

**Hospital Board Faces Up to Financial Issues**

Seeking ways to solve the financial problems of Pioneer Memorial Hospital, the board heard suggestions and alternatives from County Judge Paul Jones and Administrator Irene Kilkenny Wyman at the hospital board meeting March 18.

In her report to the board, Mrs. Wyman said that 10 of the 20 patients in the Nursing Home are private pay. Cost in the nursing home this year has been \$11.43 a day which provides primary care of board and room. Medication is additional.

The board voted to raise the charges to \$11.80 which is 37c a day increase of \$360 a month effective May 1. Mrs. Wyman noted there are few Nursing Homes in state that charge less than \$450 a month.

Judge Jones reviewed three alternatives to raise additional revenue for the hospital. 1. The county could go outside the 5% on the county budget. 2. The people of the county could be asked to vote for a Serial Levy as was voted to build the hospital and as was voted to build roads or 3. A Hospital District.

He said he could see no way for an increase over \$10,000 for the hospital in this year's county budget. He had checked with the sheriff's office and "tax collections are down".

Mr. Pfeiffer asked about cutting down Hospital staff as a way to cut down on expenses.

Judge Jones in discussing the Liability Policy of the Hospital said Morrow County is discussing another policy that will include the Hospital, Fairgrounds and the County. He said, "Cost is \$900 less than is now paid on the present liability policy on the hospital." Hospital board members are covered, they were told.

**Fire Safety**  
Dick Small, Deputy State Fire Marshal, reported on nine items that needed correction at the time of the June 22, 1970 inspection. All items except one had been corrected satisfactorily.

The remaining one was to make the new wing built in 1954 fireproof with a sprinkler system. At the time the original building had sprinklers installed, they were not required by the State Board of Health in the new wing with its reinforced cement walls.

Now the requirement is that these corridors will require sprinkler system installation and while the individual rooms may be protected with ionization detectors, Mr. Small said there is a bill before the legislature at the present time that will probably require sprinklers in the patient rooms.

By removing all materials stored in the attic and that area sealed off except for maintenance, he told the board, "that might get by without sprinklers."

He wondered if 6 months would be considered as a reasonable compliance date?

Mrs. Wyman said she had received a bid of \$4200 for sprinkler installations in the corridors of the new wing, six rooms on both floors, the closets, stairwell and the attic.

Mrs. Harry Duvall, long friend of the hospital, has said she would pay the first \$1000 towards the sprinkler system.

Mr. Small indicated that good faith would be shown on the part of the board with a reasonable attempt to secure the funds for this requirement.

**Administrator's Report**

Mrs. Wyman reported minor surgeries at the hospital for the past month were double the average with four. There were two babies which is average. Average census was 10.7 percent Payroll had decreased for the month because it was a

short month. As of that day she said, "We're \$137 in the black."

The audit was more this year because they went back over several years. The audit uncovered the hospital was entitled to a reimbursement of \$18,633 from Medicare. Medicare had advanced the hospital money which the Hospital was able to repay and still Medicare owed them \$34,547. Since they only pay 80% this still leaves \$11,637.60 due from Medicare.

Collections for the month were 102%. Past due accounts keep coming into the hospital.

In commenting on those with Social Security who are in the nursing home, Chairman Clarence Rosewall commented on how social security had helped in that there is less welfare and less unemployment.

**Need A Doctor**

The board expressed gratification again that the auditor had stressed the high quality of care that is given at the Nursing Home. Riley Munkers said he'd heard that sometimes doctors could be secured through the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

Mrs. Wyman said our need is listed with American Medical Assn. It is up to us to sell ourselves stressing our better points: schools, churches, shopping, recreation, pure air, uncrowded conditions, etc. She also stressed the importance of entertaining the wife while her doctor-husband looks over the facilities. Sometimes the wife gets a poor impression of the hospitality of a place when she is left in the car to wait.

As a further attraction to secure a doctor, Mrs. Duvall has offered to substantially subsidize the rent for any doctor for the first year of practice.

A number of years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Duvall gave the house at 135 S. Gilmore to the county, with the stipulation the proceeds were to benefit the maintenance of the hospital. Judge Jones reminded Mrs. Wyman that she had \$1380 in this fund.

Mrs. Wyman explained that while the Oregon Board of Health had only licensed the Hospital for 25 bed Nursing home, she had received permission to place one or two upstairs until a room downstairs became vacant. The board has a policy of accepting only Nursing Home patients from within Morrow County.

An executive session called by Judge Jones closed the meeting.

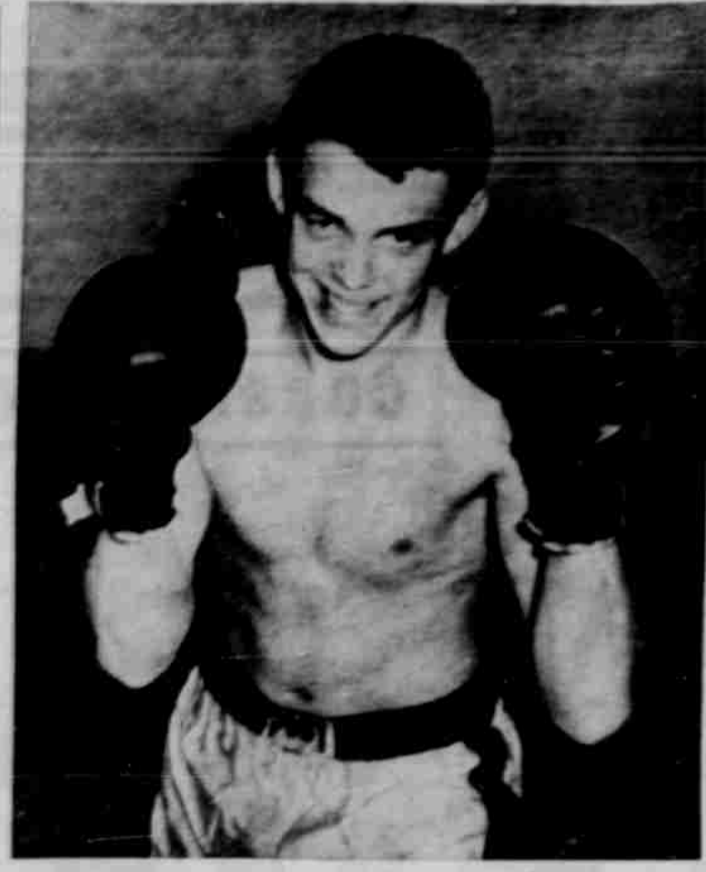
**Losers Fix Dinner For Card Clubbers**

Four lower-scoring card club women (and husbands) treated four higher-scoring women (and husbands) to a great evening of eating and bridge at the Bob Laughlin home in Heppner on Sunday evening, March 21. Card playing and dessert which followed the dinner took place at the Archie Ball home.

The lucky participants who treated and were treated included: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Kit George, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Laughlin, all of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brosnan, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Curran, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hughes, of the Butter Creek area, and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Piper of Lexington.



GAZETTE-TIMES



JOE McELLIOTT, 155 pounds, gets set for a boxing match at Carroll College March 26.

**Joe McElligott Prepares for March 26 Match**

Joe McElligott of Ione, has been working out for more than a month in preparation for his boxing match in the 13th annual Junior Class Smoker at Carroll College, March 26.

A card of 15 matches for the first time in the event's history, is scheduled in the Carroll Physical Education Center. The first bout is set for 8 p.m.

Henry Burgess, an associate professor of English who coaches the Smoker participants, says five or six fighters from Gonzaga University, Spokane, also are expected to compete in this year's Smoker.

Joe's weight is 155 pounds and he's a freshman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick McElligott.

**Stitchers A-Go-Go To Go Looking About**

Judy Laughlin's 4-H Club, Stitchers A-Go-Go, are keeping mighty busy. The group will meet today to finish their projects: the four beginners are working on tote bags and the five third-year girls are making locker caddies.

The club will discuss final plans for a material buying trip and look-about excursion to the Columbia Center in the Tri-Cities. The girls are eager to inspect the big shopping center, and they are starting to look for materials for their this year's Morrow County Fair projects.

Ruth Ann Keithley, reporter

**SPRAY NEWS**

SPRAY—Mrs. Myrna Richards is hospitalized in the Emanuel Hospital in Portland as she has had another operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yoho visited with Jerry and Bonnie Beach of Gervais last month.

Mrs. Leona Weise is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

Mary and Cindy Reade went to Portland March 16 to pick up Doug Reade who is home on furlough for a few days.

**Beckets Go To Portland Meadows**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beckett went to Portland last weekend. They went out to see Mr. Beckett's mother, Daisy Charlton. Mr. Beckett assisted in setting up equipment used at the Portland Meadows race track. Beckett Equipment had made some of the equipment used in shaping up the track following each race.

They started the season early this year and it's rained every day except for the last few days.

The new grandstand has been completely rebuilt. The multiple level structure is completely glassed in the front and is heated. The Beckets saw their first horse races.

**Coupon Date Extended**

Keep those Betty Crocker coupons coming. Mrs. Joe Engelman, Morrow County chairman, said this week that there had been an extension of the time that coupons could be turned in for the purchase of the Kidney Machines. Coupons may be turned in until Dec. 31, 1971 at Elma's in Heppner, Del's Market in Lexington, Bristow's Market in Ione, Hicks Market in Boardman and Lee's Texaco in Irrigon.

Oregon is now working on its 6th kidney machine to be purchased by the Oregon Kidney Assn.

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**Boardman Club Donations Chosen**

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN—Mrs. Arthur Allen was hostess for the meeting of the Boardman Garden Club at her home Monday night of last week. Roll call was answered by naming a woman in the Bible.

It was voted to give donations to the Claire Hanley Research Fund, National Life Membership, Native Flora Conservation, Teachers Conservation Workshop, Willamette National Cemetery, and to the Heart Fund.

Mrs. Rollin Bishop, Mrs. Leo Root and Hazel Carpenter were appointed on a committee to investigate putting a memorial in the city park.

Mrs. Bishop read articles on "Song Sparrows" and "Spring Birds."

Mrs. Ralph Earwood received the door prize.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Marlow April 19 at 8 p.m.

**Discharged from Navy**

Sm. Earl Struckmeier has received his discharge from the U. S. Navy at the Sandpoint Naval Station at Seattle, Wash. He returned from a year's service in Vietnam. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Struckmeier, went to Seattle to meet him on his arrival there. They returned home the first of the week and Earl went to Portland before coming home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will York of Long Creek visited last week at the home of their nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Hinton.

Hazel Miller went to Gresham last week to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bob Miller, and to see her brother, Bert Akers of Ione, who is in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball went to Yakima, Wash., last week to visit overnight at the home of Ball's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shannon went to Selah, Wash. over the weekend to visit at the home of Shannon's nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely were in Pendleton four days last week visiting at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lilly. Their grandson, Jay Lilly, had surgery at Pendleton Community Hospital while they were there.

Mrs. Dwight Parker and son Vince of Salem are visiting this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Zoe Billings.

Mrs. LaVern Partlow went to Walla Walla, Wash., to visit a couple days at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Partlow.

Pastor and Mrs. Neil King and children Marthas, Cynthia, Leora and Randy went to Spokane, Wash. Monday to visit several days at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Potts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball, Zearl Gillespie and Hazel Carpenter went to Lexington Sunday to visit at the home of Mrs. Ball's brother-in-law and sister, Mr.

**and Mrs. Truman Messenger.**

**Seehafer Guests**

Mrs. Ronald Tye of Enterprise visited last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Seehafer. Other visitors overnight Friday were Mrs. Seehafer's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gwynne of Clyde, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Vaughn, who have been visiting at the Seehafer home, went to Baker to visit several days at the home of Mrs. Vaughn's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith.

Pastor Neil King, Mrs. Frank Marlow, Jack Scheadal, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noble and daughters Jody and Jerita, Martha King, Donna and Freddie Ziemer, and Michelle Graham all went to The Dalles Sunday evening to a musical program at the Christian Church by "The New Outlook", and "The Open Door", musical groups, the latter one from Millwaukie.

**WAC Card Party**

There were five tables of pinocle in play at the card party held last week at the Greenfield Grange hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Mrs. Donald Baker was hostess.

High prize was won by Mrs. Bernard Donovan and low went to Mrs. Sam Beeks of Arlington. Mrs. Arthur Allen and Marian Steinke of Arlington received the traveling pinocle prizes.

The next night card party will be at the hall March 27, starting with potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

**SPRAY NEWS**

Mrs. June Troxell and Kathy Brisbois went to the Portland airport to meet Tom Troxell who is home on a thirty day leave from the Navy.

Mr. Joe Pettit and Bill Richards drove to Portland to visit Mrs. Bill Richards.

The Don Troxells and family were dinner guests of the Loy Munjar family at Mitchell March 20.



MERL CANTIN holds his two trophies won at the Ma Bell Bowling Tournament in Walla Walla last weekend.

**Two Time Winner**

Merl Cantin is showing off two beautiful bowling trophies this week. He was called Sunday to fill in at the Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Bowling Tournament in Walla Walla and walked off with the All Events and Singles trophies.

The All Events trophy known as the Zaegel trophy was presented this year for the first time. If he wins it two more years it will be his to keep. His All events score was 1355.

He also won the W2 Telco trophy for the singles. His scores 202, 196, 198 for a total of 596 scratch. In doubles he had 197, 199 and 195.

All events 591, 597 with 168 handicap.

Mrs. Cantin and Pamela drove over with him to Walla Walla.

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