



ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN—This billboard on the Heppner-Lexington highway underwent a significant change one night last week. Nobody has confessed, either.

## Padberg fined

After three hours of deliberation in Justice Court Thursday a jury of five men and one woman failed to reach a verdict in the trial of William Padberg, Lexington rancher, charged with two counts of driving while under the influence of liquor, careless and reckless driving.

After his exoneration on the two basic counts, Padberg was found guilty of reckless driving, fined \$505 and given a 30-day suspended sentence by Justice of the Peace Charles O'Connor.

Defense Attorney Donald Morrison, Hermiston, convinced the jury that a question of reasonable doubt existed as to the intoxication of Padberg, when he claimed that too much time has elapsed between his last drink and the time the breathalyzer test was given. The total time elapsed was slightly over one hour, and Morrison contended that the alcohol content in his client's bloodstream would have been greater after that length of time.

After his arrest Oct. 8, Padberg was given a breathalyzer test and the result was a 0.26 registered reading on the machine.

According to Oregon law, a reading of 0.15 on the breathalyzer, in most cases, is all that is needed to convict a person of drunk driving.



DEAN NAFFZIGER

## Naffziger analyzes his Mustang team

Heppner High School Coach Dean Naffziger had some good news and some bad news for listeners at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday.

The bad news was that Naffziger started the season with only three boys with past varsity experience and has molded a team made up of boys who played JV ball last year.

During non-league play in the Columbia Basin League the Mustangs had a 5-1 record, losing only to Blue Mountain Community College frosh.

After losing the opener to Condon, the Mustangs bounced back to play a good game against Riverside. Then it happened, Monday and Tuesday night only seven players showed up for practice. The rest of the team was out because of illness. Two extra players did show up for the game with Umatilla Friday night.

With the weather cold and the Umatilla team "hot," that was part of the bad news. "They hit 55 per cent of their shots from the field, and when a team is hitting from 20 feet out there is very little defense against it," he said.

Then the Mustangs lost a close one to Sherman County in overtime play, 84-78.

Now for the good news. There are 12 games remaining

in the league, and "we will have an uphill climb all the way," Naffziger said. "We hope to finish close to the top when the season ends. He recalled that last year the two district berths were not decided until the last two weeks of the season, "and we think we have a good chance of ending our season toward the top."

Next week's chamber guest will be Joyce Bergstrom, Morrow County tax assessor, who will show a film dealing with methods of tax assessment entitled "You've Got to be Kidding." She asks that any group wishing to see the film contact her at 676-9421.

## Desert Hills to boost population

Preliminary approval for the first phase of the \$3.16 million planned community to be named Desert Hills, was given Tuesday night of last week by the Boardman city council and the city planning commission.

It will mean a sizable increase in the population of the city within the next six to eight miles.

The housing development will be sponsored by the Desert Magic farming complex which raises potatoes on 6,000 acres of irrigated soil east of here.

The planners approved a preliminary plat for a 44-home subdivision located on 10 acres of land. It also recommended rezoning a 20-acre tract from farming to commercial, and granting a conditional use

permit for 150-unit mobile home park. Both actions must be approved by the city council.

The council also accepted a request for annexation of 40 acres of the proposed complex, and set a public hearing on the proposal for Jan. 22 at 8 p.m.

Cecil Cooley, who manages the Desert Hills development, said the complex could double Boardman's population during the summer. First phase of the project calls for immediate construction of a 33-unit mobile home park. By March, Desert Hills hopes to be working on the 44-unit subdivision for conventional homes, and installation of off-site utilities.

The planning commission and city council members balked at the project's under-

sized lot dimensions. Most home lots in Boardman are about 10,000 square feet. The desert Hills building lots are about 7,200 square feet. Architect William McCue explained there is a nation-wide trend to smaller lot sizes because they are earlier and less costly to maintain. It would also reduce water consumption on lawns.

Cooley assured the commission members the lots are adequate for the homes, and could be made attractive through landscaping.

Cooley said creation of Desert Hills is needed to provide homes for families of men to work the Desert Magic soil and staff the production lines at the Desert Magic fresh pack plant and the new Gourmet Foods French fry plant.

## Church officers named

Harold Rash was elected elder of Boardman Community Church for a three-year term and Alan Akesson to a three-year term as trustee at the annual congregational meeting Sunday afternoon at the church following a potluck dinner.

Other elders are Leo Potts and Everett Struckmeier, and trustees are Tim Haugen and Dewey West Jr.

Mrs. William Bates was elected Sunday School superintendent for one year, and assistants will be Pastor and Mrs. Neil King, Mrs. Pete Peterson was elected social chairman for one year, and Carroll Donovan as head usher for one year. Mrs. Dewey West Jr. was appointed treasurer by the board for one year.

Everett Struckmeier was moderator of the meeting and departmental reports were given by Pastor King, Struckmeier and the Ladies Aid Society. The budget for next year was submitted and accepted.

## Decoration winners

The Boardman Tillicum Club met last week at the home of Mrs. William Bates with Mrs. Joe Bartlett as co-hostess.

Carolyn Davis, director of Region 5 which includes Morrow County, for the Alliance of school age parents, held a discussion on the program and left some material for distribution. The program needs a representative from this area.

A report was given on the results of the unlighted Christmas decoration contest. In the commercial division first place went to the Inland Empire Bank and second to the Richfield Station. Larry Phillips won first in the residential division and Rupert Kennedy was second.

For the paintings on the windows done by Riverside Junior-Senior High students, first place went to the Shell Station, painted by Mark Mesleth, Keith White, Don Russell and Kike Kennedy, second place to Hick's Market, painted by Terri and Pam Hodson, Julie Zielinski and Tammy Zieliska, third to

Chevron Station, painted by Denise Henkle and Gracie Hixon.

Mrs. Bartlett was appointed to the Children's Library committee, replacing Mrs. John Harvey.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ben Donovan, Jan. 22, with Mrs. Stan Henkle as co-hostess.

E-2 Jerry Downey left Sunday for Fort Riley, Kans., after spending the past two weeks on leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Downey. He has been stationed at Fort Riley the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bock and daughters, Dana and Danette, have returned home from a three-week trip to Corpus Christi, Tex., where they spent the holidays visiting at the home of Mrs. Bock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Young.

## How water, sewer will be financed

The city of Boardman is still trying to come to a solution to its water and sewer problem and last week seemed nearer to doing it.

Assistance was pledged by the Desert Hills housing development and the Port of Morrow.

Consulting engineer Stanley Wallulis said Desert Hills has agreed to drill a city well on the south side of here and be repaid through reduced water and sewer hook-up fees. They will drill the well near the proposed housing development and will be reimbursed by the city through a \$25 per foot "credit" to the firm when it begins tying into the water and sewer system. The credit would reduce the Desert Hills hook-up fee. Wallulis said a proposed agreement between the city and the developer is being worked out by City Attorney Van Valkenburgh.

Desert Hills Manager Cecil Cooley said Desert Hills also has offered to build a sewer treatment plant to serve the area to be developed.

Wallulis explained that Boardman may elect to temporarily increase the capacity of its existing sewage treatment plant by adding a mechanical treatment process to handle the added Desert Hills effluent and continue efforts to build a new plant.

Jim Van Domelen of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality said expanding the existing plant is a better plan than building a new plant to serve the south side.

The Women's Activity Committee of Greenfield Grange met Wednesday of last week at the grange hall, starting with luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Walter Hayes was business.

Card party hostesses for the next five weeks were as follows: Jan. 15, Mrs. Bill Bates; Jan. 22, Mrs. Tom Harrison; Jan. 29, night party; Hazel Miller and Mrs. Roy Ball; Jan. 29, Mrs. Larry Phillips; Feb. 5, Mrs. Chub Warren; Feb. 12, Mrs. Ben Donovan.

Announcement was made that the Home Extension Unit will hold a training meeting and business meeting at the Hall Jan. 23, starting at 9:30 a.m.

## Flaking plant

Desert Magic is considering locating a \$2.7 million flaking plant at Boardman to handle the firm's "small potatoes."

Howard Karchner, Desert Magic president, said a decision on the flaking plant is expected to be made in about a week.

Karchner said the plant would employ about 100 persons and would process potatoes too small to be shipped from the firm's new fresh packing plant.

The facility would be located at the Port of Morrow's food processing park east of Boardman, adjacent to the fresh pack facility. The plant will produce potatoes for both institutional and retail consumers, Karchner said. He said the product has been used for years as instant mashed potatoes and recently has been processed into reconstituted potato chips.

Umatilla Electric Cooperative recently received an easement for a high voltage line that would provide power for the processing equipment involved in the flaking plant.

## Chinook

Boardman's snow disappeared in a matter of hours Sunday night and Monday morning after the temperature went up from 33 above to 44 above in an hour's time Sunday night about 8 p.m.

A chinook wind blew for a short time, and temperatures stayed above freezing all night. Rain fell all morning Monday and this helped do away with the snow also. Freezing rain had fallen Saturday night and streets and roads were slick for traveling. Monday afternoon the sun was shining and the temperature was up to 48 above. The snow was all gone by shortly after noon.

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