

Cities Fare Better Than Rural Areas In Financial Aids

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There are good reasons why cities in Oregon can provide municipal services—fire protection, police coverage, water, streets and the rest—cheaper than non-incorporated areas.

FOR ONE THING, the cities get substantial financial aid from "state-shared revenues."

By act of the legislature, the cities are paid percentages of state collections on gasoline taxes and liquor fees and licenses. This source of income enables the cities to keep their property tax rates lower than would be necessary without the special payments from the state.

For the fiscal year 1952-53, approximately \$3 million will be portioned out to the cities, according to their respective 1950 populations.

Lane's seven incorporated cities will receive a \$360,000 slice of the pie. And, should any non-incorporated district be annexed—or should a new city be incorporated—additional payments would be made by the state, based on the 1950 head count in the district involved.

FOR INSTANCE, the Willamette Valley cities—Willamette, Clackamas, Clatsop, Multnomah, Washington, and Clatsop—were joined either to Eugene or Springfield, the city picking up the additional population would be in line for about \$22,000 extra from the state-shared revenues and taxes.

Or, if this sector chose to become a city in its own right, it would receive about \$22,000 a year for its budget.

But, on the other hand, if the district continues as an unincorporated area, the \$22,000 will be paid out to existing cities—most of it going to the big towns where populations are greatest.

CHECKING INTO the matter to see how much Lane County may be losing through lack of annexation and other formal city organization efforts, the City-County Planning Commission office has estimated that Lane could pick up another \$165,000 annually without stretching any limits of plausibility.

Lane County—with 125,776 people—is the second most populous county in the state. But 21 other Oregon counties have greater percentages of their populations living within city limits.

Only 44 per cent of Lane's population is urban, by legal definition. Even Baker County has 69 per cent of its population in cities. Of course Multnomah tops the list with 80 per cent; Clackamas is second with 73. But also above the 50 per cent mark are Deschutes, Harney, Union, Clatsop, Gilliam, Umatilla, Wasco, Benton, Marion, Jackson, Coos, Grant and Wallowa counties.

ALL OF THESE counties, plus five more between the 50 per cent level of urbanization and Lane's 44 per cent mark, are getting a

better break than Lane in regard to the shared revenues pie.

If 22 precincts in and around existing Lane cities were annexed to those cities, or new cities created from them, the county's urban population would represent about 66 per cent of the total. These precincts considered by the planning office are those already considered parts of their neighboring cities in every sense but the strictly legal.

As matters stand, most of these semi-city areas already have undertaken to obtain community water supplies and fire protection. Some of them also have joined in park and recreation districts.

SUBURBAN RESIDENTS pay special taxes for these purposes—Zie-Garden Way sector joined either to Eugene or Springfield, the city picking up the additional population would be in line for about \$22,000 extra from the state-shared revenues and taxes.

Whereas property taxes must pay the full bill for services arranged in non-incorporated suburban areas, most cities gain 50 per cent or more of their budget funds from sources other than taxation.

Note Off Train Puzzles Police

The ways of contacting police are often devious and the message all too often of doubtful authenticity.

State police are still puzzled by one which filtered down to them Friday afternoon.

The Southern Pacific Lines agent at Springfield called to say that a freight train had just come through and that a man had dropped a message off which read: "Row boat upset 1/2 mile east of overhead trestles call state police."

An officer hurried to the Judkins Point area and searched the river above and below there. No help. Then he questioned Glenwood residents. None had seen a boat all day, let alone a capsized one.

Irving Families Reporting on Accidents, Visits, Summer Plans

IRVING — Mrs. Robert B. Atkins, local resident, who was involved in the "Long Memorial weekend" accident with a truck near the Cres-Dell Lodge east of Cascade Summit, is reportedly improving and her release from the Sacred Heart Hospital is expected Sunday. She will be unable to have visitors for some time and will be under care of a special nurse. Her injuries were quite extensive and very serious and she is still recovering from shock.

Marvin King, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. King, who recently underwent an appendectomy at the Sacred Heart Hospital is now convalescing at home.

The Irving Odd Fellows and Rebekahs recently elected officers for the summer term. They are: Julian Faulk, noble grand; Robert McClelland, vice grand; Harry Hatfield, secretary; Joe Yoder, treasurer and Henry C. Rice, past grand for the Odd Fellows.

For the Rebekahs: Mrs. Lloyd Dye, noble grand; Mrs. Julian Falk, vice grand; Mrs. Glenn Flock, secretary; Mrs. Greetus K. Bond, treasurer; Mrs. Ralph Beach, financial secretary, and Mrs. Robert McClelland, past noble grand.

Installation of officers for both lodges is planned for July. At that time the staff of appointive officers will be announced.

Recently initiated into the Rebekah lodge were: Mrs. LeRoy Kincaid, Mrs. S. Shields, Mrs. Minnie Ellis; Greetus K. Bond, Harry Hatfield, and Henry C. Rice. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Black were admitted by card from the Cottage Grove Rebekah Lodge.

The next Rebekah meeting is at the Odd Fellows Hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. Mrs. David Kridelbaugh, chairman, Mrs. Earl Wood and Mrs. Russell Johnson act as the serving committee.

Alfred Brandt of Irving is home on leave visiting his wife and family, and also his mother Mrs. W. J. Brandt. Brandt has been in service with the Air Force for over a year.

As school children finish their school year, teachers will remain a few days longer to wind up the school's business. Summer plans

of teachers vary but the majority plan to attend summer school sessions.

Mrs. Leland Wilson, first grade teacher who has taken the place of Mrs. Sue Ross, during the past year will take a year's leave of absence and plans to be a housewife for the year. Mrs. Ross has moved to the McKenzie River district where her husband has business interests and will not return to Irving School.

Mrs. Helen Thompson, second grade teacher, will spend two months in Portland visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tims. Then, she will go to Seattle to meet her husband, Paul K. Thompson, Naval electronic technician, who has been stationed in Japan. He expects to be discharged from the Navy and will return to teach in one of the Eugene schools in the fall. Mrs. Thompson returns to the Irving teaching staff next year.

A summer rest in Minneapolis, Minn., with her mother, Mrs. Michael Yermus, is the plan of Mrs. Fannie Herbranson, third grade teacher. No schooling this year, she says, having attended school every summer for the past several years.

Mrs. Thelma Burghart will attend University of Oregon summer sessions. She will not return to Irving but will remain in School District 32. She will teach at Clear Lake.

Richard Mainwaring, Irving fourth grade teacher, will accept a better position in the fall and will not return to Irving. He will act as school principal at Elmira. During the summer he plans to attend U of O summer school, and probably do some outside work. Then later a short vacation for both he and his wife, who is employed in Eugene.

Philip Berg, principal of Irving School will attend the schooling for elementary principals, but has no special vacation plans except to take a quiet rest during the summer.

Leland Wilson, principal at Clear Lake also will attend the sessions for elementary principals this summer.

Mrs. Ethel Hart who has charge of the Irving school cafeteria will act as assistant cook at the 4-H Camp Lane. Mrs. Ethel Driscoll will be main cook at the camp. The summer camp covers a four-week period.



(See-Guard photo, Willamette engraving)

TROUBLE SHOOTING a water screen and testing a gas mask for the Springfield Fire Department, Robert Bennett, Springfield fire volunteer, went down in a pond of water Thursday. Bennett has on a self-contained gas mask which will protect a fireman from any concentration of gas. Enough pure air is carried in the tank to last for 30 minutes. Four of the masks are on hand at the Springfield station and two more are budgeted. Bennett found that the water intake at the plant was fouled by silt.

Fire District Hearing Set

Willamette Area Boundaries Studied

Boundaries of a proposed fire protection district between the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers will be the topic of a second hearing before the County Court Tuesday at 11 a.m.

At a hearing last Wednesday, the Court took the boundaries problem under advisement after being informed that the proposed Willamette Fire District has been favored by some 700 petitioners.

A PUBLISHED report of that hearing indicated that the six-mile area of the proposed fire protection district includes a portion of Rainbow Water District. This was corrected Friday by Mort Turnbull, one of the district proponents.

Referring specifically to portions of Game Farm Road, Game Farm Road No. 2, Maple Island Road, Deadman's Ferry Road and Colonial Drive, Turnbull said residents along these roads are not now in the water district.

In the future, they may choose to join the water supply district, Turnbull said. If they have been previously included in the fire district, they may be subject to double taxation should the water district, itself, set up another fire protective organization.

THIS CAN never happen, however, except by vote of the people involved — some 60 or 70 families—Turnbull noted.

Also, then, the Willamette Fire District is planned to provide fire protection for properties valued at approximately \$4 million on the tax rolls.

Clear Lake Students Do Well in Contest

IRVING-CLEAR LAKE — Wanda Harper of Clear Lake School tied for second prize with Joyce Chamberlain, Danebo School, and Carol Silliman of Irving School won third, in the recent essay contest sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. on "What Tree Planting Means to Me." First prize went to Michael Parsons of Danebo. Prizes were: \$15 first prize; two seconds, \$10 each, and third, \$5. Also, five honorable mentions received \$1 each.

The Weyerhaeuser Co. sponsors these essay contests in the different school districts periodically. This is the first time that School District 52's elementary schools (Irving, Clear Lake, Bethel and Danebo) have entered one of these essay contests. Prior to this time only seventh graders and older pupils were eligible.

Requirements for entry in the essay contest is a fifth grade school field trip through the company's plant. Through co-operation of the school's principal, essays are entered by number and judges then secretly judge each paper by points. Points of judges are then compared. In this district the two second prize winners won by equal number of points and the company presented two prizes instead of dividing it.

The fifth grade essays proved every bit as good as the higher grade entries of past years, says Mr. Jacoby of the Weyerhaeuser Co.

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Lane Grange—

MOHAWK McKENZIE Grange meets 8 p.m., standard time Thursday, June 12. Any member wishing to go as an alternate, delegate to La Grande (state grange) June 9-13, is asked to get credentials from the secretary, Mrs. Bert Edgell.

All plans are under way for the community picnic July 4. There will be a refreshment stand in the afternoon and evening; these concessions will be in charge of the grange women.

The program for this meeting will be on Father's Day. Refreshment committee is Mrs. David Thayer and Mrs. William Prairie. There will be no recreation meetings for the young folks until fall.

Forms for incorporation have arrived and the same will be taken care of at the next meeting.

IRVING GRANGE meets at their hall at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13. Mrs. Wiley Maxwell, chaplain, will have charge of the program. Members are to bring sandwiches, pickles and coffee cream. Mr. and Mrs. C. Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. A. Schneider will be on the refreshment committee for June.

At the recent meeting Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Yoder were obligated in the first and second degree. A picnic is being planned, with Lynn Zumwalt, Mrs. Paul Bishop and Mrs. A. O. Hall on the committee.

Fair Committee: building, Lee Ellis, Lynn Zumwalt, Allyn Crocker, Neil Christensen; grains and grasses: Wiley Maxwell, Leland Ross, Louie Kukkeler; vegetables: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stille, Mrs. E. C. Young; fruits and nuts: Bert Ward, Will Plank, Miss Ethel Plank, Mrs. H. L. Plank; dairy products: Paul Bishop, Bart Flanagan; poultry: Chet Gregerson, Harry Rapson; canned foods: Mrs. E. C. Young; wool: Butch Kukkeler.

Home Economics Club meets Tuesday June 17, at Miss Ethel Plank's for a potluck picnic at 12:30. This will be the last HEC meeting until September.

FRANKLIN Grange meets Wednesday, June 11, at 8 p.m. (PST). Each member is asked to bring their baby picture, baby shoes or a piece of clothing for the display table.

CRESWELL — A display of "kitchen article" hats will take place at Creswell Grange, Thursday evening, June 12. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Groubeck, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Elmendorf, Mrs. Nettie Freeman and Mrs. Annie Harold will serve refreshments.

LOWELL—Grange will be host to Coburg West Point Grange June 12, 8 p.m. Standard Time. Thursday. An interesting program is promised. Lowell Grange has sponsored two half scholarships to 4-H camp for a boys livestock club won by Thomas Montgomery and George Steffy.

The kitchen of the Grange Hall is being remodeled with partition between the dining room and kitchen torn out and an electric hot water heater installed instead of the old outmoded heater.

FOUR OAKS—Grange meets June 14 at 7:30 (PST). A motion picture will be shown by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Company. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Parker will have charge of snacks. There will be no degree work. During July and August the grange will meet only on the fourth Saturday of the month.

The Home Economics Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Clyde Boatman, 3634 Eleventh Avenue West, June 18, for a dessert luncheon at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Pat Daniels assisting. The HEC has planned a cooked food sale at the Public Market June 13. Mrs. A. L. Sicks is chairman of the sale committee with Mrs. Dan McCollum, Mrs. Ray Bower, and Mrs. J. A. McKeivitt, assistants.

George Watson and Marion Parker, rodent control committee, announce that plans have been completed for the annual rodent and predator contest. The contest is open to all boys and girls in the area served by the Four Oaks grange between the ages of nine and 18 years. Entry blanks may be obtained from either of the committee members.

Springfield Gets Bonneville Power

With just a few sparks and a lot of powerful hum, the Springfield Bonneville power substation and the Springfield Utility Board's new switching station were dedicated Friday afternoon.

Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator for Bonneville power, threw the switch which inaugurated Bonneville power service for the Springfield community.

The substation itself takes energy from the Alvey substation at Goshen and transforms it into packages suitable for the Springfield municipal system.

Since the start of the city utility two years ago, power has been supplied by Bonneville through the Eugene Water and Electric Board system.

The dedication and switching ceremonies were conducted before a small crowd of Springfield people and various local and regional dignitaries.

AT A NOON luncheon preceding the dedication, Dr. Raver was guest of honor. In his speech, the administrator traced the growth of power consumption in the Northwest.

He recalled that when he be-

came chief of the Bonneville project 13 years ago, there was considerable thought of power as lumber. Then, power for mills came from burning waste. When the utilization of waste came in, then another source of power besides wood waste was sought. The result is that mills are now electric.

RAVER APPLIED the points to developments in chemical industry. Where there was no chemical processing in the Northwest because of no raw material supply, large developments have sprung up — using the raw material power and bringing other materials into the region. The supply means that other supplies can be shipped in manufactured at a profit.

He forecast tremendous for the region in the fabrication of aluminum.

"Power, communication, transportation are the roots of a free enterprise tree," Dr. Raver said. "The government has a responsibility to see that these roots are fed, if by no other way than can be nourished."

Raver explained that a sense of misunderstanding has existed as to Bonneville's interest function. "Within the region, there are many points of view," he reported.

BUT, HE SAID, the common sense of people will see that government power program is carried out. "Co-operation and understanding will win, when people realize that power development is essential and not obtainable through other systems."

Raver was high in praise of P. Larson, mayor of Springfield, members of the utility board and the Eugene system.

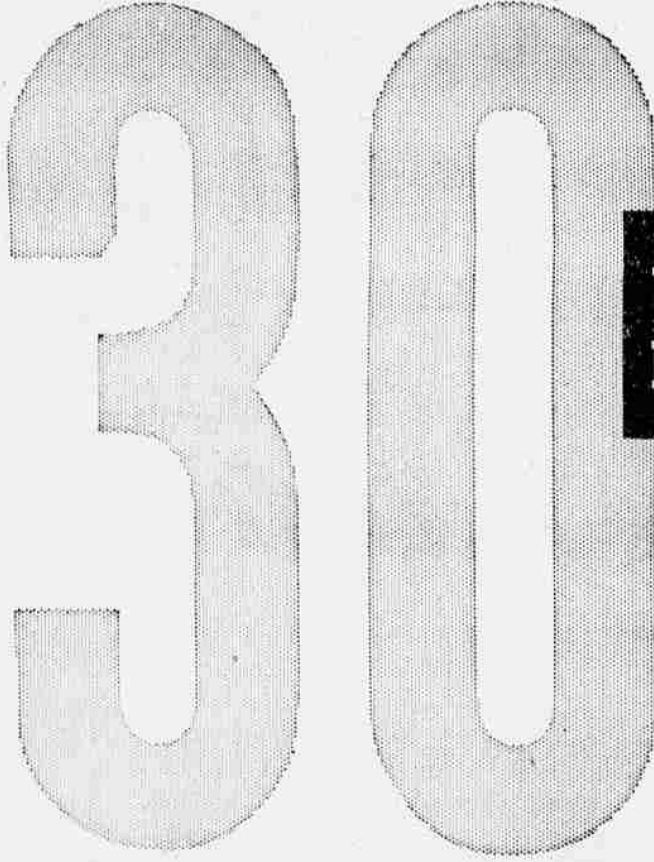
Frank Brown, manager of municipal company, handled arrangements for the dedication and acted as toastmaster for the luncheon at the substation.

Hefty Ivy Vine Bores Corncob The Hard Way

Henry Weidey, who lives just west of Triangle Lake has a new one for the Onion Editor—a Boston ivy plant that bores holes through corn cobs.

One shoot of the ivy bush bored itself, dead center, the length of a corncob five inches long.

In spite of neighbors' jibes, Weidey insists that the ivy beneath his window does not produce the corn—the cob just happened to get thrown out there and picked up by the sturdy vine.



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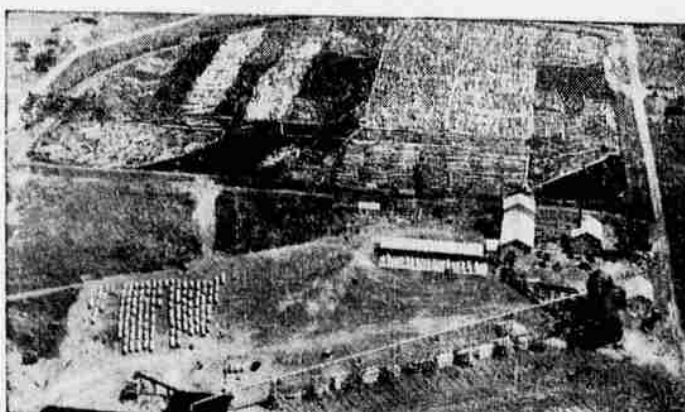
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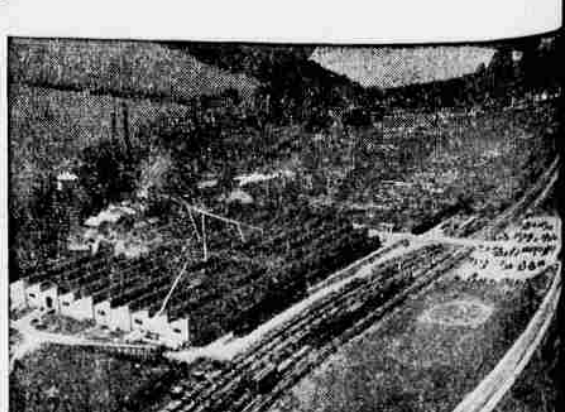
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