



'MEET THE CANDIDATES' — A group of Turkey Creek township Republican women are planning an open house at the Country Mouse, located on the corner of Maple Grove St. and SR 13 in Wawasee Village, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Purpose of the meeting: To meet the candidates.

They have invited all Republican candidates whose names will appear on the November 7th ballot. Along with this, they have invited the five candidates for the Lakeland School Board, although these five are non-political candidates.

According to Charlene Knispel, all candidates have been contacted and invited to the open house and all have consented to be present.

Four of the women making arrangements are shown here: From left, Christine Clodfelter, Roxanne Hadley, Robin Dust and Deb Robinson.

Uppermost —

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John Frederick Kroh, 424 Front Street, Syracuse, is seeking his third consecutive term on the board and believes a strong educational system is vital to the community. "A school board member's job is a fiscal responsibility to taxpayers and setting policy. I feel the present administration stays on top of things. Some trends you just don't jump on. You have to make sure they relate to this system. All programs sometimes aren't the best. We look at some programs very carefully. If they are a benefit, fine. If not, we pass over them."

Kroh and his wife, Gail L., have three sons, Steven, 20; Tom, 18; and Tim, 16.

Stuart A. Walker, 119 W. E. Long Drive, Syracuse, has a lifelong interest in education. "I think I would like to see a positive attitude. More people are interested now in the board and I think that's good. But, people tend to believe negative comments. There's a problem with communication. We need more involvement between the school and community, administration and community and the teachers and the community."

He and his wife, Diana, are the parents of three children, Kevin, 15; Bethanie, 14; and Mark, 13.

Marguerite B. Hoerr, r 1 Milford, feels she can lend a mother's point of view. "I'm a woman and I'm a mother of five and I feel I can contribute something no man can. I have had five children in this corporation and I can draw on that experience."

She and her husband, Robert, have five children, Mrs. Richard A. (Rebecca) Pelath, Dr. Robert A. Hoerr MD, Dr. Frederick J. Hoerr, DVM, Douglas E., and Jeffrey L.

Battle —

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businessman, serves on the advisory council of natural

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resources, finance and institution committee and is chairman of the insurance and corporation committee in the state legislature.

He has served as a member of the Winona Lake Town Board for eight years and has owned the Home Furniture Mart in Warsaw for 37 years.

He and his wife, Helen, have two children: Lanny, 39 and Sharon, 32. They also have three grandchildren.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine and is an honorary member of the Rotary Club.

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Need Representation
Romine feels he can give better representation to the 17th District than Mauzy. He commented, "The present state representative hasn't done too much for the district. I feel I can do a lot more. It's always been a goal of mine."

Romine said the one major issue he is concerned with is the fuel adjustment clause. This clause is where the utilities charge for generating raw material. He said in 1976, the state received \$61 million from this and \$135 million last year. He is expecting the state to receive over \$200 million this year.

"This is one I want to get off," he said, "It's hard for those on fixed incomes. I would introduce legislation to do away with this."

Romine, an electrical contractor, is a member and past president of the Mentone Town Board. He is a member of the Mentone Methodist Church as well as the Warsaw Rotary Club and Rozella Ford Golf Club. He is a past president of the Kosciusko County Merit Board.

He and his wife, Donna, are the parents of two children, both married.

Township Races

Besides the state and county races, a number of township races are also in the offing this year. These are as follows:

Van Buren — Township Trustee, Walter Wuthrich, Republican, unopposed; and Township Advisory Board, Harold Young, Robert Beer and Merrill J. Rink, all Republican.

Turkey Creek — Township Assessor, Harry M. Van Hemert, Republican, unopposed; Township Trustee, Joseph D. Shawman, Republican, unopposed; and Township Advisory Board, Virgil Bobeck, Harry D. Alfrey and Jackson D. Ridings, Sr., all Republican.

Tippecanoe — Township Trustee, John J. Kussmaul, Republican and Richard D. Mitchell, Democrat; and Township Advisory Board, Jerry L. Rhodes, William E. Metcalf and Roger E. Leinseter, all Republican and Myrlin Rosbrugh, Thurman E. Rinker and Patricia J. Cooper, all Democrat.

Jefferson Two — Township Trustee, Harlan J. Wuthrich, Republican and Merle R. Holden, Democrat; and Township Advisory Board, Charles A. Mikel, Dale H. Berger and Harold E. Wilson, all Republican.

Brock Mfg. —

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a doubling of storage space.

The company is also erecting a transportation building to the southwest of plant two, 6,600 square feet in size, to house Brock's fleet of trucks and repair trailers.

"This will mean that all of Brock's operations will be on the west side of the road, and all of Chere-Time's on the east," Brembeck explained.

"Chere-Time needs to expand, and Brock needs to expand. Chere-Time will expand by moving into the Brock facilities, and Brock will expand by building on the west side of the road."

"By the spring of 1980, we hope to have each company self-contained on one side of the road, cutting down on traffic and transportation across the state road."

"The expansion will probably necessitate an increase in employment," Brembeck continued, "because we are anticipating an increase in business. We have faith in the future, or we would not be planning an expansion. Right now we are producing a little more than these facilities can handle."

"However, an employment increase might not be immediately apparent."

Further details of the expansion will be announced in the future.

Chere-Time has been in operation in Milford for 26 years while Brock was started 20 years ago.

Minor damage in automobile fire

An electrical short was the possible cause of an automobile fire at the Burger Dairy Store, Pickwick Road, Syracuse, Tuesday evening.

The Syracuse fire department arrived at 8:17 p.m. to find the engine compartment engulfed in fire. Two hundred fifty gallons of water was used to extinguish the blaze and the fire resulted in \$25 damage.



JOYOUS REUNION — Many memories were discussed by these three men last Wednesday night at the home of Albert Lesta, left, in Wakarusa. He and his twin brother, Karl of Ashville, N.C., right, were reunited with their father, Karl Lesta of Estonia, for the first time in more than 34 years. The father listens intently with his arm around his son's shoulder as they talk about life during their childhood days in Estonia. — Wakarusa Tribune Photo

From Nov. 1 Wakarusa Tribune —

Long separation ends for local man, father

America and Wakarusa, Indiana, are "like a dream world" to Karl Lesta.

He expects any moment "to wake up and find his reunion with his twin sons," Albert and Karl, after more than 34 years "just isn't real."

And he is overwhelmed by the friendliness of everyone he meets, the abundance all around him and the freedom Americans enjoy.

Unbounded joy marked the reunion of this healthy, extremely alert man of 82 with his sons at O'Hare Airport in Chicago last Wednesday evening after he had traveled for 22 hours to end a separation which took place during World War II in their native Estonia.

Returning from the airport, the first few hours of reliving cherished memories of their family life in Estonia and recounting their experiences since their separation were spent in the home of the one twin, Albert Lesta, and his family at 302 W. Waterford St. in Wakarusa.

As he walked onto the porch here, he was greeted by these words written in large letters on the picture window of his son's home: "Tere tulimast vana isä!"

His son provided a free translation of the words which mean "Welcome, grandfather."

The message was from Erika, daughter of Albert and his wife, Barbara, who is a sophomore at Baptist Christian High School at Elkhart.

Karl Lesta, who manages a large dairy farm near Ashville, N.C., had only a few hours to spend with his father because he had to return to North Carolina

last Thursday.

Prior to World War II Estonia was an independent nation and Karl and Ann Lesta operated a farm market and farmed land. First the nation was taken over by Russia and then Germany drove the Russians out of the Baltic states. Since the end of the war communist leaders have controlled the country and there is no private ownership of land.

Albert Lesta recalls that it was on Aug. 18, 1944, that he and his twin brother last saw their father before last Wednesday. They were taken out of Estonia by the Germans and transferred around Europe until the war ended.

Their older brother, Arnold, and a younger brother, Olav, returned to the home area after the war and have been with their father. He never was forced to leave Estonia during the war.

While they have been able to keep in touch through letters, the brothers just now, after trying for 10 years, have been able to arrange for their father to obtain a visa to visit them.

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Plain Twp. trustee lists bases for snow emergency

In a report from Donald J. Boggs, Plain Township Trustee, to Sonya Creighton, Kosciusko County Civil Defense Director, Boggs stated emergency blizzard stations have been studied and three bases have been selected. The bases will be at Chapman Conservation Club, the Oswego base and west on Armstrong road to the Leesburg base. From these bases supply could be by snowmobile or four wheel drives.

Those appointed to direct this plan are: Ellsworth Everest, Plain Township director; Bob Smoker, Don Fraley, Bob Tingle, Leesburg base deputy directors; Merl Polling, Chapman Lake base deputy director; Terry Frank, Oswego base deputy director; and Pat McClure, Oswego base assistant deputy director.

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