

COUNTY JUDGE CANDIDATES

Don McElligott

Donald C. McElligott, 61, Box 5 in Ione, is a candidate for Morrow County Judge.

His qualifications include two terms on the Ione School Board, one term on the advisory board and two terms on the county board. He is the present judge, having been appointed by Gov. Victor Atiyeh after D.O. Nelson resigned.

He was born in Heppner and has lived in this county all of his life. He has been married for 32 years to Eunice Hiatt McElligott, a registered nurse at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

McElligott has 11 children. Pat is a Portland State University graduate and a computer operator; Maureen, a University of Portland graduate and teacher and coach at Riverside High School; Peter, a U. of P. graduate and rancher; Mary, U. of P. grad and nurse at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland; Kathleen, U. of P. grad and in her fourth year at medical school at the University of Oregon; Joan, U. of P. grad and eighth grade teacher at Holy Cross School in Portland; Paul, attended Oregon Technical Institute and is a rancher; Carol, a sophomore at the U. of P.; Michelle, a freshman at the U. of P.; Jerry, a junior at Ione High School; and Elizabeth, a sophomore at Ione.

McElligott is a wheat and cattle rancher south of Ione.

He is a 1941 graduate of the University of Portland with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting. He has attended various United States Air Force schools including a staff and command school in 1945. He has



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attended various professional seminars.

McElligott, prior to World War II, was employed by General Motors and was a member of the teamsters union. He presently is a member of the Wheat Grower's League, OCA, grange, NFO, and Heppner Elks. He formed and is a member of the Morgrass Grazing Assoc. and is a member of the St. Patrick's Church.

"I would like to finish the things we have started," Judge McElligott said. "Such as the reorganization of the road department—completion of the five-year plan to bring all roads to standards recommended by the county-wide road committee—the computerized economic model of the county and closer working relationships between some departments."

Daniel Creamer

Daniel Creamer, 43, P.O. Box 382 in Irrigon, is a candidate for county judge.

Creamer has experience in company management, public relations and purchasing. He has been a member of the county planning commission, long range school board, county road committee and the Blue Mountain Boy Scout Council among other public service groups.

He has lived in Morrow County for 34 years and is married to Rita Jean, a medical secretary.

The Creamers have two children attending college at Eastern Oregon State College, Daniel and Dana, and Denita attends A.C. Houghton Grade School. All are rodeo fans.

Creamer is a graduate of Irrigon High School and is a licensed Coast Guard Captain. He is retired.

"I am interested in county government and have shown so by serving on many government committees," Creamer said.



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"My number one goal is better roads for Morrow County. I want to be elected to make sure money for the roads and other government departments goes where it is supposed to go."

John Mollahan

John F. Mollahan, former sheriff of Morrow County for 7½ years, is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for the position of county judge in the May 20 primary election. He is 45-years-old.

Mollahan has been a lifelong resident of the county. He was born here May 17, 1935, and attended the Heppner schools, graduating in 1953. He has had some college training, mostly police related, he said.

"I know Morrow County and the people of Morrow County," he said. "The county is on the threshold of change—changes requiring vigorous leadership. This requires managing the county money carefully. The position of judge permits a degree of control in budgeting. If nominated and elected, I will strive to obtain the maximum out of the tax dollar."

Besides his experience as county sheriff, Mollahan has engaged in farm work. He lives at Route 2, Box 2130, in the Heppner rural area.

He is the father of two children, Jackie, 18, a student at Blue Mountain Community



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College, and Joe, 17, who attends Heppner High School.

"If elected," Mollahan said, "I will devote full time to the duties of Morrow County Judge."

COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

Warren McCoy

Warren McCoy, 58, P.O. Box 454 in Irrigon, is a candidate for county commissioner.

He has lived in Morrow County since 1941, except for four years service with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

McCoy is married to Frances O'Rourke, whose grandmother drowned in the 1903 Heppner flood, he said.

The McCoy's have three children, the older ones twins, Michael McCoy is 34 and employed with the U.S. Postal Service. Susan Simmons is a teacher at John Murray School in Pendleton. Another daughter, Debra McCoy, is 26 and a teacher at A.C. Houghton in Irrigon.

McCoy is retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after 33 years of employment.

He was appointed to the Morrow County Court as a commissioner in 1975 and has served to the present. McCoy has represented Morrow County on the board of directors of the Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency for four years. He is a member of the Oregon State Employment and Training Council and serves on the Finance and Administration committee of the Association of Oregon Counties among other activities.

McCoy has served for 14 years as a city councilman and eight years on the school board.

"I am experienced, honest and dedicated," McCoy said. "I have the time to devote to the position, which has become more demanding. My road construction and maintenance background gives the County Court a good balance. I pledge my continued support for better roads and other services within Morrow County."



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Jim Brooks

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Jim Brooks, 41, Rt. 1 Box 34 in Boardman, is seeking the office Morrow County Commissioner.

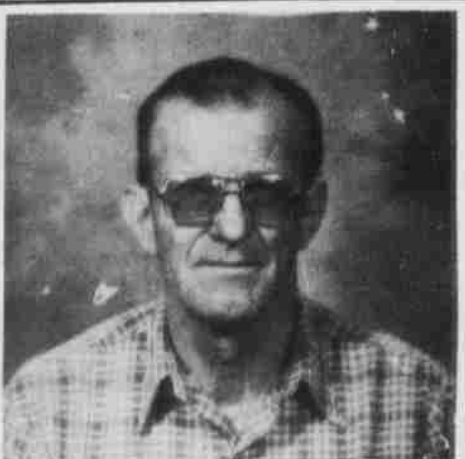
"I feel I am qualified for this position because of my experience of more than 10 years running my own business and for the past three years I have been sales manager for an irrigation equipment manufacturer that was instrumental in the developing of center pivot farming in the Boardman-Irrigon area," Brooks said. "This, coupled with my own ranch interests, has given me the ability to deal with all types of people and to understand the problems that are facing agriculture today."

Brooks said he has a good business history, common sense and the desire and ability to listen to, and serve, "all the people of Morrow County."

He has lived in the county for six years and is married to Rita Brooks, who is employed at the Nomad Restaurant in Boardman. They have four children. Steve is 18 and a senior, Jeff is 14 and in the eighth grade, Dennelle is eight and a first grader and Richy is five.

Brooks went to high school at Lake Oswego and graduated in 1955. He has also attended Oregon College of Education and Oregon State University. His family raises and sells performance Quarter Horses and Brooks is a commission salesman for Pringle Manufacturing of Walla Walla.

"I am a newcomer to politics and I feel that is a plus for the people of Morrow County," Brooks said. "I am not one of the same old faces that are always seeking election. We need a change in this position on the county court."



Ernest Jorgensen

Gene Allen

Republican Gene Allen, 51 of Boardman, has filed for the office of Morrow County Commissioner.

He is a past chairman of city and school budget committees, past chairman of the Boardman Citizens Involvement Committee, present member of the Morrow County Planning Commission and present secretary of the Port of Morrow Commission.

He was born in Condon and raised in the Boardman area. He served 11 years in the U.S. Navy, went to college for 6½ years and spent 10 years in the food processing management business and then returned in Boardman in 1974 as Assistant to the President and Director of Finance in building and organizing the Gourmet Foods plant in Boardman.

Allen and his wife, Ava, have six children. Sheryl Saranto, 32; Yolanda Krebs, 29; Stacie Jean Allen, 19 and a college sophomore; Stuart Allen, a high school senior; Stephanie Allen, a high school sophomore; and Scott Allen, an eighth grader.

Allen attended Boardman Grade School and graduated from Boardman High School in 1946. From 1946-57 he was in the navy and had three tours in the Korean War as a combat swimmer on underwater demolition teams, was an instructor at a navy electronics school and received an honorable discharge as chief electronic technician.

From 1957-63 he attended the University of Washington graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1961 with international relations as a major and Oriental history and languages as minors. He graduated from the UW law school in 1963.

He is now a real estate salesman.



Gene Allen

"I believe my extensive management background in the areas of accounting, system and financial analysis, budgeting, long range planning, data processing, and personnel management qualify me to be a positive influence in developing efficient team for Morrow County government," Allen said.

"County government is a business—let's treat it like our business, which it is. Any efficient business begins with planning to achieve agreed upon goals and objectives. We weren't prepared for the growth impact of the last decade. The most obvious symptom of our lack of planning—our deplorable roads—will require many years and dollars to rectify."

"I believe in orderly growth to provide a diversity of opportunities for our children but we must jealously protect the quality of life we now enjoy."

SHERIFF ASPIRANTS

Larry Fetsch

Larry D. Fetsch, 40, P.O. Box 204 in Ione, is a Democratic candidate running for re-election for Morrow County Sheriff.

Fetsch has been a member of the county sheriff's department since Jan. 2, 1969. He is a certified police officer for the State of Oregon. He was born and raised in Morrow County and graduated in 1958 from a county high school. He spent three years in the U.S. Army.

His wife, Donna, works for Bechtel Power Corp. in Boardman. They have one son, Duane, 16, who attends Ione High School and a daughter, Lori, who goes to the junior high in Ione.

Fetsch worked for former Sheriff John F. Mollahan from Jan. 2, 1969 to July 1976 when Mollahan resigned. He was appointed by the Morrow County Court to finish Mollahan's term to Dec. 31, 1976. He was nominated by the Democratic Central Committee to be the candidate for the Democratic party for the position of sheriff in November of 1976. He was elected and began his present term Jan. 2, 1977. That term expires Dec. 31, 1980.

"When this term began in January of 1977, the department had two deputies," Fetsch said. "This has since been increased, through proper budgeting procedures, to five full-time deputy positions. 24-hour dispatching and the 911 emergency system have also been added to the department. Through mutual planning and cooperation, the sheriff's department now provides dispatching service for all police, fire and ambulance calls in Morrow County (with the exception of Oregon State Police and the Irrigon Fire Dept.)."

"The Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse has been redesigned and reorganized to better serve in time of emergencies within the county. In January of this year, I was appointed by the county court to serve as Emergency Services Director for Morrow County."

"The growth of the county, both north and south, indicates that the sheriff's department needed these additions to better serve and protect the people of Morrow County. I'd like to be your sheriff for another four years."



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Bud Englert

Bud Englert, 48, P.O. Box 1127 in Heppner, is a write-in candidate for Morrow County Sheriff.

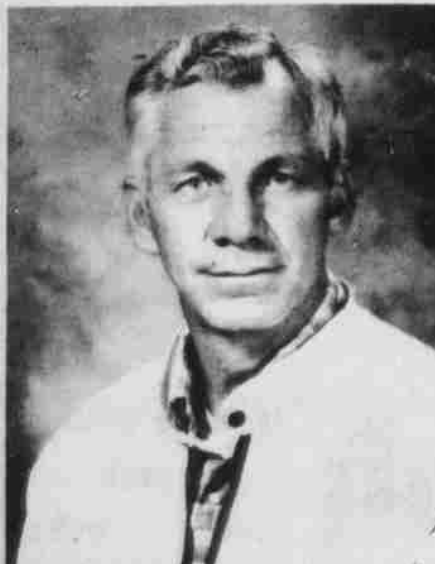
He has been a member of the Security Police Corps, a special agent for the Union Pacific Railroad, a member of the city police department for Hermiston for three years, two years as a judge in Hermiston and seven years in business management.

Englert and his wife, Doreen, have a daughter, Linda, who is a freshman at Heppner High School.

He is in business with a car wash, a grocery store and a snowmobile shop, all in Heppner.

"I would like to set a good, sound budget and stand by it," Englert said. "I would also like to obtain harmony within the department and with the public. This would stop the turnover of deputies and save money."

"I would also have patrols on the back roads of the county for protection from equipment and cattle theft and cover the small towns that do not have any city police protection. I will be a working sheriff."



Bud Englert

Justice of the Peace

Ernest Jorgensen

Ernest E. Jorgensen, 65, P.O. Box C in Irrigon, is the only candidate running for the 5th District Justice of the Peace position.

He has served three terms, 18 years, as the justice in Irrigon. Jorgensen has attended seminars in Monmouth to further his education in the justice office.

Jorgensen has lived in Morrow County for 20 years. His wife, Margaret, is the clerk in the Irrigon Justice Court.

He has two sons. Bud, lives in Vancouver British Columbia and is the city editor of

the Vancouver Sun. Don lives in Irrigon and has a trucking and roofing business. Jorgensen attended high school in Vancouver, B.C. He operated the trucking business in Irrigon for 17 years before his son took it over.

"Having served these past 18 years as Justice of the Peace in Morrow County, I feel I have gained a good deal of experience and judgement in this position," Jorgensen said. "I will continue to serve the people of this area in a fair and equitable manner."

6 measures on ballot

State of Oregon voters will decide on six ballot measures referred to the people by the legislature at the May 20 Primary Election.

Ballot Measure No. 1 is an Oregon Constitutional Amendment that would change the permitted uses of monies collected from the state gas tax and driver and vehicle registration fees to the construction, maintenance and operation of public highways, roads, streets and roadside rest areas.

That money can now legally be used for parks, police and travel information centers.

During the last three legislative sessions, all non-highway expenditures have been removed from the Highway Fund and this measure would make it Constitutional Law. It would guarantee that the State would have \$30 million more each year to improve Oregon's roads. Supporters say there is enough money in the State General Fund to pay for programs that in the past have been covered by the Highway Fund—which is evident by the 30 percent tax rebate for property owners.

Ballot Measure 2 is an initiative that would allow the consumer to purchase distilled liquor at grocery stores. Restaurants of Oregon oppose the measure to end wholesaling and retailing of liquor by the State Liquor Commission. It would remove about \$8 million from the State's General Fund through loss of liquor revenue to the State. The association said that liquor

distribution in Oregon should eventually be turned over to free enterprise but not until a well planned method is made. This proposal does not make plans to replenish the lost state revenue. Fred Meyer and Safeway are backing the measure.

The measure would allow the Liquor Commission to license grocery stores and private liquor stores to retail liquor. Some of the money lost would be made up in licensing of the retail stores.

Ballot Measure 3 would make a Constitutional amendment that the State can sell bonds to establish a loan fund for small scale energy projects to encourage the development of renewable energy. If the bonds are not repaid, the State would be obligated to purchase the bonds through state taxes. Individuals, small businesses of less than 100 persons, and nonprofit corporations such as cities can apply for the loans.

Ballot Measure No. 4 would make home and farm loans for military veterans the same so more veterans can be eligible. Veterans with 210 days of active service will now be eligible for the low-interest loans. The Oregon Association of Realtors supports this measure saying it will have a positive impact on Oregon's housing economy. The passage of the ballot will pump an estimated \$22 million into the economy in the next year.

Ballot Measure No. 5 is "Shall the tax

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