

## Denney promotes night court sessions

*Editor's note: This is the last of three interviews with Lincoln's newest council members. Today, staff writer Lori Demo writes about Max Denney and two of his council projects. Earlier this week, she wrote about Sue Bailey and John Robinson.*

By Lori Demo

Introducing resolutions allowing the Lincoln City Council and the municipal court to hold night sessions for the aid of the public have been two projects councilman Max Denney has been working on since his election last May.

Denney promoted a resolution that called for the council to have night sessions once a month from August to December. He said this is on a trial basis to see whether the sessions are successful in increasing public participation.

"We had such a good turnout at our first night meeting in August that we had to bring extra chairs into the council chambers and some people had to stand in the hall," he said.

"It appears that we will have a good turnout this month too because we have a good agenda."

His other project provides for night sessions of the municipal court to accommodate the public.

"This is primarily for those who get traffic tickets and have to leave work for a day to go down to court and pay the fine. If they can come at night, they don't have to leave work and lose a day's pay," he said.

Denney also said that many employers say it costs them extra money when an employe has to take off work to appear in court.

"This too would be on a trial basis to see if it is worthwhile for the public and to see if the public wants it," he said.

Another part of this ordinance would add a fourth judge to the municipal court, the legal amount allowed the city by statute.

"We met with the current three judges and they said that their docket is backing up and they need a fourth judge to help them carry the load," Denney said.

In his other council work, Denney serves on a committee to study all of the committees involved in the city government to determine their functions.

"Pending a report on this, some committees that were created years ago are no longer needed and may be gotten rid of and some committees that overlap each other may be



City Councilman Max Denney

combined," he said. "We also may find the need for new committees."

The new city councilman also serves on the City-County Health Board and the Railroad Transportation Safety Board.

## Nutrition study to be presented

The results of nutritional studies of a cereal grain, triticale, by UNL researchers Constance Kies and Hazel Fox is to be presented at the International Symposium on Triticale in Lubbock, Tex., this week.

Triticale is a cross between wheat and rye grain and contains a relatively high amount of protein.

Fox, chairman of the UNL Food and Nutrition Dept., is to present finding indicating that triticale grain is well utilized by adult humans when fed as the only source of dietary protein.

The UNL study represents one of the few, if not the only, attempt to examine human utilization of triticale, according to Fox. The experiments were carried out after analysis of this grain indicated a high content of lysine, an amino acid generally limited in grains, and following the favorable response by animals to it after feeding trials.

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