

FOR McKENZIE RESIDENTS

Poll Asks Views On Bond Elections

Postcards were placed in the mail Saturday to obtain an opinion of residents of the McKenzie Water and Fire Protection District on calling elections for two bond issues.

One issue would authorize the sale of \$35,000 worth of bonds to construct a combined water office and fire station and purchase a new fire truck. The other issue would supply \$25,000 for extension of water mains to four areas which presently lack water service.

Groups to Eye Payments

The Eugene Water & Electric Board and representatives of the Springfield School district will meet in EWEB offices Monday noon to continue discussions on payments to the district in lieu of taxes on the EWEB's McKenzie property.

Both sides have been negotiating for some means of payment to compensate for tax losses on the EWEB's generating facilities at Waverlyville and Leaburg.

Saturday, the EWEB proposed that a payment be made to the district on the basis of Springfield school pupils who reside in tax-free city-owned houses at the two places. The school board said it would have an answer to the proposal for Monday's meeting. The board of directors of the Eugene utility is also expected to hear arguments on electric rates charged for irrigation pumps in the McKenzie River area. Farmers of the area claim electric rates are too high to make pump operations economical during summer months.

GOP to Block Income Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Daniel Reed (R-N.Y.) said Saturday Republicans would oppose and President Eisenhower would veto any attempt by the Democratic congress to reduce income taxes this year.

Reed noted in a prepared statement that key Democrats on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee let it be known earlier last week that they were considering a drive to cut everybody's income taxes.

Reed, senior Republican on the committee, said some Democrats favor the move because they believe it would "embarrass the President."

Democrats Drop Dixon-Yates Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic foes of the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract have shelved, for the time being at least, their plan for Senate-House action to kill it, congressional sources said Saturday.

Instead, they will undertake a variety of maneuvers designed to delay — and ultimately defeat — the power agreement. The first of the steps may be forthcoming next week, they said.

The new strategy resulted from a secret huddle of Democratic members of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. The new approach was said to represent the consensus of Democrats present.

Exercises Ordered For U.S. Airmen

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP)—U.S. airmen in Europe have gotten word they soon will have to undergo three hours of exercise a week. Emphasis is on such mass participation sports as soccer, touch football and swimming. U.S. Air Force headquarters here said it plans to give all officers and men physical fitness tests every three months.

The district's board of commissioners decided to take the postcard poll following assurance from E. B. Morrison, chief engineer of the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, that purchase of the truck would result in substantially lower fire insurance rates for the district.

In a letter to the board, Morrison said if the new truck were acquired "fire protection grading for your district will not be poorer than class 7 and may be as good as class 6."

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He said that class 7 rating would result in an insurance reduction of about 40 per cent on frame dwellings with shingle roofs, and about 30 per cent on frame and masonry mercantile properties.

He said there would also be other advantages to merchants in the way of "average clause" credits and in the ability to write three-year fire insurance policies for twice the annual premium.

He said lumber mills are under special schedules and would not be subject to the above reductions. The reductions would not apply to structures more than 500 ft. from a fire hydrant, he added.

Water Superintendent Jay Hicks said about 90 per cent of all homes and buildings in the district are within 500 ft. of a hydrant at the present time. If the proposed main extensions are approved, about 96 per cent of all buildings would qualify, he said.

A bond issue to construct the combined office and purchase a fire truck was defeated in an election last fall. Opponents of the issue at that time questioned claims that insurance rates would be lowered.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Petitions are currently being circulated to extend water mains on N. 31st and Industrial Ave., N. 42nd and E St., High Banks Road east of N. 54th St., and a portion of N. 57th. The postcard poll seeks to find opinion on a bond issue to finance these projects.

Results of the poll and petitions will be announced at the next meeting of the board, 8 p.m., Feb. 2, at the McKenzie Volunteer Fire Station.

At the last meeting, Ulla T. Brendel was elected chairman of the water board and Warren D. Collins, of 692 N. 32nd St., was appointed a board member. He replaces Byron D. Round, who had served on the board since the district was formed four years ago.

Herbert Funeral Rites Planned

Funeral arrangements are being made by Mills Mortuary of Cottage Grove for Maurice Herbert Eastabrook, 57, of Culp Creek, who died at his home Friday, Jan. 21.

He was born at Roseburg Sept. 12, 1897, and moved to the Cottage Grove area in 1910. He was married in 1931 to Gretta E. Spahr at Eugene. She survives him.

Mr. Eastabrook was a member of the Row River Valley Church and the CIO Woodworkers Union. Other survivors include a daughter, Sharon, at home; a brother, Clyde Eastabrook, of Port Orford; and one nephew.

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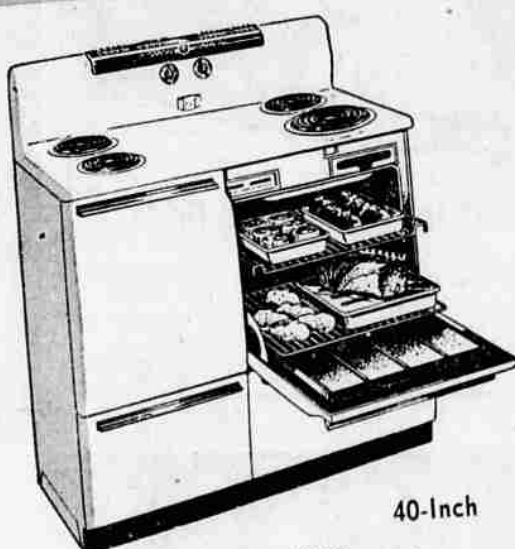
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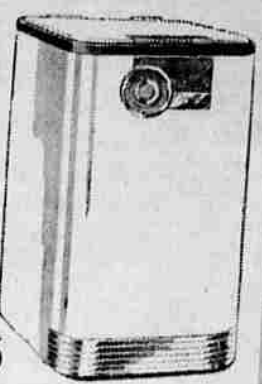
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