

Bethel Problems Facing Decision

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summarizes advantages of coming into the city this way:

"(a.) Your surface ditching will be done this summer and fall.

"(b.) You will get reduced water and electric rates.

"(c.) Fire rates will be reduced in a short time—as fast as the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau will approve them.

"(d.) You will benefit at once from free use of Eugene's city library, and by reduced garbage disposal rates.

"(e.) You will immediately get city police protection.

"(f.) Somewhat stricter building restrictions and careful inspection of new construction will be instituted.

"(g.) City ordinances controlling dogs will be put into force, and give you stricter control when needed.

"(h.) The City Health Dept. will make inspections aimed at protecting your health.

"(i.) Park and playground

facilities will be provided within a reasonable time.

"(j.) A systematic program of street lighting will be undertaken, although complete lighting will take considerable time.

"(k.) The city street department will assist you with street maintenance on a limited basis.

"(l.) The storm sewer and sanitary sewer problems of your area would commence to get sympathetic study, although actual installation could not be expected immediately.

"(m.) Advice and assistance from all departments of the city government will become available to you immediately."

PROS AND CONS

Nine of these—ditching, reduced electric and water charges, low fire insurance rates, police protection, building inspection, parks and playgrounds, street lighting, storm and sanitary sewers and departmental advice

—are definite advantages.

The four others—free use of city library and lower garbage rates, dog control, city health aid and city street department help—are of more limited value.

Rates for an out-of-town city library user are nominal. The garbage rate would be reduced only several cents per can — and might be reduced later on a city-wide basis simply because the rates are based on hauling distance and annexation of Bethel would increase the average city haul.

The city actually does little in the dog control field, except to hire the humane society to take care of it. And this system has been criticized by city officials themselves.

City Health Departments and County Health Departments are synonymous in many respects.

DITCHING WANTED

City street department maintenance applies mainly to hard surfaced streets with curbs and gutters, of which Bethel has only a few.

The other advantages are real — but the incorporation people in the past have answered that at this time they don't want all these things because they would have to pay for them. They want ditching, but that's all the money they want to spend.

Besides, they have said, they think that they could supply a number of these things cheaper.

And the annexation proponents point to the fact that Eugene offers more services at a lower cost than any other community in the county. Eugene's millage rate is below Springfield's, Cottage Grove's and Oakridge's and just slightly above Junction City's and Florence's.

of it inside the annexed portion of Bethel, leaving a butchered and inefficient part of it.

Lucille Klinge, county school superintendent, has answered this one by saying a law which would force consolidation of the districts was repealed in 1951. Voters in both districts would have to petition for consolidation or a transfer of any territory. A transfer would be made final by the county boundary board made up of the three county commissioners, with Mrs. Klinge as secretary. Consolidation would require a vote in both districts.

History shows that Eugene's district has never coerced land away from other districts.

The incorporators point to the possibility of overlapping, or divided, school, water and fire districts and predict it would require a battery of lawyers and accountants to straighten out the mess.

And the other side answers, "Now, or later."

And so the controversy goes, but next week, with the injunction hearing on Monday and the annexation vote on Friday (if the injunction is denied) will bring an answer.

Weyerhaeuser Workers To Vote On Negotiations

Striking employees of the big Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. at Springfield will decide Monday night whether they wish to put negotiations for settlement of the strike on a local rather than regional basis.

The employees, members of Local 5-246 of the CIO-IWA, will act on a petition signed earlier by a small group of the Weyerhaeuser employes seeking withdrawal of authority for negotiating from the union's regional negotiation committee in order to put the talks on a local level with George Weyerhaeuser, manager of the Springfield plant.

T. C. Stout, international union representative and member of the local, said the meeting will be held in the Springfield VFW hall at 7:30 p.m.

OBJECTS TO NEWS STORY

Stout expressed criticism Saturday of an account of the petition movement which appeared in Friday's Eugene Register-Guard, quoting two of the men who signed the petition. He said the article and headline implied that a "back to work movement" under the old contract was sought by the petition signers.

"At no time in the meeting Thursday was there any statement or request to go back to work without a settlement," he declared. He said, rather, some members who requested the Monday meeting feel that negotiations for wage increases and other ben-

efits could be better handled on a local basis.

Stout said that while he feels the majority of the Weyerhaeuser employes are not in sympathy with withdrawing authority from the regional negotiating committee, Monday's vote will be followed.

Referring to those who signed the petition he said, "If the vote favors them, the local union will not fight them. We will fight with them."

He labeled as untrue a statement by the two men to a reporter Friday that they were "shouted down" at the Thursday meeting.

WRITTEN REQUEST

Stout said he pointed out to the men at the time that the Thursday meeting was a special meeting called to elect delegates to state and international conventions and a discussion of strike issues was out of order at the time.

He said the men were advised to make a written request for another meeting, which they did the next morning, to discuss the advisability of withdrawing negotiating authority from the regional committee.

On the management side of the picture, George Weyerhaeuser declared Saturday that he is convinced "a big group" of the striking employes are interested in returning to work under their present contract, subject to any raise made later in the industry.

Four Boys Remanded After Thefts of Beer

Four boys have been remanded to Lane County juvenile authorities for thefts of beer in recent months from a truck parking lot at W. 7th Ave. and Washington Street.

The boys are all 16 years of age, except for one who is 15. Four live in Eugene, the other at North Bend.

Reports of beer stolen from trucks parked at the lot have been made to police dating back to April of this year. Since then, several cases and six-pack cartons have been taken.

Truck, Sedan Crash; Damage Totals \$240

A pickup truck and a sedan collided Friday at E. 7th Ave. and Pearl St., causing about \$240 damage, city police reported.

Russell Everett Pickett, 46, of 3741 Barger Drive, driver of the 1938 pickup, was cited for having an expired driver's license. He was proceeding south on Pearl when his vehicle and a 1951 sedan being driven east on 7th Ave. by Journal James Palmer, 29, of 674 Washington St., collided.

Former Willamette Law Professor Dies

SALEM —Ray L. Smith, 68, former law professor at Willamette University, died Friday at a Salem hospital. He was stricken at his home Wednesday.

Sound Barrier

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Acting Mayor Balks Prowler

KLAMATH FALLS — The acting mayor of Klamath Falls grabbed his revolver and, firing as he ran, chased a prowler early Saturday.

Don Kenyon, the acting mayor, said he was awakened at 3:30 a.m. by noise from his parked automobile. He said he saw a man trying to break into the car, so grabbed a .32 calibre revolver and ran outside.

The prowler began running and would not stop when Kenyon shouted for him to stop or be shot at. Kenyon said he fired four shots as he pursued the man.

Police, called by Mrs. Kenyon, arrived to join in the chase. They nabbed a man who identified himself as Allen Virgil Wharton, 32, Portland. Police said he had a bullet tear in a pants leg, and a bullet had grazed the leg, breaking the skin but doing no serious damage. First aid was administered.

Wharton is being held in the city jail.

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