

B-N snarls plans for sewer site

By MARY LEE MARLOW

The City of Boardman has run into opposition in acquiring land for the new sewage lagoon east of the town.

The Burlington-Northern Railway has told the city that neither of two tracts of land eyed by the city for a sewage treatment facility are for sale.

Mayor Dewey West said he was not certain how the city will move next. He said he didn't like the thought of going into condemnation to obtain the land because the procedure takes so long. He spoke of the federal government spending 20 years in condemnation procedures at Hanford.

Burlington-Northern owns the tracts eyed for both Sites 1 and 3 by Consulting Engineer Stanley G. Wallulis. Site 1 is east of the Port of Morrow's food processing park and would be the most economical

location for the plant. It also has been approved by the state hydrologist and the Department of Environmental Quality.

Site 3 is south of the "new city" being developed by Desert Hills, a sister corporation to the Desert Magic farming complex.

Burlington-Northern is a major stockholder in the Desert Magic operation.

West said Burlington-Northern has rejected use of either site on the grounds the railroad has already given enough property to the city.

The mayor reported that the land Boardman sits on was at one time owned by the railroad, but that Boardman paid 10 times the normal condemnation price for the property. He said land pur-

chased since Boardman's move to the new location has been bought at between \$400 and \$1,500 an acre. West said that he didn't think the railroad could honestly say they have "given" Boardman that much.

West said the city may look at other plant locations farther to the south of the city near the Boardman Bombing Range. Transporting sewage for any great distance would add a substantial increase to the cost of the treatment system.

West said the city will continue its application for federal funding for construction at Site 1.

"If we can't use that site, we might be able to change to application to another location, if we have to," he said.

Housing complex to start

A spokesman for Desert Hills said Monday that preliminary work will begin soon on construction of the Desert Hills residential complex at Boardman.

It will include site preparation for a mobile home park and construction of a 60-unit apartment.

The housing will be used for employees at the Desert Magic and Gourmet Foods potato processing plants, expected to open this summer at the Port of Morrow food processing park.

The firm will provide sewage treatment for the complex via a "package plant" that will be phased out when the City of Boardman can provide treatment for the system through a city-owned plant.

Water will be provided for the homes via a well to be drilled by Desert Hills. The well will eventually be turned over to the city.

When completed, Desert Hills will include a mobile home park, a conventional housing development, apartment complex and commercial shopping facility.

Bike-truck mishap

John Patching, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patching, 235 W. Baltimore St., Heppner, narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday after he swerved his bicycle into the path of an oncoming truck and trailer.

John purchased his new 10-speed bike three days ago and Tuesday asked his friend Tim Ertz if he wanted to go riding with him. As the two boys were riding on the right shoulder of Highway 74, a large truck and trailer driven by Laurence Otterstedt, 59, Portland, came up behind the boys.

According to reports, John suddenly swerved to the left and crossed in front of the

truck. Otterstedt swerved the truck to the left, crossing the highway and into a ditch.

When the truck came to rest the driver climbed out and found John beneath the cab and the trailer, suffering only minor injuries. Later Otterstedt, remarked, "I thought I had run over the boy with both duals."

John was taken by ambulance to Pioneer Hospital where he is suffering from a large laceration in the back part of his skull, bruise on the left eye, multiple scratches on his arms and legs and possible internal injuries.

The new bike had one wheel totaled.

Homer Hughes, Lexington rancher, has filed for a second term as county commissioner. Hughes has held the position for the past four years.

Todd and Jamey Morgan spent a week visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan, while their parents Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morgan, Aloha, vacationed at Lake Tahoe.

Two area students have been accepted for the fall term, 1974-75, at Treasure Valley Community College: Mark Cutsforth, Heppner; and Clifford Harris, Heppner. Both will major in General Studies.

Mr. and Mrs. McMinn went to The Dalles Saturday for Bill to have medical attention.

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Greenfield Grange met Saturday afternoon at the hall. Guests at the meeting were Umatilla County Deputy and Mrs. Morton Wolverson from Columbia Grange at Hermiston.

During the lecturer's hour Wolverson gave a demonstration of the complete secret work of the grange.

Jerry Watts was voted in as a new member, coming in on a demit from State Line Grange out of Milton-Freewater.

The meeting was followed by a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

Granger members were to go to Lexington Grange Monday night for visitation, and furnish the program, with Mrs. Don Baker in charge.

There were six tables of pinocle in play at the card party held Saturday night at the Greenfield Grange Hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Hosts were Mrs. Tom Harrison and Bill Bates.

Men's high prize was won by Frank Borghese of Arlington, and women's high by Mrs. Delmer Hug. Men's low went to Bill Bates and women's low to Ruth Bentley of Irrigon. Mrs. Frank Borghese and Bates received the traveling pinocle prizes.

There were seven tables of pinocle at the card party held last Wednesday at the grange hall. Mrs. Roy Ball was hostess. High prize was won by Faye Anderson and second high went to Mrs. Walter Wyss. Rose Gilmore of Arlington and Jessie Hartfield received the traveling pinocle prizes.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West Jr. were West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West of Woodburn, and the West's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry West of Portland.

The Women's Activity Committee of Greenfield Grange met Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Hazel Carpenter. Mrs. Rollin Bishop was a guest.

A donation was voted to the Parkinson's Disease Research Foundation.

The club voted to cook and

serve dinner for the members of the Lion's Club and their wives, April 1.

Mrs. W.G. Seehafer has returned home from St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. Her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Vaughn, has returned to her home in Douglas City, Ca., after being here with her mother. Another daughter, Mrs. Ron Tye of Enterprise, will be here this week.

Mr. Gene Trumbull, Manager of Heppner Inland Chemical, has presented the School District with several items of educational and recreational equipment.

Five chess sets, 2 table tennis tables, 7-8mm travel films and 8 Symphonic records, containing the music of the world's most famous composers were all presented to the Morrow County School District for use in the district schools.

The items will be circulated to all schools in the district so all students will have an opportunity to benefit from the materials. The travel films and records will be extremely useful in Social Studies and Music classes.

NEW LEADERS FOR TWO TRACKERS 4-H

Merlyn Robinson and Paul Fortenberry are new leaders for the Two Trackers 4-H Horse Club, replacing Floyd Jones and Gladys Alderman, who announced their resignations at the March 12 meeting of the club.

Mike Howell, 4-H youth development leader, attended the meeting where a film, "Ride, Cowboy Ride," was shown.

A ride is planned for April, weather permitting.

COL. BRUCE SMITH HERE FOR FUNERAL

Lt. Col. Bruce Smith, Riverside, Ca., was in Heppner to attend the funeral of his uncle, Ted Smith. He is currently staying with his aunt, Mrs. Ted Smith.

Lt. Col. Smith grew up in Ione and graduated from Ione High School.

Kinzua news . . .

A bunco party was held Wednesday evening at the grade school with Sharon Bell and Pat McMinn as hostesses. High went to Marlyn Bailey, second high to Naomi Rice, traveling to Sue Mattison and Edith Bell, low to Sue Mattison. Others enjoying the evening were Betty Murdock, Carol Norris, Becky Ostrander, Vi Slinkard, Barbara Heim and Dinah Jackson.

The couples card party was held at Camp 5 Friday evening with a potluck supper. High for the evening went to Ken Dunlap and Sue Mattison. Middle score was won by Rose Hardwick and Earl Norris. Pinochles were won by Sharon Bell and Jack Williamson. Hostess for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunlap. Others playing were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mattison, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hardwick and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rogers were in Pendleton Friday for medical attention for Grady, and for shopping.

The Good News Club held a potluck supper at the church annex Thursday night. There were 29 children present. Hot dogs, and potato salad were served to the children. Prizes were given for a contest they had been having. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dyer, Mrs. Linda Nyseth, Mrs. Alma Cory and Dawn Cory.

Good News Club will meet March 21 at the church annex at 1:30 p.m. Costumes will be worn. More details will appear later.

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Mitchell for their daughter, Windi, who was 7 Saturday. After gifts were opened, refreshments were served to Jimmy Williams, Dana, Lana and De Rina Reid, Andy Samples, Brenda McMinn, Jeannie Nyseth, Colleen and Cindy Bryant, Joann Brown, Robbie and Scott Conlee, Lonnie Memenga, Jodi and Robin Mattison and Cindy Mitchell. Mothers attending were, Roberta Conlee, Gail Memenga, LaVelle Cecil and Sue Mattison.

SCHOOL Lunch Menu

Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School

Monday, March 25 - Macaroni & cheese, Spinach, pickled beets, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 26 - Casserole??? Salad??? Bread??? Dessert??? Milk -- for sure!

Wednesday, March 27 - Beanie Weanie, vegetable salad, hobo bread, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 28 - Mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, buttered peas, carrot & celery sticks, fruit Jello with topping, rolls, milk, butter.

Friday, March 29 - School's choice!

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Disabled, widows to apply by Apr. 1

Disabled war veterans and veterans' widows must apply for their annual Oregon property tax exemptions by April 1, the Department of Veterans' Affairs cautioned today. Application is filed with the county assessor.

H. C. Szafield, Veterans' Affairs director, said the exemption amounts to \$7,500 of the true cash value of the property. Entitled are war veterans 40 percent or more disabled, and unmarried widows of war veterans.

Szafield said this is not an automatic exemption. Even though an exemption was granted last year, the property owner must file a new application to be considered for the exemption this year.

If the taxpayer still has property tax to pay on his residence after the veterans' exemption, and has an income of less than \$15,000 a year, he is eligible for a refund under the new homeowners and renters property tax refund program passed by the 1973 legislature. Application for this benefit must be filed by April 15 with the Department of Revenue, Salem.

JOYCE BERGSTROM
Morrow County Tax Assessor