

Delegates to attend state party conventions

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Faithfuls of both the Republican and Democratic parties will head for the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene this coming week to attend their state conventions but there is actually little of burning interest to attract them.

As this is an off year, there will be no selection of delegates to the national conventions. The main business will be the adoption of a party platform and resolutions.

State party leaders said they have heard of no major controversial proposals except perhaps for Right-to-Work, abortion and positions on the nuclear industry, including radioactive waste disposal.

Democrats don't even elect state officers as this was done at their winter meeting in connection with the Jefferson-Jackson Day Banquet at Boise in February.

The Republicans do elect but all of the incumbents have indicated they will seek re-election and there has been no announcement of contests.

The Democrats will meet Sunday,

Monday and Tuesday at the North Shore Lodge at beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene while the Republicans will follow with their gathering at the same site Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

It is the first time that can be remembered the two parties are meeting at the same place on the same week.

Scheduled speaker at the Democratic banquet Monday night will be former Idaho governor and U.S. secretary of interior, Cecil D. Andrus.

Marie Hanzel, Burley, Idaho Democratic chairman, said 380 delegates are eligible to attend.

The county and legislative committees selected their convention delegates May 11 as required under national party rules. The county chairman, state committeeman and state committeewoman of each county and the 35 legislative chairmen are automatic state delegates. Additional convention delegates are allotted to each county based on the number of Democratic votes cast at the 1978 gubernatorial election.

Convention chairmen is former Sen. Art Manley, Coeur d'Alene, and committee chairman are Sen. Kermit Kie-

bert, Hope, platform; Rep. Jim Stoicheff, Sandpoint, resolutions; Susan Boyd, Boise, credentials; and Wayne Fuller, rules.

State officers besides Mrs. Hanzel are former Sen. Cy Chase, Sandpoint, vice chairman; Marie Eshlen, treasurer; Rita Sallaz, Boise, executive secretary; John Chapman, Boise, state committeeman; and Carolyn Selander, Boise, state committeewoman.

Among those from Bonneville County planning to attend are Kent and Carol Richert, Mike and Peggy Hinman, and legislative candidates, Larry Reynolds, Arco; Rue Steers, Idaho Falls, and Woody Woodbury, Idaho Falls, and Dean Wilkie; and Alfred and Louella Crandall.

The Republican convention will attract 469 delegates, plus a number of alternates.

The county delegates include county chairman, state committeeman and state committeewoman in each of the 44 counties, plus bonus delegates based on the votes cast for Republican congressman in the 1980 general election.

Bonneville will have 19 delegates, the

third largest behind Ada County with 43 and Canyon County 20.

At the convention all party officers will be elected except National Committee-man David Little, Emmett, and National Committeewoman Jane Miller Boise, who hold over for two more years.

All of the present officers have indicated they will seek re-election and so far there has been no report of challenges. Incumbents include Dennis M. Olsen, Idaho Falls, chairman; Lee Shellman, Coeur d'Alene, first vice chairman; Mrs. Ann Rydallch, Idaho Falls, second vice chairman; Cecila Folkinga, Buhl, secretary, and Charles Chehey, Moscow, treasurer. Jim Davidson is the fulltime paid executive secretary.

Main speaker Friday morning will be Morton Blackwell, special assistant to the president, and all of the congressional delegates are expected to attend.

Olsen will preside and committee chairmen include Mrs. Miller, credentials; Randy Ayre, Boise, rules; Senate Majority Leader James Risch, Boise, platform, and Steve Boller, Hailey, resolutions.