

Willamina council stress need for water system

by Lee Perkins

Willamina is in great need of updating the water system and replacing the old wooden water mains still in use in this city. Without doubt, a considerable proportion of the water supplied to the water treatment plant is lost through leakage. The amount of water lost through the existing distribution system is not known exactly, but is believed to be large. However, it appears, according to Cam Steketee, city engineer, that even if leakage were largely controlled, maximum City water demands would be near the present treatment plant capacity.

Even with replacement of most of the leaking distribution piping, plant expansion will probably be necessary by 1977 or before. That expansion should include additional mixing equipment, lining and placing equipment in the sedimentation tank, a second filter, and automatic control equipment for the plant and river pumps. The plant can be expanded relatively easily. The estimated construction costs to increase plant capacity to 900,000 gallons per day is \$66,986.

Under current State criteria, distribution storage should total 3 days water at average usage. Based on 1972 water demands, a total of 1,024,500 gallons storage would be required. This is 774,500 gallons of storage over what the city presently has.

Additional storage would produce several benefits to the city. These include more stable water pressures, better fire fighting capabilities and better system reliability. The need for additional reservoir capacity is less critical than are the needs for distribution piping replacement and additional treatment capacity. The estimated construction cost of a 800,000 gal-

lon reservoir is \$85,000.

Of greatest immediate need is the improvement to the water distribution system. Many of the older wooden pipes appear to have reached the point where it would cost the city as much to maintain them as replace them. In addition there would be the added advantage of reduced loss of water, better pressure stability and increased fire fighting capacity to be gained by the distribution replacements.

Mr. Steketee estimates the cost for the distribution system improvements to be \$247,942.

In order to finance the work, it now appears that City bonds must be sold. The Federal grant funding for improvements of this type has been more or less stopped.

For a \$248,000 General Obligation bond for 15 years at 5.5% the annual repayment would be \$24,708.

If 15 year bonds were sold as indicated, the estimated annual repayment could be generated from property taxes, water use charges or revenue funds.

Probably from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year could be saved from the present water budget annually due to reduced maintenance costs, reduced operating costs and reduced budget requirements for line replacements. These funds could be applied to the bond retirement fund.

For raising the additional monies needed it has been suggested that the minimum monthly charges should be raised \$2.00, with an increase of 30¢ per 100 cubic feet for all water used over 750 cu. feet.

A public hearing is planned for the near future and all interested citizens are urged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by the
Willamina City Council

Oregon Today

(by Don Willner)

The State of Oregon may now be in the roughest fiscal situation that the state has ever faced. The reason is the uncertainty of federal revenue sharing.

Increasingly, the State of Oregon, as well as other states, has looked to Washington, D. C. for financial help with state and local problems. Then a few years ago President Nixon proposed revenue sharing and persuaded many state and local government officials to support the idea, arguing that it would mean additional federal tax dollars being paid over to the states and localities. The President has now submitted a new budget to the Congress which makes massive cuts in federal revenue-sharing money, leaving many programs in this and other states which have been functioning on the assumption that federal dollars would continue to come in, facing drastic cuts. With the federal dollars now in doubt Oregon and other states face a fiscal crisis.

To put this into perspective -- from July 1, 1971, until June 30, 1973 (the current biennium) the Oregon general fund budgeted \$776,000,000 of the state funds. In addition we are receiving this biennium from the federal government \$748,000,000 which almost exactly equals the amount of general fund money spent by the state. The Governor's proposed general fund budget for this biennium is \$1,015,000,000 and Oregon has been expecting \$852,000,000 in federal funds. If President Nixon's cuts in revenue sharing are carried out Oregon will lose between \$85,000,000 and \$100,000,000 and no one will know until long after the current legislative session is over.

Representative Phil Lang, House Co-Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, points out that most of the proposed cuts in President Nixon's budget are human resource agencies, then education, with some cuts in the areas of natural resources. Phil Lang gives a good example of the Oregon State Library which during the present biennium received \$1,633,000 from the general fund of Oregon and \$1,665,000 from federal funds and President Nixon now proposes to cut out the federal funds entirely. This is a relatively small budget but makes the point very dramatically. The federal funds have been there for many years, even before revenue sharing, and essentially have picked up about 50 per cent of the cost of the Oregon State Library. Now the State of Oregon will have to double its expenditures for the library or cut library services in half.

The President's budget includes the total elimination of categorical grants for education. Though there will undoubtedly be replacement money, the amount is uncertain.

Faced with the dilemma of not knowing what the Congress will do to the President's budget, the Governor and the leaders of the House and Senate have just decided that for those state agencies which are significantly dependent on federal funds the current legislature will only establish a one-year budget, and that the legislature will come back in special session sometime in 1974 after the smoke of battle has cleared in Washington, D. C. to determine at that point what should be done for the budgeting for the second year of the biennium. There was no other responsible way of proceeding.

Sometimes it is argued that federal dollars when they come to the state are "free" dollars. These dollars of course come from the taxpayers like any other dollars. Now it appears that the federal dollars at least if President Nixon's cuts are carried out are not only not "free" dollars but are very uncertain dollars.

Big brother for President?

Perhaps the next slogan to make rounds will be "Nixon in '76" and then "Nixon in '80". By 1984 perhaps Mr. Nixon would be ready to turn the reins (or or scepter) over to Spiro.

On second thought though, why not "Nixon in 1984"? There may be one small change in the slogan for that year. By then we would no longer have to refer to him as "Mr. Nixon," or "The President," and the campaign slogan could be a simple and to-the-point, "Big Brother in 1984."

In earlier days

by Lee Perkins

Earlier Days
March 17, 1938

Much credit is due the local WPA crew for their record time in laying the water main on Main street, says Earl Smith, foreman of the local crew. Owing to the extreme hardness of the old concrete, extra effort had to be exerted in tearing up the street. Only ten days were required from the time the first pavement was broken till the ditch was filled again.

Smith states that no decision has been made as yet for resurfacing the street where the new line was laid. The local WPA crew has been layed off this week, having earned their maximum allotment.

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Just as a reminder, we ask the people of Willamina and surrounding territory to look forward to the radio broadcast March 31, at 8 p.m., which will pay tribute to our city on the Scattergood Baines program.

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A new amusement game requiring much skill has been installed in the Willamina Cafe. It is called Skee Ball, and Wm. Jarvis, proprietor, states that weekly contests will soon be underway.

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From the News review of Current Events: Hitler troops seize Vienna . . . invasion forces Schuschnigg to resign . . . European powers thrown into panic by Germany's startling coup . . . United States to keep hands off, Secretary Hull says.

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An increase of \$59.98 in receipts from the 1937 tuberculosis seal sale over the 1936 sale in Yamhill county was revealed in the data just compiled by the county chairman, Mrs. Harry Crater, Newberg. The figure represents a gain of \$2933 from towns and community centers and \$30.65 from rural schools. Total sales were \$864.65 as compared to \$804.67 the previous year.

Receipts from towns were as follows: McMinnville, \$235.57; Newberg, \$145.46; Sheridan, \$40.20; Dundee, \$25.00; Willamina, \$12.76; Grand Island, \$3.50.

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Locals
On Friday evening a group of young people had a charivari on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith at their home on the Levi Stephenson place at the edge of town.

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Miss Lavern Werth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Werth, was united in marriage at her home at Valley Junction to Walter Leppin of Dundee, Monday evening, March 14, at 8:30. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Arnold Finkbner who is attending Linfield college.

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On the six weeks honor roll were, those receiving ones; Meredith Flanery, Doris Kramer and Elmer Werth. Those receiving ones and twos were; Goldie Hulett, Lynn Greene, Dona Mae Kramer, Jack Shetterly, Elsie Clark, Verna Schuerch, Harold Werth and Virginia Hubbard.

Remember, folks, Thursday is "Family Night" at the Hi-Way theatre at Sheridan. Bring the whole family, see "Charlie Chan at Monte Carlo." All for 70¢.

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Mr. M. Petersen of Old Grand Ronde reports:

My friends of the Times will miss me quite a little on account of Mrs. Petersen is sick for over a week. It takes all our attention of two of us to nurse her day and night. Dr. Russell gave her relief, but it will take several weeks before she recovers fully.

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At Ellingsworth's in the dry Goods department one can buy ladies house dresses . . . Brand new spiffy styles for \$1.00 each or large sizes \$1.25.

Silk dresses and smart ones too . . . \$2.98 to \$5.95.

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At the Willamina Market . . . Beans, California white or Mexican red 4 lbs. for 17¢ . . . Kipper Snacks . . . 6 for 25¢ . . . Sauerkraut, bulk . . . 1 qt. . . . 8¢ or 1 gallon 30¢.

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Three Generations
Grandfather had a farm.
Father had a garden.
Son has a can opener.

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Faith 'n Begorra', I forgot to wish ye' all a Happy St. Pat's day! Writing this little weekly visit a whole week in advance would probably confuse a really good writer, let a part-time one like me, wouldn't it? Anyway, I kinda forget these things until later.

We got a chuckle out of my chatty local radio friend, Mildred Davy recently when she said she had dropped in on an advertiser to pick up material and, as usual, gave a daily bulletin of sorts. This day it was that the skunk cabbage was blooming! Now EVERYONE should be informed of such important matters, she mused. I have thought of sharing my pen name with her and hope that I can corner her one of these days for some of her bulletins for this column to liven it up.

I launched another effort to master my sewing machine this week, and miracle of miracles, the bobbin didn't roll out on the floor, as is its custom, but my thread broke every inch or so to make up for it! I'm absolutely sure plants know people, if we are to believe serious growers, but a sewing machine??? I got out the instruction booklet and looked at all the pictures of my lovely machine doing applique, sewing on buttons, hem-stitching, and the most beautiful monograms you ever saw, but why can't it just plain sew a good honest straight line for me? Maybe next week I can get better acquainted with the dear thing and have better news to report.

My embroidery instructor has almost given up on my satin

You name it,
somebody will
declare it 'unsafe'

Anytime it seems that anything that makes life easier or more enjoyable is being labeled as unsafe by one source or another, a recent check by Consumer Reports magazine indicates that this also holds true for microwave ovens.

Consumer Union, the publisher of the magazine, claims that the ovens leak radiation.

Urging the public to refrain from buying the ovens because there is no present method "to discover what level of microwave radiation can unequivocally be called unsafe," the group also outlined certain precautions people who insist on using the ovens should take.

The magazine recommended that the ovens be kept clean, unplugged when not in use, young children should be kept away from them and they should never be looked into while in use.

The ovens cook foods through the passage of short electromagnetic radar waves through the food. Although the rays themselves are not hot they are able to heat food.

Tappan Industries of Mansfield, Ohio, has refuted the charges through its president Walter Gunnere who said "we know of no reports of any kind of illness, injury, damage or death as a result of microwave cooking."

Tappan makes the ovens marketed by Litton Industries and intends on bringing out the ovens under its own name soon.

The Pest

stitching but I've finally gotten the French knot so that it doesn't come down through the material underneath any more. How about that? Maybe there will be something in this world, besides gabbing, that I can do!

Hate to remind you friends Bud, Harry, Hazel, Adolph, Verda, Pat and Ava, but Happy Birthdays this month! May God bless--
THE PEST

Hendricks urges planning

Robert Hendricks, Sheridan's new city administrator, hopes to help Sheridan "keep its uniqueness," and prevent it from being "swallowed by urban growth." Hendricks compares Portland's growth potential to that of Los Angeles. "Portland could grow inch by inch until it enveloped communities like Sheridan," he said, adding that careful planning for growth would help Sheridan keep its identity.

Hendricks, who earned his masters degree in political science and urban studies at Portland State University, said he accepted the position of city administrator to make practical application of his educational background in state and city government. That "practical application" will be "one step at a time," he smiled. Hendricks and his wife, Freda, live in the rural area of Sherwood. She will complete her contract as a sixth grade teacher in Hillsboro before they move to Sheridan.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

An answer to Tim Blackwell: As Mike's parents, when we read your letter, we were heartsick to have you so dissolusioned as to the honor of being chosen on the Shriners Hospital Oregon East-West All-star Football Game. We of course are sorry several of the boys from Willamina could not have the honor of being chosen to play on the Shrine team or for one of the state teams, as we feel there are other boys on our team who as good in their positions as boys who were chosen from other schools. Mike and Dan were chosen on the all state teams not just from their own performance, but from the efforts of the rest of the players on the team as well. However, we understand only one boy is chosen to represent

each school except from the State Champion and Co-Champion teams, with additional alternates being chosen. Naturally we are proud and happy Mike was chosen and feel anyone receiving this honor will act as a representative for the entire team, school and town.

We are truly sorry this has been a disappointment to you, but we feel Mike will also be a fine representative for Willamina at the Shrine game as you were when you were chosen. We were very happy for you and we attended the game when you played.

As far as politics are concerned, we are unaware of your basis for this charge. Surely it is not directed at Mike, Coach Reeser, the coaches who picked the team or the Shrine Club. We can assure you we do not know anyone in the Shrine and

had not met any of the coaches who picked the players.

The following is a quotation from the letter sent by the Shriners to the players: "You have reason to be proud of your assignment in this worthy cause, and we are proud to have you participate. By our combined efforts, we hope to perpetuate this event, thereby giving the smaller high school stars the recognition they deserve and help some unfortunate child take his rightful place in society."

We have felt Willamina has turned out fine young people with maturity and judgement. Please don't let this incident affect your memory of the honor of playing for the Shrine Hopital Fund and dampen the honor to the other young men who are chosen.

Frank and Alice Propes,



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