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President, George Bush



John Paul Hammerschmidt
Business and Conference Center
Dedication



North Arkansas College
Harrison, Arkansas
September 11, 1997



John Paul
in office



Pres. Bush
speaking



Gov. 'Huck'
speaking



John Paul H
waving

Political collectors have varied collections

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The photograph is one of hundreds of Democratic Party campaign items — photographs, yard signs, buttons, newspaper ads, internal campaign memos, bumper stickers, and other things — which have been accumulated by Walters since coming to Arkansas in 1942. They serve as a physical reminder of his long-time commitment to the Democratic Party, which has prompted more than one politician to describe Walters as “Mr. Democrat” of Benton County.

A modest, self-effacing man, Walters probably wouldn't claim the title himself but likely deserves it. He can't wait to share his view that the Democratic Party deserves strong support.

“This is political, OK?” he said, waiving a list of even more initiatives credited to the Democratic Party. “Social Security, Federal Housing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, the Older Americans Act, Railroad Retirement, Black Lung, GI Bill of Rights, unemployment compensation, and the Rural Electrification Administration of 1937.”

Especially when surrounded by signs or documents from campaigns, he will also readily sing the praises of Democrat politicians he's supported over the years.

He proudly displayed a print of President John Kennedy, to whom he was introduced during a 1963 presidential trip to Arkansas.



Daily Record photograph by Darrin Brown

Campaign posters are scattered around Jim Walters's office.

nouncing him “among the most intelligent people ever to serve” in that body. He was proud to support Bumpers even in successful bids for governor — in 1970 and 1972 — that preceded the U.S. Senate years, Walters said.

He showed folder after folder and numerous buttons, bumper stickers and signs from the gubernatorial and presidential campaigns of another longtime friend, Bill Clinton.

But, Walters' signs and campaign items aren't limited to the famous, or to statewide officeholders. He is also happy to display signs left over from state Senator Charlie Cole Chaffin's two unsuccessful tries

for Benton County Judge; and other items, all representing his memories of Democrat friends and causes.

Reta Hamilton of Bella Vista is another Benton County collector of political memorabilia, one whose commitment to the GOP is unwavering.

She became active in the party because of its commitment to “the philosophy of the Republican Party — government closer to the people; entrepreneurship; capitalism,” Hamilton said.

Surrounded by framed photographs of politicians like House Speaker Newt Gingrich, 1996 GOP vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp, and former

Bi-partisan collectors

8-4-97

Walters, Hamilton love partisan memorabilia

By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE — A Republican and a Democrat in Benton County may be on opposite sides of the political fence, but both have a love of political memorabilia.

James Walters of Bentonville and Reta Hamilton of Bella Vista are both avid collectors of political memorabilia, as well as party activists for their respective political parties.

To Walters, a former Benton County Democratic Party chairman and a lifelong Democrat, the hobby came naturally: His father was also an avid collector of items related to politics and politicians.

Although many of his dad's items were lost decades ago in a fire, he did salvage, and still proudly displays, a photograph of a 1916 campaign poster for which his father had an original.



Daily Record photographs by Dennis Brown

Reta Hamilton, above, and Jim Walters, below, show off part of their collections of political memorabilia.





Photo submitted by Reta Hamilton

Eight of nine women from Benton County planning to attend the convention of the National Federation of Republican Women in New Orleans, La., are shown above. They are: front row from left, Kaye Hahn, Jody Parsons, Cathy Treadway, and Nina Carelock; and back row from left, Beth Bryant, Cecile Bledsoe, Donna Blake, and Reta Hamilton. Not pictured but also attending is Phyllis Schatz.

Benton County Republican women heading for New Orleans convention

From The Daily Record Staff

BELLA VISTA — Nine Republican women will be attending a National Federation of Republican Women Convention, Sept. 26-28 in New Orleans, La.

Planning to attend are Kaye Hahn, Jody Parsons, Beth Bryant, Cecile Bledsoe and Phyllis Schatz, all of Rogers; Cathy Treadway, Nina Carelock and Reta Hamilton of Bella Vista; and Donna Blake of Siloam Springs.

"A group of six or seven of us will leave Fayetteville Airport Friday (Sept. 26)," said Treadway, president of the Northwest Arkansas Republican Women, one of four Republican women's groups in Benton County.

They will arrive at the convention later that day, joining more than 2,500 other GOP women in New Orleans.

The convention's theme, "A Vision with a Voice for the 21st Century," will showcase speakers addressing the future of women in government, family, technology and business, Treadway said.

There will be a women candidates seminar. Other seminars cover topics including media training, conflict resolution and issue advocacy, she said.

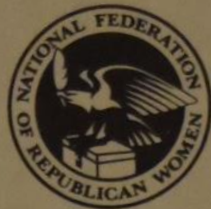
Hahn and Bledsoe are alternates at large, Hahn for position six, Bledsoe for position two. Parsons and Bryant are alternates. Treadway, Blake and Schatz are delegates.

Carelock and Hamilton are delegates at large, Carelock in position six, Hamilton in position one.

NFRW was established in 1938 to encourage women's participation in governing the nation, to elect Republicans to office, and to promote public awareness of issues.

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BENTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
MEETING





Certificate of Award

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NFRW Diamond Award

September 26, 1997

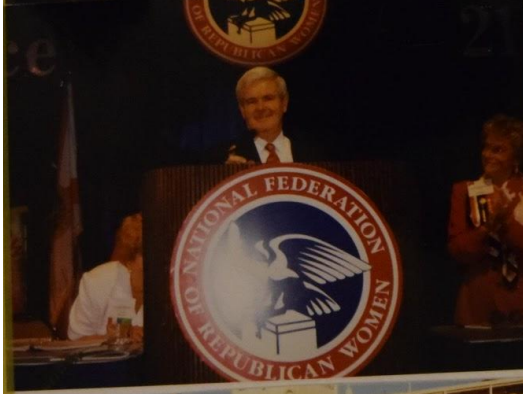
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Marilyn Thayer

NFRW President



9/28/97 - Attending
NEW ORLEANS N.F.R.W.
CONVENTION



Republican Women

■ Five women from the Benton County Republican Women's Club attended the National Federation of Republican Women's convention in New Orleans recently. They were Jody Parsons, first vice president; Phyllis K. Smith, second vice president; Kay Hahn, third vice president; Bena Hamilton, 3rd District director; and Kay Hahn, second vice president.

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

203 East Central
Bentonville, Arkansas

72712

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 24, 1997

To: Sheriff Andy Lee

From: Captain W.H. Correll, Jail Administrator

Subject: New Jail Capacity

1. The following describes the housing capacity in the new jail. This jail will only house 194 adult incarcerated males when single bunked, but it will house 338 adult incarcerated males when double bunked.

Housing Units	Single Bed	Added Beds	Double Bed
Pod E (East)	80	80	160
Pod D (West)	96	96	192
Pod B (Juv)	16	16	32
Pod Housing Total	192	192	384
Pod D (Dorm)	50		50
Pod F (WR)	60	14	74
Jail Housing Total	302	206	508
Full @ 80%			
Less Female	(32)		(64)
Less Juv	(16)		(32)
Less (WR)	(60)		(74)
Total Capacity	194		338



Benton County Republican Committee 24th Annual Fall Rally

Sunday, October 26, 1997 • Elmwood Jr. High • Rogers, Arkansas

Welcome

Cecile Bledsoe
Fall Rally Chairman

Introduction of Dignitaries

Jonathan Barnett
Committee Chairman

Invocation

Pastor Kirk Hartness
Hope Evangelical Free Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Senator Fay Boozman

National Anthem
Patriotic Selection

Rogers High School Band

Dale Marlow, Director of Music
Rogers Public Schools & Rogers High School Band

Introduction of Speakers

State Representative Jim Hendren

Congressman Asa Hutchinson
State of Arkansas 3rd District

U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson
State of Arkansas

Special Music — "I Still Do"

Emily Harness

Introduction of Featured Speaker

U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson

Featured Speaker

U.S. Senator John Ashcroft
State of Missouri

Closing Remarks

Cecile Bledsoe

Benediction

Pastor Jack Bedford
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN DECORATING
FOR FALL RALLY FOR BENTON
COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY.



Governor honors Velma Wilson

Daily Record Staff

BELLA VISTA — Governor Mike Huckabee Monday honored Velma Wilson of Bella Vista.

He presented a plaque which called Wilson "an outstanding citizen of the state of Arkansas."

Attending a luncheon meeting of Bella Vista Republican Women, Huckabee lauded Wilson's service, with her husband Ralph, on behalf of the Republican Party.

The recognition is for Wilson's tenacity on behalf of the party, "but more importantly, her principles," Huckabee said.

"I don't really deserve it. Ralph did it all," Wilson said, referring to her late husband, who died Nov. 17.

He has memories of a long friendship with both the Wilsons, "two of the staunchest

and fiercest supporters" of the party, Huckabee said.

Since moving to Bella Vista in 1976, Wilson has supported not only the Arkansas Republican Party and the National Federation of Republican Women, but his own bids for the U.S. Senate in 1992, for lieutenant governor in 1993, and his current bid for governor, Huckabee recalled.

In 1980, Velma Wilson was the founding president of the Bella Vista Republican Women's Club.

Gingrich speech criticizes IRS to cheers of women

GOP convention concludes today

By RHONDA NABONNE
Staff writer 10-27-97

To the roaring cheers of the largest partisan women's political group in the country, House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Saturday compared the Internal Revenue Service to a bully and called for a "taxpayers' bill of rights."

Some 2,500 members of the National Federation of Republican Women, convening at the Hyatt Regency, applauded Gingrich as he proposed shrinking the IRS's manpower from 110,000 to no more than 30,000 people and launching a national town hall dialogue to establish a "simple, fair, honest tax code."

Gingrich criticized placing more manpower and emphasis on taxes than fighting drugs and illegal immigration.

"We can't stop illegal drugs, we can't stop illegal immigration, but we can bully almost every American," Gingrich said as the crowd waved "I Love Newt" placards.

He proposed shrinking complicated tax forms to a single page.

Gingrich's remarks were the highlight of the convention that concludes today with a luncheon address by U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La.

The organization works to encourage and train Republican women to become candidates and get involved in politics.

In a news conference before the general session, the Georgia Republican pushed three campaign finance reform bills that would permit election officials to verify voters' U.S. citizenship, require daily disclosure of campaign contributions via the Internet, and prohibit unions from paying for campaign efforts with dues from members without their permission.

He said that Clinton-backed legislation by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Feingold, D-Wis., "doesn't address the real problems of election reform."

"The McCain-Feingold bill is totally out of sync with reality"



House Speaker Newt Gingrich speaks to the media at the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the National Federation of Republican Women Convention.

STAFF PHOTO BY MATT ROSE

and would "violate the Bill of Rights," he said.

The McCain-Feingold bill would restrict campaign activities by outside groups and require full disclosure by campaign contributors. It also includes an incentive aimed at discouraging candidates from digging too deeply into their

own pockets to finance their campaigns.

Gingrich said he would not block a vote in the House of Representatives on the measure.

"I think that we should have an open discussion on how to have open, fair elections," he said.





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NEW ORLEANS

Ashcroft speaks to Benton County Republicans at rally

Aaron Skinner

The Morning News

10-27-97

It is time for a federal government which calls all Americans to their "highest and best," not accommodates them at their lowest and least, according to U.S. Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

Criticizing what he called the "big government"-direction many federal initiatives have taken in the last few decades, Ashcroft said it was time for the people to take control again.

The genius of democracy is that the values of the people should be imposed on the government in Washington, D.C. rather than imposing government on the people, he said.

His message and call to action received an enthusiastic response from more than 200 people at the 24th Annual Benton County Republican Party Fall Rally in Rogers Sunday afternoon.

"A government that stands at the schoolhouse doors and hands out condoms does not call us to our highest and best," Ashcroft explained. "It accommodates us at our lowest and least."



Sen. John Ashcroft

Clinton administration initiatives like national education standards testing and the current "red carpet" treatment for visiting Chinese President Jiang Zemin were also criticized by Ashcroft.

Of Jiang's visit, Ashcroft, introduced by U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark, on Sunday as a strong proponent of freedom and democracy for all peoples and a critic of the Chinese record on human rights, said the administration has rolled out the red carpet for a man who continues to

defend the Tianamen Square killings.

"I think the only thing right about it is the color of the carpet," Ashcroft continued. Americans should be proud and grateful to live in the United States where they enjoy true freedom, he said.

Ashcroft told the enthusiastic crowd he expected Clinton to grant China status as a Nuclear Cooperator, giving them access to American nuclear technology despite evidence from the Central Intelligence Agency that the Asian superpower continues to be the worst proliferator of weapons of mass destruction in the world.

America cannot lead a world march to freedom if it cannot guarantee cooperation from all of the players, he said. We must require the highest and best from all of the nations of the world.

Prior to his 1994 election to the Senate, Ashcroft served two terms as governor of Missouri.

U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Fort Smith, another local politician and brother of Tim Hutchinson, also spoke at the rally.

Asa Hutchinson reassured party faithful that the Republican

agenda on which he and many others had been elected has not been abandoned. Despite setbacks imposed by President Clinton and his vetoes ending many Republican initiatives, the representative said the Republicans had succeeded in determining the debate.

After talking about party progress on issues like the partial-birth abortion ban, tax-code abolition and campaign-finance reform, Asa Hutchinson ended by saying how much he loved traveling the hills of Arkansas.

"Much greater than the beautiful fall foliage is the common sense that resounds in those hills," he said. "Thank you Benton County."

Tim Hutchinson spoke for a long time on a proposal to abolish the 3,000 page, seven-million word Internal Revenue Service tax code. He is now the Senate sponsor of a bill designed to terminate the existing tax code.

When asked by people what he plans to replace it with, the senator said he replies: "I don't know, but it has to be an improvement." The IRS is a perfect example of governmental abuse, he said.

Ashcroft bashes Clinton China policy

Hutchinsons attend rally

By GARY LOOKADOO 10-27-99
Daily Record Staff

ROGERS — Two U.S. senators targeted the Clinton administration for "rolling out the red carpet" for the same Chinese communist government which massacred pro-democracy students in 1989.

"I think it is wrong for the Clinton administration to roll out the red carpet ... and clearly, I think it's wrong for the U.S. to have a state dinner for this man," U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., said of Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, who is set for meetings this week with President Clinton.

Hutchinson's comment was made Sunday at the GOP Fall Rally, an annual gathering of the Republican Party's Benton County officeholders, state lawmakers, candidates, potential candidates and party faithful. It was held this year at Elmwood Junior High School in Rogers.

Relations with the Chinese are strained by China's mis-

The only thing they got right about the red carpet was the color.
— U.S. Senator John Ashcroft

treatment of political dissidents, weapons sales to other countries, and other issues, Hutchinson said.

Despite those problems, the administration, facing a multi-billion-dollar trade imbalance in China's favor, has become too anxious to see American business deals there, Hutchinson said.

"The China debate is not primarily about business. It's about what we stand for as Americans," he said.

The event's main speaker, Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft, agreed with Hutchinson on Communist China.

"Tim, the only thing they got right about the red carpet was the color," Ashcroft said.

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Daily Record photograph by Charles Fowler
U.S. Sen. John Ashcroft, right, stands for the playing of the national anthem with U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson and his wife Donna. Ashcroft was the featured speaker at the 24th annual Fall Rally for the Benton County Republican Committee in Rogers on Sunday.



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U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson (from left), Steve Schaeffer, Ronnie Robertson and U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson talk Friday night.

Hutchinsons hear praise at construction meeting

11-15-97

Scott Butki
The Morning News

Sen. Tim Hutchinson and Rep. Asa Hutchinson were praised Friday night at the annual Northwest Arkansas Construction Industry Appreciation Night.

The Hutchinsons are helping the construction industry through their support of free enterprise, said speakers at the event, which was sponsored by the Northwest Arkansas chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors.

"Thank you for sending legislators who care about the future of our country, the construction industry in particular," said Charlie Hawkins, the national executive vice president of the association.

About 175 people attended the event at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Springdale.

The Hutchinsons were introduced by state Sen. Fay Boozman. "These are truly statesmen... these men are bringing respect back to this noble profession," he said.

Asa Hutchinson said it is easy to support the association because "you guys have the white hats on" and are on the right side on issues.

At one point, Hutchinson told about visiting with members of the association at the Benton County Jail project in Bentonville.

This later allowed Tim Hutchinson to give his brother some ribbing. He now has the "quote of the year" by his brother; he said, which could be used by anyone who chooses

to run against Asa in the future.

"I enjoy going to the Benton County Jail," Tim Hutchinson quoted his brother as saying, to the laughter of the audience.

Some of the association officials criticized President Clinton for trying to pass an executive order that they said would have required all contracts to go to companies hiring union workers.

Tim Hutchinson has introduced legislation, the Open Protection Act, that would prohibit the government from deciding construction bids based on the labor status of a company.

Ben Houston, the 1998 national president of the association, said Clinton's executive order shows that "we must work to ensure pub-

lic officials understand the value of private companies."

The choice is simple when faced with a president such as Clinton, he said. "We must get into politics or get out of business," he said.

Hawkins provided a summary of the construction industry in America.

"The good news is that the construction boom... will continue," Hawkins said. "The bad news is there is no one to build it."

This is because there is a serious shortage of employees wanting to work in the construction field, he said. Therefore, next year, the association will try to draw more workers by running an image campaign to show the value of working in the construction industry, he said.

Bisbee announces candidacy for state Senate seat

11-5-97 Anne Flippin
The Morning News

Arkansas state Rep. Dave Bisbee, R-Rogers, made the official announcement Tuesday that he is seeking a seat in the Arkansas Senate.

Speaking to a crowd of about 30 people at the Frisco Pavilion in downtown Rogers, Bisbee announced his candidacy and talked about past victories in the state House.

State Sen. John Brown, R-Siloam Springs, introduced Bisbee as a man who would "hit the ground running" if elected to the state senate, an environment Brown said is "no place for amateurs."

Bisbee said that there were three things that he wanted to look back at as the most important achievements during his time in office: changes in educational funding, NorthWest Arkansas Community College and car tags.

"When I ran for the state legislature, I never thought to be involved in education," Bisbee said. He said that when he started in office "nobody knew about the funding" of schools. "The more I studied — the



AARON SKINNER / THE MORNING NEWS

State Rep. Dave Bisbee, R-Rogers, announces his candidacy for the state Senate on Tuesday as his wife, Linda, looks on.

more the math didn't work."

It was legislation that others told him he couldn't change because "it was always done that way," Bisbee said. According to Bisbee, after the

formula changed more than \$1 million went "to each school district as you come up U.S. 71." Bisbee said he wouldn't take credit for changing the ways that schools were being

funded by the state. He said that he led the charge, but voters were the ones who truly made the change.

NWACC was also coming up on the short end of state funding, said Bisbee. The community college received virtually no state funding when Bisbee took office, he said. Two years ago, the school received funding equal to other public schools, "but the Department of Higher Education doesn't use the same formula any more, so I guess we're back where we started," Bisbee said.

Car tags were another legal issue that "they told me we couldn't change." According to Bisbee, registering an automobile will be easier for Arkansas residents in the future.

Bisbee introduced members of his family to the crowd. His wife, Linda; his mother; one of his sons, Zach, a junior at the University of Arkansas; and a daughter, Sarah, 13, stood with him at the podium. Bisbee also introduced Dr. Lisa Anderson, a member of his campaign team and close friend of the family.

Bisbee is running for the seat left by State Sen. Fay Boozman, R-Rogers. Boozman is leaving the post to run for the U.S. Senate.

Andy Lee says election would fulfill goal of serving six terms as sheriff

By STACEY ROBERTS
Daily Record Staff — 10.30.97

BENTONVILLE — Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee said he plans on reaching a goal he set for himself when he was first elected to the office.

Lee said when he first was elected county sheriff, he set a goal for himself that he would serve six terms as sheriff.

At the Republican Committee meeting Tuesday night, Lee announced he would run for reelection in 1998, completing his goal — upon election — of serving six terms as Benton County's Sheriff.

"I am absolutely running for this office one more time, without at doubt," Lee told the crowd. "I aim to serve one more term as County Sheriff, then take my future one day at a time. I originally said I wanted to serve six terms in this office. One more time and I'll meet my original goal."

Lee spoke to the problems facing the county in opening a new jail and why he is so passionate about not painting the interior walls.

He showed the group an ar-

row and a drawing cut from the layers of paint adorning the walls of the old jail. Both were stiff and thick like poster board from several layers of paint, one on top of the other.

He then showed photographs from the interior of the jail which illustrated peeling walls and paint chips laying on the floor.

"This is why I don't want to paint the jail," Lee said. "We only need to seal the cinder blocks. If we have problems, then we can use a power washer to clean up."

The last thing a county needs is a jail with better standards than most inmates' homes, Lee said.

"The problem with many jails is they have color-coordinated walls and carpeting, with furniture and cable TV," Lee said. "We don't want that. A taxpayer will appreciate it when they walk into this facility and see we didn't waste their money."

Double-bunking the jail now while it can be paid for with the construction sales tax money will save the county in the long run, Lee said.

The cost of adding the bunks later will have to be paid out of

county general funds if the county does not place those bunks during the construction phase, he said.

"We can almost double the capacity of the jail for only \$23,000," Lee said.

Expanded capacity will allow judges to put inmates with misdemeanor charges in jail and off the streets, Lee said.

"In Arkansas, 219 people were killed by acts of violent natures last year," Lee said. "615 were killed by motor vehicle incidents last year. Accidents usually involve some type of misdemeanor charges, such as speeding or running a stop sign."

Municipal judges would have the ability to place repeat misdemeanor offenders in jail "to get their attention," Lee said.

"If we paid attention to misdemeanor violations as we do felonies, we would see that number of deaths go down," Lee said. "Regardless if it happened as a misdemeanor or a felony, it hurts just the same to lose a family member. They are just as dead and it leaves the same emotional impact on families."

12-15-97 Republican Women choose officers



The Benton County Republican Women's Club installed new officers for 1998. Dec. 15 at the Hickory House in Prairie Creek. The new board (left to right) Jody Parsons, first vice president; Kaye Hahn, second vice president; Mary Lou Beisner, recording secretary; Korothy Baker, corresponding secretary; and Phyllis Schatz, president. Kathleen Buter, treasurer, is not pictured. The club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Rogers Youth Center. Anyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Republican women

■ The Benton County Republican Women will hold its annual luncheon at noon Monday at the Prairie Creek Hickory House in Rogers. Rex Nelson, director of policy and communications for Gov. Mike Huckabee will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$8.50 a person. Call 636-6605 for tickets or more information.



Benton County Republican Women
 Christmas Luncheon
 Monday, December 15, 1997
 12:00 Noon
 Prairie Creek Hickory House
 Speaker: Rex Nelson
 Ticket: \$8.50

Rex Nelson, Gov. Huckabee
 staff, Dec. 1997 Lunch
 Margo Wolf, left



Rotary Melodaires
 Dec. lunch, 1997



Plaque of recognition 1-98
to Kathleen Butler Chm Antique Show



Governor Huckabee's letter to June Pelfrey



Huckabee, county Republican officials to attend reception, dinner Feb. 6

The Morning News
1-17-99

Gov. Mike Huckabee and Benton County Republican officials will be the special guests at a reception and dinner Feb. 6.

The dinner will be at Elmwood Junior High in Rogers with the reception starting at 6 p.m. and dinner following at 7. Dinner will be

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catered by Prairie Creek Hickory House.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and are available from June Pelfrey 636-1766; Rex Spivey 636-0123; and Ray Barnett, 524-3786. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Republican group's new president set for year of candidates, debates

By GARY LOOKADOO

Daily Record Staff 12-17-97

VAUGHN — Being the new president of Northwest Arkansas Republican Women will mean she'll have a busy 1998, but she is used to lots of activities, Jerrese Estes said.

Elected this month, she expects her club next year to welcome Republican candidates, with club-sponsored debates among GOP candidates for various offices likely.

Since there will be an election in 1998, candidates won't be shy about accepting invitations to speak, Estes said. "As president ... the candidates come to you because they want to speak," she said.

Also next year, in May, she will attend an Arkansas Federation of Republican Women "mini convention" in Clinton,

Ark.

Also, the club will be assisting the Republican Women's Club with their fall antique auction, Estes said.

As a just-elected club president, she is quick to say, "... I still have a lot to learn," but plans a meeting of the club's executive committee Dec. 29 to plan for what she said should be a good year.

She plans to be active in the club, even as she continues to farm with her husband, David Estes — they have a farm in the Vaughn area of Bentonville — and pursue a long-time interest in teaching people to read.

She sought the presidency of the Republican club at the urging of a long-time activist for the GOP, Reta Hamilton of Bella Vista.

"Reta Hamilton is why I'm do-

ing what I'm doing," she said.

Hamilton is now a member of the Arkansas GOP's rules committee and a member of the Appointees Recommendation Committee, a group working to provide Republican candidates for Gov. Mike Huckabee to consider in making appointments to state boards and commissions.

She met Hamilton in 1996, when the two attended a training session for poll workers, Estes said.

"She knew that I was young and told me I needed to join Northwest Arkansas Republican Women," Estes said.

Hutchinson lauds Congress at Rogers Noon Lion's Club

By DONNA GAY
Daily Record Staff

12-18-97
ROGERS — U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson, speaking at the Rogers Lion's Club meeting Wednesday at the Rogers Youth Center, called 1997 a good and positive year.

"This year there was a real conscious decision on the part of the leadership that we work with the administration and the Democratic minority ... to work together on legislation, he said. Discussing bills passed in the past year due to

bipartisan efforts, he said, "The thing the 105th Congress will most be remembered for is the Balanced Budget Act of 1997." While he would have liked to cut taxes even more than they were, Hutchinson believes the \$500 per child tax credit will benefit many families in Arkansas.

The senator also spoke strongly about his dislike of the estate tax. While there has been a significant cut in these taxes, he said estate taxes



*We're grateful to God
for His grace and goodness
as we celebrate the birth of the Savior.*



First Lady Janet Huckabee, Governor Mike Huckabee,
David, John Mark, and Sarah (and Ranger)

*Benton County Republican Women
Christmas Luncheon
December 15, 1997*

Welcome..... Phyllis Schatz, President 1997
Introduction of Guests..... Phyllis Schatz
Invocation..... Lillian Sire
Pledge of Allegiance..... Reta Hamilton
Sounds of the Season..... The Mollodaires
Buffet Luncheon
Special Awards
Introduction of Speaker..... Judy Parsons
Speaker..... Mr. Rex Nelson
Director of Communications for Gov. Huckabee
Installation of Officers 1998..... Margo Wolfe
Justice of the Peace

Officers 1998

Phyllis Schatz..... President
Judy Parsons..... 1st Vice President
Kaye Hahn..... 2nd Vice President
Mary Lou Boisner..... Recording Secretary
Kathleen Butler..... Treasurer
Dorothy Baker..... Corresponding Secretary

Drawing for Door Prize..... Cecile Bledsoe
Concluding Remarks..... Phyllis Schatz

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Conservative allies considering Senate race

Miguel Cassa 4-13-98

As the Republican field for the 1998 U.S. Senate race begins to take shape, here's a pretty safe bet: The candidates probably will include John Brown or Fay Boozman — but not both of them.

"I'm not going to run against John Brown," Boozman [pronounced BOZE-man] said last week. Obliging, Brown returned the compliment: "I'm not going to run against Fay Boozman."

The two are the most prominent state-officeholders in Benton County, the only Arkansas county where the GOP is the dominant party. Both just finished their second legislative session in the state Senate, their first under a Republican governor. They tout the state's new law banning "partial-birth abortions" among their top legislative achievements this year. And the two regularly answer listeners' questions together Monday mornings on a Fayetteville radio talk show.

Each hails from the party's Christian conservative wing. Boozman is a Rogers ophthalmologist. He repairs his patients' vision. Brown is the former president of John Brown University, the institution in Siloam Springs founded by his grandfather. There, students are taught to see the light.

Not only do they consider themselves too similar in ideology and experience to compete against each other in a statewide race; they say they like each other too much to go head-to-head. Sometime in the next two months, Brown and Boozman say they'll decide which one of them will try to replace U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers, the former Charleston lawyer now in his 23rd year in

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that office. The other likely will seek re-election to the state Senate.

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Adds Boozman: "We're talking. When you evaluate these races, you evaluate the philosophy of the candidates. . . . And it would be unnecessary, if a John Brown was in that race, for me to get in it, because his philosophy is basically the same as mine."

Whether either runs for the U.S. Senate at all, of course, hinges on what Mike Huckabee does. Both Brown and Boozman say they're confident Huckabee will seek four more years as Arkansas' governor; neither wants to compete against him for the Senate. Huckabee, whose 1998 campaign committee already has raised more than \$300,000, several times has said he likely will try to stay put in Little Rock.

So will it be Brown or Boozman? Brown indicated he would be the more reluctant of the two.



John Brown

million-dollar, statewide campaign or about relinquishing his state Senate seat after 1998, especially if Bumpers runs again. Moreover, Brown and Boozman likely won't know whether Bumpers, a Democrat, will be in the race when they decide who will run. Bumpers in March said he'll wait several more months before announcing his plans.

"There's not a great discontent or ambition driving me to look for something else to run for," Brown said.

Brown has run for Congress before, losing handily to Asa Hutchinson in a caucus last July for the GOP's 3rd Congressional District nomination. Hutchinson went on to become U.S. Rep. Hutchinson, succeeding his brother Tim. Tim Hutchinson won last year's Senate election after Huckabee, who was lieutenant governor at the time, withdrew from the Senate race to replace Jim Guy Tucker as governor.

"When I got into the race for

Boozman says his decision won't hinge on whether Bumpers seeks a fifth term. By contrast, Brown says he's not enthusiastic about running a multi-

the nomination for the House seat, it was just different dynamics," Brown said. "There were only a few months left before the election. Fay Boozman and it was an open seat. And I was in the middle of my four-year term in the state Senate."

Another Republican frequently mentioned as a possible U.S. Senate candidate next year is El Dorado petroleum executive Madison Murphy, who has not formally declared his intentions. Asa Hutchinson and U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey both are on the record saying they won't run for the U.S. Senate in 1998.

Former state Sen. Lu Hardin, who lost to Attorney General Winston Bryant in last year's U.S. Senate Democratic primary, also is viewed by some as a potential party-switcher. Hardin, of Russellville, is now part of the Huckabee administration as director of the state Department of Higher Education. He has refused to say if he will switch parties or if he will run for the U.S. Senate next year.

Regardless of who enters the race, Boozman and Brown say they would run on their records as tax-cutting social conserva-



Fay Boozman

tives who strongly favor educational reforms. Boozman's agenda includes freeing home-schooling programs from many government regulations. Brown said one of his biggest disappointments this year was the Legislature's rejection of a bill to make it easier for charter schools to begin operations in Arkansas.

What Brown and Boozman say they won't do is change their message to fit their audience.

"If I get in the race and am fortunate enough to get elected, they need to know what they get elected," Boozman said. "So I don't see any effort to do anything but inform and let people see me as I really am, whatever their perception is. I am conservative."

Brown, too, said he would not try to reposition himself as a political centrist, chiding that approach as "the Dick Morris strategy," a reference to President Clinton's chief campaign consultant for most of 1996.

"Maybe you choose different issues to emphasize. But you don't really adapt your position to suit the audience," Brown said. "I think either he or I would probably get in trouble with that."

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Roasted for a good cause

Dick Barclay (left) laughs Thursday night as former Gov. Frank White roasts Barclay. A fund-raiser for Rogers Noon Kiwanis Club projects, the roast also featured former state Rep. David Matthews and Gov. Mike Huckabee, for whom Barclay now works.

Parsons' life an open book

When Jim Parsons lost his lawsuit to regain his job at NWACC, the college attorney was quoted as saying, "We had a great result. It (the decision) is 34 pages of pure excitement in reading." We were told that he also said, "If we had champagne, we would drink it!"

From:

Jody Parsons

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Rogers

To me, taking a man's job away is nothing to celebrate. It's like a teacher putting an "F" on a paper and then laughing and gloating about it.

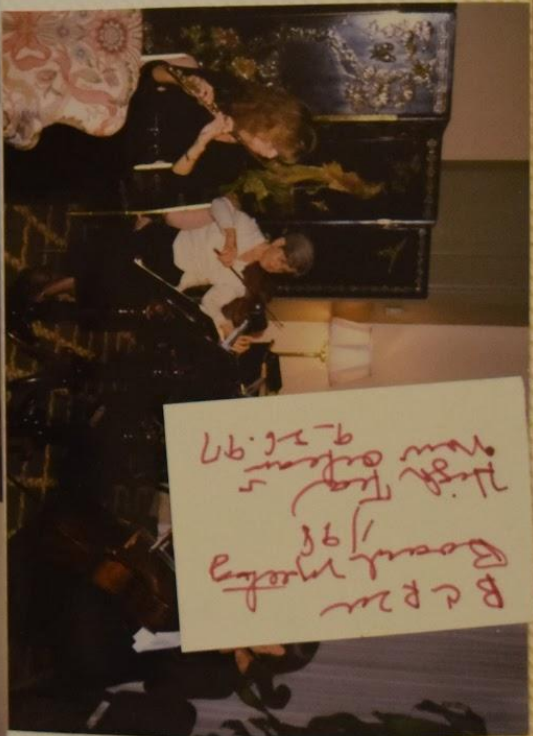
When Jim won his race for the NWACC Board, we talked about how difficult it would be to walk into his first board meeting and face many of the same people who had dismissed him from his job (and celebrated along with the college attorney). He is still facing them every board meeting and, apparently, he is not wanted there by board members, the college president, or the college attorney. He is, however, wanted there by the voters.

Mrs. White states, "It's about time somebody had the guts to really investigate Mr. Parsons and get the true facts out there...."

My comment: "Been there. Done that." Jim has been investigated by the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, *The Baxter Bulletin*, *The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas*, *The Benton County Daily Record*, *The Arkansas Times*, to name a few. Jim's life is pretty much an open book, or at least an open newspaper. It doesn't take a subpoena to get information from Jim Parsons.

Anyone who wants to find out about Jim Parsons might ask our neighbors. Every yard (even the Democrats') had a "Parsons for State Representative" sign during the primary. When a person's neighbors will vote for him, that is a pretty good statement of the person's character. The neighbors always ask, "Are you the same Jim Parsons that's in the newspaper? I don't recognize that guy!" There is much, much more to the man than what is printed in the papers.

I hold no grudges or hate in my heart for any one. That makes people cranky and old before their time.



Bi-partisan collector

Walters,
Hamilton
love partisan
memorabilia

By GARY LOOKADOO 8-4-97
Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE — A Republican and a Democrat in Benton County may be on opposite sides of the political fence, but both have a love of political memorabilia.

James Walters of Bentonville and Reta Hamilton of Bella Vista are both avid collectors of political memorabilia, as well as party activists for their respective political parties.

To Walters, a former Benton County Democratic Party chairman and a lifelong Democrat, the hobby came naturally: His father was also an avid collector of items related to politics and politicians.

Although many of his dad's items were lost decades ago in a fire, he did salvage, and still proudly displays, a photograph of a 1916 campaign poster for which his father had an original.

It's from the reelection campaign of Democratic President Woodrow Wilson. In the poster, Wilson challenges his Republican opponent, Charles Evans Hughes, to match the president's record of making government work for people through such initiatives as the creation of the Federal Reserve system and the passage of the Adamson Act for an eight-hour work day.



Reta Hamilton, above, and Jim Walters, below, show off part of their collections of political memorabilia.



Arkansas' active first lady has ideas of her own

Admitting to being a bit unfirst-ladylike on occasion, Janet Huckabee says she pays no mind to criticism of her activities.

Kelly P. Kissel
The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — Tomboy Lady Take your pick. Sitting on the back of a Jet Ski or standing next to her husband the governor, Arkansas' unelected representative has heard it all.

Admitting to being a bit unfirst-ladylike on occasion, Janet Huckabee says she pays no mind to criticism of her activities. If Arkansas' other first ladies didn't want to go to the pistol range, track bears or dream of parachuting, that was their problem, not hers.

"I don't hope and I don't plan ever to embarrass the state by the things I do," Huckabee said in an interview in an attic office wedged amid still unopened moving boxes. "Yes, I may do a little differ-

Yes, I may do a lot of outdoor things that other first ladies may not have tried, but they just missed it."

Janet McCain Huckabee was born July 16, 1955, in Lake Charles, La. Within a year, her family moved to Hope, where her father worked in a water ski factory. She married Mike Huckabee in 1974 and the couple has three children, John Mark, 20; David, 16; and Sarah 14.

She became first lady when Huckabee, a former Baptist minister who then was lieutenant governor, assumed the governorship July 15, 1996, after Jim Guy Tucker's resignation following a White-water conviction.

She's made the transition well.

"As a pastor's wife, I was in public a lot anyway," Huckabee said. "You're still working with volunteers. You're still raising money. You're still smiling sometimes when you don't want to."

"It wasn't like I didn't do anything before I became first lady," she said.

Just before Mike Huckabee became governor, his wife was still living in Texarkana, working as a pharmacist's assistant. Prior to that, she worked three years as a technician at St. Michael Hospi-



Janet Huckabee

tal's intensive-care unit.

And before that, she cleaned houses and cut grass to help make ends meet.

"I don't want people to think that they can't talk to me," she said. "I don't want people to think that we're far above them on a pedestal somewhere where we're unreachable."

Huckabee likes getting into the trenches, both real and figurative. She's often visited a factory just to see how things are made. She's ridden with a zero-drug-tolerance SWAT team at midnight and tracked bears with wildlife crews out to tag ursine mothers with tracking equipment.

Stories at the Capitol tell of her outperforming some state troopers at the pistol range. She won't say how she scored.

The walls of her attic office at the Governor's Mansion, to which she granted The Associated Press access for an hour-long interview — the first time reporters had been admitted — holds photos of her. Some show her in fatigues, with state police crews on quasi-military operations and a police dog training unit.

"I want the people to know that we love them and we're a part of them. To be a part of them, you have to do the things they do," Huckabee said. "It's not because I'm out there trying to campaign. I don't have to campaign."

"I could sit in the house all day long and not do anything, but it's because I want to know the people and how and where they are and what makes them tick," she said.

Huckabee can't bring much of a matronly approach to the first lady's "job" simply because that isn't much in her nature. Growing up in Hope — there were five kids in her family and four in the family across the street — she spent all of her time outdoors and grew to love it.

"We didn't watch TV a lot. We didn't have Nintendo games. Outside was what you did," she said.

"I'm not the only female in the world who has a Jet Ski. As far as the guns, my brothers had guns growing up. We used to reload their guns, so that's not new to me, either. I like to shoot," she said.

"The state police, when they go out to shoot I would ask if I could go with them. If they had said, 'No, you wouldn't have heard anything about it. But they said 'Yes,' and I went."

"I fish some, but it's hard to fish from a Jet Ski going 60 mph."

As first lady, an unofficial title in Arkansas, Mrs. Huckabee can adopt the causes she wants to adopt. She's concentrated on raising the number of children whose immunizations are up to date and attracting more Arkansians to the network of state parks.

"I just love her, especially her attitude about all of this," said Dr. Sandra Nichols, the director of the state Health Department.

"She came to me and pointed out that she wanted to do things with kids and to let her know if she could help. I talked to others and we thought that this would be ideal."

The state now is near its goal of getting at least 90 percent of children fully immunized in every county.

Arkansas' Parks and Tourism Department staffers also revel in the amount of attention they get from the Huckabees.

The state parks system had seen visits plateau in the 1990s, until the Huckabees took off on an across-the-state Arkansas River tour to back a one-eighth-cent increase in the sales tax to promote tourism.

"Both of them understand the importance of the natural and cultural appeal of Arkansas," state parks director Greg Butts said. "Anytime you have a governor and first lady who are so supportive of your mission, you couldn't ask for anything else."

Richard Davies, the state's tourism director, said Arkansians

lured to new attractions at Branson, casinos in Mississippi and other tourist areas had lost sight of what Arkansas had to offer.

"The problem we were having was not out-of-staters, but Arkansians who were deciding the grass must be greener on the other side," Davies said.

"The Huckabees made two weeklong trips to make the point that we have wonderful resources here."

"People want third-party validation that they're going to a neat place and it doesn't hurt to have the governor saying this is a neat place," Davies said. "And she's done TV ads for us. She even put on an 1800s costume at Old Washington State Park for an ad."

Huckabee said it's easy for her and her husband to get close to Arkansians because they don't feel that much different.

"The hardest adjustment is probably dealing with security," Mrs. Huckabee said. The security detail is "just a whole new family," she said.

But that started a list of small gripes: "Having people drive for me I don't normally like. I like to drive. I don't do groceries much anymore. We have staff to do that."

All the security and the staff give first ladies the opportunity to serve Arkansians how they see fit, she said.

"I used to clean houses for a living. I used to do yards for a living. To have people do these things for me is real strange. It's not a normal life," she said. "However, by having the great, wonderful staff that I have, I get to do things that I think benefit the state. Otherwise, I'd have to say I can't do that because I've got to go clean three floors."

And now she has part of a fourth floor, her office, where she stays connected to the world via a telephone and computer and the family checkbook and plans her next great adventure.

"It's a very interesting life, being first lady. It's not normal," she said. "But remember, anything I do is extra. I don't have a staff. I don't have a salary. I don't have a budget. I don't have an office. I have a corner of the attic."

"I don't have to answer to anybody except God," she said. "If I'm happy about that, then people will have to deal with that."

Hutchinsons mark first year in Congress, U.S. Senate

By MAYLON T. RICE
Northwest Arkansas Times

FAYETTEVILLE — Both U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson and U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson were busy during their first year in Washington, D.C.

Only one of three sets of brothers to ever make the journey to the Washington beltway, they were the second set to serve in the 105th Congress.

As a Democrat, votes he made in Congress supported House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. Asa Hutchinson voted for the ethics sanctions against the speaker and for his censure on ethics, but did not vote to wrest power away from the speaker.

He also quickly drew a record, three committee assignments — unheard of without the support of the speaker. Hutchinson was assigned to seats on the transportation, justice and veterans committees.

Both brothers worked a Tuesday-Friday schedule, electing to rent an apartment in Pentagon City, Del., and traveling back home on the weekends.

Significant news items during 1997 included:

U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson

- Named co-sponsor for re-filing of ISTEA transportation act. The stopgap funding netted Arkansas \$104 million and a six-month extension.

- Took the first break in the 105th Congress for a hectic 15-day "Listening Tour" of Arkansas.

"It helped clear away that Beltway mentality," Hutchinson said.

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greeted with television appearances and notoriety early in their careers.

Tim Hutchinson, the first elected Republican senator from Arkansas since Reconstruction, was heralded by the D.C. press and his party as a new vi-

- Sponsored and hosted a U.S. Department of Education field hearing at Little Rock.

- Tim and Asa Hutchinson filed separate proposals on allowing China "Most Favored Nation" status with the United States

- Over the summer, 15 Arkansas college students interned at Hutchinson's senate offices. Locally, Isaac Chung of Prairie Grove, Amy Harwell of Springdale, Reagan Kirkland and Charity Patrick participated. Fayetteville native Rebecca Kisor coordinated the effort.

- Opened the first Senate Internet home page from the Arkansas delegation and participated in September in a national Internet chat session with Kids Voting USA.

"It was pretty cool," he said.

- Appeared on the PBS "Firing Line" to debate China's "Most Favored Nation" status with Gary Bauer of the Family Research Council. Speaking opposite Hutchinson was former presidential candidate Jerry Brown of California and newspaper columnist Arianna Huffington.

brant politician. He's made appearances on CNN, C-SPAN, Firing Line and other cable news shows.

Back home, Hutchinson was replacing the down-home, common-man touch of David Pryor, attending parades, fish

block grants to combat juvenile crime.

- Filed a jail death reporting bill with the House Judiciary Committee asking that city and county jails and state prisons report annually on the number of prisoners and inmates that die while imprisoned.

- Held an August summit was in Springdale to discuss needs of veterans and veteran services in Northwest Arkansas.

- Joined the House in support of a World War II memorial.
- Won a charity tractor race sponsored by K-Mart's War on Drugs, then donated the \$2,000 prize to Arkansans For A Drug Free Youth.

- Spoke at the Northside Rotary Club on the need for Clinton's failed "fast track" trade initiative.
- During the holiday recess, traveled the state's roads, talking about the six-month extension of the ISTEA legislation and the \$104 million in funding received for Arkansas roadways.

- Attended Gulf War Syndrome session as Veterans Administration Medical Centers start taking patients with those symptoms.
- Criticized White House "re-treat on the war on drugs."
- Voted to veto-proof partial birth abortion ban.

fries and banquets of every stripe.

By mid-year, he was being warmly received by such groups as the Arkansas Municipal League and Arkansas Cattleman's Association when he suggested filing legislation to sunset the Internal Revenue Service tax codes.

Asa Hutchinson was called quickly into the Republican fold as the first three

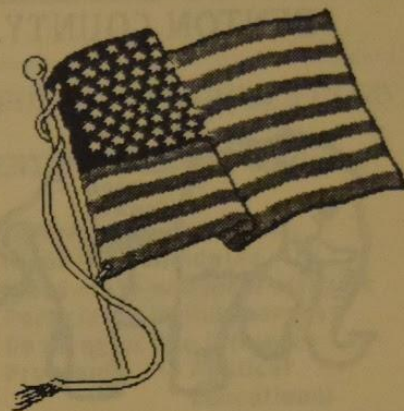
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U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson

- Cast one of his first votes, giving Gingrich "the benefit of the doubt" on ethics violations. Gingrich withstood not only ethics sanctions but a hostile takeover as speaker of the House.

- Announced the opening of an Immigration and Naturalization Service field office in Fort Smith to assist the Northwest Arkansas, Eastern Oklahoma and Southwest Missouri areas with its growing Hispanic population.
- Used a letter from 4th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney Terry Jones to show the need for \$500 million in local

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Sarah Post
The Morning News

The Benton County Republican Committee welcomed Gov. Mike Huckabee and other Republican state and county officials to a reception Friday at Elmwood Junior High School in Rogers.

▼ ROGERS

Nearly 300 people attended the social event, enjoying a dinner and addresses from the governor, U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson and Congressman Asa Hutchinson.

Beginning his address, Huckabee, who is up for re-election in November, expressed great pride in his political party and the growing presence it has in the state.

"The Republicans are so prolific it takes longer to introduce them than it does to eat," Huckabee said.

"I know that some of you may have been getting restless, but there are some of us who, even in the midst of that, couldn't help but marvel and rejoice and say 'wow, it can happen in Arkansas.'"

Despite a healthy sprinkling of jokes from officials about President Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, Huckabee asserted that the race for political office is not about mud-



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U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson (background), Arkansas' first lady, Janet Huckabee (center), and Gov. Mike Huckabee greet fellow Republicans at Friday's appreciation dinner.

slinging.

"I think people are realizing Republicans aren't here to tear down the Democrats. The Republican goal is not to see how much

damage we can do to the other party, but to see how much good we can do Arkansas," he said.

Huckabee addressed some of the legislation handled during his term

and gave the audience a taste of what they can expect if he is re-elected.

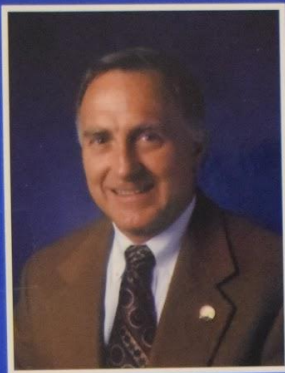
Huckabee bragged on the state welfare-reform program. As of July 1, 1997, he said, 29.9 percent of state residents on welfare had stopped spending taxes and started paying taxes.

Despite talk that the reform would put people on the streets, Huckabee said that homelessness was down for the first time in years.

Huckabee summed up his ideal democracy as one with lower taxes and a limited government with local control, rather than the democracy involving high taxes, big government and centralized control he said we see now.

He also recommended spending more of taxpayers' money on putting computers in classrooms and raising teachers' salaries than on putting more beds in prisons and more police on the streets.

In closing, Huckabee provided listeners with a hearty Republican promise. "I will spend my time and your money trying to make Arkansas the best place it can be by presenting ideas that will work because they're based on old-fashioned principles you and I know made America a very wonderful country to live in," he said.



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Asa Hutchinson named 'Super Friend of Seniors'

By MAYLON T. RICE
Northwest Arkansas Times

1-17-95

FAYETTEVILLE — The 60 Plus Association Tuesday named U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson a "Super Friend of Seniors" at the midpoint of the 105th Congress.

The Arlington, Va.-based conservative organization represents a half million seniors on tax relief issues, according to David Cutbirth, communications director of the 60 Plus Association.

"We are delighted to honor U.S. Rep. Hutchinson for his diligence in supporting senior citizens in the Congress," said Cutbirth.

This is the first time 60 Plus conducted a rating of members in the middle of a congressional term. Its first two political scorecards were released at the end of the 103rd and 104th Congresses.

Hutchinson, when notified Tuesday, was encouraged by the honor from the senior watchdog group and especially by his 100 percent rating, he said.

"I went to Washington with the goal of reducing the size of government and the burden of its excessive tax structure while seeking to protect the integrity of Medicare. I plan to maintain those priorities," Hutchinson said.

During the past year, Hutchinson supported repeals of the Estate Tax restraints of seniors who have worked all their lives only to be heavily taxed when willing property to children and family members, Cutbirth said.

"That topic of estate tax relief especially caught our attention to the friendship that Rep. Hutchinson has for seniors," Cutbirth said.

Also notable on behalf of seniors was Hutchinson's Oct. 21 letter written to William F. Benson, acting assistant secretary for aging, in response to a series of stories in the Northwest Arkansas Times about the management and financing of the Area Connection, a nonprofit organization previously known as the Area Agency on Aging. The Area Connection represents more than 45,000 seniors in a nine-county area and has a \$12 million annual budget.

Of the nine legislative issues selected by the 60 Plus Association for its scorecard, Hutchinson actually tied with U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey of Pine Bluff in the 4th Congressional District and U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, Asa Hutchinson's older brother, for the state's top honors with a perfect 100 percent score.

Arkansas' Democratic congressmen scored low on the 60 Plus scorecard, Cutbirth said. Rep. Vic Snyder of Little Rock had zero, Rep. Marion Berry of Gillette scored 20 points, and U.S. Sen. Dale Bumpers of Charleston polled only 10 points.

"By evaluating Congress at the mid-term, it helps us look into the future, so to speak, and predict who will once again be in line to receive our highest honor, the Guardian of Seniors' Rights Award. The "Super Friend" designation means Rep. Hutchinson is well on the way to achieving that goal," said Jim Martin, 60 Plus president.

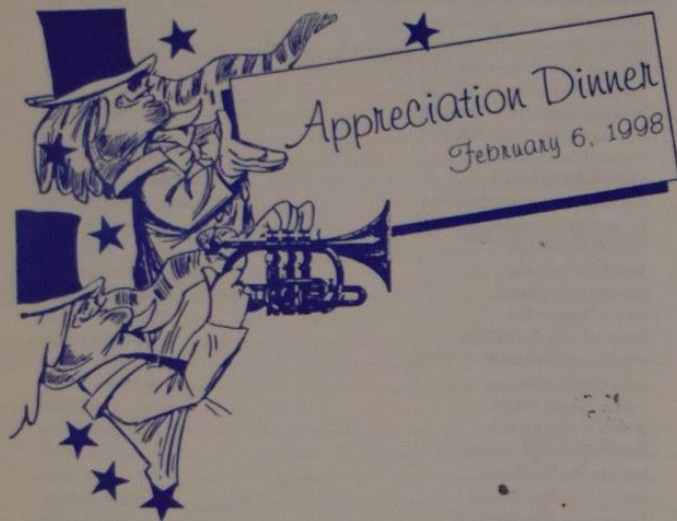


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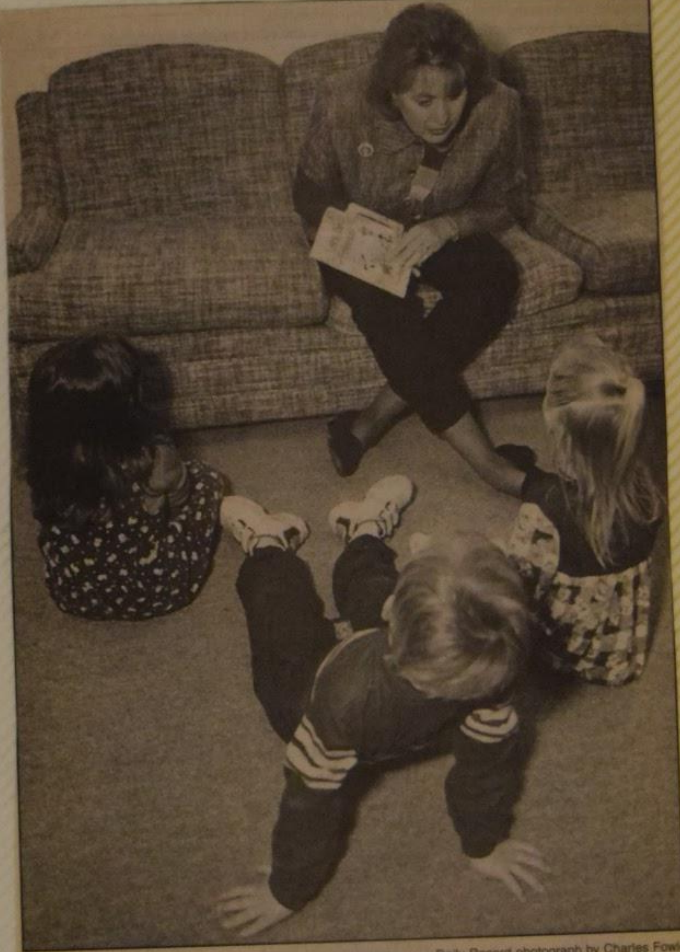
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Janet Huckabee, wife of Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, reads a story to children at the Benton County Children's Shelter on Tuesday. Mrs. Huckabee spent the day touring various public and private projects in Benton and Washington counties.



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Phyllis Schatz, club president, presents the book, *Transforming America From Inside Out*, to library director Lynn Eldred. Donated by the Benton County Republican Women, it is also in memory of deceased members: Patricia Pathe, Cleo De Craene, Eunice Beaman and Loretta Roberts.

County Republican women make donation to library

As part of the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP), the Benton County Republican Women are donating to the Bentonville Public Library, *Transforming America From Inside Out* by Kay Coles James. James is the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the state of Virginia and served in the White House during the Bush Administration. Her views on poverty, homosexuality, abortion and racism will surprise you. Her prescriptions might disturb you but one thing is certain, *Transforming America* will challenge you to join the fight to make America a safe and decent place in which to live and raise your family.

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Feb 7, 1998

Dear Peter,

I thank so much for the program of Beth's funeral. I had heard the news and was surprised and saddened by our loss. Beth was such a vibrant woman. Hopefully she didn't suffer too much.

We had a very successful Lincoln Day Dinner Tuesday Night. Grossed a record \$24,000. All our candidates will need every dollar this year. Jim Wilson sat with us and caught us up on news of Washington County. I thank again. Don

Mary Beth Farrell

ROGERS — Mary Beth Farrell, 65, of Rogers died Jan. 9, 1998, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She was born Jan. 7, 1933, in Holdenville, Okla., to Oliver Marshall and Sybil Thetford Mathis. She attended Oklahoma State University at Stillwater. She moved to the area in 1968 from Fenton, Mich. She was past president of the Benton County Republican Women's Club. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Thomas Neely Farrell; two sons, Michael Geren Farrell of Statesboro, Ga., and John Neely Farrell of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Phyllis Lyons of Alabaster, Ala.; one grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville with the Rev. Paul Sagen and the Rev. Jimmy Lyons officiating.

Committal of remains will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hilltop Cemetery near Calvin, Okla.

Memorials may be made to the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4511 Wedington, Fayetteville 72703.

Arrangements are under the direction of Callison-Lough Funeral Service of Rogers.



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- *U.S. House of Representatives, 3rd District:
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- *Arkansas Lt. Governor: LT. GOV. WIN ROCKEFELLAR (I)
- *Arkansas Attorney General: BETTY DICKEY
- *Arkansas Secretary of State: ROSE BRYANT JONES
- *Arkansas Supreme Court, Position 2: JUDGE FRANK AREY
- *Arkansas State Senate, District 26: RANDY BRYANT
- *Arkansas State Senate, District 33: DAVE BISBEE
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Circuit Judge, Division 1: JUDGE TOM KEITH (I)
- Circuit Judge, Division 2: JUDGE DAVID CLINGER (I)
- Circuit/Chancery, Division 3: JUDGE JAY FINCH (I)
- Prosecuting Attorney: BRAD BUTLER (I)
- *Benton County Judge: CARY ANDERSON
- *Benton County Sheriff: SHERIFF ANDY LEE (I)
- Benton County Clerk: MARY LOU SLINKARD (I)
- Benton County Circuit Clerk: SUE HODGES (I)
- Benton County Assessor: SHIRLEY SANDLIN (I)
- Benton County Collector: SCOTT DOUGLAS
- Benton County Treasurer: GLORIA SPRING PETERSON (I)
- Benton County Coroner: LARRY GUENTHER, SR. (I)
- Benton County Surveyor: RON RIDOUT (I)

* Opposition

(I) Incumbent

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Benton Countians attend GOP convention

Some 41 Benton County Republicans will make their way to Little Rock for a party convention beginning Sept. 18.

Kay Hahn, president of the county Republican Committee, and the other Benton Countians will be part of the largest county delegation in the state, based on a formula that considers Republican vote in previous elections and other criteria. "We have 41 delegates that will go. I think we're the most Republican county in Arkansas," she said.

The event will be at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock.

The two-day convention will officially certify state-wide candidates, including Governor Mike Huckabee, who is running for Arkansas governor; and Fay Boozman III of Rogers, a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Keynote speaker will be Mary Jo Arndt, president of the National Federation of Republican Women. Other speakers will include Governor Mike Huckabee.



Book in works before gunfire, publisher says

Huckabee signed final contract April 6

BY DOUG THOMPSON
AND BILL SIMMONS
ARKANSAS JOURNAL-STAR/OUTLET

Gov. Mike Huckabee's decision to write a book about violence among youths was made weeks before 15 people were shot in a school yard near Jonesboro, Huckabee's publisher said Friday.

The shooting did not prompt the April 6 signing of the book contract — two weeks after children and teachers were ambushed at Westside Middle School, the publisher said.

Huckabee and publishers Broadman & Holman Inc. of Nashville, Tenn., had agreed that Huckabee would write the book and had begun negotiations on contract terms weeks before the shootings, Broadman spokesman Robin Patterson said.

The April 6 contract was the final piece in arrangements that began with a multibook contract in 1996, she said.



AARON SKINNER / THE MORNING NEWS

State Sen. Fay Boozman, R-Rogers, speaks at Tuesday's meeting of the Benton County Republican Women.

Boozman says state, region moving to conservative Republican philosophies

Thomas Sissom
The Morning News

▼ BENTON COUNTY

The political climate in Arkansas is changing, state Sen. Fay Boozman said Tuesday, with the rest of the state embracing the conservatism of Northwest Arkansas.

Boozman, a Republican state senator from Rogers, is running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Dale Bumpers. He spoke to a meeting of the Republican Women of Benton County at the Rogers Youth Center and told the group his early experiences in campaigning across the state have been positive, with voters everywhere becoming more receptive to Republican candidates.

"I'm on the Lincoln Day circuit right now," Boozman told the group, referring to the GOP's traditional February gatherings. Boozman said the party has 25 Lincoln Days scheduled this year, and the smallest crowd he has seen topped 200 people.

"I can remember even here when a crowd of 200 people was great," Boozman said.

Boozman said his main effort so far has been to try to go beyond a surface image of being a one-issue candidate and to persuade people his place of residence should not become an

'We need citizen-statesmen, citizen-legislators. If we're going to have these, we've got to have citizen involvement.'

Fay Boozman
State senator

date's place of residence. "The issue is not where you live, the issue is where you stand on the issues."

Boozman said his life has taken him to all parts of Arkansas. Growing up in Fort Smith, he went to Conway to attend college, he said. He also lived in Little Rock for about 10 years while he was receiving his medical training, which took him to cities, towns and communities across the state.

"There is nobody who has deeper roots in Arkansas than I do," he said.

Boozman said the election campaign will see everyone claiming to be a conservative. The real test, he said, is how



Bledsoe holds successful fundr

3/25/98 Hometown News
By Marie Putman

Special to the Hometown News

Friday the 13th turned out to be a winning day for Cecile Bledsoe. A republican candidate for state representative in District 3, Bledsoe held her first fundraiser, March 13 at the Rogers Youth Center.

It was a huge success as friends came out to eat chili and show their support. "We had planned to only sell 100 tickets," Bledsoe said. "But we went way over that as we served chili to over 150."

Bledsoe spoke briefly at the event, introducing elected officials who attended, and thanking her campaign manager, Marilyn Holloway and assistant, Geri Allen. Many volunteers helped with the fund raiser. The candidate said she was overwhelmed by the support; Joe Hugely donated all the chili, Allen cooked the combread and Betty Wassman baked cinnamon rolls for the surprise desert.

Bledsoe admitted feeling discouraged in hear-



photo submitted

Supporters Harry Guy, left, and Ken Loehmann, right, attended a recent fundraiser with candidate Cecile Bledsoe and Dr. Jim Bledsoe.

ing reports of polls that said no one cared about morality in leadership. She held up an article from the March 5th Washington Times, headed

"Livid Ladies Put President Rally." The newspaper had hundreds and hundreds of people marched in front of the F. Vernon Jordan was testifying. The well-attended meeting was held in Pennsylvania.

The leader at the "Charity" was a grandmother. She said, "We are here to challenge the notion that you can't count in leadership. We are here to show that we are trustworthy!"

With deep conviction, she said, "I know you care about the character of your candidates. At the end of the day, it's character that counts. Character does count."

Bledsoe told the crowd that she proved there were those who cared. "I don't stand alone."









Pictured (l-r) attending the Sebastian County RW Christmas luncheon held Dec. 9 are: Reta Hamilton, AFRW Third Dist. Dir.; Cyndi Walker, 1997 club president; Joyce Phillips, AFRW President; Jonelle Fulmer, 1998 club president; and Sally Kibler, AFRW Third Dist. Dir. (photo submitted by Reta Hamilton.)

AFRW Members Announce Campaigns



Cecile Bledsoe, third from left, announced a bid for State House seat, Dist. 3 in January. Pictured here to her left are AFRW Secretary Nina Carelock; Vickie Boozman, wife of State Senator Fay Boozman, candidate in the Republican Primary for the U.S. Senate; and to her right, AFRW Third District Director Reta Hamilton. (photo submitted by Reta Hamilton)

As this newsletter goes to press, several AFRW members have announced plans to run for office in 1998. Hopefully, others will soon follow their example during the March filing period.

Cecile Bledsoe, member of *Benton County Republican Women*, announced her run for State House of Representatives Dist. 3 on Friday, Jan. 9. She was quoted in a local newspaper as saying she wants to "stand for what is right and what is good and in the best interests of the families of Arkansas."

"I'd like to take my desire to strengthen families to Little Rock. Families are the

cornerstone of our nation, and I believe they need an advocate in the State House of Representatives. That is why I am running."

Republican Women

Benton County Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Rogers Youth Center.

Joe Hudson, candidate for the U.S. Senate will be the guest speaker. Hudson is a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and serves on the Revenue and Taxation, State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, and Joint Budget Committees.

The public is invited to attend.

4-30-98

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ALMA LOYCE CADWELL

PLACE OF BIRTH

Fort Gibson, Oklahoma
November 10, 1919

PLACE OF DEATH

Rogers, Arkansas
April 30, 1998

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May 5, 1998 - 3:00 PM

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Rose Garden Columbarium
Rogers, Arkansas

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Lee introduces Ten Commandments in Benton County jail ... plus 30

By Stracy Roersens 4-27-98
Daily Record Staff

BENTON COUNTY — Just as the Ten Commandments were designed to help lead a people from slavery to a promised land, Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee hopes the same rules — plus 30 more — can help lead offenders to a life free from crime.

Lee unveiled a new list of rules, beginning with the Ten Commandments, that will govern the behavior of inmates in the new Benton County Jail when it opens in the fall.

"We'll tell the inmates if you operate on these rules while you are in here, you will not get in trouble," Lee said. "If you continue to operate on them when you get out, you won't come back here."

The 40 rules will be posted in both English and Spanish in the booking area of the new jail, where another change will be made, Lee said.

Volunteer ministers will be in the booking area to speak with inmates as they are brought in, Lee said.

"There is no better place for ministers to walk up and say 'Can I help you,'" Lee said. "They will set the standard in booking that will carry through the entire stay of an inmate."

The changes are results of the increased need, and increased response, from the groups that provide ministry to the inmates of the jail, Lee said.

The Gideons have provided opportunities for inmates to be baptised, conducting 117 baptisms in the past six months, Lee said.

ministry increase to 16 hours a day in the jail, and the Gideons responded by recruiting students from John Brown University to assist them with the increased hours, he said.

"They are having to turn them away now and are putting volunteers on waiting lists," Lee said. "Now we will expand the ministry to 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The new jail was designed with a room Lee has called the Gideon Room for their use. It will have a baptismal pool.

"I promised them I'd find them a piano," Lee said. "So if you know anyone who wants to donate one,

let me know." One of the Gideons attending the announcement immediately said he had a piano for the program.

Lee said there was a good chance he would end up in a federal prison for posting the Ten Commandments in a government jail.

"We may have a sacrificial sheriff instead of a sacrificial lamb," Lee said. "But when government takes God out of government all together, we'll take it down. God is in our national anthem. God is on our coins — when they take God out of there, until then, I won't take it down."

strengthen and to help families to Little Rock. Families are the cornerstone of our nation, and I believe they need an advocate in the State House of Representatives. That is why I am running."

Throughout her speech, Bledsoe was flanked by her husband Jim and children Samuel and Tricia. Her oldest son Greg, a medical student in Little Rock, was unable to attend "but he's assured me I have his vote," Bledsoe said.

Said Samuel Bledsoe: "I am very excited for my mom, but I am also a little nervous. I know she will do a good job."

Cecile Bledsoe is a member of the Benton County Republican Committee and was chairman of the 1997 Fall Republican Rally. Bledsoe has helped out on numerous campaigns throughout the past 10 years.

"It's been in her blood a while," Tricia Bledsoe said. "She has gone door to door in the rain to campaign for people she believes in."

No one has filed yet to run against Bledsoe. The primary is May 19.

inches run for state House



Cecile Bledsoe

could continue.

"I think this is great," Bob Clarke of Prairie Creek said. "Bledsoe is intelligent. She's reasonable and she listens. She is a very strong moral person. She has strong convictions, but at the same time she is a great listener. She has excellent communication skills."

Bledsoe said those traits won't change if she is elected.

"We need people to encourage what is decent and good in America and in our state," Bledsoe said. "I'd like to be the one who will be sent to Little Rock to serve the people of the Third District."

"I'd like to take my desire to

ROGERS — Saying she wants to "stand for what is right and what is good and in the best interests of the families of Arkansas," Cecile Bledsoe on Friday announced her candidacy for state House of Representatives District 3.

The seat is now held by Republican Dave Bisbee of Rogers. He has held the seat since 1993, but is ineligible to seek re-election because of term limits.

Before a chilled crowd of more than 75 at Frisco Park in downtown Rogers, Bledsoe, a Republican, outlined her platform — one centering around family and ethical values.

"I think that anything that concerns the family, as state representative, I would be looking at and saying 'How does this effect them them? Is this something that would encourage families?' I think that is how I will look at it," said Bledsoe, who has lived in Rogers since 1978.

Her speech on this cold day was brief, but packed with fire. Twice she had to stop to let applause calm down before she

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Republican women hold campaign kick-off

By KEVIN McCINTOCK
Daily Record Staff

4-98

ROGERS — With the May 19 election less than a month away, the Benton County Republican Women held their annual campaign kick-off Tuesday night in Rogers.

More than 60 Republicans turned out to meet more than two dozen candidates vying for nine county positions including county judge, prosecuting attorney and sheriff.

Tim R. Morris, vying for the 19th Judicial District West Prosecuting Attorney's position, said incumbent Brad Butler was not doing a proper job.

"Justice has to be made," Morris said, saying the position was too important, "if officers are winning the battle in the trenches only for us to lose it in the courtroom."

Morris cited several cases where he alleged Butler let criminals go on reduced sentences, including a possession of methamphetamine charge.

Butler countered by saying the crowd had heard a lot of campaign rhetoric. "What he neglected to tell you was just this week he was in court defending a person charged with meth (possession)."

Butler said many of the campaign promises he made two years were kept, and asked for continued support.

Much the same was said by Benton County Judge Clyde Cummings, who reminded those in the audience that he managed to keep the promises he made to the voting public two years ago.

Reading from his brochure, he said he reduced the amount of pickup trucks in the county inventory by half; graded 5,500 miles of road; patched 3,700 miles of road; and was working to reduce the budget by \$500,000.

"I said I would and I feel like I've made some dents," Cummings said.

Opponent Larry Husky said he was worried about the amount of arguing with Justices of the Peace, and predicted the discord would lead to Cummings removal during the election.

"I think it's pretty well agreed we'll have a new county judge (candidate from the GOP ranks) on the 19th," Husky said. He went on to say that he would do his best to bring relief to property owners.

County judge candidate Cary "Doc" Anderson called himself the "people's candidate" and said he was "looking for positive, opportunistic leadership." He also urged the Quorum Court to simply do their job.

Billy Ray Smith, running for County Sheriff, said information he'd obtained showed that \$2 million was spent on salaries, and that 98 percent of those arrested were made by city police forces, not county deputies.

"I urge for a change in law enforcement here in Benton County," Smith said.

Calling himself an "8th-degree redneck," Lee said his department was undermanned and undertrained. "Those things can't be manipulated. It's easy to say how to play it, but different when you're the quarterback on the field."

Lee also talked about the tragedy his department has faced this year.

Third Sheriff candidate Charles Bilby did not attend the event.

Other contested positions heard Tuesday night included:

- JP Dist. 8 — Michael Sullivan and Linda L. Levine;
- JP Dist. 9 — Rogers M. Gibson (incumbent Sheryll A. Harbaugh did not attend)
- JP Dist. 12 — (neither Kurt S. Moore and Gregory S. Rea attended)
- Constable Esculapia Township — Rick Dillard (challenger Douglas E. VanScoy did not attend)
- State Sen. Dist. 33 — Jim Parsons, Charlie Fuqua and David Bisbee
- State Rep. Dist. 4 — Geoff Buchanan (challenger Marvin C. Higginbottom did not attend)
- Benton County Tax Collector — Scott Douglas, Dee Ann Purma
- Circuit-Chancery Judge — Ron McLaughlin, Jay Finch, Greg Clark.



Betty Dickey
Republican
Candidate
for
Arkansas
Attorney
General

Stakes high for GOP in attorney general contest, candidate Betty Dickey says

By GARY LOOKADOO 6-15-98
Daily Record Staff

ROGERS — The political stakes are especially high for the GOP in this year's race for Arkansas Attorney General, the Republican candidate for the office said.

Attending a Monday luncheon meeting of Benton County Republican Women, Betty Dickey, the GOP attorney general candidate, asked that she be given all-out support in her bid to become a state constitutional officer.

Dickey, a former Democrat, switched parties and decided to run for attorney general as a Republican. She is now serving as the district prosecutor in Pine Bluff.

Trying to succeed incumbent Democrat Attorney General Winston Bryant — who opted to run for the U.S. Senate instead of seeking re-election — Dickey faces Democrat Mark Pryor, the son of former U.S. Sen. David Pryor. The younger Pryor made a strong but losing bid for attorney general in 1994.

Arkansas Republicans should know Dickey's race this year is particularly important to the GOP, because the person selected attorney general will be one of three members of a panel charged with redrawing district boundaries for both the Arkansas House and the Arkansas Senate, Dickey said. The governor, the Arkansas Secretary of State, and the next Attorney General will be a

three-person panel charged with overseeing redrawing of boundaries for all state legislative seats, designed to ensure that legislative districts have roughly equal population.

The redrawing of the boundaries will occur after 2000, the candidate said. If the GOP can pick up either the attorney general's post or the secretary of state's post — both now held by Democrats — and if the GOP can hold on to the governorship now held by Republican Mike Huckabee, who is seeking re-election, Republicans will be in a strong position when it comes to the recasting of state legislative district boundaries, Dickey said.

A state lawmaker present at the luncheon meeting understands that Democrats have always drawn legislative boundaries to the advantage of the Democratic Party, she said. "I know (state Representative and now state Senate candidate) Randy Bryant knows how Gerrymandered the districts are," Dickey said.

The Arkansas House district which Republican Randy Bryant, of Pea Ridge, is leaving to run for the state Senate includes the east side of Bella Vista, Pea Ridge, Garfield, Gateway, Beaver, Holiday Island and Eureka Springs.

Her reasons for seeking the state attorney general's job are not limited to seeking political advantages for Republicans, she said. She believes her training

and experience have made her the better choice for the post she's seeking, Dickey said. "My experience as a prosecutor is the reason I say to you, I am the more qualified of the two candidates, and passion and commitment is what I (will) bring to the job," she said.

Her experience as a prosecutor has included more than her share of difficult cases, the candidate said. As an example, she cited her successful prosecution of a Lonoke County man in a sexual abuse case involving Boy Scouts.

Earlier, she had no plans to run for Arkansas attorney general. But conversations — with GOP U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson; with Huckabee; and her former husband, Republican U.S. Representative Jay Dickey — convinced her that she not only could make a useful contribution, but that the state needed her to do so, Dickey said.

Money is required to run a successful race, and she is not shy about asking for the money she needs, Dickey told the Republican group.

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**Betty
DICKEY**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Benton County Republican Women
June 15, 1998
Prairie Creek Hickory House*

Welcome

*Phyllis Schatz
President, BCRW*

Invocation

*Debra Hobbs
Chaplain, BCRW*

Pledge of Allegiance

*Reta Hamilton
3rd District Director, AFRW*

*Introduction of Elected
Officials & Special Guests*

*Phyllis Schatz
President, BCRW*

Buffet Luncheon

Introduction of Guest Speaker

*Jody Parsons
1st Vice President, BCRW*

Guest Speaker

*Betty Dickey
Candidate, Arkansas Attorney General*

Presentation of Campaign Contributions

*Phyllis Schatz, President, BCRW
Kathleen Butler, Treasurer, BCRW*

Closing Remarks

*Phyllis Schatz
President, BCRW*

Benton County

GOP elects officers

Benton County Republicans met last week in their biennial convention to elect new officers for the coming two years.

Kaye Hahn of Rogers was named chairman of the Benton County G.O.P. Committee. Geri Allen and Ret Miles were named vice-chairmen. Cathy Treadway of Bella Vista is the new secretary and Kathleen Butler will be treasurer. Reta Hamilton, Bella Vista was reelected as State Committeewoman. Duane Neal, Bentonville, was re-elected as State Committeeman.

State Attorney General Candidate Betty Dickey and State Supreme Court candidate Frank Arey were introduced by U.S. Senate candidate Fay Boozman.

Dickey told the packed convention that the Attorney General's post is vital to Republican interests when redistricting occurs two years hence. She stressed her background as a tough prosecutor over her opponent's lack of experience. Arey said the State Supreme Court has a powerful sway over court and legislative actions and needs Republican balance to be fair and impartial.

Outgoing Chairman Johnathan Barnett of Siloam Springs praised committee members for being the "strongest Republican county in Arkansas and setting an example for other counties."

Barnett urged committee members to work hard to elect Boozman, Dickey, Arey, and all Benton County officials in the upcoming November general election.

Barnett had served four years as chairman and, in accordance with G.O.P. Committee rules, retired after a two-term limit.



Coral V. Hutchinson

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ROGERS — Coral V. Hutchinson, 85, of Rogers died June 25, 1998, at her home. She was born Aug. 22, 1912, in Aransas Pass, Texas, to Timothy Silas and Martha Alicinda Van Meter Mount. She was a homemaker, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Rogers and taught Ladies' Bible Study in Gravette for 20 years. She was active in Benton County Republican Women and enjoyed arts and crafts and was an avid reader. She moved to Northwest Arkansas in 1948 from Oklahoma City, Okla. She was preceded in death by her husband, John M. Hutchinson, in 1991; two brothers; one sister.

Survivors include three sons, John M. Hutchinson Jr. of Rogers, Tim Hutchinson of Bentonville and Asa Hutchinson of Fort Smith; three daughters, Rita Vee Roberts of Ada, Okla., Marylea Hendren of Gravette and Jeri Jean Rosson of Rogers; three sisters, Grace McIntosh of Longview, Texas, Zelma Yadon of Tucker, Ga., and Norma Smith of Oklahoma City; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Baptist Church with pastor Thomas E. Hatley officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery south of Gravette under the direction of Callison-Lough Funeral Home of Rogers.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Benton County Christian School, 2006 S. 12th, Rogers, 72756, or to the Benevolence Society at Immanuel Baptist Church, 506 W. Poplar, Rogers 72756.





BENTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

June 1998

★★★ COUNTY CONVENTION OFFICIAL CALL ★★★

BENTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

THE BENTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION is hereby called for Monday, June 15, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. to be held at the Benton County Courthouse, Courtroom #1 in Bentonville, Arkansas. The purpose of this CONVENTION is to certify our Republican candidates for the November 3, 1998 General Election; elect Delegates/Alternates to the Arkansas State Republican Convention; elect the State Committeeman and the State Committeewoman; vote on any changes to the BCRC rules; and conduct the other business of the Convention. Immediately following the County Convention the BCRC will convene, the new members will be seated, elections for officers of the committee will be held, membership on the District/Regional committee will be determined, new members will be nominated, and the regular business of the BCRC will be conducted. **Betty Dickey**, candidate for Arkansas Attorney General, is the invited Convention speaker. All Republican officials, candidates and members of the old and new County Committee and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Filing as officers on the 1998-2000 Benton County Republican Committee: Chairman, **Kaye Hahn**; 1st Vice Chairman, **Geri Allen**; 2nd Vice Chairman, **Ret Miles**; Secretary, **Cathy Treadway**; Treasurer **Kathleen Butler**; State Committeeman, **Duane Neal**; State Committeewoman, **Reta Hamilton**; Regional/District Committeeman, **John Tate**; Regional/District Committeewoman, **Doris Holke**; Regional/District Committeemen-At-Large, **Louise Bonaker**, **Mary Femmer**, **John Hahn**, **Harold Hawkins**, **Helen Hawkins**, **Burt Schindler**, **John Shelton**, **George Weller**, and **Frank Winscott**.

Calendar of Events

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE ON JUNE 23 DUE TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION

Run-Off Election

Tuesday, June 9, 1998
REMEMBER TO VOTE!!

Benton County Republican Convention

Monday, June 15, 1998
6:00 P.M. Reception
7:00 P.M. Meeting
Speaker: **Betty Dickey**
Benton County Courthouse, Ctroom #1

3rd Congressional District Convention

Saturday, July 11, 1998
9:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.
Center for Continuing Education
Interstate 64/71 & Hwy 540
Van Buren, Arkansas

Filing as Delegate to the State Convention on September 11-12, 1998 are:

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| 1. Mrs. Donna Hutchinson | 22. Ret Miles |
| 2. Jonathan Barnett | 23. Mrs. Mary Lou Slinkard |
| 3. Mrs. Geri Allen | 24. Mrs. Gloria Peterson |
| 4. John Blake | 25. Jack Sandlin |
| 5. Mrs. Donna Blake | 26. Mrs. Shirley Sandlin |
| 6. Mrs. Kaye Hahn | 27. Hon. Clyde Cummings |
| 7. Dr. John Hahn | 28. Mrs. Vickey Boozman |
| 8. Mrs. Margaret Otte | 29. Hon. John Brown III |
| 9. Duane Neal | 30. Hon. Jim Hendren |
| 10. Mrs. Mary Neal | 31. Mrs. Tammy Hendren |
| 11. Mrs. Reta Hamilton | 32. Hon. David Hausam |
| 12. John Tate | 33. Mrs. Cindy Hausam |
| 13. Mrs. Evelyn Tate | 34. Hon. David Bisbee |
| 14. Mrs. June Pelphrey | 35. Mrs. Linda Bisbee |
| 15. Claude Bradley | 36. Hon. Randy Bryant |
| 16. Mrs. Jessie Bradley | 37. Mrs. Beth Bryant |
| 17. Bill Borhauer | 38. Ted Bengtson |
| 18. Hon. Shirley Borhauer | 39. Mrs. Lorraine Bengtson |
| 19. Gerald Hodges | 40. Hon. Cary Anderson |
| 20. Mrs. Sue Hodges | 41. Tom Farrell |
| 21. Ray Barnett | |



Lawyer takes on Ten Commandments in civil rights suit

BY MICHELLE BRADFORD
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

BENTONVILLE — A Rogers attorney filed a civil rights lawsuit Wednesday against Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee after the sheriff unveiled new jail rules that include the biblical Ten Commandments.

Lee displayed a sign listing 40 new rules for prisoners during a news conference Tuesday outside the county jail in Bentonville. The new rules were posted in the booking area of the jail Tuesday night, he said.

The first 10 rules are the Ten Commandments. The other 30 rules deal with behavior of prisoners.

The sign includes a warning that convicts may face discipline for violating any of the rules.

Attorney Doug Norwood filed a suit Wednesday in Benton County Circuit Court.

The suit contends the establishment and enforcement of the Ten Commandments as jail rules violate the Arkansas Civil Rights Act of 1993.

Norwood filed the suit on behalf of prisoner Jamey Ashford.

"He's my only client in the jail," Norwood said. "This is a test case to challenge the issue."

The suit seeks an injunction against Lee to remove the sign from the jail and stop enforcing the Ten Commandments as jail rules.

Although the suit asks for compensatory damages, Norwood said he knows of no prisoner who has been disciplined for breaking one of the Ten Commandments while in jail.

Lee said he anticipated such a lawsuit. "Normally I don't comment on lawsuits; however, I will fight this

one to the end," Lee said Wednesday. "And I will accept help on this from anyone on the side of the Lord."

The new rules were prompted by a jail church ministry program recently expanded by Lee. Through the program, members of Gideons International serve as chaplains in the jail. The Protestant organization is known for placing Bibles in hotel and motel rooms.

The Gideons members are assisted by student volunteers from John Brown University in Siloam Springs.

Book donation

Benton County Republican Women's Club recently presented a copy of the book "Mrs. Ike" to the Rogers Public Library. "Mrs. Ike" was written by Susan Eisenhower, Mrs. Eisenhower's granddaughter. It is based on unpublished letters and documents. Pictured is club president Phyllis Schatz (left) and librarian Alice Medlin. Each year, the club purchases books for the Rogers and Bentonville libraries in memory of deceased members.

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Donna and Sen. Tim Hutchinson of Bentonville, parents of the bridegroom

PHOTOS BY WILLIAM E. THOMPSON



Antique show offers 'nostalgia trip' for all

By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

ROGERS — A Benton County Republican Women-sponsored fair will offer nostalgia to visitors and support for charity, the club's president said.

The Antique Show and Sale will be held at the Rogers Youth Center, located at 315 W. Olive St. in Rogers.

Hours for this year's three-day show are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 1

and 2 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 3.

It will feature many dealer/exhibitors with a large variety of items to offer, from dolls and pottery to silver, majolica and more, club President Phyllis Schatz of Rogers said.

"This year we're going to have a full range of things they are bringing," Schatz said. "We have furniture, we have glassware, we have linen. We have old books. ... This year ... we do

have a glass-grinder coming," who will be doing repairs of glass and crystal items on site, she said.

Some items featured in the show are unusual and some aren't but all of them are intended to provoke a common reaction, Schatz said.

"Actually, the biggest fun for me is to see all the neat things that people bring to sell, because some of them are very rare, some of them are not that uncommon. But it's the type of things," she said. "... I think everybody does a nostalgia trip when they see it, and says, 'Oh! My grandmother had one of those!' or, 'Oh! I used to eat off of one of those at Aunt Mary's! And the same way with the furniture. 'It's the type of furniture I grew up with.'"



Margaret Matthews sits with her large collection of glassware, dishware, dolls and doll accessories, and other items.



Lana Givens displays part of her collection of vintage books.

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Asa's white whale

It's campaign-finance reform

ASA HUTCHINSON must feel as if he's a math teacher trying to get the kids interested in logarithms on the last day of school. He's been dutifully preaching campaign-finance reform on Capitol Hill—right in the titillating middle of l'affaire Lewinsky and just before Congress goes on one of its extended breaks. For those money-addicted politicians looking for an excuse not to reform the way campaigns are bought and paid for, it's hard to think of two more convenient distractions.

Say this about Asa Hutchinson: He's not doing it the easy way. Although one suspects there is no easy way to convince some pols to cut the amount of money available for their campaigns. It's a bit like suggesting a speed limit for Indy-car drivers. Some things ain't natural.

It may sound like an inmates-running-the-asylum philosophy, but the congressman from Arkansas' Third District has made naïvete an asset in his drive to reform campaign finance. His efforts included a nice, bipartisan brainstorming session for freshmen legislators that resulted in—*ta da!*—The Freshmen Bill. Which is co-authored by Asa Hutchinson, Republican of Arkansas, and Tom Allen, Democrat of Maine.

The Freshmen Bill is supposed to come up for a vote today. Here's hoping the honorables in the House can put aside more pressing matters—the DNA testing on Monica's dress, for instance—and concentrate on this little bill that packs a big wallop against political campaigns as usual.

It should be noted that Congressman Hutchinson's bill won't be the only campaign-finance reform to have made it to a vote in the House this week. Another bipartisan bill, co-sponsored by Christopher Shays of Connecticut and Martin Meehan of Massachusetts, passed Monday with 237 votes. Whichever bill passes with the most votes stands as the action of the House. (Note: The Senate has already killed one attempt at campaign-finance reform.)

Both bills would ban soft money—

which needs banning. Soft money is short for those unregulated contributions, often of the six-figure variety, that find their way from the Good Suits, Corporate Bigs and labor bosses to the political parties and, eventually, into federal campaigns. Some \$260 million in soft money was spent in the last presidential election—or about six times the cost of Kenneth Starr's investigation of the galaxy.

Asa Hutchinson's bill has another welcome feature: It would limit the amount of soft money that "celebrity" politicians like Newt Gingrich or Dick Gephardt can raise for state parties other than their own. Limit it to zero. The Freshmen Bill would also require fuller disclosure on political ads paid for by supposedly independent groups—aka issue advocacy.

These advocacy groups tend to be about as independent as the president is from the Democratic National Committee. Which is fine. Nobody wants to shut them up, or infringe on their rights—which is what the Shays-Meehan bill could do. These groups have as much right to get involved as the rest of us. But it's important for voters to know just who's paying for those attack ads that flood the television screen in the final days of a campaign. Asa Hutchinson's bill would give voters more

information, and therefore more power. And in politics as in so many things, knowledge is power. What a concept! Call it democracy.

All these details about campaign finance used to qualify as big news. But that was pre-Monica. Now the quaint debates on "soft money" and "issue advocacy" amount to little more than filler as the countdown continues towards Testimony Day. That's why it's encouraging—heck, it's inspiring—to see Asa Hutchinson relentlessly chase his white whale while so many others in Washington take passage with the cruise ship of their choice. Somebody's got to tend to business while the fun and games go on. At such a time, it's good to see Asa Hutchinson acting like a congressman, not another talking head on Larry King Live. There used to be a difference.

Republican fund-raiser gathers \$944

From The Daily Record Staff

BENTONVILLE — A Tuesday fund-raiser for a permanent headquarters building for the Benton County Republican Party brought in \$944.

The special event, a chili supper, brought the party faithful out for chili, pies and other desserts, and to make donations. The supper raised to \$21,386.76 the total amount of donations set aside thus far for permanent Benton County GOP headquarters, according to committee member Margaret Otte.

Several Republican Committee members have been holding periodic fund-raising events like Tuesday's chili supper, dedicated to raising funds for party headquarters in the county.

There hasn't been a decision by the Benton County Republican Committee about how much money committee members would like to raise before they begin looking for a headquarters building, Benton County GOP Chairperson Kay Hahn said. Indeed, the committee hasn't begun checking out its alternatives, Hahn said. "I think the next step is going to be to look at real estate," she said.



Quality, integrity to be admired in the GOP camp

This column has already broken the "cardinal sin" of communication that says that one should never talk "religion" or "politics." Since I still believe in our right to free speech, even for us who are called "fanatics for Jesus" or the "religious right," here goes.

I attended the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women's Conference May 15 and 16 at the Fairfield Bay Conference Center. This statewide gathering was a first for me, and I was in "pig heaven" the whole time. (That's the term my husband, Arnie, uses to describe me having a really fun time.)

Friday night, I raced back from grandmother duty and arrived in time for the Friday evening dinner. What a treat to sit at a table with Fay Boozman, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate and his darling wife, Vicki, of 30 years of Rogers.

Dr. Fay Boozman, an ophthalmologist whose private practice started with no patients and expensive equipment purchased on credit, is a proven public servant. He has not only built a successful practice but has donated his skills in Rogers School District as a volunteer teacher and physician. He also is a volunteer physician at the Poplar House Clinic which provides medical services to low income families and currently, serves on the board for the Rogers Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Dr. Fay Boozman and his wife, Vicki have three daughters and one granddaughter and the way they spoke of them, one could sense their high regard for family values. Besides commitment to his own family, Fay Boozman has a record which speaks for itself in the State Senate. He authored the Defense for Marriage Act, sponsored legislation to increase tax credits for children and led the fight to secure passage of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

Guest Columnist



Carolyn
Schanke

Dr. Fay and Vicki Boozman were only a taste of the talented people I met at this statewide conference. Joyce Phillips, president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, is a energetic younger black woman who is typical of the women in leadership in the Republican Party. Ann Clemmer, professor at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and co-host of "Arkansas Today," was the inspiring speaker at the President's Breakfast on Saturday morning.

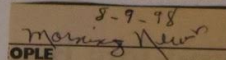
Merideth Oakley was another exciting speaker at the noon luncheon on Saturday, introduced by Barbara Hogue, president of our Fairfield Bay Area Republican Women here which meet every first Thursday of the month at Indian Hills Country Club at noon. The presentation of the colors was given at the luncheon by our own Fairfield Bay Ladies Auxiliary, District 6 VFW.

If you have ever been a Republican or like so many Democrats, are tired of the political "quagmire of bad news" lately, you owe it to yourself to revitalize your faith in the system of government, "by the people and for the people" by attending a Republican meeting either at our local Republican Women's group or the Van Buren County Republican Committee in Clinton. You will be encouraged by meeting these bold Republican candidates.

As the Feather River husband and wife team sang Friday night, "I'm proud to be an American, for at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me. And I'll gladly stand up next to you and declare it still today, for there ain't no doubt about this land, 'God Bless The USA.'"

You may come away like I did — ready to work!!

(Editor's Note: Carolyn J. Schanke of Fairfield Bay is a graduate of Morris College in Sioux City, Iowa, Victory Bible Institute in Tulsa, Okla., a former teacher and a licensed Realtor.)



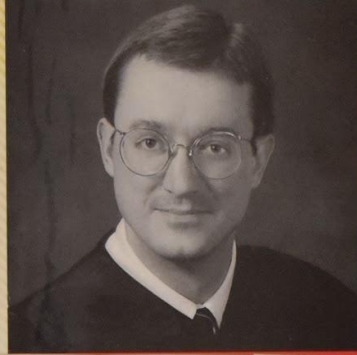
■ U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson was honored recently at a ceremony hosted by Food Distributors International, a trade group representing more than 290 companies.

Hutchinson was presented with the food distribution industry's 1998 Thomas Jefferson Award, given to members of Congress who have voted consistently in support of "sound fiscal policy, minimal government regulation, and other free-market principles crucial to the health of the food distribution industry."

Hutchinson was one of 215 members of the House of Representatives to receive the 1998 award.



Hutchinson



Arey: Some judge candidates would like their elections to be non-partisan

By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

ROGERS — He's got mixed feelings about whether judges should be identified with parties, and many judges would prefer non-partisan election, a candidate for judge said.

Frank Arey, a Republican running for Arkansas Supreme Court Position 2, said, on one hand a party label can give the voters some sense of what a candidate is like; on the other hand, it can be tough being on the bench when a judge's party affiliation is known. Party affiliation doesn't really matter to a judge, but it may not appear that way to some, he said.

"I have mixed feelings ... 'An 'R' or a 'D' tells voters something about a judge. ... On the other hand, that (party affiliation) doesn't matter (in the courtroom)," Arey said.

Arey said most judges he knows would prefer to see judicial candidates elected on a non-partisan basis. "They'd like to be non-partisan," he said.

Having served as a member of a Judicial Discipline Committee — a committee that hears complaints against

judges — he is "keenly aware" of public perceptions of judges and the courts, Arey said. Some people believe that citizens' aren't always fully heard in the courts and, while that perception is wrong it's important for a judge to be aware that it exists and to do all he can to maintain the appearance and the reality of fairness, the candidate said.

Arey previously served as a private-practice attorney in Conway, dealing with construction litigation, real estate law, creditor representation, and personal and business transactions. Then, he served as special circuit/chancery judge in the 20th Judicial District, and was an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law.

He was selected by incoming Gov. Mike Huckabee to be chief legal counsel in the office of the governor. Arey was appointed by Huckabee to a seat on the Arkansas Court of Appeals.

Women to hear candidate

By Daily Record Staff
7-21-98
ROGERS — Frank Arey, a candidate for Arkansas Supreme Court Position 2, will address a Tuesday meeting of Benton County Republican Women.
The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Rogers Youth Center, 315 W. Little Rock School of Law.
Olive St. Rogers.
Arey is on the Arkansas Court of Appeals.
Before his appointment, he served as special circuit/chancery judge in the 20th Judicial District, and as an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law.

Benton County GOP makes contributions

Daily Record Staff 7-28-98

BENTONVILLE — Benton County Republican Committee members gave money to GOP candidates and took other actions Tuesday.

Recent court decisions have made it possible for the committee to give more money to candidates, and they should do so, committee member Jonathan Barnett said.

After discussion, committee members gave \$1,000, the maximum allowable campaign contribution, to Supreme Court Position 2 candidate Frank Arey; County Judge candidate Cary Anderson; and Rose Jones, secretary of state candidate. To reach the maxi-

mum, they approved \$900 contributions to several candidates to whom they had previously given \$100 — Dave Biabe, Dist. 33 state Senate candidate; Randy Bryant, Dist. 26 state Senate candidate; Geoff Buchanan, Dist. 4 state House of Representatives candidate; and Andrew Morris, Dist. 5 state representative candidate.

Benton County GOP Chairman Kay Hahn said she had received notification that P. Weldon Nagel, the party's nominee for District 6 justice of the peace, had decided to withdraw as a candidate. Committee members planned to study and report later how a vacancy caused by the withdrawal of a candidate could be filled.

Benton County Republicans open headquarters

From the Daily Record Staff 9-20-98

ROGERS — Benton County Republicans opened their campaign headquarters Wednesday.

The 1200-square foot suite at 422 W. Walnut St. will be ideal for the party through the Nov. 3 election, said Benton County GOP Chairman Kay Hahn. "We plan to do phone banks, (provide) information about candidates and candidates' own material, and ... (provide campaign) schedules for candidates," Hahn said. Of course, voters are urged to drop by the facility to learn about candidates and issues, Hahn said.

Wolf honored by United Way

Receives national award

By Mike Jones
Daily Record Staff

ROGERS — Marge Wolf has been to plenty of United Way functions, but today's gathering in Birmingham, Ala., will be a little different.

Wolf, the President/CEO of the Rogers/Lowell United Way, will receive the prestigious Gus Shea Memorial Scholarship. The award is given to two outstanding United Way executives each year. Sara Faircloth of Beloit, Wisc., is this year's other winner.

Wolf is the second ever winner from Arkansas. Suzie Foley of Magnolia won the Gus Shea four years ago.

Wolf honored by United Way

ing to Birmingham) is an added bonus. I've been to many major United Way conferences, but I've never been the one that had to stand up."

What Wolf will be standing up for is a United Way career sprinkled with success.

Since taking over as executive director (the title was later changed to President/CEO) nearly six years ago, Wolf has expanded the local campaign from \$499,000 to more than \$815,000. She also has estab-

I've been to many major United Way conferences, but I've never been the one that had to stand up.

— Marge Wolf

Besides the award, both Wolf and Faircloth will be able to attend a United Way of America training activity of their choice. Wolf plans to attend the Impact of Services on the Community training in Denver in May.

"I really don't know what to expect (today)," Wolf said. "Go-

Photo by Doug R.A.

lished a United Way at Work program, developed bilingual materials, as well as a new mission statement. She also spearheaded a move from a one-room office to a new four-room facility downtown.

"We've been able to grow," said Wolf, who has served two terms as president of the Arkansas United Way Association. "The population grew and we were able to grow, too. It's a real honor to receive this award."

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Benton County GOP Women hear two Republican candidates

By GARY LOOKADOO 8-19-98
Daily Record Staff

Republican women.

"Without your help, this is going to be impossible. With your help victory is within reach," the candidate said.

He wants to get support from conservative Republicans, conservative Democrats and conservative independents, Buchanan said.

Anderson's Democratic opponent is Gary Black.

Buchanan's Democratic opponent is Anthony Critelli. State representative District 4 includes the east side of Bella Vista, Pea Ridge, Garfield, Gateway, Beaver, Holiday Island and Eureka Springs.

ROGERS — Two GOP candidates were showcased Tuesday at a Republican "Candidates Forum."

Cary Anderson, the GOP candidate for Benton County judge, and Geoff Buchanan, the GOP candidate for state representative District 4, addressed the regular meeting of Benton County Republican Women.

The county judge is the county's top administrator.

Anderson pledged, if elected, to seek people who live on gravel roads to be part of an advisory commission on roads.

He knows problems remain with roads, Anderson said.

Buchanan said his chances for victory depend largely on his getting support and help from

Seven new JPs elected

Anne Filippin
The Morning News

Tuesday's election guaranteed seven new justices of the peace will sit on the 13-member Benton County Quorum Court. As usual, the majority of them will be Republicans.

Republican Estes Philpott beat Robert Massey, an independent, for the District 4 seat. Cary Anderson had held the seat, but ran instead for the county-judge position, which he won. Philpott received 1,164 votes; Massey received 584 votes.

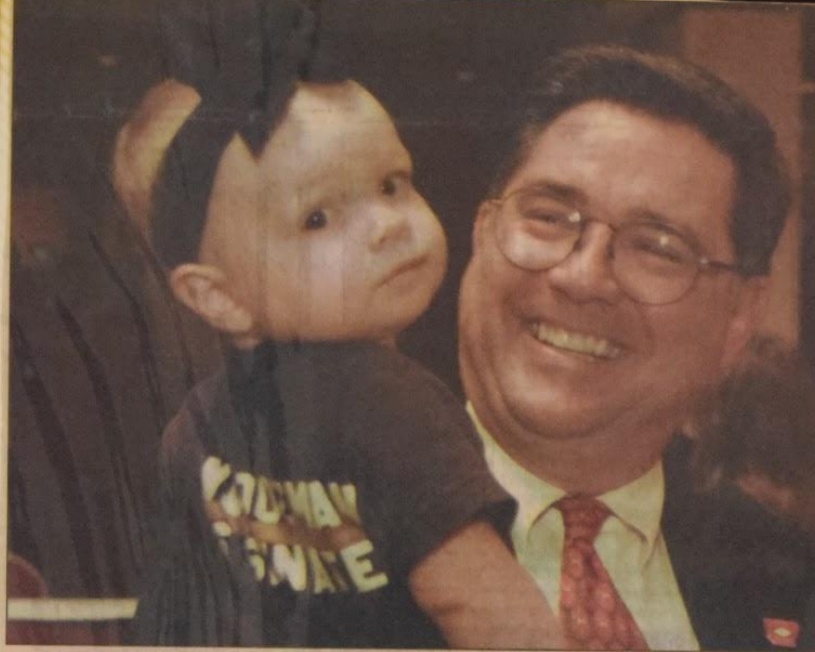
Democrat Sam Wooldridge defeated Weldon Nagel, a Republican, by a vote of 1,035 to 983 for the District 6 seat. Wooldridge was the only Democratic candidate who won a race. Mary Baggett-Willhoite did not seek re-election.

Republican Larry Patrick won the District 13 seat over Elmo Patton by 1,335 votes to 1,060. Anne Miners, R-Beaver Lake, did not run for another term.

In the two races where incumbents were running, both justices retained their seats: District 10, Republican Russell Spicer defeated Democrat Myra Moran by 1,315 votes to 966; District 9, Republican Sherryl Harbaugh beat Democrat David Lamproe by 1,907 votes to 832.

Four newcomers to the court, all Republicans, were also elected Tuesday: Randy Koontz (District 7) and Linda Levine (District 8), both of Rogers, and Karl Mounger (District 11) and Kurt Moore (District 12), both of Siloam Springs, were unopposed.

Four unopposed incumbents will return to the court: Dodie Evans, R-Gravette, District 1; Shirley Borbauer, R-Bella Vista, District 2; Leo Lynch, R-Rogers, District 3, and Tim Summers, D-Bentonville, District 5.



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Fay Boozman visits his granddaughter, Allissa Mychael Martindale, Friday in Springdale.

Kemp speaks at Boozman fund-raiser

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Amy Schlesing
The Morning News

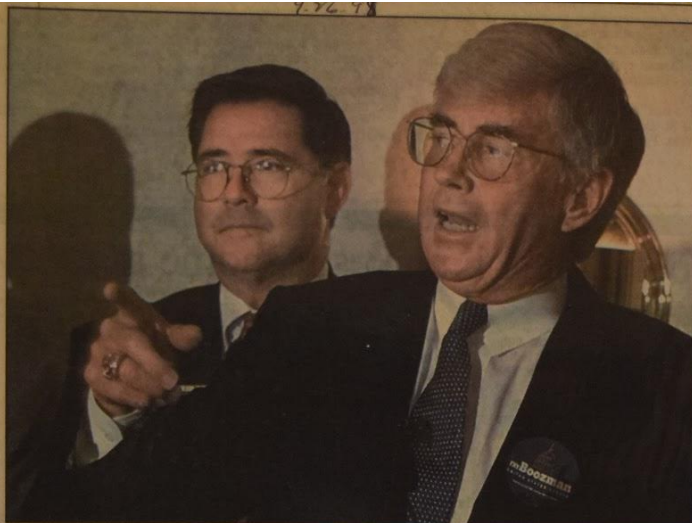
Former Republican vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp made bold declarations on behalf of the GOP and one of its candidates Friday, stating, "The Democrat Party isn't democratic. It's elitist. It wants to run our businesses and farms. Fay Boozman trusts the people of Arkansas."

Kemp was the keynote speaker at a Springdale fund-raiser for Boozman, Republican candidate in the U.S. Senate race against Democrat candidate Blanche Lincoln and Reform Party candidate Charley E. Hefley. The U.S. Senate seat is being vacated by retiring Sen. Dale Bumpers.

The \$100- to \$1,000-a-plate fund-raiser drew an attendance of about 70 supporters. Boozman, who has trailed Lincoln in recent polls, took the opportunity to point out recent gains in the polls, and plead for continued backing and financial help.

Kemp spoke on behalf of Boozman and tax reform while taking repeated jabs at the Democrat Party.

When introducing Kemp, Boozman said Kemp's stand on tax reform is becoming central to his own campaign. Emphasizing his point, Boozman held up the two volumes that compose the tax code and declared that it was eight times longer than the Bible, "and it doesn't have any good news in it."



Former Vice-Presidential nominee Jack Kemp speaks during a press conference for Fay Boozman, Republican candidate for the

U.S. Senate, at the Holiday Inn in Springdale on Friday. Kemp joined Boozman and supporters for a luncheon and reception.

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Fay Boozman (left) answers a question while Charley Heffley (center) and Blanche Lincoln

listen during Tuesday night's debate in Fayetteville.

Boozman, Lincoln spar about record

Dana Gieringer
The Morning News

The two leading candidates for U.S. Senate assumed a more aggressive stance in their campaigns Tuesday evening, while the third-party candidate vowed to hold their feet to the fire.

Democratic candidate Blanche Lincoln, Republican Fay Boozman, and Reform Party candidate Charley Heffley answered questions before a packed auditorium in the University of Arkansas' Center for Continuing Education in downtown Fayetteville.

Topics ranged from the elderly, the military and medical savings accounts to impeachment proceedings against President Clinton.

Boozman, a Rogers ophthalmologist, is a former Arkansas state senator. Lincoln, born in Helena, became the state's first female representative of the 1st Congressional District in 1992. Heffley, a brick mason, has served two terms on the Deer School Board and the county Quorum Court, and is a former juvenile probation officer.

Questions during the evening came from Rusty Turner, managing editor of *The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas*; Maylon Rice, reporter for the *Northwest Arkansas Times*; and Greg Harton, an editor for the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

Boozman attacked Lincoln's voting record in Congress during his opening remarks. He said that he entered politics because he was tired of professional politicians who said one thing while campaigning and then did another, and said he pledged to do what he said he was going to do. "That's one of the differences between Blanche and I," he told the audience.

Heffley said he was "kicking off" his campaign at the debate. "I think my experience working like a dog for 25 years qualifies me for a little bit of something, I don't know what," he said to laughter. Responding to Boozman's words, he said, "It's about time the Democrats and Republicans started saying what they're going to do, and then do what they say they will do."

Lee tells Republican women he never would inflate needs of sheriff's office

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Jackie Holston
The Morning News

BENTON COUNTY

When it comes to inflating personnel, equipment and funding needs for the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Andy Lee said Tuesday he will never play that game.

Lee, who is running for re-election against Democrat Loren Witcher Sr., told members of the Benton County Republican Women's Club that he has been accused of inflating numbers to get what he needs to run his department.

"I would never play that game," Lee said. "I would invite anybody to come and sit with the people who do the work in our office and ask them what they need to get the job done. If you can find anyone who could say I've overinflated the needs, I will resign."

The sheriff's office is understaffed and unable to provide the level of service Benton County residents deserve, he said. "We are falling you."

Lee noted that the office is composed of six separate "industries" that operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Adequate staff is necessary to keep the jail operating effectively and efficiently.

Last year, transportation division personnel traveled 187,000 miles outside the state to pick up prisoners

wanted by Arkansas law-enforcement agencies. This service is not only time-consuming, but also costly, he said.

Lee criticized the Benton County Quorum Court for making decisions based on what outside sources think is required to run the new jail rather than listening to individuals who work within the sheriff's office.

"I wish the county administration would grow up," he said. "I'm sick and tired of them going to everybody else, except the people who run it, to ask how to run the jail. They find people who tell them what they want to hear, yet these people have never set foot inside a jail."

The Quorum Court's idea of possibly renovating the old county jail into a juvenile-detention center would be a big mistake and a waste of taxpayer's money, Lee said. Even after \$1 million in renovation, the building would not meet standards to house juvenile offenders.

Randy Bryant, Republican candidate for Senate District 28, also attended the meeting as guest speaker. Bryant is running against incumbent Jon Fitch.

He challenged club members to campaign for Republican candidates and to encourage others to vote in the November elections.

Lee takes 67% to win 6th term as sheriff

BY MICHELLE BRADFORD
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

BENTONVILLE — Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee won his sixth, two-year term Tuesday, trouncing his Democratic opponent, a Bentonville man who told voters he aspired to be a "low-key" sheriff.

Lee, a Republican of Bentonville, carried 67 percent of the vote to beat Loren Witcher Sr., 60.

The unofficial but complete totals were:

Lee 25,239
Witcher 12,261

Lee thanked his supporters Tuesday night from a candidate watch party at the Bentonville Clarion Inn.

"I'm glad it's over," Lee said. "It's been a long political year. The season isn't even officially over yet, and I'm hearing of two people who want to run against me. I look at this campaign as a performance review. And I'll continue to show the people of this county that I'm dedicated to making this a progressive sheriff's office." Lee, 30, said the sheriff's office is ready to meet the continued growth expected in Benton County, which has had one of the largest population increases in the state



Andy Lee

this decade.

Lee said he'll continue inmate work programs that save the county money and help combat jail overcrowding.

When the new county jail opens in February, Lee said, he will expand the jail work-release program.

Witcher, owner of About Town Realty in Bentonville, criticized Lee's spending at the sheriff's office, namely the \$2.7 million projected operational budget for the new jail.

From the Clarion Inn on Tuesday night, Witcher said he'll run for sheriff again in 2000.

"I'll be ready," Witcher said. "It's hard to beat an incumbent. But I'll bring more experience to the race next time."

Governor announces \$400,000 grant for ALETA satellite office

By REBECCA PILCHER 10-17-98
Daily Record Staff

ROGERS — A new law enforcement training facility may soon be in the works for the northwest Arkansas area.

Gov. Mike Huckabee stopped in Rogers during his whistle-stop tour to announce a \$400,000 grant from the state toward the building of a satellite office of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

In the past, officers have had to travel to Camden to the main ALETA facility there, for training.

"This is a very special milestone for northwest Arkansas," Huckabee said. "ALETA in Camden has been the sole training ground for law enforcement personnel in Arkansas ... but 21 percent of all law enforcement (in Arkansas) reside in northwest Arkansas. (It will) alleviate extreme overcrowding in Camden ... to have a satellite operation here."

He said over 1,200 hours of law enforcement training have been conducted practically expense-free at the Jones Center in Springdale.

"That would have cost over \$180,000 if (we had had to pay)," Huckabee said. "It has saved the taxpayer over ... \$200,000."

Huckabee said the \$400,000 grant for the permanent ALETA facility in northwest Arkansas will go toward the facility's construction cost. He added that the facility is necessary because with growing populations comes a need for additional police personnel.

Rogers Police Department Chief Mike Jones said the new facility will aid the department and others nearby in many ways.



Daily Record photograph by Charles Fowler

Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee used the P.A. in the Rogers Police Department Corvette to address a crowd at the Frisco Park Station in Rogers Friday morning. Standing next to the governor is Sue Madison with Jerry Hutton and Jan Judy standing behind.

"It will save the taxpayers of Rogers not only the expense of overtime (in travel), but will allow our officers to be at home with their families," Jones said.

"We were sometimes waiting a year to get people into the academy, and this will get people on the streets where they need to be (faster). It's exciting the governor would stop here — he is a very, very big supporter of law enforcement."

Jones said local law enforcement would like to have the location of the training center centralized in Rogers, Fayetteville, Springdale or

Bentonville. 40 acres would be the initial amount of land needed to get the construction started.

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11-17-98 BCRW schedules monthly meeting

BENTON COUNTY — The Benton County Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Benton County Sheriff Andy Lee will conduct tours of both the old and new jail facilities. The tours will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the old jail.

All those interested in attending, call 636-0505.



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Invocation	Dr. Thomas Hatley, Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church
Pledge of Allegiance	The Hon. Randy Bryant Candidate for State Senate District 26
National Anthem	Koenia Welty
Introduction of Dignitaries	Jonathan Barnett
"America, I Still Can Hear Your Song"	Koenia Welty
Introduction of Featured Speakers	Jonathan Barnett
	Congressman Asa Hutchinson State of Arkansas, 3rd District
	The Hon. Fay Boozman Candidate for U.S. Senate
	Judge Frank Aray Candidate for Arkansas Supreme Court
Closing Remarks	Kaye Hahn
Benediction	Rev. Richard Lindman, Associate Pastor Bella Vista Community Church

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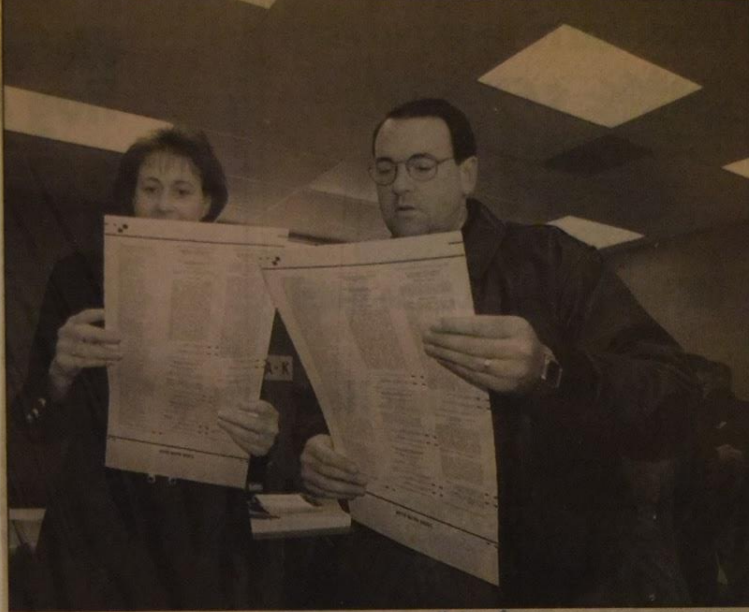
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Gov. Mike Huckabee and his wife, Janet, look over their ballots while waiting to vote Tuesday morning at the Dunbar

Community Center in Little Rock. Huckabee defeated Democratic challenger Bill Bristow.

Lee, Anderson defeat foes

Anne Flippin

The Morning News

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The Republicans running for Benton County judge and sheriff won resounding victories during Tuesday's election.

Sheriff Andy Lee won his sixth term as the county's top law-enforcement officer with 25,239 votes over Democrat Loren Witcher Sr., who had 12,261.

Cary Anderson, the Republican from Decatur who has been a justice of the peace on the Quorum Court, took about 55 percent of the vote for county judge, or



Lee

20,232 votes. His opponent, Republican Gary Black, from Bentonville received 16,239 votes.

Lee said it was ironic that on the evening of

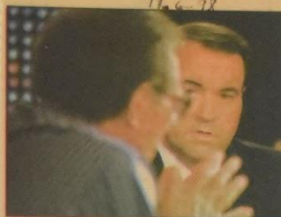
his victory he had already heard of two people who are planning to run against him in two years.

Witcher said he's one of them. "If Andy runs again in two years, then I'll run again, too," he said.

Witcher's total represented about 33 percent of the votes, which he says is better than any other candidate that has run against Lee.



Anderson



This is one in a collection of photos of Gov. Mike Huckabee in action — here on Larry King Live — that photojournalism major Chris Ocken captured for his thesis in a book tentatively titled *Character in Action*.

Disappointed the campaign season is over? It doesn't have to be. Relive it with pictures of Gov. Mike Huckabee on the campaign trail in *Character in Action*.

That's the working title of a book by Chris Ocken, a former Ouachita Baptist University student who first met Huckabee when the governor served on the school's board of directors.

Ocken is publishing the book as his thesis for a master's degree in photojournalism at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

"He loved the idea at first," Ocken says of Huckabee, "then had to stop and think about the implications of somebody doing this."

Ocken agreed to not show any of the pictures until after the election.

Unlike Huckabee's two previous books, *Character Is the Issue* and *Kids Who Kill*, the governor won't profit from this one.

The book, due in early 1999, will sell for \$39.95.

And, except for one complimentary copy for Huckabee and each member of his family, even the governor will have to pay for additional copies.

Asa Hutchinson weighs inquiry role

Congressman 'disappointed' in Republicans for making Clinton scandal an election issue

BY JANE FULLERTON
AND SUSAN ROTH
ARKANSAS DEMOCRACRAT/GAZETTE

WASHINGTON — Rep. Asa Hutchinson may not be worried about his re-election prospects on Tuesday, but his political future likely will be affected.

Hutchinson, the Northwest Arkansas Republican who is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, is expected to play a key role when presidential impeachment hearings begin this month. And most observers believe the final tally from Tuesday's congressional elections will determine just how strong a hand Republicans will be holding as they head into those proceedings.

Hutchinson wishes it weren't so. The elections, he contends, should not be about the inquiry into President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky. And the results should not affect the work of the committee.

Hutchinson sat down recently in his fifth-floor office in the Longworth House Office Building to discuss the inquiry. He outlined which witnesses he thinks should be called, how the process should work and how long the hearings should last — as well as a few thoughts on the impact of the elections.

"I don't sense that the elections are going to turn on the president's problems," said Hutchinson, who is opposed by Reform Party candidate Ralph Forbes. "I think the results



Asa Hutchinson

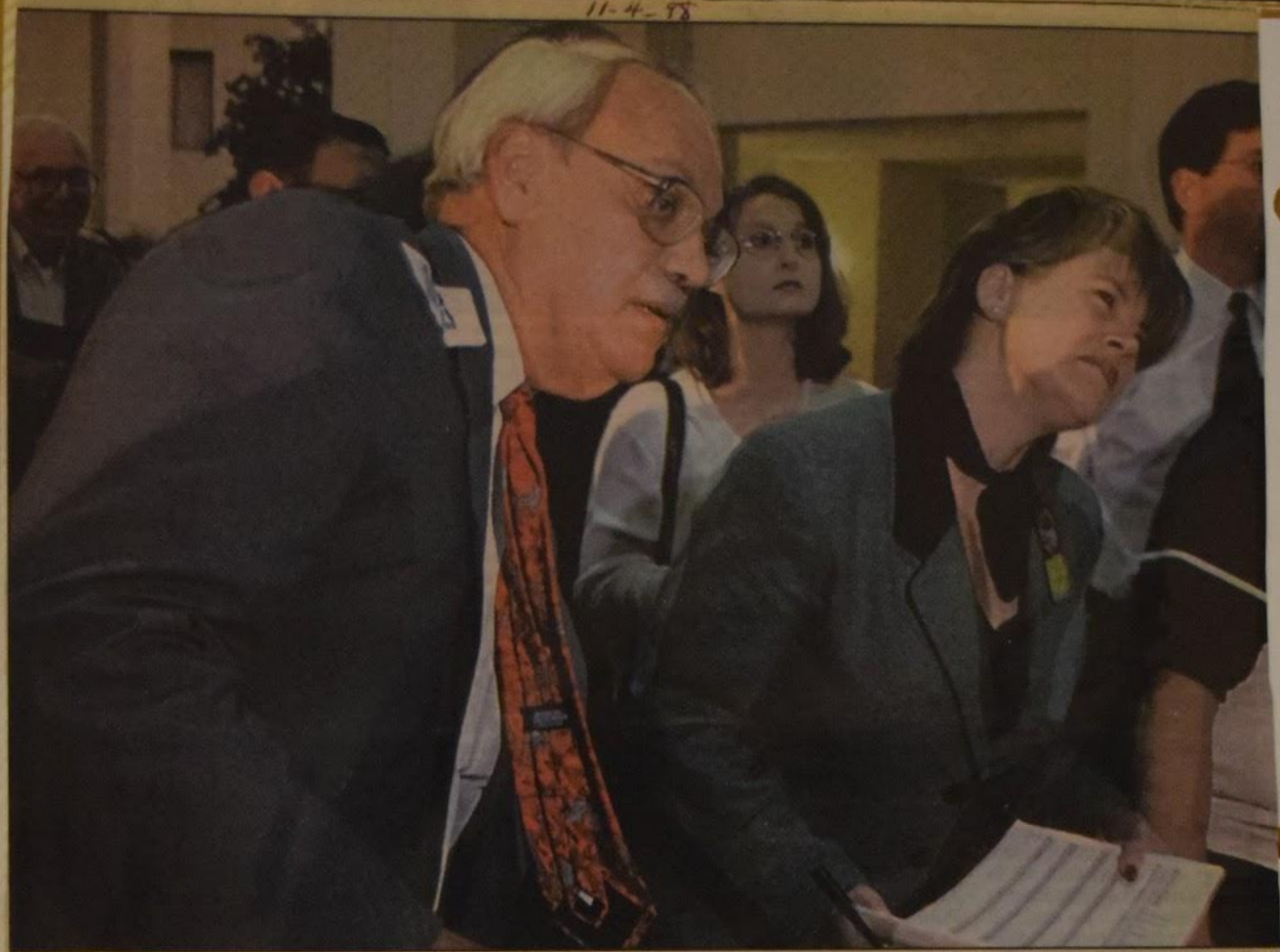
will be inconclusive and not significant in terms of our responsibilities."

Despite that view, the GOP last week took a gamble in the waning days of the campaign with a national advertising campaign aimed at doing precisely what Hutchinson said it shouldn't do — make an issue of the president's behavior. Republicans are airing three ads, none of which will be broadcast in Arkansas, in 30 House districts.

Election results

Results as of midnight; may not match results in states.

■ U.S. SENATOR	254,989
■ U.S. SENATOR	17,225
■ U.S. SENATOR	353,941
■ GOVERNOR	249,918
■ GOVERNOR	10,217
■ U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 2	99,079
■ U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 2	71,722
■ ATTORNEY GENERAL	261,922
■ ATTORNEY GENERAL	369,809
■ SECRETARY OF STATE	188,330
■ SECRETARY OF STATE	419,855
■ SUPREME COURT, POS. 2	223,172
■ SUPREME COURT, POS. 2	346,041
■ LEUTENANT GOVERNOR	202,537
■ LEUTENANT GOVERNOR	405,231
■ COUNTY JUDGE	36,378
■ COUNTY JUDGE	56,630
■ COUNTY SHERIFF	70,722
■ COUNTY SHERIFF	21,232
■ COUNTY ASSESSOR	30,090
■ COUNTY ASSESSOR	61,827
■ AMENDMENT 1	249,107
■ AMENDMENT 1	269,029
■ AMENDMENT 2	391,021
■ AMENDMENT 2	337,446
■ AMENDMENT 3	261,085
■ AMENDMENT 3	251,197
■ REFERRED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY	270,434
■ REFERRED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY	228,190
■ LITTLE ROCK MAYOR	



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Cary Anderson (left), the Republican candidate for Benton County judge, tries to get a look at the tote board as results are posted Tuesday night at Bentonville's Clarion Inn. Anderson defeated Democrat Gary Black.

Republican Women's Club installs officers for 1999

By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

12-14-98

ROGERS — The Republican Women's Club of Benton County installed new officers for 1999.

Mary Benson was named the new president of the club, succeeding Phyllis Schatz of Rogers.

Other officers named were Sharon Schrantz, first vice president; Betty Haley, second vice president; Mary-Louise Beisner, recording secretary (who was

not present, replaced for the day by Kathleen Butler); Deborah Cruise, corresponding secretary; and Dorothy Cathey, treasurer.

Joyce Phillips, president of the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women, performed the club's ceremony for installation of officers. She directed each officer to take a candle representing the new officer's responsibilities, and presided as the members held the candles and

the officers' candles were lighted.

Despite setbacks in 1998 elections, Republicans nationwide remain eager to work toward future victories, and the state is among the areas of greatest effort, Phillips said. Some seven new Republican Women's Clubs have been started in Arkansas in the last year, she said.

Outgoing club President Phyllis Schatz noted that an

antique show sponsored by the club is unique, unlike projects she's seen in other clubs with which she's been associated. The long-running antique show, which occurs twice a year at about the same time as other area arts and crafts fairs, is a source of funds for various club projects. The show will be celebrating its 30th year in 1999, Schatz said.

Club member Donna Blake

announced that a headline speaker has now been confirmed for a major fund-raising event for Benton County Republicans.

Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating will be the main speaker at the club's 1999 Lincoln Day dinner, Blake said. The Lincoln Day dinner is set for Feb. 12 at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Bentonville, with tickets set at \$25, she said.

Benton County Republican Women December 14, 1998 Christmas Luncheon

Welcome

Phyllis Schatz
President, BCRW

Invocation

Debra Hobbs
Chaplain, BCRW

Pledge of Allegiance

Rita Hamilton
3rd District Director, AFRW

Introduction of Elected
Officers & Special Guests

Phyllis Schatz
President, BCRW

Buffet Luncheon

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Joey Parsons
1st Vice President, BCRW

Guest Speaker

Joyce Phillips
President, AFRW

Installation of 1999 Officers

Joyce Phillips, President, AFRW

1999 Officers

Mary Benson

President

Sharon Schrantz

1st Vice President

Betty Haley

2nd Vice President

Mary Lou Beisner

Recording Secretary

Dorothy Cathey

Treasurer

Debra Hobbs

Corresponding Secretary

Closing Remarks

Phyllis Schatz



Republican Women's Club of

12-4-91
By GARY LOOKADOO
Daily Record Staff

BENTON COUNTY — She grew orchids. Then Mary Benson of Rogers transplanted herself to the sometimes less than flowery world of partisan politics.

Just installed as the new president of the Republican Women's Club of Benton County, Benson is a self-described "third generation Floridian." The daughter of a self-employed plumber, she grew up in Tampa. "I grew up a

Democrat — just like everybody else in the South (at that time)," she said.

She grew up and married and stayed on in Tampa, prompted to get into the orchid-raising business by her late husband: "He gave me an orchid plant," Benson deadpanned. The two owned greenhouses with some 150,000 orchids, and became American Orchid Society judges.

She had a stint in Florida's newspaper business, putting out the tabloid *Bay Area News* every

week for six years.

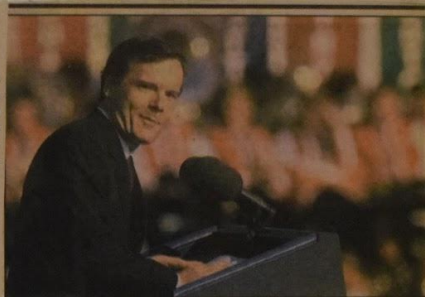
Outside of business, Benson and her husband led a fast-paced life, and she tried her hand at lots of the hobbies and other recreation activities for which Florida had even then become famous. Boating and water skiing excursions remain among Benson's fond memories of the west Florida town.

She also participated in several major social clubs of the area, doing lots of work in Lasertoma, a women's auxiliary of a major Tampa business

Butler new Omaha regional sales rep

12-6-93
First of Omaha Merchant Processing announced today the appointment of a new regional sales representative and the opening of the eleventh regional sales office. Kathleen Butler received her bachelors degree in Business Administration and Economics from High Point University, High Point, N.C. in 1987; graduating Cum Laude.

Butler is married to Brad Butler, prosecuting attorney, 19th Judicial District and lives in Rogers with their child, age seven. Butler is involved with the Junior Auxiliary of Butler Rogers-Bentonville, Poplar House Clinic, Head Start-Rogers. She sits on the board of the Children's Safety Center in Springdale and holds the positions of Treasurer for Benton County Republican Women and the Benton County Republican Committee.



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Sen. Tim Hutchinson speaks at the dedication Friday of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport at Highfill.

11-6-93

The airport took more than 40 years to move from concept to reality. U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright first sought money for the airport in the 1950s. But the airport project didn't take off until 1990, when Northwest Arkansas business leaders led by Sam Walton formed the Northwest Arkansas Council to seek major regional projects.

Hamilton remains in GOP state post

12-7-93
Bella Vista — Reta Hamilton of Bella Vista has been elected second vice chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas.

The election was held at a Dec. 5 meeting of the state committee of the Arkansas GOP in Little Rock.

Hamilton, a long-time Republican Party activist, is currently serving as Benton County state committeewoman for the GOP, as well as Third District director for the Arkansas Federation of Republican Women.

Asa Hutchinson enjoys time away from limelight

Samantha Young
Southwest Times Record

FORT SMITH — U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson is taking a break from the national media attention generated by the impeachment proceedings against the president to spend time at home with his family for the holidays.

Congress typically adjourns for the year between the end of October and early November. This year, however, Hutchinson, R-3rd District, and other lawmakers worked overtime in Washington as the House took the historic vote of impeachment against President Clinton.

A House Judiciary Committee member, Hutchinson was a key player in the proceedings and gained national attention during the past few weeks. The media frenzy was exciting, but, at the same time, humbling, Hutchinson said.

A freshman House member, Hutchinson had made some noise on the national scene with his package of campaign finance reform, but these past few weeks, he said, he received calls from the *Washington Post* and newspapers in Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas.

"You can be in Washington 20 years and not have that experience," Hutchinson said. "I learned that it goes with the responsibility up there."

Hutchinson set to help prosecute chief executive

Christine Dorsey
News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Not only did Rep. Asa Hutchinson vote Saturday for all four articles of impeachment against President Clinton, he was appointed to argue that his fellow Arkansan should be removed from office when the case goes to trial in the U.S. Senate next year.

Hutchinson, R-Ark., will serve on a team of 13 Republicans who will prosecute Clinton in a trial expected to begin after the 106th Congress convenes in January.

The House passed a resolution appointing the prosecutors, formally called House managers, after it completed its votes on four impeachment articles against the president.

Hutchinson voted for all four — two charges of perjury, one count of obstructing justice and one count that charged Clinton with abuse of office.

The charges stemmed from what was concluded to be false testimony Clinton gave last January in the Paula Jones civil lawsuit and in August during an appearance before the grand jury convened by independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

The articles also charged the president tried to obstruct justice by trying to cause others to evade truthfulness to investigators, and of abusing his office in making false statements to Congress.

"Despite how uncomfortable this is and how traumatic it is for me personally I believe we did the right thing," Hutchinson said as the House began voting on impeach-

'He looks forward to coming home. I don't know who's more upset, him or me, if he doesn't make that 5:50 p.m. plane out at night. He's just anxious to get back to Fort Smith.'

Susan Hutchinson
Representative's wife

"If you're not engaging in the public debate, you're falling short of your responsibility."

Hutchinson said he could have spent all day returning phone calls from media outlets across the country.

His appearances on television gave his constituents and his family a peek at him in action more than 1,000 miles away.

"It's much better on TV," said his wife, Susan.

"I'm very thankful for C-Span and CNN."

Hutchinson said he tries to make it back to Fort Smith every weekend, but the release of the Starr report and the impeachment hearings have kept him in his capital office.

"He looks forward to coming home," Susan Hutchinson said. "I don't know who's more upset, him or me, if he doesn't make that 5:50 p.m. plane out at night. He's just anxious to get back to Fort Smith."

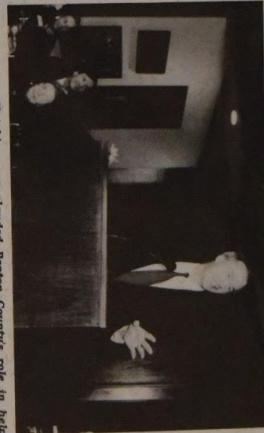
Even away from Washington, Hutchinson's schedule is nonstop across his district, attending events, touring companies and meeting with constituents. Every Sunday he attends church and meets up with "other 40-somethings" to run around the basketball court, Susan said.

The Hutchinsons have made a smooth transition into the political life, which has been a far cry from the horror stories, Susan Hutchinson said. When Hutchinson won his seat in 1996, Susan Hutchinson said she thought people would treat the family differently.

"People have different perceptions about politicians," Susan Hutchinson said. "But it's just a different job; we're still the same people, Susan and Asa. He only commutes longer."

The holiday will be brief for Hutchinson. He is expected to be on a plane to Washington this week to start preparing for Clinton's trial in the Senate.

Congressman Asa Hutchinson applauded Benton County, Ark., in helping single parents move into professional careers. He said the program is a model for the young and encouraged feedback from the community. Seated to his left are Bernice Jones, Senator Tim Hutchinson, and Helen Walton, all who appeared on the program. (Photo Courtesy of Rep. Pathoff, Northwest Arkansas Morning News)





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"SHADOWS IN THE ATTIC WINDOW"
SEWNT SENT TO: STATE AFPM FOR
QUILT PROJECT.

