

Republican Meeting Hears Candidate Platform Talks

More than 50 persons turned out for a Republican party rally at the multipurpose room of the high school Friday afternoon. Those in attendance heard Republican candidates for local state and national offices present their platforms.

Don Turner, Republican Central Committee chairman for Morrow county, opened the meeting and presided.

First in line to speak to the gathering were the candidates for the non-partisan office of justice of the peace for Morrow county. Mrs. Avon Melby asked for the support of the voters by saying that she was available for the job and had always been interested in the type of work that the office would entail. She said she felt she could work at the job in addition to her job as a correspondent for the East Oregonian but if the day came that she couldn't handle both tasks, the justice job would come first.

The Rev. Earl Soward, a second candidate for the position, said that he felt that a justice of the peace should use common sense in his job. He said, however, that the person elected to this office can do only as much as the people will let him. If he is elected to the post he will endeavor to observe other J. P.'s in their work and would attempt to learn from them, he said.

"The justice of the peace is dependent a great deal on the district attorney for guidance," Soward said, "he is the man I would turn to for advice."

The third of the candidates for the nonpartisan office, Jim Devine, promised equality and common sense if he were elected. He said that, if elected, he would treat everyone equal, "regardless of political affiliation, race, religion, or status."

Turner then introduced Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel who is unopposed in her bid for reelection as county treasurer. Mrs. McDaniel was cited for her excellent record as treasurer in the county.

Turner then introduced Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman who is running unopposed for another term in his present capacity. Bauman pointed out some of the advances that have been made in the sheriff's department in the county. He said that a project of his during the next term of office is to establish a teletype communication system between the county and city governments.

Turner commended Bauman for the "fine" job he did at the Boeing dedication this year when the county received little recognition from the state government. He said that Bauman, who, at a dinner meeting following the ground breaking ceremonies, deputized Lysle Wood of Boeing Company as an honorable deputy of Morrow county "carried the ball" for Morrow county and gained some recognition for the county and its people.

Next on the agenda were the candidates for the nomination for county judge. Berl Akers, lone, first of the candidates to speak, said, "I entered this race to win. I am not a hand-picked candidate."

He said that although he hoped to win the nomination for the job, he would back any nominee from the Republican party. He said the county judge should work for the unification of the county court. He said that although the court should be unified, there should be room for individual opinion among its members.

Ambrose Chapin, a second aspirant for the office, said that he felt there should be more unification between the commissioners and the judge. He is prepared to work full time at the job if he is elected he said.

Oliver Creswick, a third nominee, said, "I have filed for this office fully realizing the problems encountered."

He said that he feels his qualifications for the office are ample but that he would learn while in the office. He pointed out that "the man who makes no mistakes does nothing."

Following Creswick's speech, Turner announced his candidacy for the two-year term as port commissioner.

Turner also urged support for Walter Hayes who is seeking reelection to his present position as county commissioner.

Larry Lindsay, Morrow campaign chairman for Irvin Mann, Stanfield, who is a candidate for the state legislature from the 28th district, introduced Mann, declaring that he is exceptionally well-qualified for the position and is prepared to give freely of his time if elected.

Mann lashed out at the Democratic leadership in the state, saying that they are under the control of organized labor. He said that the Democrats are in favor of regressive taxes, such as taxes on cigarettes and sales taxes. He pointed out that the Republicans are opposed to such taxes and would rather see a broadening of the tax base to

relieve the tax burden on the agricultural community of eastern Oregon. Mann said that the Republican party is the best hope for this base-broadening tax.

He stated that the excessive taxation on land "cripples the economy of eastern Oregon and all of Oregon." Democratic leadership "wants change for the sake of change while the Republicans seek change for the sake of progress."

Mann criticized the federal government for its stand on beef imports. He said that the Australians could produce beef cheaper than the American cattlemen and that if beef imports are not cut, they can cripple the American cattlemen.

Gene Pierce, local campaign chairman for Tom McCall, candidate for the office of Secretary of State, spoke in behalf of McCall who was unable to attend the meeting. Pierce expressed McCall's regret and urged the voters to support the candidate. He spoke of him as a "courageous and upright person" and said that the voters are fortunate to have such a great humanitarian as McCall on the ballot.

Turner also urged people to support state treasurer Howard Belton in his bid for re-election.

Giles French, Moro, candidate for the nomination for state senator from the 28th district, said that a member of the legislative body in the state needs help to be successful in his job.

"I am among those unhappy with the job that the last state legislature did," French said. "They took too long, did too little, and cost the taxpayers too much."

French said he was unhappy with the tax situation. He stated that the problems of the sparsely populated counties can't be solved by the same laws that govern the more densely populated areas.

He stressed that the state is "doling" out too much in services. He said that Oregon is one of the highest ranking service states in the country and that we should stop giving so much away.

French pointed out that a legislator has a duty to the people who elect him and to no one else.

Bob Abrams, local attorney, spoke for the candidacy of Judge Edward H. Howell who aspires to become supreme court justice through the May primary election. Abrams cited Judge Howell's experience and dedication in the field of judicial work.

Everett Thoren, Elgin, candidate for the Republican nomination for the U. S. Congress from the second representative district, said that the negative attitude of the Democratic administration in the past has allowed the advance of communism to the very shores of our country, citing Cuba as an example. We must stop giveaways to the communist countries and must take a much firmer stand against them, he said.

Changing subjects, Thoren charged that Congressman Al Ullman is a servant of select groups rather than of his constituency as a whole. He said that the Republicans can win the election if they get the Republican voters out to the polls.

Willard Cromwell, a second candidate in the race for the Republican nomination for the second district, told the gathering that everyone is afraid to get involved in government but that they are involved whether they like it or not. He said we are at the crossroads in our country's history that will determine whether we will survive as a democracy or succumb to tyranny. Every citizen should work to preserve our freedom.

Cromwell said that our people need jobs more than welfare or dotes. He said that the emphasis should be more on opportunity than on charity. "Let's get involved," Cromwell said. "We have enough politicians. What we need is more statesmen."

Proceeding and after the meeting, coffee and cookies were served to the candidates and guests by Mrs. Oliver Creswick, Mrs.



GENE PIERCE (left) accepts appointment from Tom McCall as Morrow county chairman of McCall's campaign for secretary of state. Pierce, Don Turner and bashful son were included in a delegation that welcomed McCall at Lexington airport Friday. The Republican candidate arrived in a plane donated by his supporters to aid in setting up a statewide organization.

College Director Tells PTA Of Building Bonds Need

Importance of the state bond issue for college buildings to be voted upon in the primary election of May 15 was stressed by Bob Hawk, director of the technical school of Blue Mountain College at the PTA meeting at Heppner High school last Wednesday night.

Among other things, an affirmative vote on the proposal would provide desperately needed building funds for community colleges, including Blue Mountain, which serves Umatilla and Morrow counties, he said.

At the present time there are nine community colleges in the state offering college transfer and technical and vocational training, Hawk said. These schools serve a total of 21,745 students, including those attending full time, those attending part time, and those taking adult education courses. Full time students total 3,081, and this is an increase of 29.4% over the previous year.

The total is expected to climb at an accelerated rate for the coming year so that by 1964-65 the total will be approximately 4820 full time students registered. By 1970 it is anticipated that 23,000 students will be enrolled in community colleges as full time students.

Students now attending the state's 4-year colleges total 21,270, and it is expected that this will climb to 48,000 by 1970, based on the present growth in Oregon and upon students already here who will have to be educated as they reach college age.

In 1961, the state provided \$850,000 for community college buildings, but the college at Astoria was the only one to receive aid from this sum. A figure of \$1,300,000 for community college buildings was lost when the state tax program was defeated last October. This left the Blue Mountain college in a considerable plight and stalled its building plans while enrollment was climbing sharply.

Under the proposed bond issue, matching funds would be received for community colleges on a 2-1 basis. Five million dollars would come from the state level to be matched by \$10 million from the Federal level. If the bill is defeated, Hawk said, the State of Oregon will lose \$10

Dean Hunt, Mrs. Don Turner, and Mrs. Verner Troedson, Mrs. Gena Leonard was chairman of the committee.

Tom McCall Visits On 'Whirlwind' State Air Tour

A 2,000 mile plane tour of Oregon has enabled Tom McCall to set up a secretary of state campaign committee in every county, with Gene Pierce of Heppner named to serve as his chairman in the Morrow county area.

A whirlwind swing through rain, snow, ice, fog and Eastern Oregon sunshine took McCall into 22 cities in 36 hours.

An enthusiastic delegation headed by Pierce and County Republican chairman Don Turner met McCall at the Lexington airport.

The Republican candidate from Portland — long-time radio and television news commentator — told his greeters that more than 700 volunteers already have offered their services and the campaign is "off and swinging."

Pierce announced shortly after meeting with McCall that he will name local chairmen in all major communities throughout Morrow county within the next few days to "carry this campaign into every home in the area."

Service Saturday For E. Bleakman

Funeral services for Ella Bleakman, Heppner, age 76, will be Saturday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian church. The Rev. Mel Dixon will officiate and interment will follow in the Hardman IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Bleakman died this morning, (Thursday), April 16, at Pioneer Memorial hospital from an illness which had confined her since January. Obituary will be printed next week.

year's PTA officers remains incomplete. It was voted to add past presidents to the nominating committee in order to have a larger committee to work on the problem.

Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens' seventh and eighth grade chorus sang as the entertainment feature at the meeting. Hostesses at the meeting were Mrs. Don Evans, Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn and Mrs. Bud Peck.

Rural Property To Have Blanket Assessment Raise

Apparently many farmers in the county are unaware that a blanket 50% increase on assessed valuation of farm properties will be made on property tax rolls for the year 1964-65, Assessor Rod Thomson said Wednesday. This is evident in contacts made by appraisers currently working on the farm reappraisal program.

The blanket increase of 50% on farm values, based on assessments for 1963-64, will be effective for one year only, in the interim before values of the current farm reappraisal are placed on the rolls in 1965-66, Thomson said.

Recommendation for the blanket increase was made in November by the county board of equalization.

Purpose of the move is to restore the county's property tax ratio to 25% of true cash value. Posted ratio for the 1963-64 tax year was 25%, but the State Tax Commission ruled that the ratio was to be set at 19% in view of the low farm property assessments. This resulted in public utilities being assessed on the 19% basis.

One effect of the blanket increase on farm valuations will be to restore the public utilities assessments to the 25% ratio. Urban property in the county has been placed on the rolls at new assessed values as a result of the reappraisal program completed in 1963.

Assessor Thomson pointed out again that the blanket increase of 50% will not mean an increase in taxes to the farmers by that amount since the tax load will tend to be equalized proportionately among them.

Third Son is Born To Jack Sumners

A son, Jeffrey Steven, was born Tuesday, April 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sumner of Corvallis. Parents of the new baby were incorrectly reported as the Jack Lovgrens in last week's paper.

The young man, who weighs 8 1/2 lbs., joins two brothers and one sister at home. The baby's grandmother, Mrs. Cal Sumner of Heppner, has been visiting the family since his arrival and others in the family plan to visit there this week-end. Mr. Sumner's brother, Jay Sumner, is expected to come up from Los Angeles, Calif.

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