

## County Court

The formation of North Morrow Vector Control district was approved by the Morrow County Court at a hearing in Irrigon on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The new insect control district will include Irrigon as well as all of the area in the present Boardman Vector Control District.

Last month signed petitions supporting the new district were presented to the court by chief petitioner Anne Prag of Boardman.

The court also signed an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Boardman and Morrow County at the Irrigon meeting. This agreement shifts some of the judicial jurisdiction and duties from the Boardman municipal court to the Irrigon 5th District Justice Court. These duties include prosecution of traffic offenses and city ordinance violation.

A renewal of the same type intergovernmental agreement between the City of Heppner and Morrow County for the

## Growers receive new seed

Six Morrow County wheat growers last week received seed for a new variety of soft white wheat recently developed by Dr. Warren Kronstad of the Oregon State University Agronomy Dept.

A total of 342 bushels of "Stephens" variety seed was delivered to Ken Turner, Eric Anderson, Fred Nelson, Gary Grieb, Ralph Crum and Eastern Oregon Farms by County Agent Harold Kerr. The seed—priced at \$13 per bushel—was released by the OSU seed foundation.

Kerr said if the registered seed passes field inspections and sampling tests at harvest time next year the growers will be able to sell the new variety as certified seed.

## Market meeting Friday

The monthly marketing area meeting of the National Farmers Organization is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7, at 1 p.m. in the Blue Mountain Community College auditorium in Pendleton.

Topics to be covered include staffing justifications within the organization, plans for the convention coming up in January, a report on the Certificates of Support offered to the agri-business community, and a report on grain and membership sign-ups.

All interested persons are invited to the meeting.



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## Road study to begin

In response to a suggestion made at a lunch meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28, the Morrow County Court and city officials of Boardman, Judge D.O. Nelson said that a county-wide study commission will be initiated—probably within the month—to explore problems caused when city annexations include county roads.

Specific roads discussed at the informal meeting were Faler Road and South Main Street—county roads included in a recent Boardman annexation.

Judge Nelson said that a "friendly difference of opinion" existed between Boardman and the county as to who should have the responsibility of road maintenance.

The county would like to turn the roads over to the city since their only function is to provide city access, while Boardman wants the county to keep responsibility and bring the roads up to city standards.

"It's just a matter of getting together and working things out," Nelson said.

Dewey West, acting spokesman for the Boardman group, made the recommendation that a joint committee of concerned citizens and professionals be appointed to look into the problem and find a solution. District Attorney Dennis Doherty agreed with the plan, suggesting that it be a county-wide study group with sub-area committees.

The court and the Boardman group plan to meet in the near future to work out details.

## Ordinance drafted for Boardman PSO

Boardman has a new public safety officer but vesting him with the authority to police the city has to wait a few days.

Action on the ordinance outlining the delegation of police powers was postponed Tuesday until an emergency council meeting could be held Friday.

The ordinance can not be acted upon without a full council or two separate votes of partial councils. Only a partial council was present Tuesday. The ordinance designates that the city's new public safety officer (PSO) Ralph La Fontaine, who started Monday, will be under the direction of the mayor, the city administrator and the city council.

The ordinance also gives the PSO authority to enforce Oregon revised statutes, the Boardman charter and city ordinances. In the event the city enters into an ambulance service, he will also be in charge of the ambulance.

There is a county-owned ambulance housed at city hall but it is managed and operated by emergency medical technicians.

La Fontaine's duties involve police, fire fighting, city ambulance and health services.

Because the city has a

public safety officer, it is required to draw up some court procedures for handling municipal cases. In the past, the county and the state have operated within Boardman's city limits to provide police protection.

"This protection (through a PSO) is something we've needed for a long time," noted councilman and former mayor

Dewey West, after Tuesday nights council meeting.

To provide more economy and efficiency in intergovernmental operations, the county justice court will exercise all judicial powers over the city's

municipal court, according to Jim Thompson, city administrator.

## Dump closed

The ownership of the Lexington Dump has been turned over to Morrow County by the City of Lexington in a quit claim deed agreement.

The dump was officially closed on October 1 for failure to meet Dept. of Environmental Quality regulations. After the county cleans and covers up the site, it

will reopen as a 'white goods' dump—a place to take such things as old appliances and castaway furniture.

The Turner Landfill on Dee Cox Road north of Heppner is open to the public on Saturday and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. or by special appointment for large garbage loads.

## Train derails

Fourteen cars at the tail end of a 100-car, fast moving freight train derailed Sunday afternoon at the east end of the Boardman yard area.

The Union Pacific "hot shot" train was westbound from Nebraska to Portland when the accident occurred at 1:05 p.m. No injuries were reported in the mishap.

According to a UP spokesman, the cars were loaded with various types of freight including machinery and new autos but no estimate of

damage was available. The cause of the accident is now under investigation.

As of Tuesday, most of the cars were re-rail and train operations in the area were back to normal. In the interim, a shoofly, or side track, was constructed to allow other rail traffic around the wreckage.

George Skorney of UP's Portland office said it was the first derailment he could recall in the Boardman area.

## Troughs delivered

Fifteen water troughs have been purchased by Morrow County ranchers under a drought relief program started earlier in the summer, according to County Agent Harold Kerr.

## Six 4-Hers to P. I.

Morrow County 4-Hers will be represented at the upcoming Pacific International exposition as six county members will travel to Portland Oct. 15-22 to participate in the livestock and horse judging

competition. Carol McElligott, Mark Sargent and Ralph Morter have been chosen as the livestock judging team and the horse judging team will include Maureen Healy, Janice Healy and Donna Palmer.

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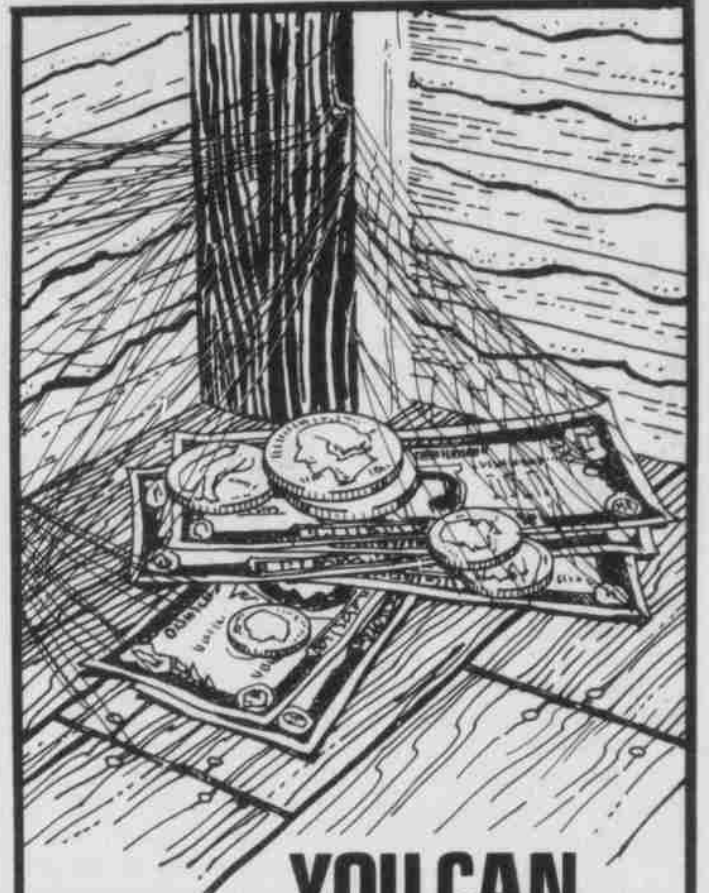
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