

'No odor' expected for Boardman feedlot

About 40 people raised objections recently about the possibility of J.R. Simplot constructing a \$6.2 million cattle feedlot 12 miles west of Boardman.

But County Planner Deane Seeger said there is no "stink" to the type of feedlot Simplot is proposing to the County Planning Commission.

"They are using space-age technology," Seeger said. "You can actually hold the stuff (solid waste from the cattle) up to your nose and not smell it."

Seeger said he was "appalled" when Simplot told the commission about the modern commercial feedlot so he went with members of the

Morrow County Court and two planning commissioners to Caldwell, Idaho where a similar experimental lot has been constructed.

The lot in Boardman, if approved a conditional use by the commission, would house 30,000 cattle on 50 acres of land. Another 330 acres surrounding the feed lot would house feed buildings and storage sheds. Feed for the cattle would come from Simplot's farming operation near Hermiston.

The floor of the feedlot will be concrete. The floor is continually sprayed with water, which washes liquid and solid waste from the cattle into drainage ditches. The waste is then processed and some of it is actually mixed in with alfalfa, barley and cracked corn and fed to the cattle. The ratio is one-third processed waste and two-thirds feed. It is mixed in two large Ready-Mix type trucks.

"They showed us (at the plant in Caldwell)," Seeger said. "It is a 21st century approach. It is completely processed and recycled." After the waste is processed, the water is reused to spray the floor again so the water is recycled too. Liquid waste is used as fertilizer on

the alfalfa that is grown for feed.

Seeger said the only condition of the feedlot made by the Department of Environmental Quality is that the liquid waste not be used on cropland during freezing weather but put in a holding tank until the ground thaws.

Seeger said the feedlot has the possibility of becoming completely self dependent because "If the methane gas from the cattle waste can be captured, it can be used like propane gas to run the equipment on the feedlot."

Seeger said the planning commission plans to make its

decision on the project by May 17 when Simplot provides more details of the proposed operation.

"We will try and make a decision that is fair and just," Seeger said. "We took a lot of heat at the last meeting but it was mostly because people

did not understand the type of feedlot it will be or they had misunderstandings about its location.

"It is going to be used to fatten up cattle before slaughter but it will not have the smell like the one in Hermiston."



Members of Heppner Post No. 481, Veterans of Foreign Wars, erected a flag over the City Hall entrance last week. The flag is permanently mounted on its staff and lighted by a spotlight (occasionally) so that it may be viewed at night as well as in the day.

Grasshoppers here, warns county agent

"Check for grasshoppers!" That's the instruction of Harold Kerr, Extension Service agent, to Morrow County farmers. He said a few grasshoppers have been located in the Heppner area.

Land owners are asked, he said, to report on the size of the area checked and the number of grasshoppers per square yard.

'Superwalk' to aid March of Dimes

A 20 mile "Superwalk" from Hager Park to Lexington and back is scheduled this Sunday to raise funds to help the prevention, treatment, and care of birth defects through

the March of Dimes. The Heppner High School chapter of National Honor Society is sponsoring the walk.

The group chose Mother's Day because it is "especially mothers who are concerned about having healthy babies," said spokesperson Jane Rawlins. "Also, it would give some fathers and mothers an opportunity to go along with their young children who want to make the walk." It is to be a leisurely walk for one's health, not a race.

Walkers may check in at the registration point at Hager Park as early as 7 a.m. or wait until after church and start at 1 p.m. They are to bring a complete set of their sponsor lists signed by themselves or a parent if they are under 18. Here the officials will validate their lists and issue check-point cards and walker numbers. Restpoint stations at about two-mile intervals along the way will offer free snacks. At 7 p.m. all those finishing the walk may gather at Hager Park for a hot dog feed.

Many local merchants have contributed to prizes for the walkers, including a ten-speed bike for the walker collecting the most pledges, a radio, a clock, camera, and many

more prizes. Walkers are urged to wear comfortable shoes and to check the brochure which gives detailed directions and can be picked up at the

business houses, or the schools. Any walkers who grow tired along the way can be picked up by official superwalk vehicles and taken back to Hager Park.

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Variance for carport denied by council

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the commission that it allow the variance under the conditions of the changed site.

Ronald Farris, Joe Miller and Clifford Green were in favor of denying the original variance and agreed with the changed site while Frank Pearson and Robert Laughlin opposed overruling the planning commission. A public hearing for the changed variance application will be scheduled.

In other council news:
—Vern Wilson of Vern's 76 Service Station in Heppner requested that the city allow bids for service and gasoline for city vehicles. The council decided that is a good idea so bids will be taken this month for service beginning in June.

—Mayor Jerry Sweeney announced the Land Conservation and Service District will make its decision on the Heppner Comprehensive Plan June 5 and 6.

—The council passed an emergency ordinance declaring the city's election to receive Oregon State revenues for 1980-81.

—City Administrator Marshall Lovgren said the bridge on May Street in front of the courthouse is going to be widened for a walkway so the city will have to move the storm drain there.

—It was announced that funding from the State and Federal governments for restrooms at Hager Park in Heppner is available in the amount of about \$18,000. The restrooms would cost about \$12,000 with the rest of the money available for other equipment at the park. Joe Miller said the city budget committee decided it did not want to put in the restrooms because of future costs with vandalism. The money is not available for any other purpose so the city is going to lose that funding.

—An appeal of the city planning commission decision allowing a Recreational Vehicle Park to be built within the city limits of Heppner by John Skow will be May 19 at 8 p.m.

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West of Willow

Election Update

with Steve Peck

Candidates Fair—May 15

Jim Rogers has announced that he will make his West of Willow Restaurant in Heppner available to all local candidates for a reception style "Candidates Fair" at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 15. No formal speechmaking is planned. This will be an excellent opportunity for the voters to become acquainted with the local candidates. Every one is welcome. Good idea, Jim!

As the May 20th Primary Nears.

Posters, signs, and handbills are appearing everywhere. If you are unsure about any of the county-wide candidates, why not call, introduce yourself, and ask where they stand on the issues of your concern.

Voters Pamphlets arrived in the mail this week containing important information on the ballot issues and candidates for statewide and legislative district elections.

Ullman Drops VAT

During this last week, incumbent Democratic Congressman Ullman dropped his Value Added Tax plan, "for the time being." Apparently the man who admits to being Washington's number one tax writer was unable to sell his scheme for a national sales tax to the people back in the home district during an election year. Development of the extremely viable candidacy of Republican Denny Smith makes Ullman especially vulnerable.

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