

# Good Rain Falls Here in 'Nick of Time'

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### Jaycees Campaign For Constitution

Morrow county Jaycees are taking part in a statewide Jaycee project to seek signatures for petitions that provide for calling a state constitutional convention in September, 1970, provided the 1969 Legislature fails to submit a revised state constitution to the people.

Jerry Samples, chairman here, said that the Morrow county chapter expects to obtain at least 300 signatures. Booths will be set up Tuesday, election day, near the polling places to gather signatures. He said that the law requires only that such booths be at least 50 feet from the polling places.

If sufficient signatures are obtained statewide, the measure will be on the ballot at the general election in November of this year. Petitions must be completed no later than June 25.

In supporting this project, the Oregon Jaycees declare that constitutional revision has been a recognized necessity for at least 15 years, but the people have not had the opportunity to vote on a revised and modern Constitution.

Three successive legislatures—1963, 1965 and 1967—have failed to refer a new constitution to the people even though the present Constitution was amended in 1960 by vote of the people to provide for referring a new constitution to them.

The present Constitution is 110 years old, has been amended some 115 times, and contains obsolete, out-of-date and unrealistic provisions, the Jaycees state.

### Virgil Chapman Dies

Virgil Chapman, 63, of Boardman, died of a heart attack Monday while visiting friends in Ontario. Services are planned Friday in Newberg. He was manager of the Roy Phillip Ponderosa ranch.



OLD GRANDSTAND at the rodeo grounds, located on the Hinton Creek highway, ended a long history Monday when it was pushed into a heap and burned. A new all-steel grandstand will be erected and is expected to be completed by rodeo time in late August this year. Heppner fire trucks and county equipment were used in Operation Burnout. Rodeo and fair board members and Heppner firemen, assisted by other volunteers, kept the blaze under control and though power poles were very close they were not seriously damaged. By evening the wooden grandstand, which had served long and well, was reduced to ashes. (G-T Photo).

### Greg Pierce Returns Home After 18 Months in Vietnam

Spec/4 Greg Pierce, looking fit and healthy, arrived home in Heppner last week after undergoing 18 months in combat with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

The Heppner soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pierce, has participated in some of the most intensive fighting of the war, most recent being in the area of the A Shau Valley. This is just south of Khe Sanh where beleaguered United States soldiers were isolated before the movement came up from the

south to reach them. Pierce said that much of the North Vietnamese activity is centered in the A Shau Valley. He was assigned to a 105 mm. howitzer as an artilleryman and, although trained as an air trooper, took only one jump during his service in Vietnam. This was a training jump. Pierce returned with a considerable respect for the fighting ability of the North Vietnamese soldiers. Many of them are continuously "hopped up" on mari-

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### Pioneer Picnic Invites Many

Many roads will lead to the Heppner fair pavilion on Memorial Day, May 30, bringing Morrow county pioneers who now reside in other areas to the 16th annual Pioneer Memorial Picnic. The reunion has for many years called early-day pioneers, their descendants and families from a wide area to enjoy a day of visiting and reminiscing.

A good attendance of both residents of Heppner and neighboring communities is also expected to attend the reunion activities.

Much is being done by Chairman Harold Cohn and his helpers to make the day an enjoyable one. Women of the Golden Age club will be at the door to greet visiting guests and members of the Scroptimist club will be in charge of registration, and name tags, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

A potluck dinner, with the meat course, rolls, ice cream and beverages furnished, will be served at noon. Those attending are asked to contribute varieties of potluck dishes. Contributions will be accepted at the time of registration to help with incidental expenses.

Mrs. Rachel Harnett, curator, will have the local museum open from 10 a.m. for visitors.

### Public is Invited On Ranch Tour

A tour in honor of Robert and Herb Peterson, Morrow county Conservation Men of the Year, will be Friday, May 24, and the public is invited.

Tour guests will meet at the fairgrounds in Heppner by 9 a.m. and bus transportation will be furnished by the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district.

Anyone wishing to join the tour later may meet the bus by 9:45 a.m. at the Heppner-Condon highway and county road junction south of the Lawrence Becket ranch. The tour will cover the Peterson Bros. operations in Hail Ridge area in the morning, on to their home ranch at Valby, where lunch will be served by the Petersons (no sack lunch necessary).

Following lunch and a tour of the home ranch the group will proceed on to the Gabbert Ranch in the Dryfork area. Return will be by way of Gooseberry to Heppner-Condon highway.

### City of Ione Sets Spring Cleanup

Annual spring cleanup is scheduled at Ione on May 27, 28 and 29, according to Mayor Jim Barnett.

A truck will be available to pick up trash and debris on those dates and residents are asked to pile their material at the side of the street where those making the pickups can get at it conveniently.

There is no charge for this service.

This week's general rainfall brought probably the best news of the year to Morrow county, moistening the parched lands and coming at a critical time for the growing wheat crop.

Total was recorded in Heppner by Don Gilliam, weather observer, at .65 inch with .65 inch on Sunday, .36 on Monday and .24 on Tuesday. Other parts of the county had lesser or greater amounts with the rainfall being the lightest in the northern section and heavier in the foothills.

It was reported that a small waterspout came in the area of the Campbell Ranch, east of Lexington, bringing about 1 1/2 inches. In another part of the county .92 inch was recorded at the Louis Carlson ranch. At the Ron Haguewood place, south of Heppner, .80 inch was reported and in the Eightmile area some ranchers reported up to three-quarters of an inch.

Riley Munkers, manager of the grain division of Morrow County Grain Growers, said that he heard one report of nearly an inch in Blackhorse canyon. But in the north, Larry Lindsay said that only about .10 inch had fallen in the area of the bomb range by Tuesday morning.

Gene Winters, county extension agent, said that most of the winter wheat around the county is high in the boot now and it is a critical time for the rain. Some grains are too far gone, he said, for the moisture to help. Some of the spring grains may not make it.

Munkers said that kernels have already formed in some of the wheat crop, but the rain will make a big difference in quality without adding to the number of kernels. He said the rain could be the difference between a "disaster" and having a fairly good crop.

The good rain was also appreciated in the forest lands that had become tinder dry, according to W. S. (Sam) Miller, ranger of the Heppner Forest Service district.

Gilliam said that May to date has brought .66 inch in Heppner, all but .01 inch this week. This is less than half the average for May, he said.

But there was no doubt that this was one of the most welcome rains in recent years.

Complete report for the week:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	66	37	—
Thursday	79	39	—
Friday	83	46	—
Saturday	85	45	—
Sunday	81	60	.05
Monday	85	51	.36
Tuesday	65	46	.24

### Frank Halvorsen Sets State Record

Frank Halvorsen, Ione High Junior, set a new state record in the Oregon B track championships at Pleasant Hill Saturday, going 6-3 to better the mark set by Elliot Lewis of Colton in 1963 at 6-2.

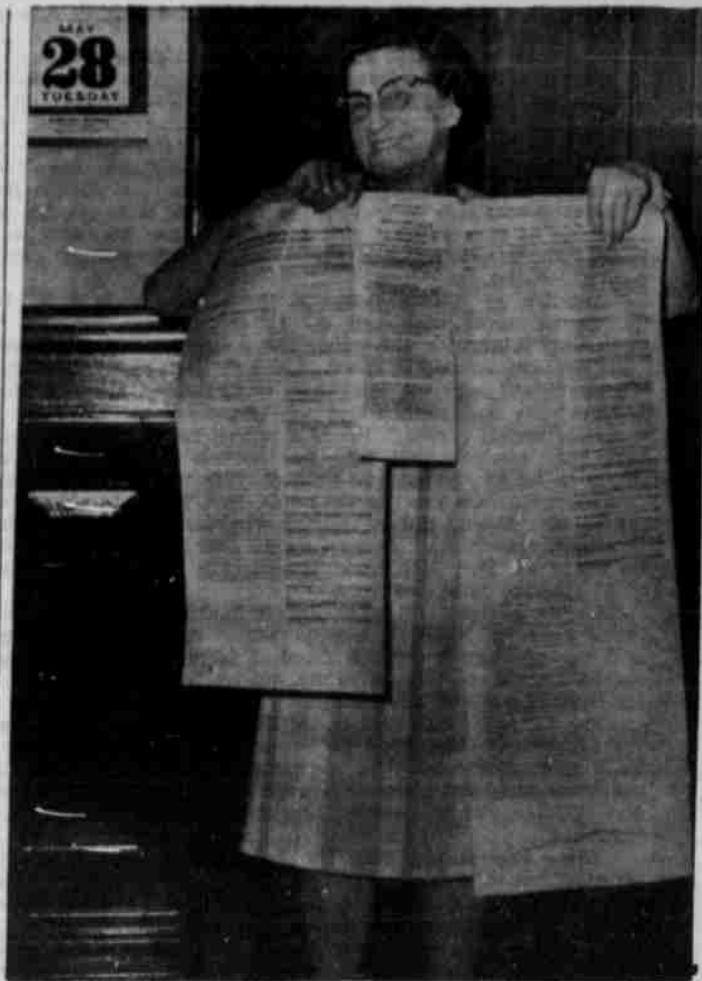
Eddie Sherman took two second places—in the 100 yard dash at 10.1 and in the 220 with 22.8. The finish in the 220 was almost a dead heat between Sherman and the winner, Dan Moody, Pine Eagle. Both were clocked at 22.8.

Ione's "two man team" scored 26 points in the state meet, giving the Cardinals a seventh place finish. Crow and Gilchrist tied for first with 41 points each.

### Bill Weatherford Runs for Senator

W. W. (Bill) Weatherford of Heppner announced Friday that he is an active Democratic write-in candidate for the Oregon State Senate from district 18 (Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Morrow, Wasco and Wheeler counties) and is seeking votes at the primary election.

His late entry into the campaign came, he said, when he realized that the district had no declared candidate for the nomination on the Democratic ticket. Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles, Democrat, currently representing the district, is not a candidate for reelection. Seeking the position on the Republican ballot, unopposed, is Kenneth Jernstedt of Hood River.



SADIE PARRISH, county clerk, holds the "bedsheet" ballots that will be used in the primary election Tuesday. The longer one (right) is the Democratic ballot, Republican ballot is at the left. All voters will receive a nonpartisan ballot (center) for the three measures and judiciary. Calendar at upper left reminds of the voting day—May 28. (G-T Photo).

### Primary to Draw Sizeable Turnout

A fairly heavy turnout of voters is predicted for Morrow county at the primary election Tuesday by Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk. Interest in a presidential year is always greater than in a non-presidential year, and with the rather vigorous activity of some of the major candidates on their campaigns, greater impetus is expected.

In addition there are a number of contests for state office and one at the county level on the Democratic ballot between

John Mollahan and Bert Corbin, both of Heppner, for the sheriff nomination.

Three measures on the non-partisan ballot will also attract some voters, especially Measure 3 that would provide a bonding program to finance building for state higher educational institutions.

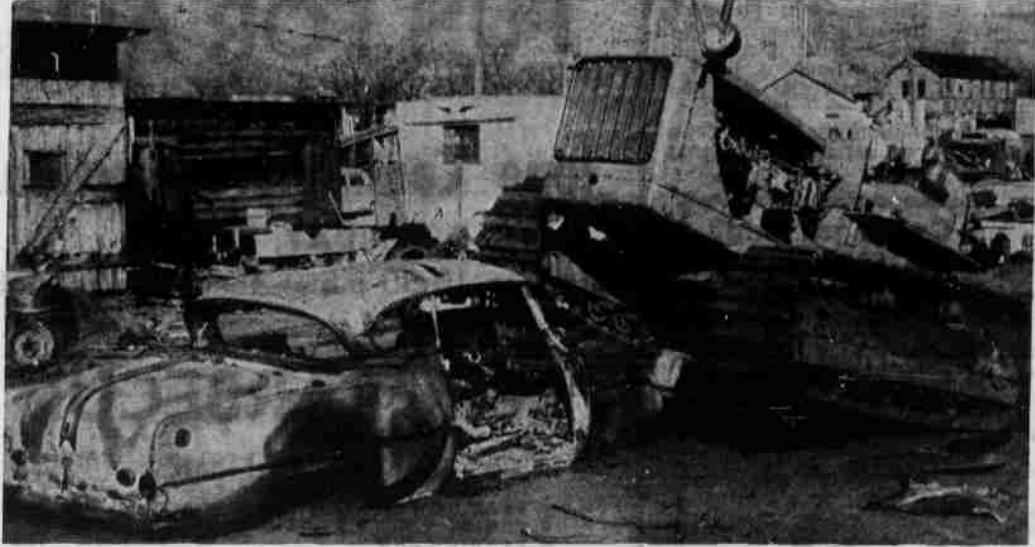
Mrs. Parrish made another appeal for Morrow county's more than 2000 registered voters to cast ballots early in order to facilitate the job of counting votes from the long ballots. Polls will be open at the nine voting places in the county from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday.

As usual, the Gazette-Times will act in compiling unofficial totals for the National Election Service, the Oregon Election Service and for information of any who are interested in the outcome. It is expected that a quick spot total of incomplete returns from Heppner precincts will be available just after 8 p.m. but from that time on, no further returns will be out until counting boards complete their work, and this may be well into the night because of the number of candidates to be counted.

Mrs. Parrish said that there is considerable advance interest in absentee voting with most of the requests coming from servicemen and women.

Ballots were published last week in The Gazette-Times and sample ballots are available at the courthouse.

### Heppner Cleanup Week, May 20-25



HERE'S HOW John D. Ceglia, Sr., goes about spring housecleaning at his auto wrecking yard. He is in the process of smashing a car body with a D6 Caterpillar tractor. Flattened bodies are then stacked (right) before loading them on a truck to be hauled to Portland for smelting. The hardtop cars are considerably harder to smash than the usual sedan, Ceglia states. By this time, most of the old bodies are cleaned out of the local yard, ready for more wrecks that once were the pride of many a family. Ceglia's work is fitting at this time because Mayor Rosewall has proclaimed May 20-25 as Cleanup Week in Heppner. (G-T Photo).



### Ceglia Wrecking Yard Undergoes Spring Cleanup

When Ted Sidor of Corvallis, community development specialist, spoke at the Chamber of Commerce meeting here recently, he said that there is a need for good auto wrecking yards in Oregon.

He might very well have taken pictures of Ceglia's Wrecking Yard in Heppner as an example of a clean operation to be used with other colored slides that illustrate his talks.

John D. Ceglia, Sr., operator of the yard on Riverside Avenue, takes a pride in keeping it as spic and span as he can. In recent days he has been setting an example that others may follow for spring cleanup. Mayor W. C. Rosewall has proclaimed May 20-25 as Cleanup Week in Heppner.

With the help of Warren Plocharsky and a rented D6 Cater-

pillar tractor, Ceglia has slobbered out the dozens and dozens of old car bodies in his yard, loaded them on a truck and hauled them to Portland to go to the smelter.

After all usable parts have been removed from the old or wrecked autos, they are set afire to burn out upholstery. Then they are placed in position for the Cat to come and run over them. In a few passes, the average car body is smashed as flat as a fritter. Then Ceglia stacks them up on a heap to load on a truck.

Ceglia estimates that he loses from \$25 to \$35 per car when he flattens them and hauls them to Portland, for the pay isn't very high for pancaked car bodies. But he considers it as a necessary cost in running a respectable business of this kind.

Many of the car are those that are totaled in wrecks. He removes engines and parts for resale, also stripping metals that can be salvaged, even the copper from the vehicle's wiring.

By this time, spring housecleaning is about over at Ceglia's wrecking yard. There are no unsightly vehicle bodies to create eyesores either in or out of the confines of the neat fence around his yard. This makes the local yard quite a contrast to many that one can observe around the State of Oregon and the Northwest.

And Ceglia means to keep it that way. He recently came to a city council meeting to tell the city dads he expected to maintain a good yard and a good business. He said that if the city received any complaints, he wanted to hear them.



STAFF of the Heppner Branch, First National Bank, is enjoying the new spaciousness of the remodeled bank building at which open house is being held today (Thursday). At left is Pat Wonsler, in the center with a customer waiting is Norman Supple, and at right is Mary Eleanor Gilman, who has the longest tenure of employment at the branch. (G-T Photo).

### Bank Open House Slated Today; Growth Revealed

John Venard, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Oregon, cited some impressive statistics as the remodeled and expanded Heppner banking office readied for its all-day open house Thursday, May 23.

The branch manager pointed out that deposits at the banking office are \$3,848,031, and loans are at \$6,158,295. Just five years ago, he said, deposits totaled \$5,178,748 and loans

\$2,657,868. "These figures," Venard stated, "reflect the growth of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Oregon. We are very proud of the service we have given our customers here in Heppner, and we are equally as proud of our greatly expanded and remodeled branch office."

The new banking facilities at the Heppner branch include six teller windows, a conference

room, bookkeeping room, and an employee lunch room. Parking spaces are provided for 17 vehicles.

Work on the \$135,000 modernization project began in December of 1967 when the contract was awarded to McCormach Construction Company of Pendleton. Architect was Wesley V. Korman.

During the Thursday opening, visitors are invited to take tours of the banking office. Refreshments will be served.