or Jonathan Barnett, 534-6254.

Briefly

Northwest Arkansas
Morning News

Frank White criticizes education program, cites need for skills

by Billie Jones *Country Times*

A near-capacity crowd was on hand at the Oakdale Junior High cafeteria in Rogers Saturday night for the 20th Annual Benton County Lincoln Day Dinner.

Two key Republicans were unable to fill their scheduled appearances at the head table. U. S. Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt was absent for only the second time in the past 19 years. He sent his son, John, a staff member in the office of Vice President George Bush, to read a letter to the gathering from President Reagan and to express Congressman Hammerschmidt's regrets.

Also absent was State Senator Joe Yates of Benton County, who was hospitalized earlier this week in Little Rock. Now resting at his Little Rock "home away from home," Yates was replaced by Representative Tim Hutchinson in the introduction of special guests.

Entertainment by the Rogers Senior High School Jazz Band was followed by the invocation led by Representative Dick Barclay of Rogers and the pledge of allegiance led by Kevin Hinson, state chairman of Arkansas College Republicans. Dave Bibbee, chairman of the Benton County Republican Committee, gave the welcome, and Skip Gregory,

former Frank White principal speaker, said that the principal speaker of the night will be pro High School Jazz.

State Rep. Tim Marlow, director of Benton County, Dist. 11 of Springfield, Dist. 13 of Rogers, Joe Yates, Dist. 1, participate in the County officials will For tickets, call 273-9066, in Benton son, 853-3004, in B Kimbleton, 727-9638 Jonathan Barneet Siloam Springs.

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general chairman of the dinner arrangements, serving as master of ceremonies.

Former Governor Frank White, the principal speaker, discussed the rapidly increasing number of Republican voters in the state. In 1980, he said, there were four Republicans in the House of Representatives, as compared to 13 now. In the next two months, he said, he will speak at 17 Lincoln Day dinners.

Candidate poll

A recent poll, White said, showed that 64% wanted him to run for the U.S. Senate and 36% for another term as governor.

He hit on two problem areas he saw in the state: the education problem and the shortage of skilled workers. These he tied together

with one statement, that in the present education package, virtually nothing was allowed for vocational schools, with the bulk of the money going to secondary schools and schools of higher education.

White indicated that he thought that if Governor Clinton loses his attempt to woo General Motors officials into building their Saturn automobile assembly plant in Arkansas, it will be partly due to Clinton's inability to guarantee a skilled labor force that will be able to operate the machinery of the future. He also criticized Clinton for not laying aside politics and taking with him on his trip to GM in Detroit, others representing the various parts of Arkansas who might have been beneficial.

"The one percent sales tax," White said, "was supposed to take care of the education improvement." He pointed out, though, that next week, a total of 240 school districts in Arkansas will be asking voters for a millage increase to try to meet the standards.

As an example of the seriousness of the problem for rural schools, he discussed the mountainous town of Mountainburg. If that school fails to meet the standards, its students would have to be bussed to Alma. If Alma school district voters do not wish to vote the \$2.5 million dollar tax increase to take care of the Mountainburg students, the students would be bussed on to Fort Smith.

Predicting that this problem for rural schools may become as controversial as the teacher testing law, White asked if the people really want pupils in the rural areas bussed long distances in the middle of winter.

"I sure hope not," came the voice of an older man in the audience.

Nature of the dinner

Still unannounced, but he's definitely running

By FLIP PUTTHOFF

Morning News Writer
Speaking more like Frank White the politician than Frank White the banker, the former state governor took advantage of the Lincoln Day Dinner in Rogers Saturday night to fuel the fire for a political race in 1986.

Though White hasn't decided whether he'll vie for the another term as governor or a seat in the U.S. Senate, his name will likely be somewhere on the election ballot in 1986. "I am running now," White replied when asked by reporters if he'll seek political office in 1986.

White, who defeated Gov. Bill Clinton in the 1980 governor's race then lost to Clinton in 1982, discredited an earlier news report that said he was leaning toward the U.S. Senate seat now held by Dale Bumpers, a Democrat. If he's leaning at all, it's toward the Arkansas Governor's Mansion, and not the nation's capitol, White said.

The former governor said Clinton's trip to Detroit to woo General Motors officials into building their Saturn automobile assembly plant in Arkansas might have been improved if representatives from more Arkansas cities were included in the entourage to Michigan.

"He would have better served the

state by leaving politics aside and taking along anyone who could have been beneficial," White said. Pike Bluff and other larger Arkansas cities did not have representatives on the trip, he said.

White recently spoke with GM officials about the plant, but was not asked by Clinton to go with last week to Detroit.

Asked if he thought Clinton's efforts in Detroit were a success, "We'll just have to wait for the results," White replied.

White told about 300 local Republicans gathered at Oakdale Junior High in Rogers for the dinner that one shortcoming of Clinton's proposal to GM was that the governor was not able to guarantee a skilled labor force, "a skilled labor force that will be able to operate the machinery of the future."

He said more emphasis on vocational education would improve the quality of the state's labor force. White criticized Clinton for giving too much of the education budget to secondary schools and higher education, and none to vocational education.

The values of the Republican party are attracting more Democrats to the Republican party, White told the crowd. The desire for a strong defense and other Republican characteristics cited by White are helping the party grow in Arkansas, he said.

"White favors teacher evaluation over testing and said he was 'violently opposed' to forced consolidation of small school districts. He fears that some districts forced to absorb the smaller districts might not be able to do so effectively. Bus rides for some students could be extremely

long, he added.

Local republicans listening to White Saturday night included State Rep. Dick Barclay of Rogers, State Rep. Tim Hutchinson of Bentonville, members of the Benton County Quorum Court, and various county officers.

State Sen. Joe Yates was scheduled to introduce special guests at the dinner, but was unable to attend because of business. Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt could not attend because of unexpected business in Washington D.C. Hammerschmidt's son, John Hammerschmidt, attended in his place and read a letter to the group from President Reagan.

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County GOP Chairman Bisbee greets White.

White leaning to governor's race

By G. DAVID ROWLAND
Daily Democrat Staff

ROGERS — Although former Gov. Frank White refused to be pinned down on his future political plans at Saturday night's Lincoln Day Dinner, he did say he was leaning toward running for governor.

White has been canvassing the state for the past several weeks drumming up support for either the 1986 governor's race or for U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers' seat. He said at the 20th annual county Republican dinner at Oakdale Junior High School that he was leaving his options open.

After the dinner White said he didn't know yet in which race he would participate. "I've made a personal commitment to travel the state in the next six or seven months," he said, "to listen to the people's concerns. Then I'll decide what race to make, the Senate or the gubernatorial. I'll just listen to the

people and then decide."

"Contrary to a news article in today's Arkansas Democrat I'm leaning towards the governor's race," White said later. "I went there to do a job in 1980 and didn't get it done. I didn't run in '80 to be a one-term governor."

But he didn't completely rule out the Senate race. "Senator Bumpers has some big negatives on his side," he said. "Whether it will be me or someone else I don't know, but he's going to have some stiff competition."

But the major focus of White's remarks during Saturday night's dinner speech were aimed at the governor's mansion and the Democratic Party. "I was a Democrat in Arkansas politics for 20 years," he said. "To be in Arkansas politics you have to be a Democrat. But the Democratic Party left me."

White also voiced his concern

about how the recent visit Gov. Bill Clinton made to Detroit to gain support for a new auto production plant for the state was handled. "General Motors President Roger Smith is a personal friend of mine,"

White said. "When GM began looking for a new location for the plant he called and said he would notify me and that kind of ruffled the Governor, that they had contacted me. But I made it known to the Governor that I would be happy to go."

It was a trip White was not invited to take. But that didn't stop him from speaking out against what he called a real shortfall in the Governor's presentation. "I think we have to look at the results of the Detroit trip," White said. "The Governor would better serve the interest of the people by putting politics aside and taking anyone who wanted to go along on the trip."

"The real shortfall in the GM presentation was that we couldn't provide a skilled labor force," White added. "Of course, the Governor is the Governor and that was his decision to make."

"We have to realize that people do business with people. I've had 20 years experience with industrial development working with the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. Most people realize I know how to create jobs in Arkansas."

But the GM plant, and the skilled labor force to work those jobs, was only one of White's concerns during the speech. "Act 76 did not accomplish what people wanted it to," he said about the teacher testing bill. "No state chose to take the same road we did. Personally, I feel teachers are getting a bum rap."

"I feel like it's time to back up

THE BENTON COUNTY DAILY DEMOCRAT, Sunday, March 3, 1985

Yates back on Monday, wife says

State Sen. Joe Yates, R-Bentonville, will be back at his desk Monday morning, according to his wife, Anita.

"He said he's got a lot going on and he wants to get back to work," Mrs. Yates said Saturday night. She also said that her husband was released from the University Hospital in Little Rock Friday afternoon

Mrs. Yates said that she had talked with her husband Saturday morning before leaving Little Rock for the 20th Annual Republican Lincoln Day Dinner in Rogers and he was resting comfortably but couldn't wait to get back to work.

There was no general meeting in March because of the Lincoln Day Dinner and the trip to the Legislature in Little Rock. We tried to reach each member by phone for this - we had 18 and took four cars. It was a long day, but rewarding. Let's try to do it again in 1987.

The ARRW state convention is May 3 and 4 at the Majestic Hotel in Hot Springs. Hostess clubs are Garland County RWC, Hot Springs RWC, and Hot Springs Village RWC; the theme - "The Sky's the Limit." Following is the agenda, with prices which include 7% sales tax and 15% gratuity - all registrations and fees must be in by April 4th:

Friday, May 3rd - 3:00 to 5:00 PM . . . Registration) \$6.00
 5:30 to 6:30 PM . . . Reception)
 6:30 to 8:00 PM . . . Buffet Dinner - \$10.75
 8:30 to 9:30 PM . . . Discussion Session -
 subject: Successful Women Candidates.

Mary Lou Slinkard and Gloria Spring from Benton County have been invited to participate.

Saturday, May 4 - 7:30 to 8:30 AM . . . Continental Breakfast - \$5.00
 7:30 to 9:00 AM . . . Registration
 9:30 to 11:30 AM . . . Business Meeting
 12:30 PM . . . Luncheon - \$9.25
 Guest speaker - NRRW President Betty Bandal.

Registration forms and fees must be in by April 4th. We are entitled to 8 delegates and 8 alternates. We need a good turnout to help elect our own Davis Folke as State President. If you plan to go, call Mildred Boettcher, 636-1867, promptly. If you call about 8 am you are most likely to find me in.

In case husbands and/or families wish to join members, I have a list of activities in the area; and tours will be available Saturday afternoon. There will be a special event Saturday evening at the Music Mountain Jam-boree - country and western show owned and directed by State Representative from Dist. 51, Ted Mullenix. Tickets are \$5.00 - available at the convention.

Following is a list of prices for hotel reservations - I have several reservation cards, which must be sent directly to the hotel by April 19:

Lenai Towers & Suites . . . \$11.50 Single; \$14.50 double - plus 7%
 Central part of hotel . . . \$36.00 Single; \$40.00 double - plus 7%
 Original building . . . \$28.00 Single - plus 7% - make reservation early for full bath; otherwise basin and commode only in room - bath down the hall.
 First night's deposit is required for after 6:00 Pm arrival.

New members: Mrs. Martin Hapeman (Edith) 1005 Haven Road - 636-2475
 Mrs. Pat Kelly, 1701 W. Olive, Apt. 33 - - - 636-0596
 Mrs. James Moore (Theresa), 1111 W. Pine - - - 636-2166
 Theresa has returned to the fold after being absent for a while.

You may invite friends to attend the convention as guests - fees the same as for members.

Mildred Boettcher, President

P.S. Next meeting Tue, April 16, 1:30 1st Nat'l Bank Community Room - we are trying to get a representative to report on the legislature.

DICK BARCLAY

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1985

Barclay to speak to GOP women

Richard L. "Dick" Barclay, state representative for District 13, will address the Republican Women's Club of Benton County Tuesday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of First National Bank of Rogers.

Barclay will speak at 1:30 p.m. on legislation enacted at the 79th session of the Arkansas General Assembly concerning Benton County and, in particular, District 13, Rogers.

Interested persons are invited to attend.

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY
BULLETIN - APRIL 1985

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank. There will be no May meeting due to the Yard Sale.

THE YARD SALE will be held Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 at the home of June and David Pelphrey, 1111 South Ninth Street, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We can use household items, appliances, clothing, shoes, lamps, lawn furniture--just about everything. If you need large items picked up, please call Betty or Glen Haley, 636-9086 or any of the three drop-off stations listed below.

Margaret Otte, 191 Willow Drive, Beaver Shores 925-2201

Ann Schmidt, 1110 Little John 631-1037

Hester Crawford, 706 Biscay Lane (Chateau II) 636-8261

If you have not dropped off your yard sale items, we hope you can do so within the next few days so that they can be sorted and priced ahead of time. We will need plenty of workers for setting up at the Pelphrey's May 14-15-16 and for selling on May 17 and 18. Please let Ann or Hester know when you can help. This is one of our good fund raisers and if a lot of people will volunteer just a few hours, it can be a big success. Many thanks.

June Pelphrey would appreciate hearing from anyone who has heard our club's meetings publicized on Radio Stations KAO, KURK, KJEN, KAKS or KSCV. It would be helpful to her in deciding whether it is worthwhile continuing to give them releases.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 9:30 - 5:00, Doris Holke is having a workday at her home to organize the names of people contacted by the National Republican Committee. This could be a very helpful precinct file for the 1986 election. If you can help any of that time, let Doris know, 925-2178. (Bring your sandwich lunch, please.)

May 3 and 4 our club will have eight delegates and nine alternates attending the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women convention at Hot Springs. Doris Holke is a candidate for the ARFW presidency and we are confident she will win. Hold that thought for her.

Hester Crawford
1st Vice-President

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1985

GOP women slate yard sale

Republicans Women's Club of Benton County is having its annual yard sale, May 17 and 18. There will be no regular May meeting. The next meeting will be June 18.

According to Ann Schmidt, chairman the yard sale, Friday and Saturday will be at 1111 S. Ninth St. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items for sale can be brought to the above address now. For large items to be picked up, persons should call Betty or Glen Haley, 636-9086.

GOP women schedule state convention

Arkansas Federation of Republican Women's 15th biennial convention has been scheduled Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, in the Majestic Hotel in Hot Springs National Park. Federation President Kitty Jean has announced that Betty Rendel, president of the National Federation of Republican Women, will be special guest speaker and installing officer. Doris Holke, first vice president of the AFRW, is a nominee for president on the slate to be voted on at Saturday's business session. Holke will introduce the session's keynote speaker, Mrs. Rendel.

Attending from the Benton County Republican Women's Club are Holke, an AFRW delegate, and local delegates President Mildred Boettcher, Clovis Linville, Hester Crawford, Virginia Gusman, Peggy Autrey, Orman Griswold, Molla Clark, Gloria Spring and "Biff" Clark. Husbands attending are Ralph Clark and David Spring.

Benton County Treasurer Spring and County Clerk Mary L. Slinkard will speak Friday night on a forum titled "Successful Women Candidates."

More than 200 women representing 25 clubs are expected to attend.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1985



Back home: Benton County Republican Women's Club delegates who attended the state convention this past weekend in Hot Springs included, from left, Peggy Autrey, Mildred Boettcher, Molla Clark, Virginia Gusman, Biff Clark, Hester Crawford and Clovis Linville. Not pictured are delegate Orma Griswold, presidential nominee Doris Holke, County Treasurer Gloria Spring and County Clerk Mary L. Slinkard.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1985

Doris Holke, Rogers, was elected president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women at the organization's 15th biennial convention in Hot Springs, May 3-4.

Holke, active in Republican affairs, has served a Benton County Republican Committee chairman, secretary of the State Republican Party and first vice president of the AFRW. Other officers elected were: First Vice President Toni Phillips, Springdale; Second Vice President Nancy Trice, Little Rock; Third Vice President Frances Dabney, Hot Springs Village; Secretary Marilyn Moore, Magnolia; and Treasurer Pat Lehman, Lamar. Their term is for two years.

Delegates from 20 Republican Women's Clubs gathered to hear Betty Rendel, National Federation of Republican Women president, give the keynote address. Mary L. Slinkard, Benton County clerk, and Gloria Spring, Benton County treasurer, participated in a panel discussion on "Successful Women Candidates." Also attending from Benton County were Mildred Boettcher, Clovis Linville, Hester Crawford, Virginia Gusman, Molla Clark, Peggy Autrey, Rogers; and Florence Peck, Bella Vista.

Winners of the essay contest, sponsored by the AFRW, for junior high youth were present to receive their awards and read their essays. The theme was "What America Means to me." First place winner was Minh An Ly, a 16-year-old Vietnam refugee, living in Little Rock.

The National Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention will be Sept. 20-22 in Phoenix, Ariz. The federation is the largest women's political organization in the nation. Jean Kirkpatrick, former UN Ambassador, will be featured speaker.

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY, ARK.

The next general meeting of the RWC will be at 1:30 P.M., June 18th in the Community Room of the First National Bank. Our new Republican Sheriff, Roy Farber, will speak on the drug situation particularly in Benton County - as well as some of the right wing radical groups he has encountered here.

Eight members of our Club attended the State Convention in Hot Springs early in May. You no doubt have heard that Doris Holke, who has worked so hard here in Benton County - as County Chairman, Manager of Headquarters during several elections, Secretary of the State Committee, etc. is now the president of the Arkansas State Federation. This gives her a seat on the Board of the NFRW. She will head the state delegation to the National Federation Convention in Phoenix in September.

Our Club also has the mother of the nominee for NFRW President, Judy Lamora-Hughes. Kitty Jean, past state president was on the Nominating Committee for the NFRW, and saved for Clovis all the letters of commendation received for her daughter.

The APRW sponsored an essay contest on What America Means To Me, which was won by a South Vietnamese boy who has been here only a short time. Among the runners-up was a boy from Poland - the winning essays were read at the Convention luncheon by the winners. It was interesting to note that some things we take for granted are among those important to a newcomer. The contest will be repeated and Frances Dabney of Hot Springs Village Club will head it again. She was so delighted with the results she had a limited number of books made up containing all of the essays. The contest is for junior-high students.

We are trying to bring programs of interest and local concern - with the limited number of meetings due to other Club activities, we hope you will make a special effort to attend. Attendance at meetings is one of the points considered toward an award at the National Convention.

We plan to have meetings the third Tuesday of July and August - The County Fair comes about the time of our September meeting; and October we work at the Antique Show, November will be election of officers, who will be installed at the Christmas luncheon in December. Hasn't the year gone fast?

Mildred Boettcher, President

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1985

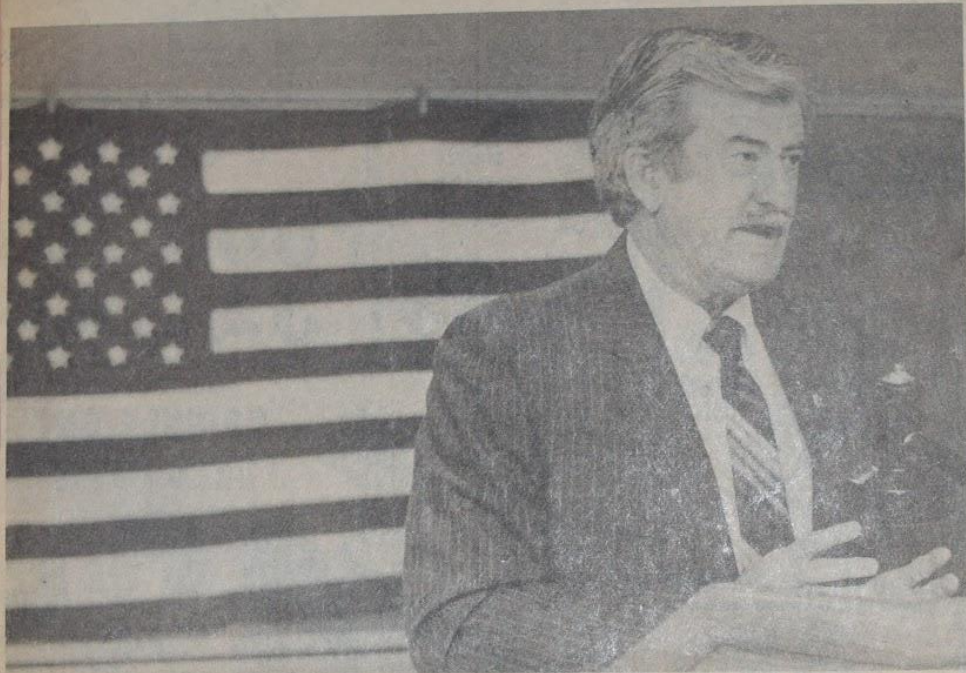
GOP women to hear sheriff

Benton County Sheriff Roy Farber will address the Republican Women's Club of Benton County Tuesday, June 18, in the Community Room of the First National Bank.

Farber will speak at 1:30 p.m. on the drug situation, particularly in Benton County, as well as some of the right wing radical groups he has encountered here.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. GOP Women spokesmen state.

Sheriff: Pay ruling helps 'pot' growers



Sheriff Farber speaks to Republican women.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MORNING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1966

By DAVID LEWIS
Morning News Writer

Those growing marijuana in Benton County this year may not be in any more danger of getting caught than they were in years past, but Benton County Sheriff Roy Farber says he's doing what he can.

Farber, speaking to the Benton County Republican Women's Club Tuesday, said his office has made two relatively small marijuana harvests already this season, but that a recently-imposed moratorium on overtime is going to make staking out marijuana patches — and ultimately making arrests — very difficult this year.

The sheriff's office, as well as all county and city offices, were recently informed that a U.S. Supreme Court decision in February will require overtime pay for all overtime worked by public employees, rather than compensatory time, as had been the practice in the past by most municipalities.

Farber said the county had access last year to a helicopter and pilot — invaluable tools in hunting for marijuana in remote areas of the county — at the "cut-rate price" of \$125 an hour, but the pilot is now out of business and the county has no extra money to pay for higher helicopter fees.

"It's pretty difficult to completely stop the growing of marijuana," Farber said. However, he added, "We're not going to let our logistical problems interfere" with the marijuana eradication effort.

"You've got to make arrests," Farber said. Without arrests, he added, the sheriff's office is nothing more than an agency for taking crime reports. He said surveillance of a marijuana crop, once it is located, is essential to making arrests because someone must be observed tending the plants. "The name of the game is to find the responsible party," Farber said.

But Farber was sympathetic with the Quorum Court, who has had to tell him several times already in his six

months in office that the county can't afford his requests. "I don't know of any department head that has enough money, and I'm no exception," the sheriff said.

Farber said the fact that long-term effects of smoking marijuana are not known should be a sufficient reason not to smoke the drug, although, "The drug is very dangerous just from what we know about it right now."

He said persons high on marijuana are dangerous drivers because their depth perception is distorted, as well as their perception of time. "A minute may seem like an hour when a person is high on marijuana," Farber said.

The sheriff said marijuana has been recognized as a natural drug for 5,000 years, but gained widespread popularity in the 1960s among the youth in America protesting the war in Vietnam. "We can all recall the hippie movement," said Farber, who lived in California at the time. "The young people let their hair grow and beards grow and they smoked marijuana and just traveled around the country."

Today, Farber said the use of marijuana, though on the decline, "is fairly widespread in Benton County. It is in the schools."

Farber spoke briefly of the experiences his office has had with members of radical organizations such as The Order and Aryan Nations, of which The Order is an offshoot.

Two alleged members of The Order, Ardie McBrearty and Frank Silva, were arrested recently in Benton County. Several automatic weapons and about 2,000 rounds of ammunition were confiscated from Silva's vehicles.

There are indications of supporters of the white-supremist, sometimes militant radicals in "some parts of our county," Farber said, adding, "I don't know if we have any other members in Benton County or not."

"It could be very dangerous to some people," Farber said, and "I don't think we can take them lightly."

Staff photo by David Lewis



In the racks: Rogers-Hough Memorial Library worker Joan Turner shelves the book recently donated by the Republican Women's Club of Benton County. Staff photo by Elie Rutheff

GOP women donate book

As part of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project, the Republican Women's Club of Benton County has donated Daniel J. Boorstin's book, "The Discoverers," to the Rogers-Hough Memorial Library.

The library project was established by the National Federation of Republican Women in 1961 as a com-

munity service in honor of the former First Lady, to donate books to libraries and needy organizations across the country.

The books donated through MELP are ones which portray the ideals and principles of Americanism. The heroes of "The Discoverers" are men with an insatiable hunger for knowledge and courage to venture in-

to the unknown.

The author, Daniel J. Boorstin, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Americans" and now Librarian of Congress, has a flair for vivid anecdotes, for fresh points of view and for dramatic relationship of ideas, making him the most readable of our eminent historians," said GOP women spokesman June Pelphrey.

County GOP women host Hutchinson

State Representative Tim Hutchinson will address the Republican Women's Club of Benton County Tuesday, July 18, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Rogers.

Hutchinson, a Bentonville businessman, serving his first term as representative of District 1, formerly lived in Rogers and was active in civic affairs. He is founder and administrator of the Benton County Christian School and teaches Bible and American Government. He is also co-owner of Bentonville's FM radio station KBCV.

Hutchinson will speak at 1:30 p.m. on the subject of "Americanism" and will report on the recent legislative session. A question and answer

period will follow. The public is invited to this program.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1985



Hutchinson speaks to Republican women.

Staff photo by Leeanna Walker

Hutchinson still favors home schooling, but he won't use it

By LEEANNA WALKER

Morning News Writer

State Rep. Tim Hutchinson has no intention of pulling his children out of school to teach them at home, but he sponsored legislation allowing home schooling so that parents could make such a choice without becoming "criminals."

Hutchinson discussed the results of the recent special session with members of the Republican Womens Club Tuesday. He focused on what he said were the two "major" issues: the home-school law and tax credits for colleges and universities.

The controversy surrounding both issues were at least partially generated by comments made by Attorney General Steve Clark.

Hutchinson said the major objections to his original home-school bill was that it was "too broad" and that it did not require testing the child until age 9.

Hutchinson said that Gov. Bill Clinton and home-school proponents attempted to reach agreement on the measure but failed to agree on four issues, including a requirement that a handicapped child be educated in a school, not at home; and that an

evaluative test be administered either at an educational cooperative or at the local school.

Hutchinson said he favored some changes the new bill made, including lowering the testing age to 7 to determine if any learning disabilities exist and to age 8 for determining if the child is at the proper educational level. The test must be taken prior to May 1 of each year and if the child fails, he or she would be retested prior to the start of school. If the child failed that test, he/she would have to be enrolled in a traditional school.

The demand for home-schooling is probably a "fad," Hutchinson observed. But, he said he believed that those parents who choose to educate their children at home should be given that opportunity rather than be seen as criminals in the eyes of the law. Prior to passage of the home-school bill, parents could be criminally prosecuted for not enrolling their children in school.

The least controversial measure of the special session, Hutchinson said, was the tax credit bill. Legislation passed in the regular session would have provided a 100 percent tax credit for donations to colleges and universities.

"Fearing a raid on the state's treasury," Hutchinson said legislators were called back to amend the bill. He said he had seen no evidence indicating that Clark's claims that as much as \$50 million in revenues would be eliminated from the state treasury if the tax credit was left in place were true.

The changes allow credit of up to \$100 for an individual, \$300 for a joint return and \$1,000 for a corporation.

Asked if the legislators would be called back for yet another special session this fall, Hutchinson admitted it is possible. He said the topic most likely will be the APRA-C and Gail case and how to lessen the financial impact on Arkansas ratepayers.

He said he did not favor one proposal that calls for the state to take over the utility. "Rarely, do rates get any lower when the government takes over," Hutchinson observed.

If and when legislators do go back to Little Rock, Hutchinson said one of the areas he plans on focusing on will be the correction department reforms. He opposes a program that allows any convict, no matter the crime for which he/she was convicted, to have a two-week un supervised furlough from prison.

The RWC will meet Tuesday, July 16th at 1:30 PM in the Community Room of the First National Bank, Rogers.

Our speaker will be Rep. Tim Hutchinson who, because he represents another district, may not be known to some of you. Tim has been minister of a Rogers church, a prime mover and superintendent of the Rogers Christian School; studied Political Science at U. of A. before running for the legislature. His subject will be "Americanism." We will have a question-and-answer period afterward when you may ask questions regarding bills before the legislature. We claim Tim as our own because he lived in Rogers until recently.

As one step toward an award at the NFRW Convention, the Board voted to donate a book to the Mamie Eisenhower Project. Virginia Gusman took the list suggested by the NFRW to the librarian and they selected THE DISCOVERERS by Daniel J. Boorstin, author of the Pulitzer prize-winning book "The Americans." Mr. Boorstin is now librarian of Congress. The book is being cataloged at Fayetteville, but should be ready for presentation soon.

The County Fair will be Sept. 10 thru the 14th - we will be looking for workers at the Republican booth.

I'm sure we have many caring people in our Club who are already engaged in community service, such as visiting people in nursing homes regularly, calling on those who are incapacitated, driving them to the doctor, for groceries, etc. NFRW would like to know what we are doing - please call or write me; and if you would like to head a committee to keep track of our good works, please let me know.

Under "Legislation", NFRW asks that we write our senators about Senate Bill S-43, sponsored by Sen. Mack Mattingly (R-CA) and 47 co-sponsors (both Republican and Democrat) - a bill that would give the President the authority to veto separate or individual portions of any federal appropriations bill.

"This legislation contains a sunset clause mandating the expiration of this new authority in two years unless it is specifically renewed by the Congress. Thus the proposal is no more than a two-year test program of a budgetary mechanism that has been successfully used by chief executives of 43 states.

"If the President decides to exercise the authority granted him under this proposal and veto a section of an appropriation bill, Congress still has the right to review his action and, by a two-thirds vote of both houses, reject his veto.

"Because the bill, S-43, would be enacted legislatively, and not via a constitutional amendment, it could become effective upon passage. With the budget approaching \$1 trillion, it is time for action NOW. Write your senators and members of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration: Senators Charles Mathias, (R-MD); Chairman; Mark Hatfield (R-OR); James McClure (R-ID); Jesse Helms (R-NC); John Warner (R-VA); Robert Dole (R-KS); Ted Stevens (R-AK); Jake Garn (R-UT); Wendell Ford (D-KY); Claiborne Pell (D-RI); Robert Byrd (D-W.VA); Daniel Inouye, (D-HI); Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ); Paul Simon (D-IL) and Albert Gore (D-TN)."

See attached sheet re H.R. 44.

Mildred Boettcher, President

THE ELECTRIC CONSUMERS PROTECTION ACT OF 1985 -- H.R. 44 sponsored by Congressman Carlos Moorhead (R-CA) and Congressman Richard Shelby (D-AL) with 62 cosponsors (Republican and Democrat), pending in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce -- a bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide more protection to electric consumers.

The bill responds to an issue of basic fairness and equity for millions of consumers. At stake are billions of kilowatt hours of low-cost hydroelectricity. That inexpensive power could be taken away from the privately owned electric power companies all across the nation and given to government-run state or municipal utilities.

Hydroelectric projects are licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for periods of up to fifty years. When the initial license expires, the existing licensee must file an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a new license if it wishes to continue to operate these valuable projects. At the time of relicensing, other applicants may file for the new license in competition with the existing licensee.

Because of a lack of clarity in the Federal Water Power Act of 1920 -- now the Federal Power Act -- and conflicting interpretations in recent years, the law is now unclear whether competing state and municipal utilities are to be given a preference against existing private licensees at the time of relicensing these projects. If state and municipal licensees have a preference, they will be able to take away hydroelectric projects from existing licensees and their customers simply by filing plans to develop water resources that are only as good as the existing licensees, not better. Thus, by reason only of the government status of such potential competition, the low cost hydroelectric power would be transferred from millions of consumers of existing licensees to the relatively small segment of consumers who happen to live in an area served by a state or municipally operated electric utility.

Municipal competitors are currently trying to take away 11 hydroelectric projects from private utilities that have developed, operated, and maintained them for the benefit of their customers for 50 years or more. Over 8.5 million customers benefit from these 11 projects operated by the existing licensees. The competing municipal utilities have only 955,000 electric customers.

Hydroelectricity is a relatively inexpensive form of power because it has no associated fossil or nuclear fuel costs. Throughout most regions of the country it helps to hold down the cost of electricity for millions of consumers served by investor-owned utilities having a generating mix that includes more expensive fossil or nuclear generation or both. If these utilities lose their hydroelectric projects, their cost of electricity will increase. Consumers, particularly the elderly, should not be forced to bear the burden of increased electric rates, no matter what the amount, in order to benefit a relatively small segment of preferred consumers who happen to be served by state or municipal utilities.

H.R. 44 would end the confusion surrounding hydroelectric relicensing based on differing interpretations of Federal law. It would provide that hydro projects, when they come up for renewal, would remain with the initial long-standing licensee, unless the FERC found that this would be contrary to the public interest.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN to support H.R. 44. Address your letter to: (Representative's name), House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515.

John Paul Hammerschmidt

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY - AUGUST, 1985

The Republican Women's Club of Benton County will meet at 1:30 PM Tuesday, August 20th, in the Community Room of 1st National Bank, Rogers.

Speaker will be State Senator Joe Yates, who will discuss State Election Laws and Procedures, Practical Politics, and Party Rules and Structure. Senator Yates is well qualified to talk on these subjects - it is basic information on which we should be informed. Questions and Answers afterward, of course.

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt writes of the 50th Anniversary of the Social Security Bill. The Committee report has long been out of print, but has been reviewed recently. The 1935 House Ways & Means Committee deliberated for about two months seeking a way to legislate some measure of economic security for older citizens; and he quotes from the report, as follows:

"The proposals in this bill are forward looking. This bill is not to be considered a cure-all, nor a complete measure for economic security. It will doubtless have to be supplemented in the course of time, as has been the history of all other new legislation.

"It is not class legislation, but a measure which will benefit the entire public. While humanely providing for those in distress, it does not proceed upon the destructive theory that the citizens should look to the Government for everything. On the contrary, it seeks to reduce dependence and encourage thrift and self-support."

An invitation was sent to the Club in my care - to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Harold and Margaret Vierke, Saturday, September 21 from 2 to 4 pm at the Holiday Inn, Springdale. Perhaps many of you do not know the Vierkes - they used to be very active - Margaret is a charter member; Harold was on the County Committee - they live in Lowell. Margaret doesn't drive, and there has been some illness the past few years. Any one who can attend will be most welcome - I shall be at the NWRW Convention at that time.

As you perhaps noted from the Rogers paper, the Mamie Eisenhower book has been presented to the library and is ready for loan - the title "The Discoverers." I hope Club members will keep it in circulation for some time.

Don't forget the Fair - September 10 - 14. If you can work, please call Peggy Autrey, 636-9623. For those wishing to work at the Antique show October 18-19-20, call Eleanor Melanie, 636-3964. After the meeting this month, there will be no meeting until November at which time we will have election of officers. Those who have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee are: Hester Crawford and Peggy Autrey from the Board; Ann Schmidt, Clovis Linville, Wilma Alexander from the membership in general. I hope you will accept if you are called to serve on the Board - it is your opportunity to help plan the course of the Club. Names must be included in the October bulletin.

Mildred Boettcher, President

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BENTON COUNTY

Inasmuch as there will be no meeting in September because of the Fair, we have delayed a little sending out the bulletin.

Please make the following changes in your list of members:

Change of address: Myrtle Beaumont, 4 Windsor Place, Rogers
same phone number - 636-9005

New Members:

Add the following: Mrs. Guy E. Donovan (Thelma), 2746 White Oak Dr.,
Rogers. Phone: 631-1795

Mrs. R. C. Elliott (Beatrice), 4 Grace Lane,
Rogers. Phone: 925-2602

Mrs. Avelle Poshler, 900 S. 13th St., Rogers
Phone: 636-2409

We are ordering 50 cases of pecans. If you have refrigerator space for several cases (12 bags to the case), please call Biff Clark, 631-0230. They do not have to be frozen, just refrigerated. 1 case takes up most of a refrigerator shelf.

Please save Dec. 17th - we have been assured our NFRW President will be our guest speaker for the Christmas luncheon. We plan to invite other area clubs, and your friends, also, will be welcome.

In case you might miss John Paul Hammerschmidt's last letter, I quote:

"The President's private sector survey on Cost Control is better known by the common designation - the Grace Commission. Over 2,000 executive and private sector managers joined to conduct a sweeping study of federal operations. The results were published in 47 reports, totaling 21,000 pages. The first few of the reports were issued in the late spring of 1983, with the final summary being submitted to the President in January of 1984.

"As those early reports became available, scrutiny began, under the auspices of the Cabinet Council on Management and Administration. With overlap consolidated and duplication eliminated, 1,635 recommendations in 563 issue areas remained. Through, and including proposals in the Fiscal Year 1986 budget, 70 percent of the Grace Commission suggestions have been adopted or proposed. The remainder are undergoing further review. Of the 879 recommendations already incorporated in the 1985 and earlier budgets, savings are estimated to be about \$11.2 billion over a three year period. All 289 Grace Commission items included in the 1986 budget proposal require Congressional support. The half for which substantive legislative action is necessary accounts for about 85% of the estimated \$11.7 billion in savings.

"Even with the Grace Commission impetus and other hold-the-line budget initiatives, federal deficit spending remains formidable. The big-spending philosophy still enjoys substantial representation in the Congress and built-in-escalators in many federal programs continue to generate automatic spending increases. Nevertheless, efforts to balance the federal budget continue."

Margaret Vierke acknowledges with gratitude the many offers of transportation, cards, etc. while Harold was hospitalized.

Mildred Boettcher, President

- Highway 72 property owners meet with State Sen. Joe Yates, 7:30 p.m., Hiwassee community building.
- Rogers City Council Internal Affairs Committee meets with EPA officials about asbestos problem at Rogers-Hough Memorial Library, City Administration Building, 8:30 a.m.
- Rogers Planning Commission regular meeting, City Administration Building, 4:30 p.m.
- Rogers Water Commission regular meeting, Water Office, 4 p.m.
- Benton County Planning Board regular meeting, Public Services Building, 8:30 a.m.
- Pre-registration for new students at Rogers junior and senior high schools, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Clark Duplicate Bridge meets at noon, Rogers Youth Center.
- Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America meets 7 p.m. First Christian Church, West Emma Street, Springdale.
- Rogers Daytime TOPS AR 234 meets 9 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, Rogers.
- Rogers Rotary Club meets at noon in the Holiday Inn.
- Republican Women's Club hear State Sen. Joe Yates discuss state election laws and procedures, practical politics, party structure and rules, 1:30 p.m. First National Bank community room, Rogers.
- Bella Vista Pioneer Club, annual hamburger fry 5 p.m. Blowing Springs Park.
- Bentonville Business and Professional Women's Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Bella Vista Country Club.
- Job Club meets 1:30 p.m. Career Resource Center, 406 Southwest A St., Bentonville.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m., 218 W. Cherry, Rogers.
- Bentonville Kiwanis meet at noon in the Holiday Inn.
- Pea Ridge Kiwanis meet at 8:30 p.m. in Dart Park.
- Overaters Anonymous meet at 7:30 p.m. in Peace Lutheran Church, Rogers.
- Bentonville Weight Watchers meet at 6:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hdt.
- Bella Vista No Smokers Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. in Riordan Hall.

Forecast: Partly cloudy skies and warmer temperatures are forecast for today in Northwest Arkansas. High should be between 85 and 90, with winds from the northeast at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight should be fair, mild with a low in the mid 60s. The wind should be near calm.

Wednesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny and warmer weather with a high should near 90.

Stocks: The Dow Jones Industrial average slipped 0.22 to 1,312.54 Monday with gainers slightly leading losers.

Volume on the NYSE slowed to 67.83 million shares from 87.91 million on Friday.

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GOP fair booth volunteers told

Members of the Benton County Republican Committee and Republican Women's Clubs are sponsoring the Republican Booth in the Commercial Building of the Benton County Fair scheduled for this week. The public is invited to come to the booth and participate in answering a questionnaire on issues of concern suggested by our legislators. The results of the survey will be published county-wide at the close of the Fair. Tickets for the annual "Picnic-in-the-park" Oct. 6 and paratronic items may be purchased at the booth.

Republican office holders helping to man the booth in the evenings are: Tuesday, Sheriff Roy Farber and Assessor Sam Hodges; Wednesday, Senator Joe Yates and County Clerk Mary L. Slinchard; Thursday morning, Representative Tim Hutchinson and Treasurer Gloria Spring; Thurs-

day afternoon, Representative Jerry Hinshaw; and Friday, Representative Dick Barclay and Justice of the Peace Duane Neal.

Chancery Judge Oliver Adams, Justices of the Peace Tamara Sawyer, Diane Fischer, Jean Karr, Paul Bynum, and Jim Loy, and Surveyor Ron Ridout will be on hand at various times throughout the week.

Area women attend GOP convention

To attend the National Federation of Republican Women's 53rd biennial convention in Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 20-22 are Doris Holke, Mildred Boettcher, Clovis Linville and Peggy Autrey, all of Rogers, and Florence Peck of Bella Vista.

Holke, president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, is the delegate for the body. Boettcher, president of the Benton County Republican Women's Club, is club delegate. Linville is alternate delegate, and Autrey is alternate-at-large. Peck is president and delegate for the Bella Vista R.W.C. club.

Judy Hughes of Colorado, daughter of Clovis Linville, is nominee for president of NFRW. At this convention eight women will be elected to lead the NFRW for the next two years.

Convention delegates and guests will hear from key political figures including former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas and Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

President Reagan and Vice President Bush have also been invited to speak at the convention.

Both Bella Vista and Benton County Republican Women's Clubs have been notified that they will receive an award at the convention given in recognition of hours of work given on behalf of Republican candidates.

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Local Republicans to hear REA chief

Harold V. Hunter, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) will be joining U.S. Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt as a featured speaker at Sunday's Benton County Republican Committee Picnic.

An Oklahoma farmer-rancher-businessman, Hunter will speak on agricultural issues. The REA, a U.S. Department of Agriculture agency, lends money or guarantees loans for rural electric and telephone facilities.

A former executive director of the Oklahoma Agriculture Stabilization

and Conservation Service, Hunter served four consecutive terms in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. He owns and operates 1871 farms near Enid, Okla. The 1,760-acre farm specializes in alfalfa, wheat and Poll-Ed Herefords.

Also attending the event will be former governor Frank White and U.S. Attorney Asa Hutchinson.

The event begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Rogers Youth Center. A catered barbecue chicken supper will be served. Tickets are \$6 and will be available at the door.



REA chief Harold Hunter

National and state leaders speak at county GOP picnic

By LEANNA WALKER
Morning News Writer

Benton County Republicans get a pep talk for the 1986 elections from U.S. Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt, former governor Frank White and Rural Electrification Administration administrator Harold Hunter at their annual picnic Sunday.

All three predicted a successful mid-term election for Republicans and encouraged their fellow party members to actively support efforts to get federal spending under control. Hammerschmidt also addressed other current issues — the federal deficit, pending legislation to raise the nation's debt ceiling and an amendment that calls for a balanced budget by 1991.

Although he described action in the U.S. Senate's weekend session as "normally bad news," Hammerschmidt indicated the importance of the legislation pending before them. If approved, it would raise the nation's debt ceiling, thus allowing spending to continue. However, the bill includes an amendment that calls for a balanced budget by 1991 and

establishes annual goals for the government to reach in striving to reach the 0-deficit level.

Hammerschmidt explained that if the government failed to meet a target deficit amount, the president would be empowered to make the necessary cuts to reach the goal. Fifty percent of such cuts would have to be made in entitlement programs and the remaining half from discretionary spending which includes defense.

The bill "could be the most important legislation action" taken this term, Hammerschmidt, who co-sponsored the House's version of the bill, commented.

Hunter, a Reagan appointee, described Americans as "frustrated and uncertain as how to deal with the budget."

He encouraged Benton Countians to speak out on the issue saying "the decision ... won't be made in Washington unless your voices are heard. It is not the nature of the federal government to save money."

White, sounding very much like a candidate for office, addressed the

deficit issue briefly, lambasting Democratic Senator Dale Bumpers for "refusing to vote for the balanced budget amendment. We need it now."

He then turned to state issues, indicating the allocation of the state's one-percent sales tax that was levied to pay for the new education standards.

White said that \$40 million of the revenues garnered from the tax were "diverted to other causes" and that action had meant that local districts had been forced to impose taxation to meet the new standards.

White also attacked the federal judiciary system. He said federal judges were to blame for many of the financial burdens being imposed at the local level because of their legal rulings on such issues as busing.

The federal judiciary's power is "far beyond the intent of Constitution," White stated, he added that there is sentiment to "limit that power."

White concluded his remarks with a final comment meant to inspire partisans: "We're going to win in '86, and Gay (his wife) and I hope to be a part of it."



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BENTON COUNTY REPUBLICANS heard Cong. John Paul Hammerschmidt, REA's administrator Harold V. Hunter, and other county GOP's Sunday at the annual Benton Co. Republicans picnic held at the Rogers Youth Center. Hammerschmidt said that proposed legislation to cut the nation's \$200 billion deficit "could be the most important legislation in many years." A proposal he favors would give Pres. Reagan power to make cuts, half from "entitlement programs" and half from discretionary areas, including defense, "but not Social Security." Hunter said the nation is suffering from "withdrawal."

after 50 years of federal Band-Aid treatment of economic ills. Listeners included, shown here, U. S. Attorney Ana Hutchinson; Don Steiger, Rt. 4, Bentonville; Ron Crabb, Garfield; Bob and Katie White, Lost Bridge. Reps. Tim Hutchinson, Dick Barclay and State Senator Joe Yates were also present, as was Doris Helke, president, Ark. Federation of Republican Women, and County Republican Committee Chairman David Blabee. According to county GOP officials, 16 elected Benton County officials are Republicans.