

Know Your Candidates

Following are the first in a series of articles on local candidates for offices in the primary election. Others will follow in subsequent issues before primary election, May 15. These statements are submitted by the candidates at the invitation of the Gazette-Times. If any candidates are not included prior to the election, it is because they did not respond to the paper's written request. In order to be impartial in presentation, they are presented at random and not according to party or position, with the order being determined by drawing.



W. W. (BILL) WEATHERFORD

W. W. Weatherford

Democratic Candidate for Morrow County Judge

My ideas and principles are that Government is the voice of the people of majority vote or opinion tempered with the rights of a strong minority. Government is a tool which the people must use in their every day life, a necessary tool for all advancement in economic and social life of the area it serves.

Different offices in government can do much to coordinate public effort in social and economic development. I do not believe in individuals' minority groups, or organizations can or should dictate the policies of and for the people.

The fact that we seem to have several divided areas in this large and diversified county, all seeking the same goals, using different methods, different directions, and in some cases for different reasons, with little or no regard for unification with other areas of the county is a primary reason for asking the people to elect me Judge of Morrow county.

We are in one of many economic and social transitions which have occurred in Morrow county since my grandparents homesteaded and ran cattle here in an era of no fences.

Progress is here. I believe it is here to stay. Transportation and communication are being revised, whole towns are being moved. New and large industries are here. Recreation in different parts of the county and different types of becoming industries rather than just fun for local people. All of these things will continue to grow, yet when you ask a neighbor on the street, what's new? The answer is generally passive of static nature.

Progress is here. We can either lead it, or, like Rip Van Winkle, wake up after it has arrived, finding ourselves strangers in our own house, so to speak. We, however, cannot lead without unification in our efforts.

Morrow county is, for me, the Capitol of Eastern Oregon. I have had considerable formal and factual training in the areas mentioned and can apply that training and my capabilities to the problems of Morrow county, should the people desire to elect me their Judge.

I have, in all previous employment, been able to innovate, adapt, and even design equipment and procedures that have advanced me in my job and reduced expenses to my employers. I have been able to do this to the extent that we were able to accumulate enough to purchase property here and engage in farming.

I sincerely hope that you people will consider this background as experience and ability pertinent to the physical problems of industries and operations within this county.

For twenty-three years I was married to the finest woman I have ever known, and have two children I am proud to present as experience in home and family understanding.

I have had little opportunity in Morrow county to use or demonstrate my abilities in public service; however, I did author a Beef Cattle program and presented it to the "Hope Committee on Agriculture," House of Representatives, United States Congress. This document received

wide national coverage and was accepted by the Oregon Cattle-men's Association as a program acceptable, if and when such a measure became necessary.

I became known as Grass-hopper Bill, in Salem, when Morrow county ranchers needed State, Federal and County assistance in the control of grasshoppers. This program required the passage of legislation, the acquisition of funds from three levels of government. A special meeting of a very reluctant State Board of Control was necessary to acquire that portion of finance. I am proud to have been chairman of that committee and glad to know and enlist the aid of people able to accomplish the task which enabled us to control the hoppers.

I can fulfill the obligations of the office of County Judge, work for substantial, rapid, development of our natural resources, our yet unknown industrial potential along with the advancement of our present Agribusiness throughout the whole of Morrow county.

I am known for upholding my convictions, forcefully presenting a thesis, while trying to accomplish the goals set by the people.

I would appreciate the vote of the Democrats and have the fortitude to ask Republicans to write me in on their primary ballots on the premise that we do not have too much room for politics, as such, in Morrow county. Our goals should be high, and be accomplished with unification.

Campaign posters have been placed around the county to enable those with whom I am not acquainted to recognize me, it is my hope they will feel free to visit, ask questions, and exchange ideas as we all like to do.

Yours truly,
W. W. Weatherford

W. W. Weatherford was born and reared in Gilliam county and attended high school in Wisconsin, later attending Oregon State College from 1934 to 1937. For a time he worked for Puget Sound Bridge and Dredge Company and went to Alaska on projects at Sitka and Cordova. Later, with his brother, Ike, he operated a machine shop and dealership at Arlington for several years.

Intermittently, he spent some time at the family ranch in Gilliam county. He taught vocational education, first at Benson Polytechnic in Portland, and later for the vocational education division. During World War II he headed welding schools at Portland shipyards.

Weatherford married Lucile Madsen in Reedsburg, Wis., December 25, 1939. They bought a ranch at Eightmile after leaving Portland and then purchased a ranch in the Butter Creek area. Mrs. Weatherford, a mathematics teacher in Heppner High school, died April 18, 1963. Children are Bill, 17, a junior in Heppner High school, and Karla Kristin, 11, in the fifth grade at Heppner. The family still lives on the Butter Creek ranch.

Weatherford, for the past four years, has attended shortcourses at Washington State College in Pullman and last year taught welding at Blue Mountain College.

Home for the week-end from Blue Mountain College in Pendleton was Stuart Gribble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble.

Returning to studies at Eastern Oregon College of Education in La Grande, Monday, were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moyer and infant daughter, Randy. They have been enjoying a ten day mid-term vacation in Heppner, staying at the home of Mrs. Moyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Jr.

MRS. AVON MELBY

Nonpartisan Candidate for Justice of the Peace (6th District, Heppner)

I have been reporting the news in Morrow county for the past six years. My occupation has given me an opportunity to meet with many people, to become informed about them and their affairs in a manner which I consider an education in itself. And let me say now, what I have learned that is good about the people of this county far outweighs anything I have learned to the contrary. This is where I want to remain and where I want my children to grow up. Their associations here are good associations with good people. For this, both my husband and I are thankful.

In gathering the news I have become familiar with most of the offices in the county court. I like to meet people, to deal with people, and because of that have always been more attracted to the office of Justice of the Peace than any other. When I knew there was a vacancy in that office, I was tempted to run for it and after due consideration and consultation with my family I filed for the position.

I have another reason for filing. I will admit to a lifelong desire to enter politics. In preparation for such a future I took a general pre-law course at Linfield College but got married and did not return to begin my junior year in school. So my interest in law, and justice, is not new. I will not claim to be the best qualified in the county for the position. I think possibly the laws of our state should be changed and that a licensed lawyer should occupy this office.

But, until that day, I feel qualified for the position. My platform is "I promise dedicated service; justice administered with mercy and understanding." I feel qualified to offer this platform and to fulfill it if elected.

One of the major demands of this office is that the Justice of the Peace must be on 24 hour call. This is nothing new to me as I have been fulfilling such a position for the past six years. At any hour, day or in the middle of the night, my family understands that the phone may ring and mother be called to a fire, an accident, or more tragically, be writing and phoning the story of a fatality. I promise to be as available at a minute's notice and to give my best ability in fulfilling the requirements of this office as I have been in reporting news.

My husband, Arnold Melby, band instructor at Heppner; my daughter, Kathy, 15 and a freshman at Heppner High; and my daughter Susan, 11 and a member of the 6th grade at Heppner Elementary school, agree that they will help me in any way they can in fulfilling the duties of the Justice of the Peace, 6th District.

I ask for your vote.
Mrs. Arnold (Avon) Melby

DEWEY WEST

Republican Candidate for Port Commission (4-Year Term)

Two of Morrow county's greatest untapped resources are its water fronts and the industrial lands adjoining.

Eighty per cent of our young people go to other areas seeking employment. Agriculture and livestock will no longer provide employment for our young people or carry the heavy burden of taxes.

With these facts in mind—I would consider it a privilege to continue serving my county as Port Commissioner and to work for the county's economic growth and development.

Background information:

1. Vice President of Port Commission, 1958-62.
2. President of Port Commission, 1962-64.
3. School Board (old District No. 25), 1950-56.
4. County Rural Board, 1956-58.
5. County Budget Committee, 3 years.

6. Boardman City Council (and Planning Commission), 1948-1962.
7. Director of Boardman Vector Control District.

Residents Observe Holy Sunday at Lexington

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON—The Lexington Christian church was the scene of much activity on Easter Sunday. Starting off the day, were early morning services at 6:30 a.m., with Carl Marquardt delivering the lesson. He was assisted by Billy Klinger and Kenny Jones who read scriptures and gave the announcements. Special music was provided by Jeanette Klinger and Rena Marquardt.

Following this, many of the members were guests at the Marquardt Ranch for breakfast, returning at 10:00 for Sunday school and at 11:00 for church services. Presiding over the service was Rev. Earl Soward with special music by Jeanette Klinger, Rena Marquardt and the Messenger family. Taking part in this special were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Messenger, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt and daughter, Norlita.

At 7:30 in the evening, John Runyon of the McKinley Indian Mission presented a program of motion pictures and slides and gave a very interesting talk on his work there. Following this, Mr. Runyon and small Tommy had lunch at the Florence McMillan home before returning to Toppensh.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Messenger and children of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Messenger Sr., of Mitchell, were week-end visitors at the Bill B. and Carl M. Marquardt homes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin and children of Rufus were week-end visitors with her mother, Mrs. Florence McMillan.

Mrs. Lola Breeding, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall and Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall were Easter Day callers at the home of the Emery Burnside in Spray. Mrs. Burnside is the mother of Mrs. Breeding and the Steagall men.

Mrs. Bertha Hunt and small granddaughter and Mrs. Florence McMillan returned Friday from Oregon City where Mrs. Hunt visited her son and family who were visiting from California. Mrs. McMillan also visited a daughter in Rufus.

Majeskes Have Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske had all their children at their home on Saturday, when a family group photo was taken. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounds and son Steve, of Maupin. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wright and sons of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske and

8. Mayor of Boardman, 1962-64.

9. Boardman Chamber of Commerce, President.

10. Inland Empire Water Ways Association (Regional County Vice President, 1962).

11. Board of Directors of S.P.A.D.A.

12. Board of Directors of M.I.D. Council.

13. Charter member of Elks Lodge No. 1845, Hermiston, Ore.

14. Member of Hermiston Bowling Association.

15. Member of Pendleton Country Club.

16. Member of Boardman Community Church.

Occupational interests:

1. Chevron Gas Station located in Boardman.
2. Farming and Livestock.
3. House rentals.

I wish to commend you on your fair and impartial news policy which allows the candidates of the county equal opportunity.

I also wish to thank the people of the Heppner Gazette-Times for the opportunity to appear before its readers.

Sincerely,
Dewey W. West, Jr.

three children from Lexington. All enjoyed a dinner at the home and spent the afternoon and evening visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Eatch of Portland were week-end callers at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Miss Beverly Davidson, who is attending school in Portland, was a week-end caller at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson.

Hank Pointer of Portland was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic L. Groshens had as Easter dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshens of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg and daughter Jill visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Osmin and family at Asotin, Wn., over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bergen Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. William C. VanWinkle and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Klinger on Easter.

Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mrs. Mervin Leonard and Jeannine Hunt were Walla Walla visitors on Friday.

Miss Jenny Lou Turner, who is attending school in Walla Walla, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner.

Lexington Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Gene Cutsforth with the following ladies present: Mrs. Don Belenbrock, Mrs. Olivier Creswick, Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter, Mrs. William J. VanWinkle, Mrs. Eldon Padberg and Mrs. Mervin Leonard. Prizes were won as follows, Mrs. Hunt, high; Mrs. Leonard, second high; Mrs. Cutsforth low.

Mrs. Joe Yocom was taken to Heppner to a physician on Tuesday after running a large splinter in her foot. She is confined to her home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom had as their Easter Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rinehart of Ukiah, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hendrickson and daughter Ann of Tulelake, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson are the parents of Mrs. Yocom and Mrs. Rinehart.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and children were La Grande visitors on Saturday.

Jim Cason Completes Automotive Training At Portland College

Jim Cason, son of Mrs. Mary Bryant, Heppner, was graduated from the Technical Division of Multnomah College, Portland, on Friday, March 27, after completing requirements for the school's automotive course.

Cason was awarded a Certificate of Automotive Mechanics, upon the completion of the 18-month training period at the college. He was a graduate of Heppner high school with the class of 1962, and was active in mechanics in the Future Farmers of America organization at the school.

He returned to Heppner last week-end and plans to go into the automotive work here or in Portland.

Bess Huddleston of Heppner spent Easter week in Seattle with her sister-in-law and two nieces who came from California to join her there.

Among the college students spending part of Easter vacation in Heppner was Tom Glass, son of Mrs. Velma Glass, former Morrow county health nurse. He was a guest at the Herman Green home and on Sunday went to Walla Walla, where he attended a Young Democrat convention.

BOWLING BITS

Team	W	L	Del's Market	14	14
Hillbillies	40	12	PMH Angels	7	21
Gutter Dusters	36	16	Heppner Elks	7	21
Dykaries	35	17	High Ind. Game, Mary Van		
Lazy 4	29	23	Blokland, 178; High Ind. Series,		
Four C's	24	28	Maude Hughes, 446; High Team		
Originals	22	30	Game, Del's Market, 888; High		
Diggers	11 1/2	40 1/2	Team Series, Central Market,		
Bruggles	10 1/2	41 1/2	2552.		

Team	W	L	Thursday Night Ladies		
Laird's Variety	24	4	Team	W	L
Turner, Van Marter	21	7	Kinzua Corp.	16	12
Grain Growers	15	13	L. E. Dick, Appliances	16	12
Lott's Electric	15	13	MILadies	16	12
Lexington Co-op	15	13	Humphreys Drug	15	13
Kinzua Corp.	9	19	Phil's Pharmacy	14	14
First National Bank	7	21	Wishing Well	12	16
Padberg Mach. Co.	6	22	C. Ed Cole	12	16
High Ind. Game, Maude			Ruggles' Insurance	11	17
Hughes (sub), 187; High Ind.			High Ind. Game, Gladys Ram-		
Series, Maude Hughes (sub),			berg, 200; High Ind. Series,		
503; High Team Game, Turner,			and Bryant		
Van Marter and Bryant, 919;			Naomi Rice, 480; High Team		
High Team Series, Turner, Van			Game, Phil's Pharmacy, 930;		
Marter and Bryant, 2637.			High Team Series, MILadies,		
			2695.		

Team	W	L	Bag and Baggage		
Laird's Variety	24	4	Team	W	L
Turner, Van Marter	21	7	Ramletts	24	8
Grain Growers	15	13	Kool K's	24	8
Lott's Electric	15	13	Top Cats	17 1/2	14 1/2
Lexington Co-op	15	13	P. U.'s	17	15
Kinzua Corp.	9	19	Glims	14	18
First National Bank	7	21	El B. J.'s	13	19
Padberg Mach. Co.	6	22	Jail Birds	12	20
High Ind. Game, Maude			McQuacks	6 1/2	25 1/2
Hughes (sub), 187; High Ind.			High Ind. Game—Men, G.		
Series, Maude Hughes (sub),			Pierce, 190; Women—V. Kil-		
503; High Team Game, Turner,			kenny, 179; High Ind. Series—		
Van Marter and Bryant, 919;			Men, J. Miller, 506; Women—V.		
High Team Series, Turner, Van			Kilkenny, 492; High Team Game,		
Marter and Bryant, 2637.			Kool K's, 753; High Team Series,		
			Kool K's, 2150.		

Team	W	L	City League		
Laird's Variety	24	4	Team	W	L
Turner, Van Marter	21	7	Air Base	42	18
Grain Growers	15	13	Fiesta Bowl	40	20
Lott's Electric	15	13	Morgan Elevator	40	20
Lexington Co-op	15	13	M&R Specials	32	28
Kinzua Corp.	9	19	Masons	28	31
First National Bank	7	21	RAM No. 26	19	41
Padberg Mach. Co.	6	22	Courthouse	15	45
High Ind. Game, Maude			Becket Equip.	15	45
Hughes (sub), 187; High Ind.			High Ind. Game, Art Dyck,		
Series, Maude Hughes (sub),			224; High Ind. Series, Art Dyck,		
503; High Team Game, Turner,			588; High Team Game, Fiesta		
Van Marter and Bryant, 919;			Bowl, 967; High Team Series,		
High Team Series, Turner, Van			Fiesta Bowl, 2791.		
Marter and Bryant, 2637.					

Team	W	L	Blue Mountain		
Laird's Variety	24	4	Team	W	L
Turner, Van Marter	21	7	Wagon Wheel	21 1/2	6 1/2
Grain Growers	15	13	Kinzua Corp.	1 1/2	10 1/2
Lott's Electric	15	13	H&M Construction	17	11
Lexington Co-op	15	13	Gar Aviation	15	13
Kinzua Corp.	9	19	Herman and Dick	13	15
First National Bank	7	21	Central Market	11	17
Padberg Mach. Co.	6	22	Ford Tire Service	10	18
High Ind. Game, Maude			Pettyjohn	7	21
Hughes (sub), 187; High Ind.			High Ind. Game, Joe Palmer,		
Series, Maude Hughes (sub),			200; High Ind. Series, Ken Bren-		
503; High Team Game, Turner,			ner, 500; High Team Game, Gar		
Van Marter and Bryant, 919;			Aviation, 927; High Team Series,		
High Team Series, Turner, Van			Gar Aviation, 2589.		
Marter and Bryant, 2637.					

Team	W	L	Koffee Kup Keglers		
Laird's Variety	24	4	Team	W	L
Turner, Van Marter	21	7	Town and Country	48 1/2	27 1/2
Grain Growers	15	13	4 Alley Cats	45	31
Lott's Electric	15	13	Pin-Ups	39	37
Lexington Co-op	15	13	Baltrettes	38	38
Kinzua Corp.	9	19	Sparse Spares	38	38
First National Bank	7	21	The Markers	34	42
Padberg Mach. Co.	6	22	Knock Outs	31 1/2	44 1/2
High Ind. Game, Maude			4 Musketeers	30	46
Hughes (sub), 187; High Ind.			High Ind. Game, Vesta Kil-		
Series, Maude Hughes (sub),			kenny (sub), 175; High Ind. Ser-		
503; High Team Game, Turner,			ies, Marge Eckman, 446; High		
Van Marter and Bryant					