

# Wildlife refuge boundary bothers Boardman council

A storm may be brewing over a portion of the Umatilla Wildlife Refuge adjoining N.W. Front Street at Boardman. A fence has been put up around the refuge and an eight by eight inch corner post has been buried in the middle of a city right-of-way.

"I contacted John Kurtz of the Umatilla Wildlife Refuge concerning the fence," stated Boardman City Administrator Jim Thompson. "I asked him who would be responsible for repairing the fence when the city goes through there with sewer and water lines. He didn't have an answer." The city expects sewer and water line construction to be taken through that area within the next six months.

City attorney, M.D. Van Valkenberg, stated "if they

have a corner post on our easement they haven't any right to be there."

"They are carrying this a little too far," stated city councilman Joe Tatone. They are making a nuisance out of themselves and a fool out of the city of Boardman."

Tatone recalled that the refuge was intended to be developed into a park. "It wasn't supposed to be a breeding ground for mosquitos," he said. The refuge pond is stocked with Gambusia fish which are stocked to eat the mosquito larva but the councilmen agreed that they were not doing the job. "We've probably got the best breeding ground for mosquitos in the world," estimated councilman Gene Trumbull.

"Maybe we haven't com-

plained about this mosquito problem enough," stated councilman Ron Black. Thompson will approach the Umatilla Wildlife Refuge officials about the problem again.

A zoning hearing for Harding and Hohl land development west of the city is set for July 19 at 7:30 p.m. The

property is currently zoned for farm use. The proposed change would make the site eligible for general residential use. That zone would allow duplex construction.

Some split exists among the council regarding allowing duplex building in rural sections of the Boardman area.



## Groundwater hearings ruling expected

Area farmers and ranchers called a cross-section of professional witnesses to their defense during the State Water Resources Department's proposed Butter Creek critical ground water hearing that concluded Friday, July 1. Lexington farmer Larry Lindsey presented some defense evidence of his own. He opposed earlier testimony given by state water resources employee, Dennis Glender.

All testimony offered during the hearing has been taken back to the department's Salem office for evaluation and final ruling. That final decision will be made by Water Resources Director James Sexson. Sexson was absent from the entire day of testimony Friday. Attorney's representing the various farming interests called that fact to the attention of the hearing record.

## Vacation Bible school in Irrigon July 25-29

A vacation Bible School with the theme "The Life of Christ" will be conducted July 25-29 at the Community Baptist Church in Irrigon. The sessions will be from 9:30 a.m. until noon for children of the community four years old through the sixth grade.

There will be a pre-registration "Oysters" cut off?

Last weekend, the Wagon Wheel Cafe was the site of what could be one of the last in a succession of annual banquets featuring that debateable delicacy known as the "Rocky Mountain Oyster".

More than 25 persons gathered on Sunday afternoon, July 3, to partake in the feast supplemented with frog legs and steak. The main dishes were prepared by Ron and Olivia Palmer. Alvina and Darrell Padberg have served as chairpersons for recent feasts and have been assisted by the Pat o'Briens and the Larry Procks.

These "special feasts" have been a tradition for Heppner's stout-hearted diners for around 12 years. With recent changes in cattle "marking" techniques, it is feared by some that the celebrated "oyster" may be a thing of the past. Of course, there are others who could care less.

## Justice Court

Justice Court news for this week included:

—John R. Sanchez, Ione. Found guilty of driving while suspended and fined \$155.

—Steven T. Hilling, Boardman. Found guilty of criminal use of drugs and given a 30 day jail term suspended on probation to the court for one year. Also, instructed to contribute 20 hours of volunteer work to civic, charity or senior citizens activities and to work toward achieving his high school equivalency diploma. Hilling was fined \$190 for payment of his court appointed attorney.

—Henery Delemeter, Heppner. Found guilty of hit and run and fined \$75.

# Sifting through the TIMES

The Fourth Annual sidewalk Sale topped the Times front page this week in 1967.

"Business and entertainment in Heppner will take to the sidewalks Friday and Saturday of the Sidewalk Bazaar. There will be hundreds of bargains, lots of entertainment and a barrel of fun for all, according to Bill Hust, chairman of the merchants committee."

Planned were a pancake and sausage breakfast prepared by the Jaycees along with a visit by the Drum and Bugle Corps of Pendleton.

While the merchants and groups prepared for the festivities, the Times reported, "there was no holiday on the grain harvest this week, as barley and wheat started moving towards elevators in a steadily increasing stream of trucks. Both Lexington and North Lexington elevators were in full operation and it was expected that Ione and Heppner elevators would be well under way by the end of the week."

This week in 1957, the Times reported the reunion of Heppner High School's Class of '47.

This week in 1957, the Times reported the reunion Saturday. Activities included a banquet at the American Legion hall and a picnic at Cutsforth's cabin with each alumnus reporting on his or her current activities.

"Joe French was master of ceremonies. The welcome was given by Randall Peterson. A highly amusing song "Why

Women Wear Britches" was sung by Don Munkers. The class will, originally written in 1947, was read by Bud Peck and the class prophecy by Bob Mollahan."

Hospital news headed this week's 1947 edition of the Times. "Prospects for early construction of the proposed Morrow County hospital were brightened when approximately 40 citizens, many of them women, met with the hospital committee at the Courthouse to discuss problems confronting those charged with the duty of erecting the building". Obviously the problems did not prove to be insurmountable. "Shades of 1918!" announced this week's Times edition in 1937.

"So though the Fourth of July stay-at-homes when the fire siren sounded Sunday afternoon. Fear, which gripped hearts as immediately recalled was the devastating blaze on the nation's birthday in 1918, was relieved when a small grass fire on the east hillside was found to be the cause of alarm."

On the medical front this week in 1927, Arthur Brisbane offers the following: "If past 40, please read. Five great dangers that threaten you are kidney, trouble, heart disease, tuberculosis, Bright's disease and paralysis. It is possible, but fortunately unusual, to have all of them. Also, with a little thought and common sense, you may avoid all of them. For ALL disease there are remedies...cheerful thought, moderate exercise, slow, temperate eating and regular sleep."

## Creative arts group invites artists

Future meetings of Morrow Creative Arts Group will be work meetings, with all members invited to bring their painting, or whatever craft or art form they are presently

doing. The next meeting will be July 21 at Betty Brown's home from noon to 3 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, wear your grubbies, and join the group for both discus-

sion of events and sharing of skills. Anyone interested in joining should call Betty, or the newly elected secretary of the group, Sylvia McDaniel.

The Morrow Creative Arts is for every one interested in promoting creative arts in the area, as well providing a meeting place for those interested in the arts.

## Evening of song July 10

The churches of the Heppner community are holding a Sing-spiration on Sunday evening, July 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the Courthouse Park on Gilmore St.

This occasion is being hosted by the Heppner Christian Church. All persons are invited to come and worship in song and in praise, states Pastor Edwin Sikes.

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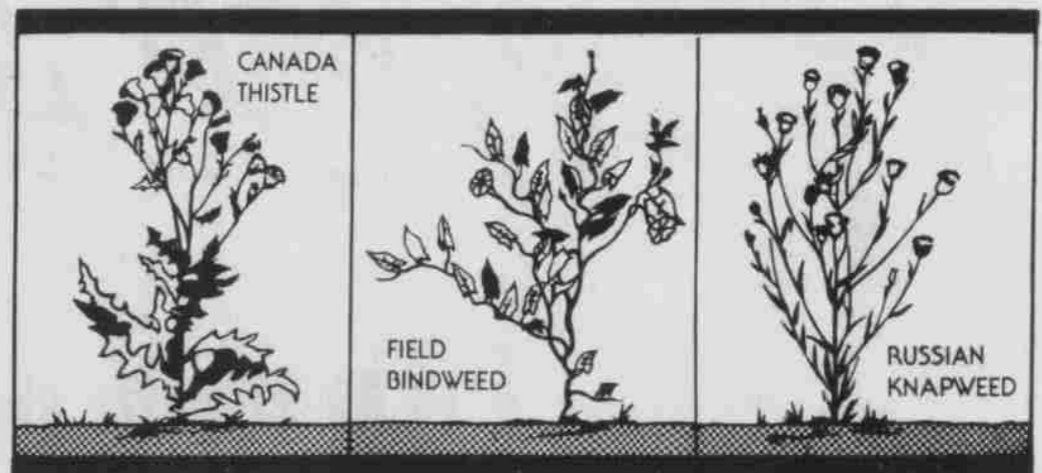
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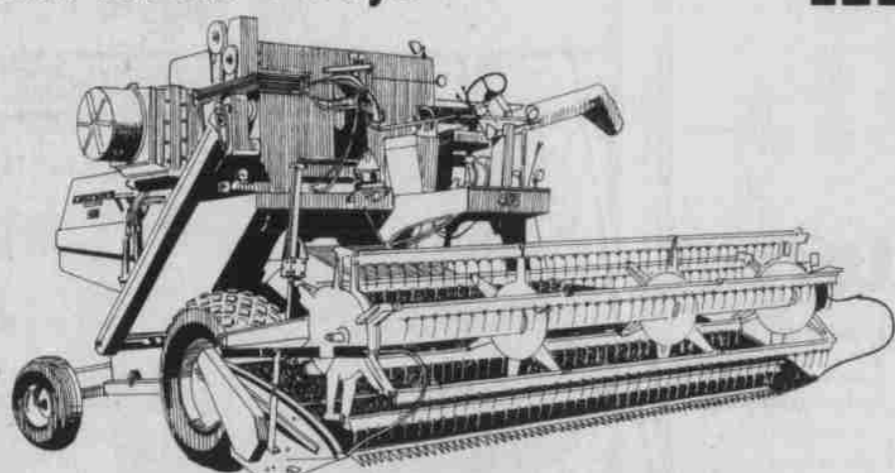
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