

Sewage Treatment Plans Found Near Completion in 4 Towns

County cities Saturday report progress during two weeks of 1948 to eliminate the Willamette River. Plans and cost estimates received from Eugene and Oakridge; City was ready for a report to the state authority that it had an engineering firm for work toward a master plan and a sanitary sewer system and a treatment plant.

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COTTAGE GROVE
At Cottage Grove—which had been told by the Sanitary Authority that it must begin work toward a treatment plant or the authority would start legal action to secure compliance with anti-pollution laws—the preliminary studies were to be underway this week. Actually, like other Lane County cities, Cottage Grove had been "sitting tight" and collecting a fund to finance the program.

Sinking Fund
City Manager Ben Heinz said Cottage Grove would have nearly \$25,000 in a sewage disposal sinking fund established in 1945. The fund has been built up through a five-mill levy and budgeted allocations.

Master Plan
They will prepare a master plan for trunk sewers and laterals (to tie-in with the present system), proposals for further extensions, and preliminary plans for a complete plant.

OAKRIDGE
A \$100,000 program for sewers and sewage treatment was outlined at Oakridge last week by engineers who have worked on the project since last summer. At the same time the city council authorized a plan to sell a portion of the \$150,000 in bonds authorized at a fall election to finance the project.

Financing
The city, which now has a population of nearly 1000 and expects that to double as the result of industrial expansion, is faced with the problem of financing both sewers and a plant capable of serving a population two to three times the 1940 census. Cost estimates for the treatment plant were reduced from about \$80,000 to around \$45,000 in a preliminary report submitted by Archie H. Rice, of Cornell, Howland, Hayes, and Merryfield, consulting engineers.

EUGENE
Eugene city officials earlier in the month received preliminary cost estimates from Stockman and Stockman, consulting engineers, which set the postwar cost of a sewage treatment plant at \$670,000.

Prewar estimates were just under \$200,000, approximately the amount of cash the city has on hand from a monthly service charge. The new plant designs allow for a capacity to handle wastes equivalent to a population of 154,000—including both industrial and domestic sewage.

By February
Final plans and specifications on treatment plant construction will be ready in mid-February, according to City Manager Deane Seeger. The engineers also will present a study of an alternate site at that time, Seeger said.

The present Polk St. site apparently is inadequate in view of the large plant required by the city's growth and state requirements calling for secondary rather than primary treatment, he added.

Redesigning
The reduction was the result of redesigning the plant to meet state requirements for primary treatment, rather than secondary treatment which previously had been thought necessary there. John H. Quiner, who has designed the installation of sewers, estimated the cost of that portion of the project at around \$55,000.

Teachers Plan Radio Survey

Children in the first six grades of the Eugene public school system will enjoy a holiday Monday while their teachers attend a radio workshop at Frances Willard and the Eugene Vocational Schools.

The workshop has been scheduled, Asst. Supt. Dean Lobaugh said Saturday, to familiarize the teachers with the use of radio in their classrooms. Instruction in script writing and the presentation of live programs will also be given during the workshop.

This preparation is pertinent, Lobaugh stated, because of the imminent dedication of the Eugene school system's own FM radio station. Located at the vocational school, the station will be devoted to educational purposes, and as such will be the first of its kind in the Northwest. The dedication of the station is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of this month. The various city schools already have been provided with FM receiving equipment, and a second broadcasting studio has been provided at Eugene High School through a direct wire hook-up to the vocational school.

Leaders of the teachers' workshop, Lobaugh reported, will include: K. L. Drago, program director for the San Francisco school system's radio outlet, KALW; James Morris, program director for KOAC, Oregon's state-owned station, and Lana Low Boska, director of the Oregon School of the Air (KOAC).

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Trade sources said the decline is caused by the normal cycle of production which usually doesn't drop noticeably until July.

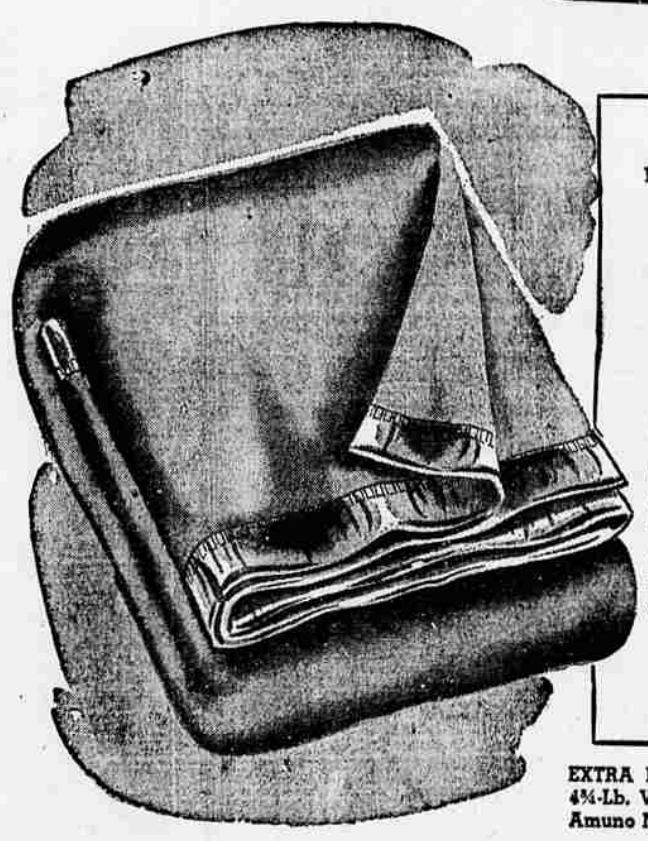
Feed Prices
They pointed out that prices for feed and concentrates were holding firm or increasing, thus reducing the margin to the producer. However, producers of long standing said they had weathered similar fluctuations in the market and had no intention of reducing flocks.

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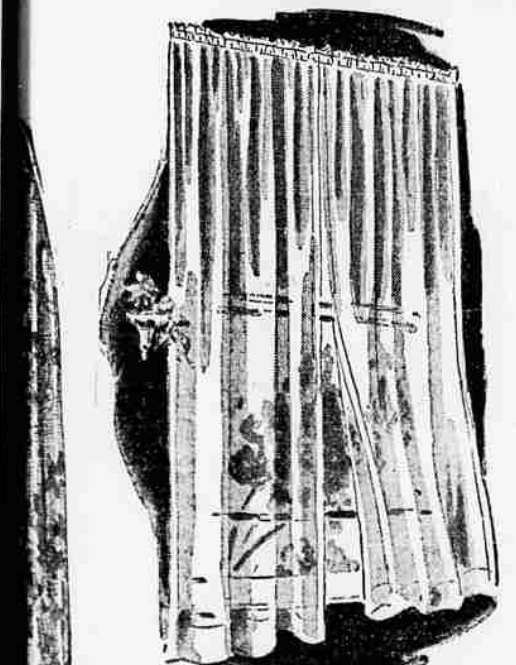
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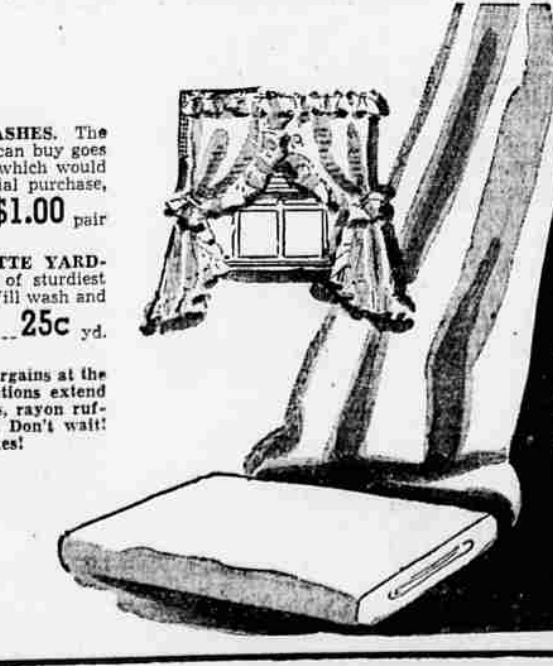
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