

## Lex council hikes fee

It was decided at the last regular council meeting that the new water hookup fee must be increased from \$150 to \$250 to cover increasing costs of supplies and installation. Truman Messenger petitioned the city to vacate all the portion of Water Street lying between F Street and Front Street. This was approved by the council. He also, along with the other individual

lot owners, petitioned for the vacation of the alley located in Block 4, Penland's First Addition. This was tabled until next month's regular meeting so that all interested and involved individuals can attend. New water rates for apartment houses and trailer courts were discussed and a policy decided upon. Those involved will receive letters of explanation.

Other routine business and various complaints were acted upon. Youth vandalism has become increasingly troublesome about Lexington. It was the consensus of the council that some help should be available from the county and if the vandalism continues the county court will be contacted. Individuals reported that past reports to the sheriff's department have not brought satisfactory results.

## Fair booths available

The sign-up list is growing for groups intending to staff community booths at this year's Morrow County Fair and Fair Secretary Liz Curtis said there is still room for seven or eight more. The theme of the booth section will be "Happiness

is," and sign-up is open to all organizations in the county. The display may employ the theme to tell a story of the community or the work of the organization. Booths scheduled so far will be occupied by the Child Development Center, Weed-

eaters 4-H Club, AAUW, Heppner Garden Club, Morrow County Historical Society, Heppner Lions, Cub Scouts, CowBelles and Heppner's Alpha Theta Sorority. Any group interested in securing one of the 4x6 foot booths should contact Liz Curtis at 678-9454.

## Lex waits on sewer plans

Now that the impact study and facility plan are on file with the state Environmental Quality Commission, the city of Lexington can do little but sit back and hope that pending grants and applications for a new sewer are soon approved. The facility plan, financed by Environmental Protection Agency funds, was completed two months ago by the J. Val Toronto and Assoc. Inc. engineering firm of Pendleton. Toronto said in some cases it requires up to two years following application before requests are approved. "Right now, Lexington is 188th on the EOC priority list," Toronto said. "There are about 300 applications on the

list but only about 70 will be approved." He said Lexington still has a chance for approval this year but didn't rule out the possibility of a one or two year delay. In addition to the EOC priority list, Toronto and Lexington officials must contend with federal agencies that currently hold the city's applications. "We're trying to get monetary commitments from several government agencies," Toronto said. He listed the EPA and FHA as the main sources of potential funding. If all goes as planned, 75 percent of the treatment plant and interceptor lines will be financed with federal money.

Toronto said he is also looking for financial assistance for the collector line system. Even if the grants come through, the project could be set back by EOC's priority list or conversely, a go-ahead from EOC would be useless without the federal money. "It's all interwoven like a spider's web," Toronto said. "You pull on one end and it upsets the other." Regardless of the governmental maneuvering, a new Lexington sewer system would still have to win the approval of city residents. Toronto said that public hearings on the issue would begin as soon as more definite information becomes available from the various agencies.

## School board.....

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Board during its June meeting included consideration of proposals for land purchases for a new school site in the Irrigon area. The board agreed to look at the property in question prior to its July meeting. "If trends in population continue as they have, there will be a need for a new building within five years," Supt. Matt Doherty said. "The board feels now is the time to purchase because of

rising land prices and current availability." Doherty said the district's long range planning committee will consider the options if the school is needed. In other action, the board agreed to look into the possibility of re-working some of the bus routes and will consider substituting a full bus run in the Clark's Canyon area which is currently serviced by a contract van route.

The board authorized installation of a pump for the old well at A.C. Houghton School since Doherty said irrigation water would probably not be available after July. Also, the board adopted a calendar calling for July and August meetings to begin at 9 p.m., September, March, April, May and June meetings to begin at 8 p.m. and all others to begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Dentist locates at Boardman

Boardman's new dentist, Dr. Bryce Hill, will be moving from Florence, Ore. to his new north Morrow County residence at the end of this week. The city's 1,600 square foot dental office building, which will house Hill, is projected for an Aug. 1 completion. It is being constructed at the Boardman South development by Pacific Health Facilities, a subsidiary of Furhman Development Co.

The structure is a desert adobe style clinic. A medical building, which is scheduled to begin construction Aug. 1 next door to the dental building, will be western style. The entire commercial area in the project is designed in desert adobe and western style architecture.

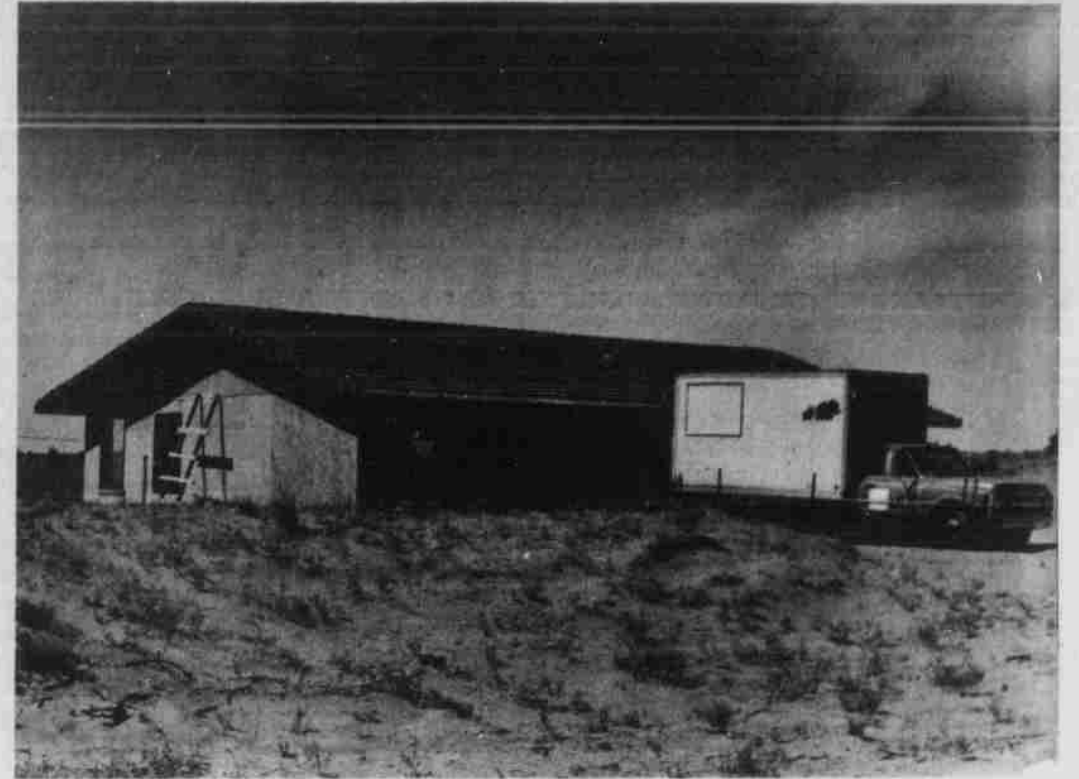
Hill will lease the dental

office with the option to buy. He stated in a telephone interview Tuesday that he was planning to make Boardman his permanent residence.

Hill visited Heppner last January in response to a letter sent out by the Oregon Dental Assn. when that city was looking for a dentist. "I stopped in Hermiston and was talking to Dr. (John) Page and he suggested that Boardman needed a dentist."

Ideally, the 29-year-old Hill feels he can treat 2,000 patients. He practices general dentistry now at Florence which has a population of 3,000 and five dentists.

Hill and his wife have three pre-school age children. He said he is looking forward to his new practice.



Boardman will have its own dental clinic operating in the very near future. See accompanying story.

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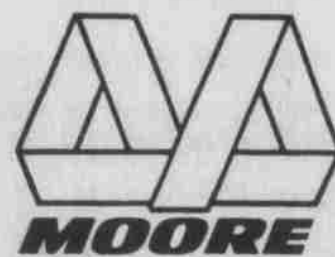
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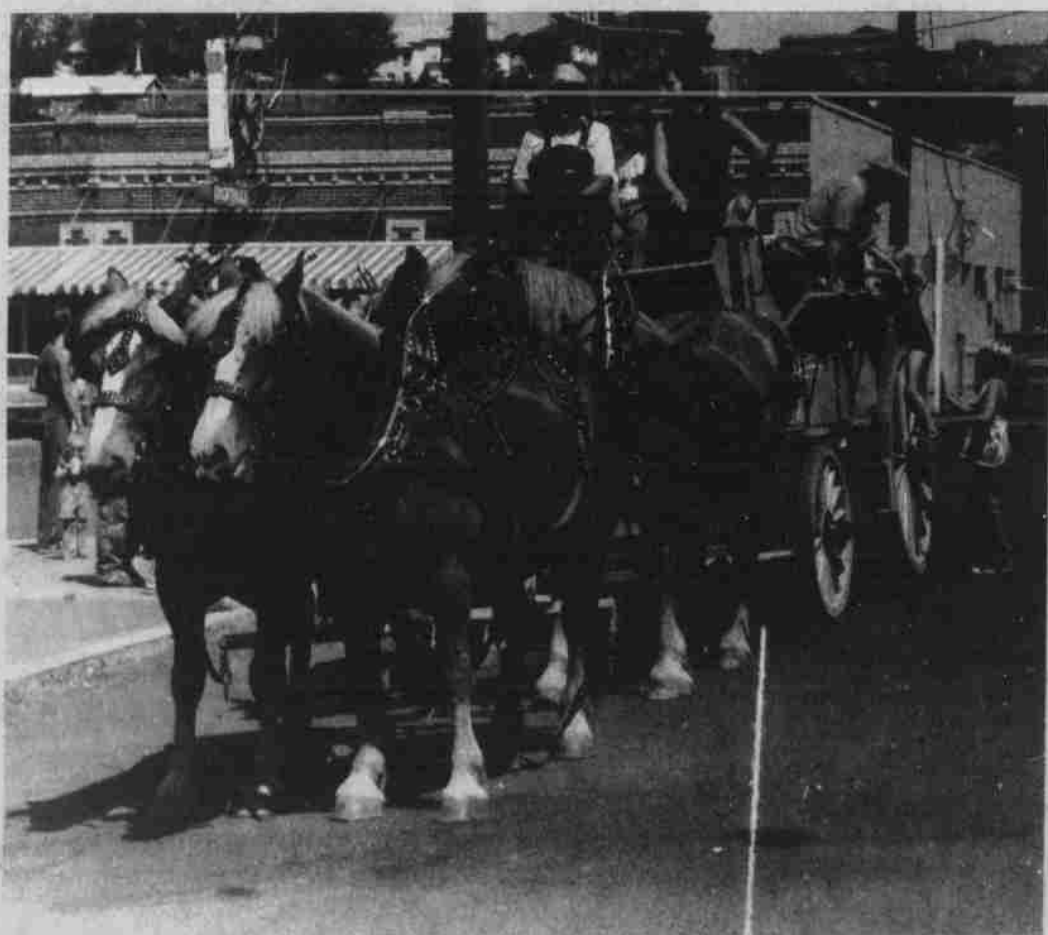
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## Head 'em up

Friday was a big day in Heppner as merchants took their wares to the sidewalk for one of the biggest general merchandise sales in Morrow County history. Part of the fun was provided by Don and Malcolm McInnes—relatives of the Murrays—who traveled here with a team and wagon and provided rides for young and old alike.