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## Bellamy outpolls Bennett



Bill Bellamy

### Morrow voters follow statewide trends

Campaign emphasis on his rural background and Eastern Oregon roots paid off for Republican Bill Bellamy, who appeared certain Wednesday afternoon to become District 55's new representative in the Oregon Legislature.

With roughly three-fourths of District 55's votes tabulated, Bellamy was leading Democratic contender Chuck Bennett of Gates by a margin of 6,786 to 5,615.

Bellamy, a vo-ag instructor in Jefferson County, who has lived in east-of-the-Cascades farming communities virtually all his life, polled heaviest in Eastern Oregon. The Culver Republican received about twice the votes of Bennett in eastern District 55 counties, including Morrow, where he drew 1,352 votes to Bennett's 744.

Both Bennett and Bellamy were familiar figures in Morrow County, where each candidate made frequent appearances during the course of the campaign. Bennett, a

former newsman from Gates in Marion County's Santiam Valley, unseated incumbent Jack Sumner of Heppner in the May primary to become the Democratic candidate.

Bennett appeared to be carrying the western portion of District 55, but not by the substantial margins that Bellamy carried the eastern section.

Most of the votes that remained to be tabulated were from rolls in the western end of the district. However, when contacted Wednesday morning, Bennett conceded that he didn't expect Bellamy's lead to disappear.

"I don't expect the trend to end," Bennett said. "I'll probably call Bill pretty soon to give my congratulations. Maybe a miracle will happen, but I don't really expect it."

"Being from west of the mountains was really tough to overcome," said Bennett, allowing that he may have underestimated the appeal

that a local, rural candidate appears to have with Eastern Oregon voters. "I think that perhaps I was too straightforward on the issues—that I told too much, and didn't present an emotional appeal. After all, the issues are just one part of a campaign."

"Bill ran a really effective campaign, and he worked hard," Bennett continued. "And he had a really superb campaign manager in Joanne Holcomb...I'll let Bill put together a record in the next two years, study what I did right and wrong, and take him on again."

Reached during a noon break from his shop class at Culver High School, Bellamy conceded that his rural background was the key to his apparent victory. "Chuck may have made points on certain key issues in the district, but he didn't have the background to really understand them and follow them through," he said. Also adding to his success was "a very

organized, very active campaign" on his behalf, Bellamy stated.

The victor-apparent stated that his first step as District 55 Representative will be to select a group of 200 persons representing a cross-section of the district, who will provide him with "instant input" on constituents' feelings regarding legislative issues during his tenure in the House.

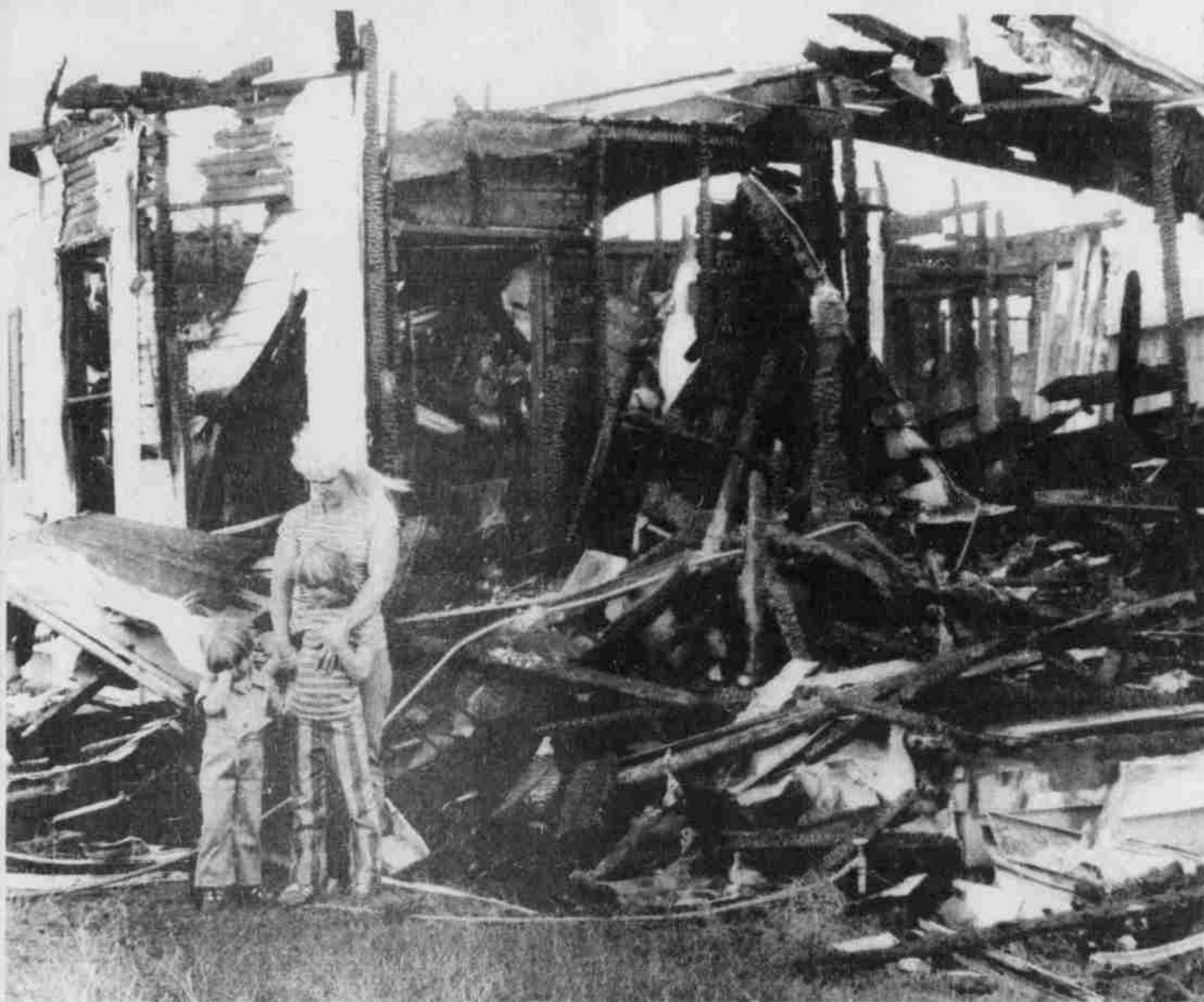
Bellamy, who lost by less than 500 votes to Jack Sumner in the representative's race two years ago, stated that the day after election "feels much better this time around."

In other election news, Morrow County voters basically followed statewide trends for Oregon candidates and ballot issues.

Morrow Countians cast 1,287 votes for Vic Atiyeh in the governor's race, compared with 839 for Democratic incumbent Bob Straub. Mark Hatfield received 1,023 votes to 719 for Vern Cook in the U.S.

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## Fire destroys family home



### Benefit slated

Fire destroyed the home of Donnie and Gail Papineau early Tuesday morning, taking everything the family had. The fire started while the family slept about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday. Mrs. Papineau happened to wake and go downstairs which was filled with smoke; she and her husband removed the children from the upstairs bedrooms and

minutes later the entire house was engulfed in flames. A benefit shower for the family will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the IOOF hall in Lexington. Clothing is desperately needed for the family: girls sizes 4 and 7, boy's size 18 months, mens wear in 32-pants and size 16 shirts and womens size 11-12. The benefit will start at 1:30 p.m.

## Heppner: ping pong capital of the world

Come Saturday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m., Heppner will play host to the Professional World Champion Table Tennis Match between teams representing Haiti and Thailand.

The efforts of Heppner Elks Club members and Club Manager Jackie Jensen are responsible for bringing the extravaganza to Morrow County's capital city. In addition to Saturday's table tennis match, the Club has scheduled a Hawaiian Luau for Friday night, featuring a show by the dancing group Tiki Lights, as well as authentic food and drink.

The Heppner High School gymnasium will be the site of the table tennis match where seating for more than 1,600 people will be arranged. Choice reserve seats will go for a cool \$25 per seat; Dress Circle seating is \$15 per person and General Admission will be \$8.50.

Jensen, who expects a full house for the world championship match, said profits from the event will be used by the Heppner Lodge for improving facilities.

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Heppner Elks Club Manager Jackie Jensen sees ping pong balls 24-hours a day as the Professional World Championship match nears. The event will take place at the Heppner High School Gym Saturday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.

## Miller succeeds Lowe at First National

First National Bank of Oregon named Kenneth Miller to succeed Lyle Lowe as manager of the Heppner branch. Lowe was promoted to assistant regional credit administrator at the Portland-based headquarters for the 28 First National branches east of the Cascades.

Miller comes to Heppner from Prineville, where he was assistant manager. He started with First National at Port-

land in 1967, and had been at Prineville for the past two and a half years. He is a graduate of Wheeler County High School in Fossil, and an alumnus of Eastern Oregon College.

Lowe was manager at Heppner for two and a half years. Virtually all his career with First National has been in southern and eastern Oregon. He was at Medford, Bend and John Day before going to

the Sherman County branch in Moro as manager in 1975. He was named manager at Heppner in May, 1976. He is a

graduate of Bend High School and Columbia Christian College in Portland.

### Weather By Don Gilliam

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Wed., Nov. 1	50	25	
Thu., Nov. 2	63	29	
Fri., Nov. 3	71	47	
Sat., Nov. 4	65	32	.03
Sun., Nov. 5	50	24	
Mon., Nov. 6	61	28	
Tue., Nov. 7	75	40	

## Nothing firm on Heppner, Lexington flood plains

Army Corps of Engineers flood plain studies show that the recently funded Willow Creek dam would "reduce the flood plain and flood depth substantially" in Heppner, but still allow "some shallow flooding along Willow Creek" below the confluence of Shobe and Hinton creeks.

The remarks on the new—and incomplete—Corps hydrology study of Heppner were made Monday by Ron Barrett, chief of the Corps' flood plain section for the Walla Walla District, during a meeting of the Morrow County Intergovernmental Council in Boardman.

The new flood plain study for Heppner—as well as for Ione and Lexington—is being done in order for the cities to comply with requirements for receiving federal flood insurance benefits.

Ione's recently completed flood plain survey shows that nearly the entire city lies

within either flood plain or floodway designated areas. Any future building would be prohibited in the floodway designated areas. New construction could be performed in the flood plain areas, only if structures are elevated above a theoretic flood crest level and floodproofing building practices are used.

Barrett's comments on the flood plain situation in Heppner are tentative, since final analysis for Heppner and Lexington are not yet complete. Barrett said the deadline for their completion is April of 1979, but pledged that an effort will be made to finish them sooner, hopefully by the end of this month.

After flood plain findings for Ione were made public last month, officials in Heppner and Lexington expressed fears that their towns would face equally restrictive designations.

A map showing the extent of

the "shallow flooding along Willow Creek" in Heppner mentioned by Barrett has not yet been completed. Barrett did present a nearly completed map for Lexington during Monday's meeting, which tentatively places land within roughly 200 feet along Willow Creek and Blackhorse Canyon inside either flood plain or floodway designated areas. Most of the Willow Creek flood plain in Lexington is currently unoccupied pasture land, with the Blackhorse Canyon flood plain posing the bigger threat to residential and business property.

Theoretic flood depths for the cities are calculated on the basis of a "hundred year flood"—the worst flood likely to occur within the next century. Barrett said the Willow Creek dam would "reduce (the) Willow Creek 100-year flood discharge by more than one-half" in Lexington, but not affect the

100-year flood area in Ione. Runoff from a "100-year flood" would come mainly from Rhea Creek, Rietmann and Lorraine Canyons, and other tributaries downstream from the dam, according to Barrett.

In Heppner, the theoretic 100-year flood would discharge 3,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water from Shobe Canyon into Willow Creek, which has a channel capacity of 1,300 cfs. The 2,300 cfs overflow path would make up most of flood plain and floodway areas yet to be mapped for the city.

In previous meetings with Corps of Engineers officials, "you told us that the Willow Creek Dam would virtually eliminate the flood plain in Heppner," Morrow County Judge D.O. Nelson told Barrett. "The people of Heppner will be up in arms if your

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