

Near Heppner

# Waste disposal site wins quick approval

Location of a solid waste disposal site is apparently headed for a solution following Monday night's meeting of the Morrow County Solid Waste Study.

Without protest, the advisory committee approved a site about a mile north of Heppner, known as the Turner Site, although there will be a problem in getting roads to the location. Ironically, this was the choice of the committee when it first began wrestling with the waste disposal problem last February.

Dale Turner, co-owner of the property, agreed to lease 15 acres of the land to the city for a period of 10 years at a cost to the city of \$75 a month. John McDonald, consultant from Clark & Groff, engineers, said that 10 acres should be sufficient for county

needs, even allowing for growth, for a 10-year period.

Since rejection of the Blackhorse Canyon Road site near Lexington a couple of months ago, 23 other sites have been examined. In all cases except the Turner Site, McDonald said, owners of the land were opposed, the soil was too shallow, or they were too close to the Morrow County Airport.

Site R, the Turner Site, was the only one examined that met soil depth requirements or that could be acquired without condemnation proceedings being brought against the owners.

County Judge Paul Jones told the committee the county has seldom resorted to condemnation to acquire land for public use.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) plans

to close the Heppner and Lexington disposal sites. McDonald told the group that DEQ had already inspected and tentatively approved the Turner Site.

There was some discussion over the method of financing the new disposal operation. McDonald said the \$75 monthly rental amounts to about 8 cents per family per month for rental of property only. There was some objection to a suggestion that county revenue sharing funds be used "in the beginning" to finance the operation until other means of funding could be worked out.

It was argued that taxpayers in the north end of the county would be getting nothing from investment of their funds in the disposal operation near Heppner. Judge Jones pointed out that

Boardman and Irrigon do not have the waste problem Heppner and Lexington have, because both those towns have three years to go on a contract with Hermiston to process their waste.

McDonald noted that "every person generates waste and should be required to pay" his share of its disposal.

Judge Jones said he foresaw a county-wide solid waste ordinance, with public hearings, on the question of financing the disposal operation.

McDonald will proceed with submission of the Turner Site plan to the DEQ while plans for financing it will be explored.

But the disposal site, agreeable to all parties concerned, has been approved by the advisory committee.

# Boardman tackles sewerage problem

By MARY LEE MARLOW

A \$5,000 contract to study Boardman's sewerage problems was approved by the Boardman City Council at its meeting Tuesday night of last week.

The council hired Engineer Stanley Wallulis of Pendleton, who has served as unofficial advisor for the project the past two months.

Funds for the study will be taken from the city's contingency and road fund accounts, according to Councilman Joe Tatone, who negotiated the pact. The road fund will be tapped because the city may have to relocate one street to accommodate expansion of the sewage treatment plant.

Wallulis said the city should explore the possibility of relocating Marine Drive to make available between 30 and 40 acres of Corps of Engineer land for the expanded plant.

The engineer said Boardman has no "priority rating" with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

(DEQ) but that the DEQ is aware of the seriousness of the city's problem and has agreed to do whatever it can to push the program.

The engineer predicted the city will be able to meet the new federal regulations by simply expanding its present lagoon treatment system. He explained that federal regulations state that no pollutants will be allowed to enter navigable waters by 1985, and that almost everyone in Eastern Oregon will have gone to that system by the deadline.

In addition to the \$5,000 contract, Wallulis was also hired at \$100 a month to handle day-to-day engineering problems for Boardman. Under the contract, he will be available to the city council and planning commission to advise on developments and general engineering.

Wallulis urged the city to take steps to upgrade the Boardman water supply or be faced with rationing next year. The engineer previously said that some Boardman residents use much more

water than do persons in almost every other city in the state.

He said the city must now consider finding another source of water and install equipment to protect and measure the flow from Boardman's present well. There is only 40 feet of water over the well's pump pick-up and that if the level drops below the pick-up it would burn out the pump and stop the flow of water into the city.

City hall urges residents to conserve the water supply and remember that it takes electricity to pump water. Every gallon of water not used now will mean that much more electricity for use this winter.

The Boardman City Council voted at its meeting last week to send a council representative to each of the Port of Morrow monthly meetings, and to invite port members to sit in on the council sessions.

The port is studying the possibility of operating an industrial sewage treatment facility that may be able to be

keyed into the city's system.

The port is working on a number of projects that the city should be aware of and which may benefit the community.

In other action the council received notification of Sabre Farms and East Oregon Farmings plans to pump irrigation water from the Columbia River just outside the Boardman city limits. The council agreed to the project, which is expected to spur industrialization of the Port of Morrow's food processing park.

The council received word from the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department that it has shelved Boardman's application from the new communities project, based on Boeing's withdrawal from the program. HUD said Boardman may re-apply at a later time.

The council agreed to apply for a surplus fire truck through the Morrow County Office of Emergency Preparedness (Civil Defense) at Heppner.

## New wheat variety offered farmers

A new soft white wheat variety is now available through the Morrow County Extension office.

Harold Kerr, extension agent, announced the new wheat variety "McDermid" will be allocated to wheat producing counties based on previous production of soft white wheat.

McDermid was developed by Dr. Warren Kronstad, plant breeder at Oregon State University. It has better winter hardiness than the Hyslop variety and seems to

be more drought resistant. The new variety resembles Hyslop and is planted and fertilized like Hyslop.

According to Kerr, the wheat will be allocated to growers who agree to offer 50 per cent of their production for sale. It must be planted on land which has been in double summer fallowed or was planted to club wheat or barley the last time it was in crop.

McDermid will cost \$10.80 per bushel and will be treated and bagged in 60-pound sacks.

The grower also must agree to enter his field in the certification program and must be sold as grain and not marketed as commercial seed.

The new variety has been tested in nursery trials the past few years as 130-5 and has proven to be a consistent high yielder. This year's plots at the Frank Anderson farm showed McDermid yielding 22.5 bushel as compared to 20.8 for Hyslop or Gaines. Nugaines yielded 22.3 bushel in the same trials.

Growers interested in receiving an allocation of foundation seed should contact the extension office.

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## Record wheat crop predicted for '74

"When Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz announced the 1974 Wheat Allotment Aug. 16, he cleared the way for Oregon farmers to produce the state's greatest wheat crop in history," said Oregon Agriculture Director Irvin Mann, Jr.

Mann said, "It is not unreasonable to predict a yield for the state next year of 50 million bushels."

That is 15 million bushels more than is anticipated this year. Several factors lend themselves to this forecast. First and most important is that for the first time in a number of years the U.S. Department of Agriculture, under terms of the new Wheat Allotment Program, will permit farmers

to grow all the wheat they can without being penalized. In years past if a farmer produced more than his allotment, he was penalized for it by forced reductions in wheat plantings later. Secretary Butz assured farmers last week they would not be penalized for expanded plantings next year.

Mann said, "Governor Tom McCall asked Butz to do this in 1972."

With restrictions lifted and encouraged more by this year's record high payments for wheat, Oregon farmers are likely to increase their wheat acreages considerably for next year's market.

This year 1,010,000 acres are being harvested in Oregon.

Early predictions put the yield at 38 million bushels, but severe drought conditions in Eastern Oregon has caused that figure to be revised down to 35 million bushels. This would put the state average yield per acre at 35 bushels. The extremely dry summer in some Eastern Oregon wheat producing areas has pulled the average down dramatically. Yields in some of those areas are as little as 10 bushels per acre while in the Willamette Valley yields of as much as 100 bushels or more per acre have been reported.

The USDA Crop Reporting Service says it would take plantings of at least 1.2 million acres to reach that 50 million bushel yield in the state.

Oregon farmers have planted that number in the past. Wheat was harvested off slightly more than 1.2 million acres in Oregon in 1953. The yield that year was a little more than 34 million bushels, but this was long before the development of new wheat varieties which have in many cases doubled production.

In 1953 farmers were encouraged to plant beyond their

allotments, then they were penalized for it. In 1954 they were moved back to 888,000 acres. So, since that time, farmers feared overplanting for fear of being penalized.

"Now, with penalties removed, the price up, new high-yield wheat varieties available, and with favorable weather, a 50 million bushel yield for the state is certainly a possibility," Mann said.

## Harvest Festival held at Boardman Saturday

The second annual Harvest Festival was held here Saturday, sponsored by the Boardman Lions Club.

Delbert Ball was chairman. Festivities started with a dinner Friday night at Dodge City Inn, attended by various dignitaries, including queen contestants, judges, the press and committee members, bringing the total to 42. Mrs. Joe Tatone, assisted by Mrs. Gene Trumbull, was in charge of the four contestants.

The girls were judged in formal gowns, then in bathing suits, with music furnished by "The Chameleons," music group from The Dalles. Dolores Hilling was chosen queen, and princesses were Debbie Hug, Beverly Hinkley of Boardman and Gerri Everett of Irrigon.

Also attending were last year's king and queen, Gene and Jeannie Miller. Miller crowned this year's king, Merle Carlson.

The girls were presented gifts from the D & S

Construction Company of Yakima, the queen receiving a dozen red roses. Miss Hug was chosen Miss Congeniality by the other contestants.

Judges were Gloria Childress of Umatilla, Bernadine Millering of La Grande, Herb Jarvis of Tri-Cities, and Chuck Stone of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Bill Nelson, Lions Club president, crowned the queen at the ceremonies Saturday at 11 a.m. in Nelson Square. From 8-11 a.m. Saturday a pancake breakfast was served at the Greenfield Grange hall. In charge were Oscar Shoemaker, I.M. Docken and Bill Starke.

The day concluded with a dance at the grange hall, with music by the "Chameleons."

The hall was decorated in a harvest theme by Mrs. Earl Trudeau and Mrs. Bill Starke. Earl Trudeau was chairman of the dance.

A large crowd witnessed the Harvest Festival parade held at noon Saturday.

Earl Trudeau, assisted by Joe Bartlett, was in charge of the line-up. Heading the parade was the color guard by the Cub Scout Pack 667. Following was the parade marshal, Delmer Hug, and the queen and princesses. There were 11 floats furnished by Umatilla Army Depot, Tillamook Club, Willow Run Golf Club, Boardman Community Church, Morrow Produce Company, Shell Chemical, A.C. Houghton Kindergarten, Dodge City Inn, West Extension Irrigation District, Imperial Electric and King of Spuds-Merle Carlson.

Riding groups and the following queens and courts, Morrow County Rodeo, Umatilla Sage Riders, Pee Wee Rodeo, Arlington Rodeo, and the 4-H riding groups from both Irrigon and Boardman. The U.S. Navy had two trucks in the parade, their fire truck and a tanker. At the finish were the Boardman fire truck and the Rural Fire District truck.

The parade started on the south side of the freeway, coming across the overpass down Main Street to Front Street, N.W., then around the block down First Street to Boardman Avenue, then back to Main Street, going down to the railroad overpass, turning on Columbia Avenue.

## Schools move to cut power usage

Morrow County School District Supt. Ron Daniels has announced guidelines for the conservation of energy by all school district employees.

A five-point program to reduce consumption of power includes the following procedures: All classroom lights will be turned off when not in use, and hall lights and outside lights will not be used wherever possible.

Use of gymnasiums for general purposes will be limited to one night per week except in emergencies. Total gym lighting will be used only when it is necessary for a particular activity in progress or particular activity in progress, such as PE classes or evening activities.

Lower hot water temperatures and room temperatures will be maintained, with-

out sacrificing comfort.

Schools will request that a power company representative meet with the maintenance people to advise on other methods of reducing the use of power.

Night football practice has been eliminated. All JV and freshman games will be played during daytime (subject to mutual agreement of the schools involved).

A decision on the time to play varsity football games was to have been made at a league meeting Wednesday night.

## Furniture re-upholstery class offered

An evening class in furniture re-upholstery will be offered locally through Blue Mountain Community College's adult education and community service.

Liz Curtis will instruct the class which starts Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Lexington School building. The sessions will be from 7 to 10 p.m. and tuition is \$15.

The course deals with techniques of upholstering a chair, selection of materials, spring tying, stuffing and final cover.

## CC hears forester, coach

Heppner's football coach, Chuck Starr, and Ernie Labart, unit forester, spoke at the noon luncheon of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting, at the Elks Club, Monday.

Coach Starr reported on last week's Heppner-Union game which Heppner won 48-0. He introduced his team and spoke about this year's football season.

Ernie Labart, unit forester from Fossil, gave a slide presentation on the 1971 Oregon Forest Practice Act, which replaces the 1941 Oregon Conservation Act.

The new act went into effect July 1, and consists of five conservation practices: reforestation, roads, harvesting, chemicals and slash. According to Labart, these practices will protect the soil, air, water, and wildlife resources.



Lions Club President Bill Nelson presents Delores Hilling, Boardman, roses after she was crowned Queen of the annual Boardman Harvest Festival at Boardman Saturday.

## Planning commission lists Monday agenda

The Morrow County Planning Commission will meet Monday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., in the courtroom of the county court house.

The agenda will include presentation of plans by Columbia Basin Electric Co-op for new Ione-Olex transmission line to replace the present one; discussion of a reasonable penalty for failure to obtain building permits; impact of various laws passed by the last state legislature; and a review of the status of Blake & Penland recreational developments.

Mrs. Dorris L. Graves,

chairman, reminds the public that this is an open meeting. Anyone may attend to observe the proceeding, ask questions, or informally present his plan for development prior to a formal hearing on an application.

Other members of the commission are: Mrs. Alma Green, secretary, Heppner; Roy W. Lindstrom, vice-chairman, Ione; Orville Cutsforth Jr., Lexington; Ed Dick, Heppner; Mrs. Virginia Grieb, Lexington; Max Hellberg, Hermiston; Ernest Jorgensen, Irrigon; and Harold Rash, Boardman.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Geer, Fossil, hold their twin daughters, Stacie and Tracie, born at Pioneer Hospital, Sept. 3. Stacie was born at 12:31 p.m. and Tracie at 1:24 p.m. They weighed 4 pounds 4 ounces and 4 pounds 5 ounces, respectively. Grandparents are Mrs. Opal Geer, Fossil, and Mrs. Edna Moore, Monument. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ellen Moore, Monument, Mrs. Maggie Barber, Stanfield, and Mrs. Edith Geer, Hermiston.