

Realty Board Favors City-Owned Water System

The Douglas County Board of Realtors, at its meeting Wednesday noon, went on record recommending to the city of Roseburg that steps be taken for acquisition and operation of a publicly-owned municipal water system.

Board members authorized President Richard Stevenson to have a resolution prepared to be submitted to the City Council recommending this action.

The proposal was adopted after George Luoma, local attorney, appeared before the board and spoke on an investigation he has made in connection with the municipally-owned water systems, as opposed to private ownership.

Firm Seeks Higher Rate
Luoma stated that, while he is a firm believer in free enterprise, there are some fields in which public ownership has a definite advantage. He stated he became interested in the plan after learning the Oregon Water Corp., the present franchise holder, had applied to the Public Utilities Commissioner for a higher rate to be charged water users living on higher elevations requiring additional pumping facilities.

Luoma pointed out that Roseburg is only one of 11 Oregon cities out of a total of 222

which does not own its own water system.

The Realtors gave unanimous support to the proposal of Luoma, which he had requested in an effort to get group backing for studies to determine advantages of such a plan for Roseburg.

Resolution Recounted
The resolution, which contained much of the information touched upon by Luoma in his talk, states:

"WHEREAS, the private free-enterprise system is the best way to produce, transport, distribute and provide most things and services; however, in some fields public ownership and operation is recognized as best; and

"WHEREAS, Roseburg already recognizes public ownership is for the best interests of its citizens in operation of schools, fire and police departments and the sewer system; and

"WHEREAS, only Roseburg and ten other Oregon cities are now required to buy their water from stockholder-owned water corporation monopolies while 211 Oregon cities enjoy the benefits of purchasing water from publicly-owned municipal water systems; and

"WHEREAS, Oregon Water

Corp. takes water out of the North Umpqua, transports the same through pipes into storage tanks and then distributes the same into homes and commercial buildings, and the city of Roseburg takes the same water out of said residences and commercial buildings, transports the same through pipes into a processing tank and then dumps it into the South Umpqua; and

Coffee Break To Help MD

The annual "Coffee Break for Muscular Dystrophy" sponsored by Gamma Iota and Beta Iota chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, will be held Friday.

Thirty local restaurants will donate monies taken in during the hours of 9 and 10:30 a.m., and contributions will be placed in containers provided by the two chapters.

Gamma Iota was beginning sponsor for the "coffee" five years ago, and it has become an annual event throughout the state.

"WHEREAS, these homes and buildings are both water and sewer customers, so ownership and operation of both systems by the same party can provide operation efficiency and economy; and

"WHEREAS, part of our water charges are now sent away from Roseburg in the form of Oregon Water Corp. stockholder profits and its federal and state income tax dollars, and this money should be kept for the benefit of Roseburg and its citizens, totaling about \$150,000 in 1962 alone; and

"WHEREAS, Roseburg is in need of this revenue, or in lieu thereof, substantially reduced water rates comparable to the much lower water rates enjoyed by purchasers of water in Oregon cities benefiting from municipal water system ownership and operation.

"NOW, THEREFORE, the Douglas County Board of Realtors does hereby recommend to the City of Roseburg that steps be taken for acquisition and operation of a publicly-owned municipal water system."

Bureau Of Land Management Plans Move To New Quarters

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The Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management will move to new quarters this weekend.

The district is moving its offices to 1928 NW Airport Road and taking over a building which formerly housed the American Steel & Supply Co. warehouse. The building is just north of the Douglas Forest Protective Association headquarters off Garden Valley Road.

The public has been invited to inspect the building at an open house slated Dec. 13. Visiting hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

BLM officials said the job of transferring records, cabinets and office equipment to the new building will be sizable.

"But we will be ready for business at the new location Monday," an official said.

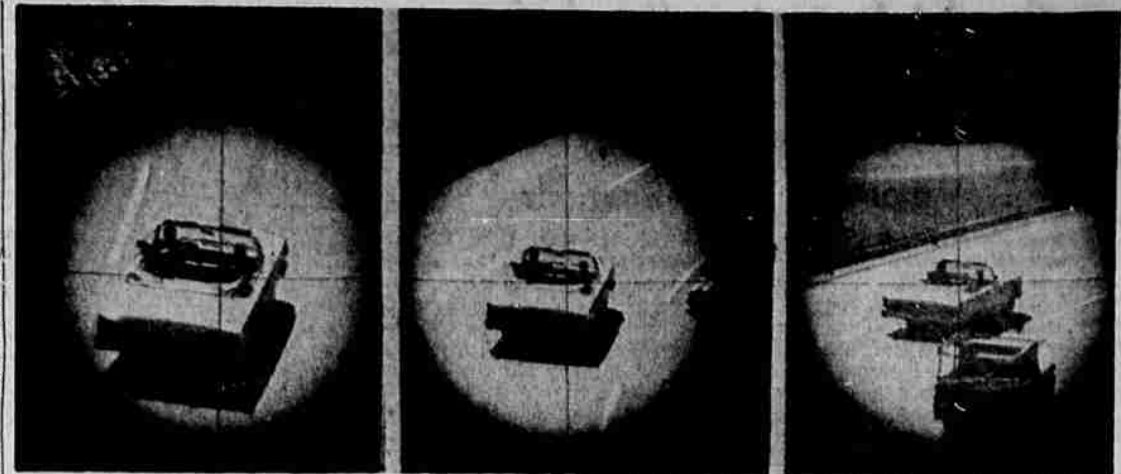
Space Problem Noted
Roseburg District has maintained its present offices at 2583 W. Harvard Blvd. since August of 1956. With expansion of activities over the years, the district has experienced the problem of "inadequate space."

In addition to providing more room for administrative functions, the new facility will allow improved public access (the building is right off Interstate Highway 5), better parking facilities and adequate area to quarter BLM vehicles.

Extensive interior remodeling has been undertaken to adapt the building to the administrative functions of the district. One significant addition is a refrigeration unit to store seedlings.

The local office is responsible for managing over 400,000 acres of United States land in the Roseburg District. The first office was established in 1938. Timber sold under the BLM timber program from 1942 to

AN ENGLISH WESTERN
BRISTOL, England (UPI) — John Wakesman, 24, and Dudley White, 22, were fined \$224 Wednesday for firing flaming metal arrows into the sides of passing trains and buses.



THIS RE-ENACTMENT of the assassination of President Kennedy using a four-power telescopic gun-sight mounted on a 35mm camera illustrates approximately what the assassin saw as he crouched in the 6th floor window of the Texas School Book Depository and fired three shots at the President and Texas Gov. John Connally. The camera was mounted in the same window from which the fatal shots were fired. The car is traveling the same path on Elm street as that traveled by the President's car. The four-power scope, similar to that used on the assassin's rifle, was

mounted directly in front of a 58mm lens on a 35mm camera. The camera was removed from the subject between each shot to simulate the recoil of a high-powered rifle. A delay of 2-3 seconds was allowed between each picture to allow time to cock a bolt-action rifle. The car traveled at about 10-15 miles per hour, and the three pictures were made starting at a point approximately where the President's was at the time the first shot was fired. The sequence of pictures is from left to right. (UPI TELEPHOTO)

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VINSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Vinson, Box 804 Melody Lane, Wilbur; Nov. 29, a son, Darren Lee; weight 7 pounds 10 ounces.

AYERS — To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Ayers, 4327 Carnes Road, Roseburg, Nov. 30, a son, Darren Vern; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

BALLARD — To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ballard, 1759 Giles, Roseburg, Nov. 30, a son, Darren Vern; weight 7 pounds 11 ounces.

MOSELEY — To Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Moseley, 120 NE Pleasant, Roseburg, Dec. 1, a son, Carl Dean; weight 6 pounds 14 ounces.

NAY — To Mr. and Mrs. Ned H. Nay, Rt. 3, Box 650, Roseburg, Dec. 1, a son, Kevin Merle; weight 9 pounds 3 ounces.

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