

Letters to the Editor

McElligott good at getting things done

To the Editor:

I glanced up from my desk yesterday, blinked, and discovered that the world is moving along. My first hint of the passage of time was that the leaves have turned colors. The second was the reassuring roar of general election politics, reassuring? Well... where there's politics there's life. Or maybe it's the other way around.

Anyway, I took the opportunity of a lull between crises to muse upon the candidates and the offices they seek. Perhaps because it is the position with which I am most familiar, my thoughts centered on the race for Morrow County Judge.

Candidates and campaign promises aside, there are a few facts to be reckoned with. But honestly, if bluntly, Morrow County is a "small" county; its funds, and therefore its governmental resources are limited. The finest plan in the world will die on the drawing board if the personnel necessary to implement it are not available. Everybody likes a good plan, but personnel have to be paid. Salary means dollars. Dollars mean taxes. Everybody likes taxes.

Two approaches offer themselves as a resolution to the budget crunch: (1) eliminate or curtail county involvement in non-mandated programs (e.g. medical services, Neighborhood Center, Justice Court, etc.) or, (2) wring every ounce of benefit out of the resources that are available.

The present court has elected the second option, as a result we have Commissioners who personally arrange land transactions, compare prices of various construction methods, type letters, attend meetings and perform a host of other miscellaneous chores they probably weren't told about before they signed on with the outfit. We have a Budget Officer (that's "a" singular) who is also the administrative assistant and the Judge's secretary and the public relations staff and the information coordinator. And we have a Judge.

The Judge does not type letters. He does carry an ever-present legal pad, as if it were some strange growth that attached itself under his arm seven years ago and about which he has adopted his typical attitude: if it's there, use it. He uses it to note the terms of construction agreements. He uses it to draft correspondence to everyone from state

and federal agencies to individuals from whom there has been inquiry on county plans or policies. He uses it to sketch out property lines or bridge plans. He uses it to keep track of evidence in juvenile hearings.

He is out of his office as much as he is in it and when he steps out the legal pad goes with him. They inspect projects ranging from road improvements to juvenile work programs. They meet with officials from other counties to plan regionally cohesive responses to the rising costs of community services in the face of a shrinking economy. Homeward bound at least after a 12 or 14 hour day, they may swing a few miles off course to view the site of a proposed park, or talk to a landowner in hopes of obtaining a necessary easement, or stop by to see how a kid in foster care is getting along.

Why? The reason is simple; if he doesn't do it, it doesn't get done because there isn't anybody else to do it.

The notion that the Judge sits in the grand seat of power and issues directions to a coterie of minions who miraculously transform dreams into reality would be hysterically funny if it weren't so pitifully naive. The Judge may occupy a seat of power, but in this county that seat had better move or there will be no progress.

It has occurred to me that persons who can function under such conditions are a rarity. The coincidence of the present County Court being comprised of three such persons is incredible. These are the undefinable sorts of qualities that generally don't find their way into the campaign ads, but they are worth more in a mere two hours of actual service than all the golden cliches that ever dripped from a candidate's tongue.

There is however, one area in which our current Judge is woefully deficient. He is a lousy politician. He has neither the time nor inclination to beat his breast or his own drum, and for that I hope he may be forgiven. This, too, is a very simple fact; some folks are good at talking about doing things and some folks are good at getting things done. The two don't necessarily go together.

Sincerely
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District garden club presents awards

By Eva Hamlett

Awards presentation and workshops filled the day at the Blue Mountain District No. 10 meeting of the Oregon Federation Clubs at the Stokes Landing Senior Citizens Center on October 16. The Umatilla and Irrigon garden clubs acted as hostesses.

Cece Slocum of Hermiston, district director presided over the meeting. Jane Rawlins of Heppner, assistant director, reported on the meeting of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs held in June.

Martha Fariss, first vice-president of the OFGG, presented a pin to Ellen Chambers of Pendleton as a National Life Member.

Awards and certificates of appreciation were given to the Heppner and Lone Garden Clubs for best history book, horticulture essays, and contributions to state projects.

Jane Rawlins, Myrtle Potter (Condon) and Cece Slocum held a workshop dealing with judging of floral designs so that members could understand how a judge might view an exhibit in a flower show or fair. The horticulture workshop was conducted by Sherrie Kopacz of Hermiston, who told members about

preparation of the garden for the winter season.

Following the meeting many visited the cactus garden in Irrigon and found it a delightful place with a wealth of cactus available.

During the meeting a moment of silence was held for Elaine Dallas, former district director, who passed away last year.

Ken Telefont of Milton-Freewater reported over 42 attended the Flower

Show Course II held in Pendleton this month. The school III is planned for Hermiston in May with instructors coming from Eugene.

Spring meeting of the district will be in Milton-Freewater on April 22.

Members from Lone attending were Jean Nelson, Helen Martin, Loree Hubbard and Pat Pettyjohn. From Heppner those attending were Jane Rawlins, Justine Weatherford, Bebe Munkers, Verna Brinda and Dorothy Jackson.

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Mrs. Lea Calvert's second grade reading class at Heppner Elementary School presents a play "The Terri-

ble, Horrible Giant" for parents and schoolmates.



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St. Anthony offers to operate clinic

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, has expressed an interest in operating the North Morrow Medical Clinic here in a letter addressed to Don Eppenbach, vice-chairman, North Morrow Medical Board.

William (Bill) Alsdurf, executive vice-president of the hospital told Eppenbach that if the clinic building were available for use for a nominal fee the hospital could staff the clinic (including the physician), manage the clinic using St. Anthony's resources, and deliver quality service to area residents.

Alsdurf said visits by Pendleton specialists on a periodic basis might also be arranged. He also stated that the operation could be managed with no fee from Morrow County and that the hospital did not anticipate any tax subsidization for the clinic.

One advantage Alsdurf mentioned was that the Medical Board could continue to be responsible for medical care without the "...headache and worries about staffing and operations." St. Anthony currently administrates Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Alsdurf mentioned the goals of the hospital were to develop a primary health care facility in this area, to

meet the needs of patients the hospital is currently serving in Pendleton, to maintain and encourage referrals to St. Anthony, and to provide service for their Preferred Provider Organization activities. A PPO is an organization of physicians and medical facilities that provide health care. Individuals or companies that contract with PPO's agree to use only those physicians and facilities contained within the PPO for health care.

Dr. Zielinski expressed some curiosity about the proposal. "We encouraged St. Anthony previously to bring specialists into this community", he said. "We were willing to provide facilities for such physicians. The response was silence. So why are they interested now?"

The Medical Board and County Commissioner Gerald "Jerry" Peck agreed that the proposal warranted further study because there were many questions to be asked.

The North Morrow Medical Board will meet again Thursday, October 23. William Alsdurf will be present to answer questions at that time.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Post of Morrow offices located on Marine Drive. The meeting is open to the public.

Look into the facts
about Measure 14,
and find out
why...



... people all over Oregon are concerned about '14'—the proposal to shut down the Trojan electric plant.

Because Measure 14 simply makes no sense.

Shutting down Trojan—an operating nuclear power plant which has reliably and economically produced about as much electricity as Bonneville Dam for more than ten years—would provide no real benefits to Oregonians and would lead to negative environmental and economic consequences. A shutdown of Trojan is drastic and unwarranted. It simply makes no sense.

■ I've studied this issue from a scientific standpoint. Measure 14 would be of no benefit to the people of our state. Shutting down a proven operating electric plant is a drastic approach that makes no sense. As a scientist and as a citizen of Oregon, I'm voting NO on Measure 14, and I urge you to vote NO, too. ■

Dr. Mary Fisher, Chair
Department of Physics
Pacific University

Because of the impact on Oregon's environment.

Even using conservation, cogeneration and renewable resources, new coal plants would be the backbone of any program to replace Trojan's electricity. And we would face the potential need to dam many of Oregon's remaining free-flowing rivers and streams in order to build new hydro-electric plants. As a result, Oregon's environment would suffer significantly.

■ As an Oregonian with a deep commitment to our state's environment, I strongly oppose Measure 14. How will we replace the electric supply which comes from Trojan? Two things are most likely: more dams and more coal use. Measure 14 will be bad for the environment. Please vote NO. ■

Philip W. Schneider
Board Member
National Wildlife Federation

Because of the impact on consumers' electric bills.

Shutting down Trojan would increase Oregonians' electric bills because electricity from Trojan is far less expensive (2.6¢ per kilowatt hour) than electricity that would have to be used (which costs up to 7¢ per kilowatt hour) to replace Trojan's electricity. There is no surplus of reliable electricity at Trojan's producible low cost.

■ Measure 14 would close one of our cheapest sources of electricity. It is estimated that the cost of replacing Trojan's power would be over a billion dollars. We're the one's who will pay—every month in our utility bills. Higher utility rates caused by shutting down Trojan will hurt everyone—including those living on fixed incomes. Before you vote, please think about the price tag for all Oregonians, especially those least able to pay. ■

Jean Young
Mayor of King City and Senior Activist

Because of the impact on Oregon's economy.

Shutting down Trojan means the immediate loss of hundreds of jobs, and the state-wide economic impact of the Trojan shutdown would place thousands of more jobs at risk. Closing Trojan at the cost of jobs and higher electric bills would unnecessarily hurt Oregon's economy.

■ We've all worked hard the last few years to rebuild Oregon's economy because we all have a stake in Oregon's economy and its future. Measure 14 isn't a game. If this drastic measure passes, we'll all pay the price. Measure 14 is a step backward that none of us can afford to take. ■

Dr. James E. Beismuth, Dean
College of Business Administration
University of Oregon

A few of the over 27,000 Oregonians who have joined the NO on '14' Committee to help defeat this drastic proposal:

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of King City
(Please see code and affiliation list
at the end of this page.)

It's a Party!

Who: Judy Buschke
Why: She's Moving On
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Where: at the Elks Club
 No Host Social Hour - 6:00 p.m.
 Pot-Luck Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
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