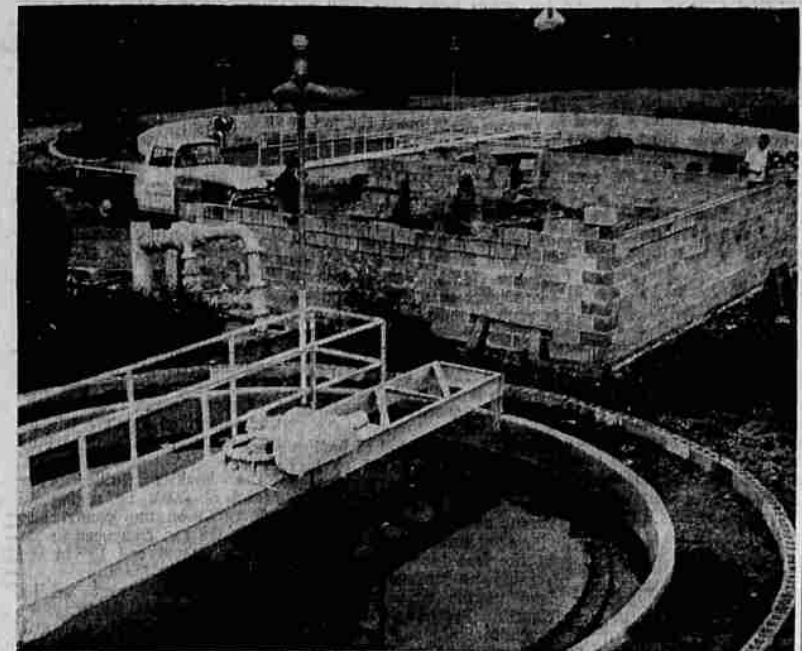


Diverse Activities Add Up To Busy Year For Public Works Department

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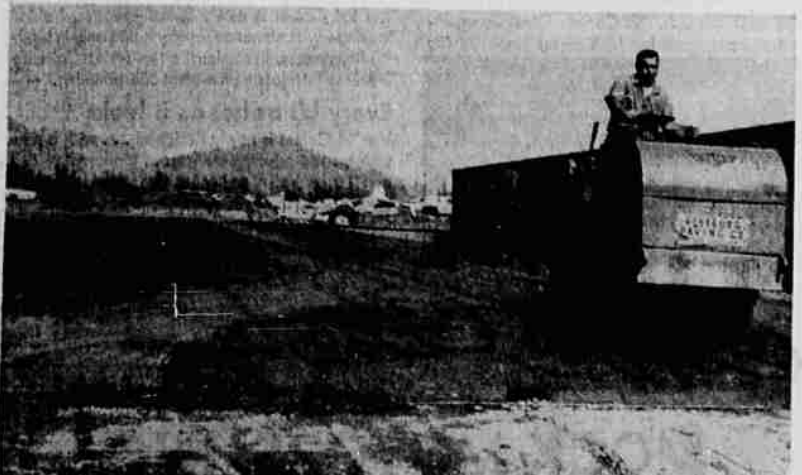
A NEW GARAGE being built at Roseburg sewage disposal plant is among improvements listed by Public Works Department for 1963. The building is a 24-by-40-foot cinder block structure and will house the various sewer division vehicles and equipment. (News-Review Photos by Andy Fautheree)



CREW OF FRED STUBBERT, subcontractor to Roseburg Paving Co., is shown pouring curb structure for the new West Oriole-Bradford street paving improvement. City officials said the subcontractor last week was pouring 1,200 feet of curb per day. The contractors are racing against the weather to get the project completed.



PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR Kenneth Meng and News-Review staff writer Dick Kerraish inspect SE Fowler Street, which was one of several streets in the central Roseburg area rededeked this summer. Resurfacing improvements were handled on a contract basis and paid for out of the city's general fund.



KOLLER PUTS finishing touches on new ramp improvement at Roseburg Municipal Airport. Ramp, provided at cost of \$6,542, is being paid for by the Douglas County Court. Other improvements at airport this year have included a runway sealcoat project and tie-down oiling.

Street Plan Will Cause PWD 'Shift'

By DICK KERRUISH
News-Review Staff Writer

A big "shift" is coming up for the Public Works Department of the city of Roseburg.

The shift is in connection with the city's plan to launch a vigorous residential street paving program this fall.

Department director Kenneth Meng explains that in recent years the engineering division of the Public Works Department has had its hands full with the planning and engineering of sanitary sewer improvements.

Today, with the community almost entirely serviced by sewers, municipal officials feel the sanitary sewer problem is just about whipped.

So Mayor Thomas Garrison and the City Council have indicated a desire to put new emphasis on street construction. To carry out this declared goal, administrators are preparing to "initiate" a number of improvements for selected streets in the Cloakes Ferry area this fall.

Big Job Ahead

Which means that Meng's department — and particularly the engineering division — has got a lot of engineering to do in the coming weeks so that the street improvements, if they are approved by property owners, can be undertaken during the 1964 summer construction season.

Meng's comments were made on the occasion of Public Works Week, now in progress. The week is observed nationally by the American Public Works Association. Roseburg Kiwanis Club is the local co-sponsor. Although no local activities are planned in connection with the observance, department officials have been making appearances before local groups to tell the Public Works Department story. Meng regards the new street program as the most important single activity facing the department.

As a means of making the program more attractive to property owners, the city proposes to liberalize front foot assessment costs by participating more extensively in the construction. This participation, according to the proposal, would consist of handling the engineering and inspection.

See Cost Reduction

Roughly speaking, these two items account for about 8 percent of the construction bill. Average cost for street paving in Roseburg at the present time is \$8.05 per front foot. With the city contributing the engineering aspects and with the savings which are expected to result by initiating larger assessment district projects on a planned basis, the engineers are hopeful that front foot costs can be trimmed to \$7 per foot.

The big push to get more streets paved is based on a point of economics. Unpaved streets — of which Roseburg has too many — are expensive to maintain. Street maintenance costs, city officials point out, will be reduced significantly as more streets are paved. Paved streets mean less repair, less gravel to provide, fewer chuck holes and more convenience for the benefited property owners.

In connection with Public Works Week, director Meng added up accomplishments of his department so far in 1963. Although there have been no major projects to point to, the department has been involved in a diverse assortment of activities which total up to a heck of a busy year.

Redecking Noted

One of the big improvements was the redecking of several streets bordering the downtown area. The project consisted of putting new wearing surfaces on nine streets. More redecking in the heart of town is planned for next year. The work was done on a contract basis and paid for out of the general fund.

Another important street improvement is the establishment of permanent paving improvements for the West Oriole-Bradford Street section in West Roseburg. This work is under way now, on contract to Roseburg Paving Co. This is an assessment district project undertaken at a cost of \$38,968 with the city paying \$4,617 as its share.

Six personnel changes have occurred in Meng's department this year. Replacements in the street division are Russell Brown, utility maintenance man; Walter Reich, grader operator; and Elmer Saxon, light equipment operator.

Robert Wilson, former assistant city engineer at Coos Bay, was scheduled to join the department today in the capacity of engineering technician. Mrs.



MEN AND EQUIPMENT of Roseburg Paving Co. are shown at work on West Bradford Drive where a street improvement is in progress. The Bradford-Oriole project is an assessment district activity in which the city is participating in the cost. Part of the



GEORGE SCOTT, superintendent at the city shops for the past eight years, fills pickup with gas from newly installed pump at the shop yards. New ethyl and diesel tanks and pumps were installed at the facility this year.

Sandra Powers is joining the department as secretary, while Jerry Vosika began service at the city shops as an automotive mechanic earlier in the year.

Several betterments have been made at the city shops. They include installation of new ethyl and diesel tanks and pumps, new sheet metal roof, new tire mounting machine and three new infra-red heaters for the shop building. Meng said the city's equipment is valued at \$109,198, the shop buildings at \$59,242.

Improved service in traffic painting and signing has occurred this year with the establishment of a two-man traffic paint crew. Efforts of this crew have been coordinated with the city Police Department for more efficient and effective traffic safety painting and signing. This fall the crew, which has its own truck and equipment, will go to work replacing old-style wooden street name posts and signs with the new green reflectorized signs in the west and northwest parts of town.

The sewer service division of the PWD is responsible for maintaining 120,000 feet of sanitary sewer line in Roseburg. The disposal plant west of city treats 660 million gallons of waste during the year. An important new equipment addition in this division will be two 9 hp. trailer-mounted power bucket machines with truck loader. The bucket machines (\$4,200) will enable the sewer division crew to clean sewers more effectively and is in line with a "preventative maintenance program" which was started in 1962.

City personnel are being used to construct a new four-bay garage at the disposal plant. This 24-by-40-foot building will house the sewer rodder, bucket machines, sewer crew pickup and an old model tank truck which the department recently acquired to haul away digested sludge from the disposal plant.

Here's a resume of other activities which have been handled under the direction of the Public Works Department:

1. Stewart Park road system improved at a cost of \$14,315 from the new "street improvement fund."
2. Runway at Municipal Airport sealcoated, tie-down areas oiled and new paved ramp developed.
3. Sewers for Garden Homes engineered, work to be done next spring.
4. Upper Lynwood annexed and sewered.
5. Pilger street sewer project undertaken at approximate cost of \$11,000.
6. Five used vehicles purchased for low cost at state

city's contribution was a storm sewer carrying drainage from the Fullerton IV School area to the river. Standard 35-foot residential streets are being constructed.



RE-STRIPING airport runway and taxiways was required following surfacing improvements. Above Don Staebler, assistant city engineer, marks newly surfaced area to be striped after center line location is determined by instrument reading. Reflectorized center line for runway and taxiway is required by Federal Aviation Agency.



BOB SCOTT is shown in a lofty position as he replaces burned out bulb in beacon light at Roseburg Airport. Maintaining these lights is one of the Public Works Department's many responsibilities. Cost of a beacon bulb is \$14.

Deer Are Bigger In Camas Valley

Deer season got off to a slow start in Camas Valley. Very few deer have been killed in the area, but hunters say those that have been brought in are bigger than usual, and all are fat.

Dwain Brown, Roland and Reggie Standley and Glenn Warner all got four-point bucks. Others, ranging from forked horns to three-point were killed in the Camas area by Elmer Kirkendall, Kenneth Delaney, Jim Reed, Bob Kirkendall and Mrs. Dean Delaney. Don LaBranch got a six-point in the Glide area.

Those bringing back deer from Eastern Oregon were Charles Parret, John Parret, Bruce Priest, Farrel Wiley, Jim Wheelock, Mrs. Dean Smith and Bruce Smith. The Dean Smiths also brought home their limit of trout from East Lake.

Bill Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Brown of Camas Valley, has returned to O.T.I. in Klamath Falls for his sophomore year. He is majoring in electronics.

Helen Kirkendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkendall, and Sandy Dahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dahl, are at Southern Oregon College in Ashland. Miss Kirkendall is majoring in elementary education and Sandy is majoring in physical education. The two girls are starting their freshman year.

Perrons Of Olalla Are Grandparents

By MRS. WALTER COATS
Mr. and Mrs. David Perron, trailer home from Winston to Olalla have learned of the property of Mrs. Peirsol's child. A son, Michael Newman Miller, weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces, was born Oct. 5 at Kaiser Hospital in North Bend to the Perrons' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller. Mrs. Perron is in North Bend to assist in the care of her new grandson.

Mrs. Del Peirsol and daughter, Deena, have moved their trailer home from Winston to the property of Mrs. Peirsol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pearley Hahn, in Tenmile.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Breitenberger of Tenmile, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Street of Malin and Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Smith of Bend to assist in the care of their new grandson.

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