

City Council Okays Increase

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with two more to be added shortly, the company's revenue per operating mile dropped to 32.4 cents in 1947 from 33.8 cents in the previous year.

Roll Call Vote
Action to grant the proposed

increase necessitated several procedural steps to undo the council's earlier action and to bring the franchise ordinance under which the bus service operates under final consideration for amendment.

After these steps were accomplished, the final roll call on the rate-raising amendment was 5 to 1 in favor, with Councilman Ray E. Allen casting the dissenting vote.

It was pointed out by Schneider in his cost explanations that under a new state law city bus lines

are subject to taxes charged by the state public commission. This will raise operating costs one cent per mile, Schneider said, and under the same act it may be that the PUC will hereafter hold the power to determine rate schedules for such utility operations.

The bus company manager assured the council that no petition for rate increases in Eugene will be filed with the PUC although hearings are to be held shortly in Salem. However, to establish a prior jurisdiction, he urged the council to act on the rate problem before the PUC hearings were held.

Other major action taken Monday night included scheduling of a meeting for Jan. 19 when the council will sit as a committee of the whole to consider financing propositions recommended by its finance committee for expansion of the city fire department, parks and recreational facilities, and for channelization of the Amazon Creek and restoration of the Mill race.

The Jan. 19 session will prepare the way for final action on the proposals at the next regular council meeting, Jan. 26.

The council also received a preliminary report from the city manager on plans being prepared for the city's sewage treatment plant. Based on estimates of the consult-

ing engineers for the project, the probable cost of the project was given to the council as \$670,000.

In 1940 costs of a sewage treatment plant were estimated at \$156,000, but subsequent rulings by the state sanitary authority have required that more extensive treatment facilities be provided.

Building costs and population increases have also been factors raising the expense of the project, the city manager reported, and he added that the present plans make provision for future expansion.

The City Planning Commission was requested to make a permanent report to the council on the petition of Henry Byers, Medford drive-in restaurant owner, asking rezoning of property owned by him on Franklin Blvd. just west of Judkins Point.

Byers, who said he had abandoned plans to establish a drive-in restaurant on the property, asked the council to clarify the zoning problem related to the property in order that he may dispose of it.

His plans to establish the business were blocked, he said, when a business zoning classification was withdrawn after a short period and the property placed back under residential zone restrictions. Byers told the council that his

last petition to the Planning Commission was filed in July, 1946, and in it he agreed to abide by a 52-foot setback requirement if the property were zoned for business. No action has been taken on the petition, he said.

The restaurateur contended that the value of the property for residential use is insufficient to permit him to recover his original investment, but that he could dispose of the property without loss if either it were rezoned for business use or if the 52-foot setback provision were withdrawn.

School Board Hears Need

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the need exists, Lobaugh used Edison School.

"This year," he explained, "the school had 328 pupils in November, of which only 36 were sixth graders who will go to the junior high school next year. Coming in, however, will be approximately 87 first graders. The next year the outgoing class will have about 52 pupils, the incoming class approximately 90. So it goes, year by year."

Asked how this situation would affect high school enrollments, Lobaugh estimated that the number of students would rise from the present 1450 to 1730 by the year 1953.

"When our present one, two, and three-year-olds reach high school," he added, "we will have about 3600."

Costs of the building program outlined by Lobaugh, were not estimated on the report, but they would be in excess of \$2,000,000 on the present building market.

A proposed contract between the school district and the University of Oregon was approved by the school board and referred to the University for consideration by President Harry K. Newburn.

The contract, as drawn, would deed approximately 32 acres of land owned by the university for use as part of the new Eugene high school campus.

In return the University would have the right to place student teachers in classes of the new high school for purposes of teacher training.

In other business handled by the school board a proposed readjustment of teachers' wages in keeping with the scale put into effect in 1947-48 was referred to the Professional Advancement and Salary Committee.

A petition from the Eugene High School student body requesting that the schools athletic rental fee of civic stadium be cut from 12 1/2 per cent of the gate receipts (after taxes have been deducted) to 4 1/2 per cent was taken under consideration by the board, to be decided before its next meeting Jan. 24.

Cannery Workers Plan Wednesday Meet

Proposed contract changes for local cannery workers will be on the agenda Wednesday when Local 656 will meet in Carpenters Hall, 507 Willamette St., at 8 p. m.

Walter Briem, Portland Joint Council statistician, will speak at the meeting which will also outline plans for next year.

Mrs. Alice A. Bissell, business representative of the local said that Junction City and Eugene members, working and non-working have been asked to attend.

Withdrawal cards for members not employed during the winter season are available at the local's offices, she said.

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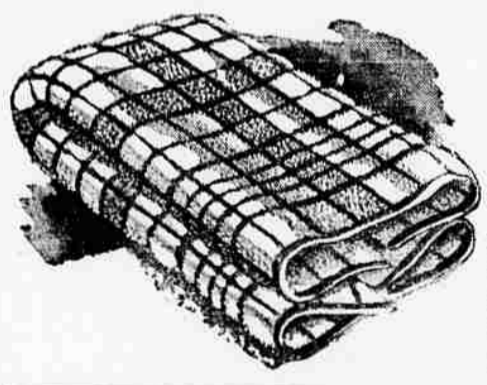
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