

Politicians swing through Heppner area



Harry Kennison and Bob Smith talk it over



U.S. Congressman Bob Smith greets worker at gate of Kinzua sawmill in Heppner last Monday. Smith was campaigning in Heppner, and he also attended the Morrow County Fair Monday afternoon. Smith is running for re-election to the U.S. house of representatives from this district.



Ed Glenn (left) pours glass of wine for Ray French (middle) and Sen. Eugene Timms during wine tasting at Elks Club

SHOWING SOON

Leiters Designer Fabrics is celebrating 50 years in business this year. Leiters was founded by James C. Leiters, Sr. in 1934 in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1960, James C. Leiters, Jr. began showing the fabric collection in other areas of the country and today Leiters has over 3000 sales representatives in the United States. James C. Leiters, Jr. is company chairman and Clifton Kelley is president. Kathy Hazen is a Leiters sales representative in the Heppner-lone area. Besides Leiters own high quality fabric collection, an exclusive line of Italian fabrics from Renel of Italy is available as well as a complete Bridal Collection, Yarn Collection, notions and patterns.

With the November General Election a little more than two months away, candidates for several public offices have come to Heppner recently to talk with citizens, and of course look for votes.

Sen. Eugene Timms, who is running for state senate Dist. 30, was at the Heppner Elks last Tuesday to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and was also in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade held Saturday.

His opponent Mark Stringer has also made a visit to Heppner, appearing several weeks ago at Chamber, and meeting people in the area.

Bob Smith, incumbent Republican to the U.S. Congress visited last Monday, where he toured the Kinzua sawmill and also appeared at the Fair and Rodeo later in the day.

Timms, who was appointed to Bob Smith's seat in the senate when Smith went on to the Congress, says he has spent his first session in state government "establishing credibility" with other lawmakers there.

"They say freshmen legislators should be seen and not heard, and to an extent that's true," he told the chamber. "There's nothing they dislike worse than a mouthy newcomer." For this reason he says he spent most of the time getting acquainted with the system and establishing his credibility.

Timms does point to a couple of accomplishments he attained while in the senate, most noticeably the appointment of an Eastern Oregon man to the water resources board. "I was influential with the governor in having Bill Kramer appointed to the water resources board. I think that's the most important thing I've done in Salem, he said, and it wouldn't have happened if I hadn't talked to the governor."

Timms said there were no people from Eastern Oregon on the board, even though water resources are very important in this part of the state.

Timms pointed out that he is a successful businessman, which he says is an asset in government.

"There is nothing wrong with a person being successful. Free enterprise is what this country is all about. We have to get out of the habit of because someone is unemployed we elect them and send them to Salem."

Smith said he is qualified for office because he is a salesman.

"I'm qualified because I'm a salesman. You have to go to Salem and sell Eastern Oregon. You have to influence people," he said.

Timms' opponent, Mark Stringer, also came to Heppner recently and attended the chamber of commerce luncheon.

Stringer, who was born and raised in Nyssa, was manager of "Oregon's largest sheep company" for five

Farra wins special award



Ida Farra with award

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD
A new annual award at this year's Morrow County fair, the "Creative Hands" award presented by the Morrow Extension Homemakers Advisory Council, was won by Ida Farra, Heppner. This home economics award was presented on the final evening of the fair just prior to the livestock auction.

The rules governing this award state that exhibitors must have winning entries in two or more classes in home economics open class divisions—in foods, canning, needlework, and clothing. Each first place brings three points, second place two points, and third place one point.

Ida Farra outscored other eligible exhibitors by winning a total of 53 points. The trophy is a colorful, hand-embroidered motto "Home Sweet Home" in an attractive light wood frame that has a row of small pegs on its lower side. Ida has won many ribbons for many years with her generous assortment of entries.

years, one reason he says he will make a good state representative.

"I can relate to the majority of our problems here," he told the chamber. "We can no longer accept the dictates of the urban areas."

Stringer says the urban areas of the state "don't realize our needs. We need a strong link between them and us."

Speaking on opportunity of Eastern Oregon he pointed out that we have experienced "the brunt of the economic woes."

Stringer says we have an excellent opportunity to ship our products to the Pacific rim countries, and we should be working more on this.

"Timms is a personable fellow but he's lackluster," he says of his opponent in this race. "I would be more dynamic."

On current issues, Stringer says he is against a sales tax, unless a 1.5 percent tax limitation is passed by voters, "then I would be in favor of the sales tax to make up lost revenue."

Republican Bob Smith made a swing through Heppner, visiting the Kinzua Mill, and making a stop at the Morrow County Fair Monday.

Smith toured the new Kinzua electrical co-generation plant, talked with mill manager, Harry Kennison, and shook hands with workers at the mills front gate.

Smith said Oregon's economy has not caught up with the rest of the country, and it is high interest rates holding down construction which hurt us.

As in the last campaign, Smith favors a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget.

This would restrict the government from borrowing large amounts of money and driving up the price of capital available, he said.

1st annual Irrigon Watermelon Festival starts Saturday

The first annual Irrigon Watermelon Festival will get underway at 6 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 with a Watermelon Pickers Breakfast at the Marina Park. Much free entertainment is planned to fill out the day including a parade beginning at 10 a.m. on the Old Highway.

From noon until 8 p.m. at the Marina Park, a Christian Singing group, square dancers, old time fiddlers, a quick draw gun artist, the Sweet Adeline, a jazz band, a saxophone and accordion, the Riverside High School Pep Band, a country-western singer Tanya Wagner, an organist John Bettencourt, an exhibition by RHS cheerleaders, and other musicians and singers will be at the Marina Park.

Throughout the day, 36 raffle prizes will be drawn. Arts and crafts will be displayed and demonstrated at the Arts and Crafts Gazebo, and radio controlled unlimited hydroplanes will give a demonstration on the Columbia River. River boat tours, hot air balloon rides, a horse-shoe tournament, a jaws of life demonstration, bingo, kids games, a watermelon eating and a seed spitting contest, plus a dunk tank and 32 food concession display and demonstration booths will round out the day's activities.

A street dance from 9 p.m. until midnight with the music of "Ruff Rider" will close the day's festivities. Admission to the dance will be a booster button, advance price is \$1. The day of the festival, buttons will

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