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New year, new look

With the new year comes a new look for your Democratic newsletter. First the name: DEMOGRAM. For you scholars, the suffix *gram* indicates something written or drawn (according to my *American Heritage Dictionary*). And of course, the prefix has a meaning all its own.

Second: All articles expressing some kind of policy position will bear the name of their authors. When more than one such opinion appears from the same source, initials will follow the subsequent contributions. All residents of our area are encouraged to write in their opinions, and pertinent comments will be published.

Please send contributions to: Neal Nogler, Editor, DEMOGRAM, P.O. Box 962, Centralia, 98531-0709.

See you at Solomon's



Dean Foster, Governor Booth Gardner's Chief of Staff, will speak at the coming Central Committee Thursday, January 24. Mr. Foster is a long-time political activist and leader of House Democrats in past legislative sessions. He has also served as State Committeeman from the Twentieth Legislative District, and therefore is very sensitive to the concerns of the people of this area. Come listen, question, discuss, get involved in the politics of your county and your state.



The auction is a 'comin'

Sharon Lyons wants to remind everyone of the coming annual Democratic auction. Although no specific date nor location have been set, we do know it will occur sometime in May somewhere in the Chehalis-Centralia area. Right now she is looking for two things — donated items and volunteer help. The items could include almost any good, serviceable article or it could include some unique experience (like airplane rides, parachute jumps, weekends at mountain or lake cabins).

The volunteers are needed to help gather, sort, and organize the material. If you are willing and able please call Sharon at 864-6279 (Toledo) or Michaelle Dokken at 736-3432 (Centralia).

things to do • places to go

Monday, January 21, 1985

Thurston County Central Committee Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Thurston County Courthouse

Thursday, January 24, 1985

Lewis County Central Committee
King Solomon's Restaurant, Centralia
6:00 - Social time
6:30 - No host dinner
7:30 - Meeting and program
Speaker, Dean Foster,
Booth Gardner's Chief of Staff
Any interested Democrat is welcome

Saturday, January 26, 1985

Washington State Democratic Committee Meeting
Tyee, Olympia
9 a.m. - Registration
10 a.m. - Reorganizational meeting

Monday, February 4, 1985

Executive Board Meeting,
Odegaards' home
3415 Ives Rd., Centralia
Any interested Democrat is welcome



chairman's corner

by Gary Odegaard

I appreciate the confidence the precinct committee persons have in me to elect me chairman of the Democratic Central Committee for the next two years. I will try to live up to their expectations; however, I cannot do the job alone. Therefore, I will be calling on many of you for help on various tasks and projects.

One of the objectives of the central committee is "to foster grass root support at the precinct level for the ideals and principles of the Democratic party," and one of the methods listed is "gaining full participation of the Precinct Committee Persons in the decision making processes and activities of the Democratic Central Committee." So I will be calling on you for your assistance.

We hope to see you at our central committee meetings and other events, especially those of you who are precinct committee persons. According to our by-laws, if you cannot attend a meeting, "Every Precinct Committeeman/woman shall be encouraged to designate in writing an alternate to serve at meetings he or she may be unable to attend; said alternate's name being filed with the secretary to cover meetings until revoked, provided the alternate is a registered voter resident in the same precinct."

Besides our meetings, the Demogram is another way of communicating with you the events and interests of our party's local activities. I especially want to thank Michaelle Dokken for her many years of work in getting a newsletter off the

ground and into reality. I also want to thank Neal Nogler, Editor; Phil Meany, Assistant Editor; Bill Ith, Publisher; and Nancy Carroll, Business Manager, for their many hours of work on each issue. A top quality newsletter costs money, and we need money to support the printing and postage costs. The advertising does not cover all costs, so if you enjoy receiving this means of communication, please send in some bucks to help defray expenses.

I have appointed my wife, Kay, to act as liaison between the central committee and the Demogram staff. They have already held an excellent productive meeting, so we hope to have even better newsletters for 1985. If you have any ideas or suggestions or articles for the Demogram, please get them to Neal or Kay.

Please let me know if you are interested in any of the following committees listed in our by-laws: Publicity; Education and Organization; Finance; Social; and Candidates, Campaigns and Issues.

The person who I have learned a lot from and who deserves a special "thank you" is Rita Cleary for her past four years as county chairman. She did a great job! Thank you, Rita.

Leaders chosen

In December the PC's of Lewis County met at Carpenters' Hall, Centralia, to elect members of the executive committee for 1985-86. Chosen were: Gary Odegaard, Chairman; Donna Karvia, First Vice Chairperson; Bill Ith, Second Vice Chairperson; Nancy Carroll, Treasurer; Michaelle Dokken, Secretary, Rita Cleary, Past Chairperson; and of course Arlie and Sharon Lyons as State Committee people.

Hugh Kalich was elected chairman of the Twentieth Legislative District; Jody Hamilton, Vice-Chair; Phil Meany, Treasurer; Dr. Joe Dolezal, Secretary; and Bill Ith, State Committee.



Eugene saves its hanging trees

A new street widening project was being planned in the city of Eugene, Oregon. The project called for the removal of six ancient and venerable trees standing directly in the right-of-way.

Tree-conscious citizens were soon in open revolt against the proposal. A "Save the Trees" committee was organized and sufficient signatures obtained to place the issue on the general election ballot.

Also on the ballot was an initiative measure to restore the death penalty.

Both measures were approved last November.

Voter's verdict: Save the trees — kill the people.

Ed Johnson

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The other financial source comes from individual contributions. Any amount, large or small (there probably is some kind of disclosure limitation on contributions over \$1,000, but we will cross that bridge when we come to it), will be gratefully accepted. Please send checks, bills, and coins to P.O. Box 962, Centralia.



N.N.

Dessert should come with the meal

My wife is a great one for postponing pleasure. "Later" is the byword. "How about dessert?" "Let's wait until after Masterpiece Theater..." How about a movie? "Not tonight; Let's wait for the weekend..." "Let's go to the lake..." "We need to stake up the trees we just transplanted and the blackberries need to be cut back. Maybe next week..." You see what I mean.

But the point I want to make here is not that I want a trial separation, but that the Democratic Party has adopted some of my wife's philosophy. Of course we are pretty well forced to postpone any national jubilation-pleasure with the results of the recent election. But might not our postponement-of-pleasure syndrome have been at least partly responsible for the Presidential election disaster in the first place? Early primary returns showed Gary Hart a clear choice of the

Lewis County Democrat of the Year Les Cleary honored



Les Cleary

Where do you go if you want someone to make hamburgers at a Democratic fund raiser, haul stuff in his pickup, set up furniture, make cotton candy? Who is always there when you need him? Ask the county executive committee. All will answer with a unanimous, "Les Cleary."

So it was that the committee chose Les as the county Democrat of the year. Pleased but surprised by the selection was Les' wife Rita who was maneuvered out of the room while the decision was being discussed and voted on.

Les' selection was announced at the October Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner.

rank and file (by over a two to one margin in Lewis County). But then the party pros, the Karen Marchioro's, the Mike Lowry's, the Don Bonker's of the nation, took over. "Gary Hart may be flashy, he may be young and fresh and exciting. But he may cause cavities," they appeared to say. "We owe the nomination to Walter Mondale. We'll throw a token woman (a Tip O'Neill choice) on the ticket and take our lumps like the faithful Democrats we are. Maybe we'll make a real race of it the next time."

Let me say here I am not beating the drum for Gary Hart. What I am calling for are fresh, exciting, winnable candidates. And let the party faithful pay attention to what the voter wants, what will give the voter pleasure in the general election, and what will give the Democrats winners next time around.

Neal Nogler

Former Chehalian on Gardner staff

Orin Smith, a 1960 graduate of Chehalis High School and a member of the basketball team which won the state Class A title that year, has been appointed state budget director for Governor-Elect Booth Gardner's administration. Active in the Democratic party, Smith has been mentioned a potential candidate for governor himself someday.

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What price candor?

The most critical issue facing the nation today is the size of the federal deficit. So what else is new? The deficit, after all, is a problem for Congress and the President. Not for us. We prefer to bask in the assurances that all is sunny and bright — that we really are better off than we were four years ago, and that "we ain't seen nothin' yet."

As yet, neither seen nor unseen are the results of the President's campaign promises not to raise taxes. In the interim, for purposes of perspective, let us look back to 1980 and the campaign promises of John Spellman. Spellman, like Reagan, had been elected on the promise not to raise taxes. (Jim McDermott, his Democratic opponent, had argued that tax increases were necessary.) But Spellman had failed to understand the critical condition of the state's finances. Once elected, he was forced to call three expensive special sessions of the legislature to solve the problem.

In those years we were introduced to a new term: "user's fees." User's fees were increased, not taxes. Suddenly it cost more to license a car — that was a user's fee, not a tax. It cost more for a license to hunt and fish — user's fees, not taxes. More for booze, and finally an increase in sales taxes.

Similar semantic opportunities are available to the President. Something called "revenue enhancement" is a term coming into common use. Revenue enhancement will occur naturally, it is said, as the economy improves. With

more people finding jobs, more money will be paid into the federal treasury.

But the federal deficit is projected to continue to increase and the increase will be even greater if the hoped for economic revival fails to materialize. At a record high now, the deficit could climb to 190 billion with 210 billion a strong possibility. Desperate, and as a last resort, Congress could begin to consider a value added tax and a flat rate income tax, both regressive and non-constructive for the average person.

Perhaps Mondale could not have defeated Reagan in what was essentially a popularity contest. Mondale, however, contributed to the Reagan margin of victory by persisting in telling people what they preferred not to hear. He should have taken a lesson from McDermott and 1980.

E.J.

Halsans reveal a real issue

Stu Halsan, Twentieth District's Democratic white hope in the State Senate, and his wife Cathy called Wednesday night, Jan. 9, to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Kirsten, seven pounds, four ounces. Now Cathy has something to think about nights while Stu is off to Olympia fighting the legislative battle.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, February 28, 1985

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King Solomon's Restaurant,
Centralia

6:00 - Social time

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Precinct Education

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Terry Wilson, speaker

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