



Republican candidate for District 55's seat in the Oregon House of Representatives Bill Bellamy, right, is greeted by Morrow County Republican Central Committee Chairman Steve Peck during a county GOP meeting in Heppner last week.

Bellamy brings Dist. 55 GOP campaign to Heppner

Bill Bellamy, Republican candidate for District 55's seat in the Oregon House of Representatives, made his first campaign swing into Morrow County last week. Speaking before the county Republican Central Committee, Bellamy devoted a large portion of his talk to his opponent in the Nov. 2 election, Democrat Chuck Bennett.

"Chuck is a viable candidate—he's a good speaker, and he's got lots of time for campaigning," allowed Bellamy. "But he does not have the rural background needed to represent the people of eastern Oregon."

Bellamy, a Culver High School vo-ag instructor, and a former resident of Heppner and Boardman, said that Bennett won the May primary election against incumbent Jack Sumner because citizens were "voting against Sumner, not for Bennett."

Stating that Bennett moved into District 55 within the past year, Bellamy said that "I feel Chuck wanted to get into politics, then shopped for a district in which he could beat the incumbent."

Bennett denied Bellamy's allegation, stating that he moved into the district more than two years ago. He told the Gazette-Times that he moved to Gates from the Salem area not because of potential political considerations, but because "I like the area—I was able to buy a home along the Santiam River."

Bellamy, who ran unsuccessfully against Sumner during the last election, added that Bennett is "trying to portray the image of a conservative, when he's really quite liberal."

The 28-year-old Jefferson County Republican portrayed himself as a staunch supporter of free enterprise, who

is upset over intervention by state and federal governments into local affairs.

Bennett, Bellamy said, favors a state income tax to provide property tax relief. Such a move, said the Republican candidate, "would take all the money out of the hands of the local people" and leave the state in charge of the pursestrings.

"I agree that property taxes are too high," he added, stating that he favors a sales tax exclusive of food and medical services and supplies to offset the burden. Money from such a sales tax, he continued, would not be channeled into the state's general fund. Rather, it would go for specific programs clearly earmarked in a state budget to reduce the property tax load.

"The state has got to be fiscally responsible," Bellamy said.

Bellamy admitted that he would likely have difficulty

carrying the portions of western Oregon counties included in District 55, making Eastern Oregon more important in his campaign.

Morrow Rodeo Court takes first at Elgin

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court took first place out of some 25 rodeo courts competing in the royalty event at last weekend's Elgin Stampede.

This Saturday, starting at 9 p.m., the rodeo court will be at the fairgrounds for a dance in honor of Princess Laurie Childers.

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Eastern Star Chapter holds officer installation ceremonies Bennett still winner despite Sumner recount

Open installation of officers was held for Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32 Order of the Eastern Star at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening.

Installing grand officer was Mrs. Virginia Wilkinson, past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Assisting her were installing chaplain Mrs. Winifred Cox; installing organist, Mrs. Juanita Carmichael; and installing marshal, Mrs. Linda Prock of Pendleton, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, newly installed Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

Other elected officers are Mrs. Lota Tibbles, Associate Matron; Marion Hayden, Associate Patron; Katherine Lindstrom, Secretary; June O'Connor, Treasurer; Beth Bryant, Conductress; and Mary Bryant, Associate Conductress.

Those chosen for appointive offices were the following: Chaplain, Kenneth Smouse, Organist, Juanita Carmichael; Marshall, Marilyn Childers; Adah, Anna Graham;

Ruth, Louise Wood; Esther, Frances Smouse; Martha, Ruby Becket; Electa, Virginia Wilkinson; Warder, Claude Graham; and Sentinel, John Wood.

Mrs. Smouse played several

violin selections accompanied by Mrs. Carmichael and refreshments were served by Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Beth Bryant in the dining room, which was decorated in an Hawaiian theme.

A district-wide recount effort by defeated District 55 Rep. Jack Sumner D-Heppner, resulted in Sumner and

Democratic primary winner Chuck Bennett each gaining two votes.

Bennett's final margin of victory in the primary was 83 votes.

It was discovered several days after the primary that a precinct in Wasco County had transposed Sumner's votes to Bennett, significantly decreasing Bennett's lead.

Sumner will be billed for costs incurred during the recall effort.

Heppner High class of '58 plans July 29 reunion festivities

The Heppner High School class of '58 will hold its 20 year reunion Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30.

Festivities will start at the Heppner Elks Club Saturday at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by a steak dinner with all the trimmings at 7:30. Entertainment will be by Ed Groshens and Jim Morris featuring top tunes of '58, and movies by Bob Bryant. Members are asked to bring their old photo albums to share. Dancing to the Black Tahiti group will begin at 9 p.m.

All friends, relatives and former classmates are invited to attend the dance Saturday night and the picnic Sunday to be held at Cutsforth Park at 10:30 a.m. Pop, beer and hot dogs will be furnished at the picnic. Class members are asked to bring hot dishes, salads or desserts. There will be games, including horse-shoes, with races planned for

the kids.

For more information contact Bob or Judy Laughlin, 676-9781.

Correction

Krynn Robinson was incorrectly identified as a rider pictured in a photo of the Morrow County 4-H Horse

Show in last week's issue. The rider pictured was Anne Van Schoaick.



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7 p.m.
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Thursday, July 20 No Lodge Fun Nite Happy Hour 5-6 Hot Hors d'ouvres	Tuesday, July 25 Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m. Happy Hour 5-7
Friday, July 21 Live Music Happy Hour 5-6 Hot Hors d'ouvres	Wednesday, July 26 Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m. Happy Hour 5-7 Scouts 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 22 Ackley Band	Thursday, July 27 Hot Hors d'ouvres Happy Hour 5-6 Reg. Lodge 8 p.m.

Members and out-of-town guests only.

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