



Eating their words - er ballots

Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth served Commissioner Jerry Peck (left), Judge Don McElligott and Commissioner Irv Rauch their mail-in ballots with their choice of mustard or catsup following the approval of the county levy in June's mail in ballot.

Court halts construction of fairgrounds bridge

Work was halted on a bridge at the Morrow County Fairgrounds last Wednesday by order of Morrow County Court.

Merlyn Robinson of the Morrow County Fair Board told the Court that the bridge served fairgrounds property on both sides of Hinton creek near Shorty's Museum. Robinson said the Fair Board has been promised various bridges during the past year and that currently the county road department and the groundskeeper at the fairgrounds were to build forms and do the necessary digging along the creek banks. The county intended to purchase beams for the bridge.

Fifth Wheel trailers Robinson told the Court, had difficulty making the turn to get across the existing bridge which was unsafe last year. The Court had considered replacing the bridge with a longer one straight across the creek instead of at an angle as the existing one.

A bridge replacement is necessary, she said, before the Fair begins August 14.

The Court decided to install two six foot culverts in the creek channel instead of building a bridge over it. The cost of the two culverts, may be as much as \$3,500, but is still less than the anticipated \$5,500 to replace the bridge.

Commissioner Irv Rauch said that he liked the idea of using culverts if it could be made to work because it meant fewer man hours to install, and because the total cost to the county would be less than to build a replacement bridge.

Commissioner Jerry Peck consulted with Road Dept. foreman Don Ball on the engineering problems and availability of culverts. He was told also that adequate fill dirt was available at the site to provide the necessary three foot fill over the culverts.

Assured that culverts would be available and delivered to the fairgrounds this week, the court

decided to install the culverts.

The Commissioners agreed that some unnecessary work may have been done on the bridge, but that installing culverts was still the cheaper way to go.

Morrow County Judge Don McElligott had expected to be back from a National Association of Counties meeting in time for Wednesday's Court Session, but decided he needed to stay for an additional day of the meeting.

Doctor's Contracts

The Court again looked at contracts which Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board has offered Doctors Thiessen and Koznek. They had asked that the hospital administrator and board chairperson appear and explain some of the cloudy areas of the contracts. Some of the wording in the contract was ambiguous; however, they said, and asked to have county attorney Val Doherty rewrite those portions of the contracts before the court approved them.

Hospital Administrator John Hempel and Hospital Board Chairperson Marcia Anderson explained articles of the contracts which guarantee Drs. Thiessen and Koznek net incomes of \$60,000 and \$70,000 per year respectively for the next two years. The yearly guarantee is to be paid monthly, because the first few months are when the doctors are likely to need financial help in their practices, Anderson explained.

The board offered a two year contract hoping to regain, during the second year, part of the expense paid out during the first year. Should the doctors earn more than the guaranteed net income, the contract provides for their repayment of money received from the county on a percentage of net monthly earnings, because, she said, the board did not want to "penalize them for doing a good job."

"The contracts were offered," said Hempel, because "getting a longterm stable medical community is a benefit to the hospital."

Hempel said that typically, the cost to a physician to set up a practice in a rural area is \$95-100,000 and in order to get a physician start up costs and a net income are usually guaranteed. Because Drs. Thiessen and Koznek have agreed to work from the same office, Hempel said that the hospital is saved the start-up cost for Dr. Thiessen.

"It was never the Board's intent to supply the doctors with capital equipment," Anderson assured the Court.

Parks Project

Charlene Papineau reported that four acres of the summer park project is 90% burned, piled, cleared, raked, and ready to be seeded to grass. The first priority, she said is

to get 10 trailer pads at Cutsforth Park ready so they are bringing money into the park.

She said that although she was not trying "to get more money" from the county, there were "jobs to be done" and she needed to know if the Court wanted to authorize additional hours for half-time employee Earl Papineau.

Commissioner Rauch advised her that she would need to prioritize and use extra help for the most important jobs, because the project ran with only one supervisor last year and money was not available for two full-time employees. Commissioner Peck said that they might be able to transfer funds for some additional hours, but the amount would not approach full-time. The supervisor is not paid from county funds, but from through the Juvenile Services Commission.

Other Business

In other business, the Court: -heard from Fair Board member Merlyn Robinson that a fire escape would be required on the North grandstand. The Fair Board learned from the state fire marshal three weeks ago that the structure would be needed before the rodeo begins, she said. The expense was not included in this year's budget, so the board has had to "beg, borrow, and steal" materials to get the job done.

-heard an update on the Courthouse renovation project from County Architect Bob Smith. The Court approved a silicone treatment for the South retaining wall to prevent future discoloring from iron oxide when sprinklers spray against the wall. The Court inspected the new windows being installed upstairs. Smith was asked to get a price for venetian blinds. The Court will survey the condition of the blinds now on the windows.

-heard from Bob Stevens that there were a lot of potholes in the Hardman Ridge Road. He asked if they could be repaired before he started hauling grain in harvest. The Court consulted Don Ball at the county road department and informed Stevens that blade patching was scheduled to begin July 17.

-held an executive session to discuss the Sheriff's Association Contract.

-held an executive session to discuss terms of the contracts with Drs. Thiessen and Koznek.

Fair buttons on sale now

Fair buttons can be purchased at Bristow's Market, Del's Market, Murray's Drug Store, Coast to Coast, and Court Street Market. Fair buttons will admit the wearer to the grounds all four days. Admission to the rodeo grounds is separate.



Jason (left) and Dave Hanna

Father/son to bowl at national tournament

Dave Hanna and his son Jason will represent the State of Oregon in the Prep Division of the 11th annual National Family Bowling Tournament held in Washington, D.C. August 29-September 2.

They will receive six games to place first in the Prep Division and will receive a trip to Washington D.C. They also receive a bowling shirt and \$260. for expenses.

Hanna, an average 180 bowler, has bowled in Heppner for 25 years. His son Jason has been bowling for four years and averages 90 pins per game.

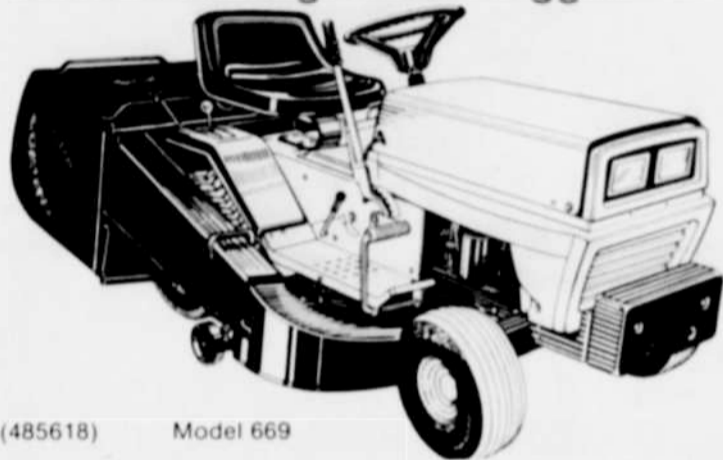
The Oregon State Family Tournament was held at Eastmont Bowl in Gresham the first three weekends of April. Oregon had 62 teams participating in three age groups, consisting of a junior bowler and an adult bowler who were related. The

age groups were 8 to 11 Preps, 12-14 Juniors, and 15-19 Majors. The Hannas bowled in the Prep group which had the most entries. Each state sends three teams to Washington D.C.

While in Washington D.C., they will take various tours around the area. Some of the places they will be touring are the Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. During the bowling tournament, a state team will be chosen to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. An award banquet will be held the last day of the Bowling Tournament. Trophies and ribbons will be given out for each age division. The first prize in each age division will be a \$1000 scholarship put into a trust fund until the child is 19. Second place will be a \$500 scholarship.

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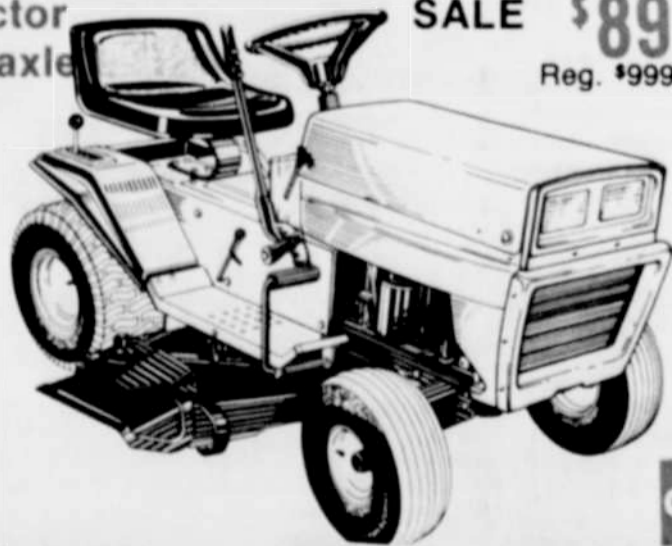
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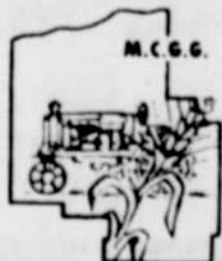
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