

# Island City Area Residents Question Sewage Plant Site

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ISLAND CITY (Special) — About 200 Island City area residents packed into the Farm Bureau hall here last night and asked questions that ranged from burrowing gophers and drifting snow to odors and seepage of the La Grande city commission over the city's proposed site for a new sewage disposal plant near here.

The city has proposed constructing lagoon type oxidation ponds on the Rex Griggs ranch east of La Grande pending the outcome of Friday's special \$360,000 bond election in La Grande for this purpose.

The oxidation ponds have been presented as the most economical and as feasible as two other alternatives. They are:

1. Construct an entirely new

sewage disposal plant.

2. Repair the present facility just east of the city.

City commissioners told the assembled county property owners last night that they were sure of one thing, "La Grande has to build a new sewage facility." This fact was known to La Grande several years ago by state authority. The oxidation type plant idea, agreeable to the State

Sanitation Authority, was arrived at after several years of study by a competent engineering firm, they pointed out.

It was plain to see how the crowd felt last night about the matter, and various questions were pumped at Dr. Gordon Clarke, commission president, and Dave Slaght, city engineer and acting city manager.

After tracing the present city

sewage history from the beginning of the disposal plant constructed in 1926, which now fails to function properly and does not pass state health standards, Clarke turned the speaker's stand over to Slaght for an engineering report.

Many Questions  
Joe Kidd, Rt. 2, said that the site which the city has taken an option on for \$30,500 (there are

230 acres) would be directly across the road from his residence.

He posed such questions as easements, lagoon overflow and evaporation. He said that he had two wells that served his home and feared contamination from the nearby ponds.

Both Slaght and Clarke assured him that engineering tests proved otherwise and pointed out that preliminary soil drill specimens

showed solid compaction at the site.

A Certain Ditch  
Joe Harrison, Rt. 2, questioned the use of a ditch that would handle possible overflow from the lagoons. He said the ditch was an incorporated one and known as the McAllister Ditch. "This ditch services several families. How do they feel about this? Do you have their permission to dump

this sewage?" he asked.

Harrison also asked Slaght if any of the wells in use in the immediate area ever had been tested by the city or engineers for a possible contamination check.

Sid Burleigh, attorney from Island City who conducted the meeting, asked if ground tests had been made on the Griggs' property, and was informed by Slaght that both the consulting engineers and state authority had made preliminary tests and found suitable soil compaction for the lagoon site.

Dr. F. M. Kovach, Island City area businessman and whose property is adjacent to the Griggs ranch, asked how the city could be so positive about oxidation ponds being cheaper than a conventional type plant, and he also questioned the possibility of seepage. "Will the ponds be sealed?" he asked.

"There seems to be several variables left unanswered on the part of the commission. I would like to know why oxidation ponds couldn't be put closer to La Grande," Kovach said.

Clarke replied that a sewage plant might be built closer to town if the city wished to use the power of property condemnation and thus acquire suitable acreage.



SID BURLEIGH  
State Your Name



ED DRAPER  
It Will Stunt Growth



DAVE SLAGHT  
Mountain Lagoons?



DR. F. M. KOVACH  
Why Not Closer In?



CARL HELM JR.  
Legal Technicality



JOE HARRISON  
Do You Have Permission?



DR. GORDON CLARKE  
Speaking for City Commission, I am opposed to condemning land for oxidation pond site.

## LA GRANDE OBSERVER

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### Band Leader Cugat Says His TV Quiz Appearances Rigged Events

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Band Leader Xavier Cugat, who won \$16,000 on the TV quiz \$64,000 Challenge, said today his appearances were rigged and that he went along in a role of "make-believe, to make a good show."

Speaking with his well-known Latin accent, the portly Cugat gave his story to House investigators and then told the Congressmen:

"If there was too much make-believe, I wish you could do something about it without giving entertainment too much of a black eye."

Cugat testified that his publicity agent, Mal Braverman, assured him when he lined up his appearance on the program in June, 1958 that he wouldn't have to "worry about a thing."

The 38-year-old band leader said he assumed this meant he would be asked easy questions in his

category, popular music, or he would be coached.

Sure enough, he told the House subcommittee, show producer Mervyn Koppin ran through the questions and answers before his appearances.

Cugat Subpena  
Under subpena, Cugat flew here from Lake Tahoe, Nev., for his appearances in the Congressional quiz which Monday heard a painful confession of TV "deception" from Charles Van Doren, who won \$129,000 on the now defunct show "21."

The probers also were told Monday that associated producer Shirley Bernstein of the \$64,000 Challenge "secretly coached some

contestants. She is the sister of conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein.

After hearing Cugat's story, the subcommittee encountered a reluctant witness, John Ross, manager of 12-year-old Patty, who won \$32,000 as a contestant on the "\$64,000 challenge" in January, 1958.

Reluctant Witness  
Ross requested that he not be required to testify in public because the testimony "may tend to incriminate, defame or degrade some other person."

After a brief huddle, the subcommittee went into closed session, but there was no indication she would be questioned.

Before clearing the caucus room of other spectators, the subcommittee showed a film of the show on which Patty, who then was only 11, won \$32,000 answering questions about music.

Under questioning during his 45-minute performance in the House caucus room, Cugat admitted he didn't give the true picture of his experience when he was questioned by New York District Attorney Frank Hogan.

### Van Doren Loses Post As Teacher At Columbia U.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Charles Van Doren's dream of following in the footsteps of his illustrious father as a revered teacher and scholar was shattered today.

Just a few brief hours after Van Doren revealed to a congressional subcommittee that he became embroiled in a web of lies and deceit to win \$129,000 on a rigged television program, the board of trustees at Columbia University announced acceptance of his resignation.

The board's ruling could mark the end of his career as a teacher.

### DA Posing Perjury Raps

NEW YORK (UPI) — Dist. Atty. Frank Hogan's office indicated today the possibility of perjury indictments against TV quiz show contestants who made false statements to a grand jury will have to be considered.

Hogan said Monday a great number of the 150 contestants who appeared before the grand jury investigating rigging of quiz shows did not tell the truth.

On the possibility of perjury indictments, Hogan said: "It's a matter that will have to be considered and not in terms of one contestant."

Hogan said his office had questioned at least 300 contestants and about half of them appeared before the grand jury.

"A good many contestants told the truth," Hogan said, "but then there were a great number who did not, so you can see the ramifications of the problem."

Hogan also indicated that a determination of whether perjury indictments would serve any useful public purpose also would have to be considered.

He said the grand jury might be interested in knowing if any former contestants showed any signs of contrition, such as "correcting" their previous grand jury testimony.

### 63 Years Ago Bohnenkamps Opened Store In La Grande

By NEIL ANDERSEN  
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Sixty-three years ago this week W. H. Bohnenkamp and his wife made their first sale when their new store opened in La Grande.

The bill, totaling 50 cents, was charged to Frank Pike, railroad engineer. The sale was: one cake pan, 15 cents, one washbasin, 10 cents, and one No. 2 lamp chimney, 25 cents.

The Bohnenkamp organization has grown from a simple hardware store into a modern thriving business that deals in furniture, appliances, hardware, sporting goods and other items. During their 63 years of business, Bohnenkamps have sold automobiles, farm equipment and operated a funeral home.

The company has survived a major fire and, with the exception of Sunday's and holidays, has never closed its doors. The record is amazing when a person considers the average life of a furniture store in the United States is seven years, statistics show.

The firm occurred in September of 1913, when a blaze gutted the two upper stories of the building. Business was conducted as usual while reconstruction work went on overhead.

Middle of Street  
The first store was opened in a small room in the Huntington block in early December, 1896. For a short time the firm occupied a frame building on the site of the present store. But when the company expanded, the frame building was moved to the middle of the street and business continued as usual.

After the new building was complete, Adams Avenue was still unpaved and horsedrawn wagons were frequently mired in the mud in front of the store, according to Mrs. Bohnenkamp. The street was not paved until 1910.

When the firm started in 1896, only Mr. and Mrs. Bohnenkamp worked in the store. Through the years many La Grande residents have been employed there. Presently, the store employs 14 full-time employees and three members of the family.

Chase Bohnenkamp was the first son to enter the family business but was soon followed by Lynne who had charge of the furniture department. Hal Bohnenkamp had charge of the undertaking branch of the firm for a period after he joined the organization.

With rare exceptions, a Bohnenkamp always has been enrolled in the La Grande public school system and today the great-grandchildren of the firm's founders are students. Mrs. Bohnenkamp has an unusual record. Her three sons were graduated from the system, 10 grandchildren covered the same route and now many of her great-grandchildren are covering the path set years ago.

The three sons and their wives have contributed to cultural.

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### Busy Beaver Fells Tree, Cuts Power

A beaver cut down a large tree on California-Pacific's power line in the Gordon Creek section northwest of Elgin last night.

The tree, 10 inches in diameter, broke both wires of the 7,200 volt line serving eight farms in the Gordon Creek area.

California-Pacific linemen completed repairs at 11 p.m.

### POLITICIANS WATCH RESULTS

## Several States, Cities Vote Today In Off-Year Elections

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans vote today in off-year elections which will be studied closely for clues to Democratic and Republican prospects in the national races just one year away.

In one of several big city mayoralty contests, former GOP presidential aspirant Harold Stassen is the underdog in Philadelphia to the Democratic incumbent, Richardson Dilworth.

Kentucky elects a governor in a race which has featured an old-fashioned political brawl among the Democrats, involving outgoing Gov. A. B. (Happy) Chandler. Republicans hope the split will help them to victory.

Mississippi elects a governor. But the Democratic candidate, Ross Bennett, is unopposed. Virginia, Mississippi, Kentucky, New

Jersey and New York vote for members of the state Legislatures.

Many Local Elections  
In addition to Philadelphia, other major cities holding elections include Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Boston, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Ind., and Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn. Hundreds of other cities and counties also will ballot for local officials.

If Stassen loses, it could mean the end of the political road for the former Minnesota governor. 1948 and 1952 GOP presidential contender, disarmament adviser to President Eisenhower and loser in the Pennsylvania GOP gubernatorial primary last year.

Strong Future Prospect  
Dilworth would become a

### Set County Appeal Of Ruling On Fescue Seed Importation

A decision by the U. S. Tariff Commission which may seriously cripple Union County fescue seed growers will be appealed, Ted Sidor, Union County Extension agent, said today.

Sidor and three other Oregon residents appeared before the commission earlier in the year on behalf of Oregon seed producers.

The commission report states that "red fescue seed was not being imported into the United States in such increased quantities either actual or relative (to domestic production), to cause or threaten serious injury to the domestic industry producing like or directly competitive products."

The commission refused, on the basis of its finding, to ask the President to withdraw or modify the present 1 cent per pound duty or to limit the amount of seed which can be imported.

Limit Imports  
The Oregon group had asked the commission to limit importation of seeds at five million pounds which is one third of the present 15 million pound domestic consumption.

Last year, Sidor said, 12 million pounds of fescue were imported. U.S. seed growers will produce between 10 and 12 million pounds this year.

Union County produced more than a million and a half pounds of seed last year which sold for \$263,000.

"Seed growers at the present time must sell considerably below the cost of production if they want to sell now," Sidor said.

"This, he said, is directly due to the huge amount of imported seed on the market."

Sidor said that an appeal is now being prepared.

### ODE TO THE MOON

LONDON (UPI) — The Russian moon photographs have answered a wistful question asked 63 years ago by British Poet Ronald Ross:

"O moon when I gaze on thy beautiful face  
"Careening along through the boundaries of space  
"The though has often come into my mind  
"If I ever shall see thy glorious behind."

### Dentist Blamed Over Mad Halloween Caper

FREMONT, Calif. (UPI) — Dr. William V. Shyne, a prominent dentist, was sought by police today on a charge of giving candy-coated laxative pills to 30 children on Halloween.

The children became violently ill, and Municipal Judge Edward Quaresima issued two warrants Monday charging Shyne with "outrage of public decency" and "unlawful dispensing of drugs."

Shyne, 40, denied the charges Sunday but police were unable to serve the warrants Monday. The dentist was not at home and he did not appear at his office.

Lt. Lowell Creighton of the police department said he would issue an all-points bulletin for Shyne today if the dentist was not located.

Police said about 450 of the laxative pills were tossed into the trick-or-treat bags of youngsters Halloween night. Thirty of the children later suffered attacks of vomiting and diarrhea which lasted several hours.

Inspector Lee Rieman said the pills were traced to the home of Shyne. The inspector said laboratory tests established that the pills were bitter aloes, a strong purgative.

Dr. Leonard Ortega, who helped to run laboratory tests on the pills, said it was possible that "a child eating enough of these" could have died from dehydration.

Rieman said as many as 30 pills were found in some of the bags.

### Steelmen Say Supply Plentiful

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United Steelworkers told the Supreme Court today there is enough steel in this country to insure the nation's health and safety even if the 112-day-old strike continues to the end of the year.

The union's attorney, 51-year-old Arthur J. Goldberg, made this statement in opening oral arguments on the steelworkers' plea that the tribunal overturn a lower court's back-to-work order against the strikers.

The high court's decision on the union's appeal will mark the first time it has ever ruled on Taft-Hartley Law provisions authorizing 30-day no strike injunctions.

Speaking in a calm, matter-of-fact manner, Goldberg cited production figures to show that steel output has not been completely halted by the walkout. He said companies still in production are capable of producing 25 million tons a year, or enough to meet the nation's basic needs.

The high court opened its oral arguments on the precedent setting case at 11:05 a.m., e.s.t. five minutes later than scheduled.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, calling up the case by name and number, announced that "because of cooperation of counsel on both sides, we believe there is no need to put a time limit on the arguments, believing parties will take no longer than necessary."

Goldberg argued the union's case first.

Solicitor General J. Lee Rankin prepared to present the government's side when Goldberg finished.

There was standing room only in the majestic marble pillared court chamber, which was crowded with lawyers, tourists and the principal parties to the long dispute. A long line of would-be spectators waited patiently in the halls, hoping for a chance to get into the court room.

### Panamanians Riot Against U.S. Police

BALBOA, CANAL ZONE (UPI) — Panamanian students demanding the United States give up the Panama Canal Zone injured three U. S. policemen today in a wild, stone-throwing battle.

The American police finally broke up the attack with tear gas and arrested two of the students. They stood by with fire hoses ready in expectation of a new and bigger onslaught.

The battle raged across a road marking the border between Panamanian and Canal Zone territory. It was near the Panama National Assembly building but only one Panamanian patrol car showed up during the early violence.

The rock attack occurred when police refused to let the students carry their demonstration into the Canal Zone itself.

The demonstration was stirred up by Former Panamanian Foreign Minister Aquilino Boyd who had called for a "peaceful invasion" of the Canal on this Panamanian Independence Day.

Boyd, accompanied by his wife, four young children and a dozen followers, were permitted by American guards to go onto Canal Zone property after they warned him they would stop any trouble he tried to create.

### U.N. BARS OPEN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — The only public bars open during voting hours on this election day in New York were at the United Nations. The U.N. is an extraterritorial enclave in which national and state laws do not apply.

### WEATHER

Few showers and some clearing tonight; partly cloudy Wednesday; highs 47-54; low tonight 28-33.

### Says Mountain Sheep Dam Fought By 'Fanatics'

LEWISTON, Idaho (UPI) — Kinsey M. Robinson, Spokane, chairman of Pacific Northwest Power Company, told the Inland Empire Waterways Association Monday construction of Mountain Sheep dam was being opposed by "fanatics."

Robinson said persons determined that a private utility shall not build a dam on the middle Snake river had "turned to the Nez Perce dam, which would destroy the salmon resource on the Salmon river."

Robinson was one of several speakers during the opening day of the two-day 20th annual convention of the waterways group.

He said Mountain Sheep was first proposed in 1947 by the Corps of Engineers and had been subsequently endorsed by three other reports by the corps. He opposed delay of the project.

### SECOND-CLASS STATUS

MADISON, Wis. (UPI) — Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) said Monday Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (Tex.) and his fellow Southerners have reduced the North's influence in the Senate to "second-class status."

Proxmire told the Madison Trades and Labor Council that "the charge that the U.S. Senate is the South's revenge for the Civil War has a painful ring of truth."



DISH OUT THE PANCAKES  
Kiwans volunteer members here line up in a practice pancake "dry run" in preparation for their big pancake feed coming up later this week when Aunt Jimima of national fame will be in La Grande. Festivities are slated Thursday and Friday at the Armory. Left to right, Buck Hayden, Ralph Ward, Don Dolvin, Norm Koopman, Vernon DeLong and Marvin Mog. See story on page 3. (Observer Photo)