

Future Growth of Springfield Draws Arguments at Meeting

Because Springfield is growing more rapidly than most communities it faces a future "full of pitfalls and promise," Stuart Walsh, economic consultant, told a group of some 50 residents of that city Wednesday night.

He urged the city leaders to follow a "careful and canny" plan of future growth, and reasserted his conviction that the most immediate step to be taken in the area east of Springfield is surface drainage to end the health hazard of standing, contaminated water.

Walsh appeared at a public meeting to give a report on his firm's economic survey of an annexation problem in the residential fringe area east of the city. Also speaking was Ralph Rodrick, of a Corvallis engineering firm that made a study of sanitary and storm sewer needs for the area.

EXPLAINS FINANCING

Al Nelson, head of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce's industrial committee, explained how industrial members of the chamber financed the two surveys to seek a solution to annexation problems.

The Rev. Joseph Barnett acted as moderator of the meeting.

The audience included city councilmen and other city officials.

Walsh, Ruchler conceded that homes should not have been permitted to be constructed in the area, because of the difficulty of making septic tanks function.

"Then why is the county still issuing building permits there?" questioned a man from the audience.

IMPOSSIBLE SOLUTION

Another of Walsh's recommendations—that 32nd and 33rd St. could be annexed and tied into the city's existing sewer line—was challenged by Mayor Edward C. Harms Jr.

"Unless I'm corrected by our city engineer," said Harms, "I'm going to state that that solution is not feasible and is in fact impossible."

Acting City Engineer Bill Williams last week declared that lack of grade for sewer line, extensions, plus the fact that present lines are already overloaded, would make it impractical to extend the lines beyond the present city limits.

Turning to the role of industry in the growth of the area east of the city, Walsh declared that the position of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. to annexation is a position "rather clear and rather reasonable."

'EMERGENCY ANSWER'

He said the city could find an "emergency answer" to the problem of financing sewer lines east of the city by bringing in the big timber firm to boost the assessed valuation of the area.

"You'd say there's a fall guy and we'll let him pick up the bill," said Walsh. Such a move would be "shortsighted," he added, and would brand Springfield as a city for industry to avoid.

Mayor Harms cited the problem of attempting to finance public improvements without the assessed valuation of industry and commercial areas. Residential areas alone, he said, lack the tax-paying ability to carry out large public improvements.

"If we zone areas so industry won't have to come into the city," asked Harms, "and have no commercial development, where do we go from there?"

WALSH REPLIES

Some new industries will be interested in city services, Walsh replied, and the city's commercial valuation will increase as Springfield grows.

Walsh stressed his belief that planning and zoning should be aimed to make Springfield grow to the north, rather than to continue its strip development along the McKenzie Highway to the east.

"A city is a business," declared Walsh, and must be planned for economy of service.

NEWS BRIEFS

LANE COUNTY Farm Bureau's annual picnic for members of all centers, their families and friends will be Sunday, July 24, at Armitage State Park. Dinner will be at 12:30 p.m. with coffee and ice cream furnished. A show meeting of the directors will follow. Regular directors' meeting scheduled for July 28 has been cancelled.

MISS CARLENE Johnson, candidate for Miss Universe whose picture appeared in Saturday's Register-Guard, has relatives in this area. Mayor Ed Johnson, Mrs. Stanley Summers and Dick Johnson are first cousins of her father, Dr. Norman Johnson of Rutland, Vt. Mrs. Dora Johnson of Eugene is Dr. Johnson's aunt.

OBSEDIANS will hike to Tipsoo Lookout Sunday. Members will meet at the County Park block at 7 a.m. or at Walter Creek at 8:45 a.m. Ray Sims and son, James, are manning the Tipsoo Lookout this summer. The signpost sheet is at Hendershot's.

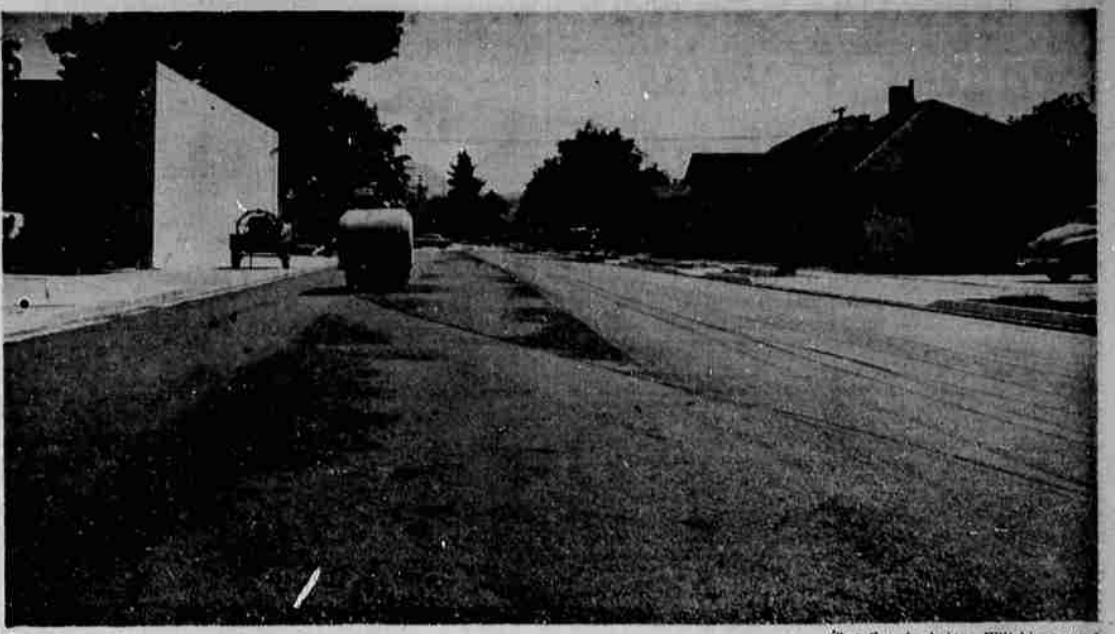
ELKS' Beaniepickers Costume Ball will be Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Elks Country Club. Freddie Yahn and his orchestra will play, and there will be prizes for the best costumes.

ALL SQUARE dancers are invited to a dance Saturday at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, 8th and C Sts., Springfield. Ted King will call, and refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL KANSAS picnic will be Sunday, July 31, at Eleanor Park in Albany. A basket dinner will be held at noon, with coffee and watermelon furnished.

THE PUBLIC is invited to participate in a discussion of "What I Believe" Friday at 8 p.m. in Friendly House, 2445 Kincaid St.

EUGENE HIGH band members are asked to report for practice at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.



along with Stanton Payne, another contractor, has been a successful bidder on most of the city projects this year. The new section of Lawrence St. is 42 feet wide and has new concrete curbs and gutters. Property owners pay for 36 feet of the width, with the city's special levy absorbing the remainder of the cost.

Airport Funds Assured, CAA Official Declares

Eugene can be assured of enough federal aid funds to complete most of the planned improvements at Mahlon Sweet Airport under a bill passed by Congress Wednesday, according to a Civil Aeronautics official in Seattle.

Charles W. Drew, district airport engineer for the CAA, told the Register-Guard Thursday that the 252 million dollar authorization and money bill for projects to be started in the next four years would provide enough for the community "to really do the job up properly."

The only thing lacking to assure the work is President Eisenhower's signature on the Senate-House compromise bill approved by the Senate Wednesday.

SEPARATE BILL

According to Drew, a separate bill that provides 20 million dollars of the total for work to be done this fiscal year contains about \$139,000 for work on the Eugene airport.

The money would be the federal government's share of costs for four projects here. The four, sought by the city council and City Manager Robert Finlayson, are:

- Purchase of land for a "clear zone" at the north end of the main instrument-landing runway.
- Apron construction adjacent to the new administration building at the east end of the field.
- Extension of the north-south instrument-runway.
- High intensity lighting for the same runway.

Drew said these are the projects he recommended for approval when he sent budget requests to Washington. He cautioned that he has not had official word of the projects being left in the budget.

The CAA official also said that other projects requested by the city were omitted from the current budget request. These were: complete reconstruction of the north-south runway, acquisition of land for a service area, construction of a light-plane tie-down area, and a seal-coat resurfacing for all existing runways.

Escape Charge Denied by Trusty

Sidney Goldsby, 27, Glenwood, pleaded innocent in district court Wednesday afternoon to a charge of escaping from custody.

Judge Kenneth Poole scheduled a trial for Thursday at 3 p.m.

Goldsby, who had been fined \$50 and sentenced to two days in Eugene Municipal Jail for driving with a suspended license, was accused of walking away from an outside work crew shortly before noon Tuesday. He was apprehended two hours later in Glenwood.

Favors Conference

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama said Thursday he favored a world conference on Far Eastern problems and wanted Japan to participate.

Officials Told Woman Using Store as Sitter

Juvenile authorities were asked Wednesday to investigate a report that a Eugene woman was using a downtown department store as a baby-sitting service.

Jack W. Bryan, an official of the Bon Marche store, asked police to pick up two girls who had been left in the store all afternoon by their mother.

Police said the girls, 6 and 8 years old, were dirty and unkempt. They said the younger girl had a badly skinned knee which had been bandaged by clerks at the store.

The girls told police their mother instructed them to play in the store while she visited friends. The girls had been left in the store several other times, police said.

An officer returned the girls to their home and reported the incident to county juvenile authorities.

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SECTION B EUGENE, OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1955

Contract Let For Sitter

A \$45,488 contract was awarded Wednesday to Waldo S. Hardie & Son, Eugene general contractors, to provide for construction of a two-story-and-basement addition to the Eugene Pacific Telephone Co. central office.

Thaxter Reed, PT&T Eugene manager, explained that the building will house additional central office equipment needed to handle constantly increasing telephone traffic in the Eugene-Springfield area.

Reed noted that added facilities are expected to be ready for use about April 1, 1957. Hardie & Son will start work immediately and are to complete the building in October, 1956. Then Western Electric Co. crews will install the equipment needed.

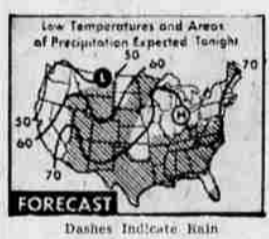
Measuring 59 by 25 feet, the new building addition will be located at the southeast corner of the telephone building, occupying a portion of the present company parking area.

Five contractors, four of them from Eugene, entered bids for the PT&T expansion project. The bids ranged to \$60,200.

BLONDIE By Chic Young



WEATHER



U.S. WEATHER FORECAST

Eugene and vicinity: Mostly sunny through Friday. Little change in temperature. Predicted high Thursday, 83; low Thursday night, 48; high Friday, 85. Predicted low humidity Thursday, 30 per cent. Western Oregon—Mostly cloudy on coast, mostly sunny in interior through Friday. Highs, 82-95 except 60-70 on coast; lows, 50-58.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Wednesday, 81; low Thursday morning, 45; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m. Thursday, 0 inches; total for month, 37 inches; normal for month, 26 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, minus 2.6 feet. Reading at 10:30 a.m. Thursday: barometer, 29.98 inches, falling; humidity, 58 per cent; wind, NNW 8. Prevailing wind Wednesday, N 10.5.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Friday, 4:50 a.m., and 7:47 p.m.; Saturday, 4:51 a.m., and 7:46 p.m.

NOT ELIGIBLE

The latter projects is not considered an item eligible for federal aid, he added.

Drew intimated that the city will be able to go ahead, however, with planning for the omitted projects if the latest bill is signed.

The 252 million total would permit Eugene to plan and start the projects within the next four years. The federal government, after the plans are approved, would then share in the costs. Presumably, this cost would be split on a 50-50 basis.

That would mean Eugene will have to find about \$139,000 if the airport work is to start this year. Much of this money has already been set aside with funds received from the sale of Airpark lands.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

July 19, 1955

BAKER—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Baker, 342 Kalmia St., Junction City, a daughter.

BALL—Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn W. Ball, Rt. 2, Box 835, Junction City, a daughter.

HARDING—Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Harding, 941 Washington St., Eugene, a daughter.

HUNT—Mr. and Mrs. David L. Hunt, 128 S. 51st St., Springfield, a daughter.

KRAMER—Mr. and Mrs. Jerome L. Kramer, 544 W. 20th St., Eugene, a daughter.

MCGRATH—Mr. and Mrs. Byron M. McGrath, Star Rt., Mohawk, a daughter.

PALANUK—Mr. and Mrs. George S. Palanuk, 2946 Alder St., Eugene, a son.

SANDERS—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Sanders, 1510 Bethel Dr., Eugene, a daughter.

SHANKS—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Shanks, 4666 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, a daughter.

THEIBER—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Treiber, Rt. 1, Box 102, Creswell, a son.

AT McKENZIE-WILLAMETTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

July 20, 1955

FOUST—Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Foust, 2364 Patterson Dr., Eugene, a son.

WHEAT—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheat, Rt. 1, Junction City, a daughter.

DEATHS

SIMON—Mrs. V. Simon, 61 of 1120 Water St., Springfield, died July 18. Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Methodist Church with interment at West Lawn Cemetery. Those wishing to do so may contribute to the Simon Memorial fund, c/o Mrs. C. E. Jones, 31 of 413 E. Main St., Springfield, died July 20. Services will be at Bethlehem Baptist Chapel Saturday at 2 p.m. with interment in the Memorial Gardens.

DIVORCE GRANTED

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