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Carter wins county; U.S. Presidency

So called voting apathetics charged the polls Tuesday, producing an outstanding turnout and many interesting, yet expected race results in Morrow County.

Close to home, incumbent Judge Paul Jones built a comfortable lead after holding a 367-350 edge early Tuesday, to win the Morrow County judgeship seat from challenger Dan Creamer, Irrigon, 1,355-978.

Not surprisingly, Bill Bellamy, Culver candidate for a house seat from district 55, nailed Heppner's Jack Sumner, 1,542-816. Sumner, since his ride into the house, has not carried his own county.

Ken Jernstedt broke open a relatively close early race, to win the senate seat from district 28 over a pair of candidates. The ballots were marked for Jernstedt 1,212, Donnell Smith 615, and Lee Brittenham 441.

In the commissioner race, Warren McCoy, incumbent, bumped Willard Miller, chal-

lenger from Irrigon, in somewhat of a closer race than was expected, 1,237-1,000.

Sadie Parrish will occupy the county clerk's office four more years, after defeating challenger Pauline Winter handily.

Larry Fetsch, sheriff; Sylvia McDaniel, treasurer, were not opposed.

Jack Olsen took the circuit court post. A former district attorney, Olsen had 915 votes to Milo Pope's 773, and Lawrence Rew's 630.

In the ballot measure clashes, Morrow County was pretty much representative of the state, excepting measure 10, to repeal Land Conservation and Development Commission.

In the three key measures, Morrow County voters voted to continue with nuclear energy (No. 8) 1,591-684; to repeal LCDC (No. 10), 1,058-1,041; but reversed their decision on CRAG (No. 12), voting to keep it, 1,082-848.

Cities decide council spots

Thanks to high voter turnout, Heppner, Ione and Lexington city officials can take pride in both their victory and defeat representation. Supporters on all sides took direct aim in their personal decisions and the results prove their determination.

Heppner city council will be presided over for another two years by their incumbent

mayor, Jerry Sweeney, who completed his campaign with a total of 513 votes. The four year term for three city council positions will be filled by Cliff Green—586 votes, Warren Plocharsky—495 votes and Hubert Wilson—496 votes. Avon Melby offered an ad-

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Interesting

...Ford and Dole won in six of the ten precincts but lost in total votes...Al Ullman won in every precinct by at least a 2-1 margin and some cases by an ever greater amount...

...Heppner voters scored Paulus with a large number, 583-306... Jewell Lansing won in Irrigon but that was it... Jim Durham, who did much campaigning in the county, carried six precincts but lost in total vote...

...Lee Brittenham, termed the favorite by many a week ago, didn't stand a chance against incumbent Ken Jernstedt in Morrow County...Bill Bellamy blasted Heppner's Jack Sumner and it wasn't the first time Sumner hasn't carried his own county...Bellamy won every precinct but Irrigon...

...County races were really interesting... Judge Jones held a 367-350 lead after three precincts were in...both Creamer and Jones got 179 votes from Boardman...Creamer won big in his home town of Irrigon but lost every other precinct...

...The Commissioner race, surprisingly close, saw McCoy lose one precinct...that was N.E. Heppner by one vote... McCoy had 240 votes from Irrigon and Miller, 174 in Irrigon, both of their home towns...

...Sadie Parrish never trailed...She did lose three Heppner precincts to Pauline Winter, her challenger...A rock jaw prevailed...Jack Olsen, former DA, who stood for stiff penalties, fell to Pope in Boardman but didn't lose another precinct...

Ionians irate over Judge's quote

By Wil C. Phinney and Lavon Starr
Not so. That's the cry from many Ione businessmen this week.

The cry is in response to an article in the Gazette-Times last week concerning Morrow County Judge Paul W. Jones' assessment of a petition.

The petition, asking for a road that would connect Ione to the Carty coal-fired electrical generating plant, was met with mixed reaction last week. Jones said that Ione businessmen were "not enthusiastic" and had been "pressured" into signing the petition.

But this week, the Ione people are irate over the Judge's assessment and are mostly in favor of the petition and the road.

Tim Tullis, who initiated the petition at the request of Jones, said he did not apply pressure to anyone.

"I didn't apply pressure to anyone that I know of," Tullis explained. In an irritated tone, Tullis said that "Jones asked me to initiate the petition, I distributed the petition and solicited 16 persons to sign it."

"If I applied any pressure, I'm sorry," Tullis said. "Jones misrepresented the whole thing. I'm concerned about Morrow County and I think that a little planned growth wouldn't hurt the county a bit."

As for the petition drive, Tullis said he thought it was time "people get off their duffs and say what they want from government,

instead of letting seven people on main street decide."

"If he'd have seen the petition and read it," Tullis said, referring to Jones, "he wouldn't have said what he did." It probably cost him the election, Tullis said Monday.

The petition was handed to Jones Wednesday morning with about 250 signatures. Linda Tullis said that 60 per cent of the businessmen in Heppner had also signed it and that all but one Ione businessman, Mayor Robert Drake, had signed it.

Drake had no comment, noting he was neither for or against.

The petition said: "In support of the construction of a road linking south Morrow County with agri-industrial area and electrical generation plant now under development to the south of Boardman, Oregon."

The Gazette-Times learned this week that an unsurfaced road does, in fact, lead from Ella toward the Carty site. The dirt road leads to circles, west of the PGE site but according to Charles Doherty, a rancher in the Ella area, some cars "evidently" are going that way.

Doherty corrected the G-T on their map reading, saying that the road that borders the bombing range is the Old Oregon Trail. Ella Road leads from Ione to the Old Oregon Trail road.

Doherty was one of many in favor of the

road construction that would link Ione with the Carty site. With the road, Ione would be only 13-15 miles from the Carty plant.

"It would go past me and there would be increased traffic," Doherty said, "but Morrow County definitely needs a road into the plant. I thought the Morrow County court had taken care of this, but by the article last week in the paper, apparently not."

Doherty was one of many that expressed their feelings pro and con concerning the proposal.

The Gazette-Times interviewed some of the Ione businessmen and got these responses:

Elbe Akers: "With all respect to the judge, I am personally for the road, as we need it. The road is about two years late and I feel our town has missed a lot of business, because the road is not there. However, better late than never. I was not pressured into signing the petition as I am a yes or no man. The north end of the county has for the past ten years been receiving all the help it has needed to grow and almost nothing has come to this end."

Gene Lancaster: "I think it would be a real good thing for the community. It would help us and we need it. What else can you say? It would be a lot quicker way to get out of here to Portland."

Paul Pettyjohn: "I am for any road improvement regardless of where it leads to

or from. It would possibly be beneficial to the local people when the plant gets going. I don't know if I'd push hard for it, but I sure like to see roads built or improved."

Art Lindstrom: "I'm all for it. It would be a water grade to the north down the hill. It would be an access to go east faster than any other road."

Gene Rietmann: "I have no objections for the road and never said to Judge Jones or anyone else that I was against it. I don't know which Ione businessmen he's (Jones) referring to. One objection I do have; Judge Jones has a statement published in the latter part of 1975 in the Gazette-Times to the effect that the county court had no desire to build a road from Ione to the Carty Reservoir because no interest had been indicated from anyone in Ione. I belong to a fraternal group that addressed a letter favoring such a road to the county court in the last three years."

In light of Judge Jones' statement this past winter, I don't understand why county road crews were furiously oiling the road in question after June 1. Perhaps it had something to do with the election on November 2.

I wouldn't presume to put words in Judge Jones' mouth, so please don't apply that statement in last week's Gazette-Times to me."

E.W. Bristow would not allow the

Gazette-Times to print his opinion. However, his son, Don Bristow, did state his feelings: "That's a tough one. I'm not strongly for it and I don't oppose it. If it's good for the country, then it should be built. I question how much real benefit to our city it will have at this time until we have building sites."

Landfill eyes open

A tentative date of November 8 has been set for the opening of Heppner's sanitary landfill.

The original date was October 1. The name has also been tentatively set as Turner Landfill.

The landfill is slated to be opened on weekends, Saturday and Sunday afternoons to the public. There will be no charge, at present, for persons to dump on these days.

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