

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES VIEWPOINT

Bennett is the man

When local voters go to the polls next Tuesday a bevy of ballot measures and a host of candidates await the elector's pencil.

One race stands out in importance to voters of Morrow County—between Chuck Bennett, Democrat from Gates and Bill Bellamy, Republican from Culver—for District 55 State Representative.

The Gazette-Times feels that Chuck Bennett would make a fine, concerned and knowledgeable State Representative for District 55.

A newspaperman by profession, Bennett has spent the last several years in Salem covering the Oregon legislature for a daily newspaper in the capitol city. From that vantage point he has gained a working knowledge of Oregon government, its finer points and all its ills.

Since beginning his campaign to unseat Rep. Jack Sumner in the primary election last May, Bennett has devoted countless hours to District 55. He has become knowledgeable of the problems Eastern Oregon communities experience and has already set out to help community leaders solve their problems with the least amount of state intervention.

On the side of small business and agriculture, Bennett proposes to move deregulation of state agencies that oversee and administer to these sectors of our economy. Bennett has said he will seek appointments to the House committees on taxation and agriculture, two areas of primary concern for Eastern Oregon.

Currently employed by a research-polling firm, Bennett has stated that his job flexibility will enable him to be "on call" for his constituents throughout the year—enabling him to respond to needs as they arise.

Bennett's campaign has centered around several major issues that affect District 55 voters, including: state water policy and its inequities for agriculture; the tax situation, for which he has solid proposals; small business and farm regulation; and rural health care. He has carried on a personal, door-to-door campaign visiting every town and city in the district, knocking on doors and conversing with the people of District 55 one-on-one.

As the GOP candidate for District 55 State Representative, Bill Bellamy has focused on background in his campaign. A life-long resident of Eastern Oregon, Bellamy now teaches vocational agriculture in the Culver school system.

Bellamy places much emphasis on the fact that he has lived most of his life in the district and he feels that fact would give him an advantage in representing the district.

Bellamy is against increased state support of schools while Bennett feels that increases basic school support is needed to offset the cost of state mandated regulations applied to local school districts, thus relieving the property tax burden.

The two candidates also split their views on rural health care. Bellamy believes it is a local problem and should be solved locally while Bennett contends that state help can be obtained through a program utilizing the U of O Medical School—without increasing state involvement in local control.

Philosophically, either candidate would be a good legislator for District 55, but knowledge of the workings of state government and the legislature is of utmost importance if an individual is to be effective in the role. There must be a sophistication and understanding of the system and its compromising factors in effective legislators. The Gazette-Times believes Chuck Bennett better meets these qualifications than his opposition.

Where to write Federal

Following is a list of Oregon and Eastern Oregon public officials for the information of readers who want to communicate with them:

U.S. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Member of Appropriations Committee, Interior Committee, Rules Committee and Indian Policy Review Commission. Portland office, Pioneer Courthouse, Rm. 107, 520 SW Morrison, Portland, Ore. 97204, phone 221-3386.

U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Member of Finance Committee and Commerce Committee. Portland office, 1002 NE Halladay, Rm. 700, (P.O. Box 3621), Portland, Ore. 97208, phone 233-4471.

U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, of the Second District, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Member of Ways and Means Committee. Salem office, 530 Center St. N.E., Rm. 330, (P.O. Box 247) Salem, Ore., 97308, phone 399-5724.



Half-time homecoming activities took a South Of The Boarder with the marching band resplendent new uniforms and dancing girls in chorus line

LETTERS

Fossil man gives advice to Oregon voters

Editor:

Well, we are again drawing close to Tuesday, November 7th. This is the one day of the year we can exercise our "American Right" to all and get out and vote. If you do not vote on this day you have no right to stop me during my days work, or during my leisure time, and complain about the way our government is being run. Unless you go to the polls on Tuesday, November 7th, and vote, you should not complain. Let's all turn out and exercise our right to register our vote—it is important!

I would like to mention that I am concerned over both ballot measure No. 6 and No. 11. I am not satisfied with either one, but if I must make a choice, which I will, it will have to be ballot measure No. 6. If we vote ballot measure No. 11 you can bet our income taxes are going to be increased before it is over to pick up the expenses of this measure. We must cut back on property tax but we must also realize that we are going to have to eliminate some government services also. I believe in the old adage, "You cannot have your cake and eat it too." If you want all the state services and state spending in Oregon it must be paid for now. Oregon state cannot operate on a deficit like our federal government is doing. Give some serious thought to both ballot measures No. 6 and No. 11, you are going to be living with your choice for quite some time.

I believe, from my knowledge of working with Vic Atiyeh personally in the past, that if you elect him as your next Governor that he can take ballot measure No. 6 through the legislature where he has great respect and influence from all the legislators because of his 18 years service in the State Legislature. I also believe that he can, because of his vast knowledge of taxation and such matters, make this measure more useful and workable to what the voters really want and need.

Vic Atiyeh realizes that state spending must be curtailed soon and he will work with the people to see that a reduction in government spending is accomplished. Vic is a capable, hard-working person that has experience, intelligence and respect of the people that have worked with him. No matter which ballot measure passes, Vic Atiyeh is the best qualified

to handle the results.

I also hope that Mark Hatfield is returned to his office for another term. He is too important to the State of Oregon for you not to vote for his return. We need his seniority and expertise in Washington, D.C. He is a man who votes as he believes is best for us in the long run, not for short range and special interest people.

I also hope that ballot measure No. 4 fails because we do not need the possibility of forming additional public utility districts for distribution of power by the simple procedure that is being suggested. It will only raise rates to our present consumer systems.

Sincerely,
H.C. "Herb" Wright
Fossil

IHS program is lauded

Editor:

In the September 28 issue of the Gazette-Times you printed a letter by a writer who claimed there was no drug problem in the lone schools and he stated his reasons why he believed this was so. I feel this writer should be the receiver of many credits, for everything he wrote is true.

I am a former student of Ione High School and I enjoyed the pleasant atmosphere that Morrow County provides. I realize I gained a large sense of pride while I attended Ione high and I must admit that this sense of pride still reigns over me today. I probably would not have this sense of pride if it were not for the strong bond of friendship among the students and staff at Ione High School. The community must not be neglected because they, too, deserve credit for the everlasting support they provide.

Hopefully, the students in Ione will realize how lucky they are to attend high school in such a happy and friendly community. It may be small but it is nice.

I must say that I am proud to be a former student at Ione High School and I do hope that my younger brother, Craig, is allowed the chance to graduate from Ione high.

Good luck to Ione High School, always.

Cathy Gutierrez
Gresham, Oregon

Sifting through the TIMES



A miss may be as good as a mile, but several Boardman area residents were still upset when a Navy pilot dropped a practice bomb within 300 yards of their home during this week 10 years ago.

The bomb landed about five miles north of its intended target at the Boardman Bombing Range. The mishap created an eight by six-foot crater a short distance from the Amos Shoemaker home.

The off-target bombing incident came during a rash of complaints over the low-flying Navy planes by local homeowners and private pilots.

Flat tires and roofing nails were in the news this week in Heppner 25 years ago.

During the peak of a special "hunters' choice" deer season, unknown culprits spread thousands of roofing nails along heavily traveled roads through Morrow County's Blue Mountains. The nails were found near a cattle guard on the road leading to Bull Prairie, along Parkers Mill Road, and along other key hunting routes.

Area service stations were kept busy repairing flat tires for at least 65 hunters. One Heppner gas station attendant reported that he repaired more than 35 flats in one day. One of these tires was poked with six nails.

During that same week in 1953, burglars picked the lock to the front door of Humphreys Drug Store in Heppner, before making off with more than \$1,500 in cash and merchandise.

Thirty years ago this week, voters in Morrow County gave an 87 vote margin to Harry Truman over Republican contender Thomas Dewey in the 1948 Presidential election. Nearly every other county in Oregon cast in favor of Dewey.

The father and son team of Jerry and Eddie Brosnan earned Livestockmen of the Year honors for Morrow County during this week 15 years ago.

The Brosnan's 3,000-acre Little Butter Creek cow and calf operation was cited for its efficiency, plus its utilization of good soil and water conservation practices. The Brosnan family controlled the ranch since the late 1860s, when Jeremiah Brosnan homesteaded the little valley upon his arrival here from Ireland.

Fifty years ago this week, Morrow County voters followed a national trend by casting in favor of Herbert Hoover in the 1928 Presidential election. However, in Morrow County, Hoover's victory was more resounding, with local voters electing him by a two-to-one margin over contender Al Smith.

W. G. McCarty also received a two-to-one margin at the polls to defeat M.L. Case in Heppner's 1928 race for the mayor's office.

Sixty years ago this week, Morrow County pioneer Edward D. Rood died in his Portland home of diabetes complications.

A native of Norway, Rood emigrated to the United States and served with the Union Army during Gen. Sherman's bloody Civil War march through the Carolinas to Georgia. Rood was wounded during the battle for Chancellorsville. After the war, he settled in the Eightmile section of Morrow County, farming there for many years. His first wife and daughter were killed during the 1903 Heppner flood.

Jones endorses Bennett for District 55 Rep.

To Morrow County Voters:

Our County is indeed fortunate this election year to have two extremely capable young men as candidates for the State Legislature from our District.

The Democratic Party has as splendid a young man in the person of Chuck Bennett who was nominated for State Representative from our district.

Chuck is exceptionally well qualified to fill the position being vacated by Jack Sumner. He is a newspaperman who has had extensive experience in covering the State Legislature. No better way could have been found to give him a working knowledge of our area.

Even more important is his firm belief in local control through locally elected people. With his knowledge Bennett could give stature to any committee in the legislature.

Chuck has been a firm advocate for release of the Bombing Range and for a fair and equitable share of the Columbia River waters to Morrow County. He has shown a deep interest in rural health for this far-flung rural area and believes that a closer working agreement with the University of Oregon Medical School will be of value to our sparsely populated areas of East-Central Oregon.

His personal, door-to-door campaigning and his genuine interest in people make him an ideal candidate for State Representative. Through his years of experience as a newspaperman working in Salem, Chuck has become very knowledgeable of taxes and tax matters, and this will put him in good stead as a State Representative.

I hope you will give Chuck Bennett your utmost consideration as your State Legislator.

Sincerely,
Paul W. Jones
Morrow County Democratic
Central Committee Chairman

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