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SCHOOL YEAR AND AREA BOUNDARIES

How well high school students and grade pupils will receive the news of the lengthening of the school year, approved by the directors of the Bend district at their meeting this week, we do not know. We can guess that there will be no great degree of enthusiasm over the change. Educators and taxpayers, however, should give it their unqualified approval.

Educators, most naturally, will favor it. Longer terms will give them and their classes the time to do a better job. We think they will take advantage of the opportunity.

Taxpayers, who foot the bills for education, will endorse it because of the increased share of state funds which it will provide for the district. Drawn from Oregon income tax proceeds, basic school support, under statute of fairly recent enactment, is determined to a considerable extent by pupil membership in the schools. In this membership, the number of days on which school work is done is an important factor. Every day that is added to the academic year adds dollars from a source other than property taxation. In school operation for these additional days there will be little new cost. Instructors are already paid on a 12 month basis. Maintenance of the physical plant will be lengthened chiefly at the times of the year when it is least expensive.

The net result should be a lower property levy than would otherwise be the case. That, at least, is the generally accepted object of the basic school support law. So far, we must admit, property tax relief has not been especially noticeable. Additional money from the state has merely been soaked up by rapidly inflated expenses. Still, through the local budget law, the taxpayer has it in his power to call a halt. Until he does, more money will probably be only an incentive to more spending.

One of the reasons for heavy spending, we should point out, has nothing to do with the availability of money. On the contrary, it is just cause for the raising of more money. It lies in population increase, especially increase in population of school age, and the consequent necessity for more school rooms and more school buildings. Bend has been faced with this need and has been meeting it. Two new four-room buildings will be placed in operation at the opening of the fall term and construction of a six-room unit is under way. Blue printed for the future is still another building. All of these are for grade use.

And that brings us to another announcement of the board, one which is certain to bring gratification to many and displeasure to others. It is the announcement of boundaries of the areas which new and old grade schools will serve. Most pupils will find the schools to which they have been assigned conveniently located. There are more of them now—five instead of three—and it is natural that, in the main, they will be easier to reach. Inevitably, however, there will be some who will still be at considerable distance from the boys and girls whom they must serve.

Developing residence sections in what we used to consider the outskirts of Bend have something to do with this. Also responsible is the fact that the local school system is still an incomplete system. We have mentioned the building under construction. Its completion will ease the situation. And we have mentioned another which is only in the blue print stage. Some day, not too far distant if Bend continues to grow at its present rate, that school will be built on the location already provided for it well out on the west side. Until then the overflow from the Kenwood school will have to be taught in east side buildings.

The situation is not unlike that which existed years ago when the west side was starting its development, before there was a Kenwood school. From then until now, as a matter of fact, there have been recurring problems of pupil assignment. It is to be doubted that they will ever be solved to everyone's satisfaction. It is certain that they will become less acute as time goes on.

To the sportsmen, the anglers, members of the Izaak Walton league and all others in this and other parts of Oregon interested in trout fishing. Do you want to know why fishing is no better in the streams of Oregon? See this space tomorrow.

Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)

Thirty Years Ago

(Aug. 13, 1918)

Organization of a civilian relief section of the Bend chapter of the Red Cross was discussed at the regular meeting of the executive board.

Criticizing a school days' romance, Mrs. A. V. Adams, of

Thermopolis, Wyoming, and W. L. Cook, Fort Rock, were married at the Wright hotel.

Carl D. Shumaker, state fish and game warden, was on a tour of inspection of the game preserves of the state with the intent of improving hunting and fishing.

D. A. Houston resigned at the Shevlin-Hixon company and joined the marines.

Ad Gustavo beat Young Nor-

Water System Report

PREPARED FOR CITY OF BEND

By John W. Cunningham and Associates, Portland.

Operating expenses have increased more rapidly than revenues, reflecting both increased service required and the increase which has occurred since 1940 in material and labor costs. Expenses for 1946-47 totalled \$29,371.02. It seems probable that further increases will occur, and it seems conservative to allow for \$35,000 annual operating expense. One saving that is possible will come from reduced power costs for the Third street station if the plans of this report are carried out.

Annual depreciation was allowed, for the last fiscal year, in the amount of \$17,653.89. This amounts to about 2% of the undepreciated fixed capital, and seems to be an adequate allowance. Annual depreciation will increase as the plant is improved, but when considering future betterments this is not to be considered as "locked up" money. It may correctly be expended from year to year for capital improvements, though not for operating expense.

Summarizing, it is believed that future financial plans can safely be made upon the following calculation:

Revenues, deducting discounts and allowances \$112,500
Operating exp. \$35,000
Servicing existing bonds 18,000

53,000 53,000

Balance available for capital outlay \$59,500

In considering possible financing through issuance of bonds, it seems a conservative course to consider that half of the above balance will be used annually for material and labor expenditures on a pay-as-you-go basis. This would also serve as a cushion against unforeseen conditions which might cause a falling off of revenues. It seems entirely proper, and good financing to use say \$30,000 annually for servicing of bonds issued to pay for needed improvements. Since the last bond issue interest rates have increased, and should be estimated at 3%. The annual service requirement for a \$1,000 bond at 3% with 25 year serial retirement is \$57.43, and \$30,000 would service \$522,000 in bonds. This is not to be considered a hard and fast limit, but is to be considered in connection with definite plans and estimates of cost.

Relative urgency of different units. The threat of a shortage in water supply has been emphasized, and improvements which will cure or at least defer this shortage should be undertaken at once. Looking to the time when a second pipe line may be constructed, steps should be taken toward the acquisition of additional water rights. This is likely to take time. Meanwhile it is recommended that meters be installed on all services to minimize waste and conserve the present supply. The 5,000,000 gallon reservoir on Awbrey butte should be constructed at once, with the incoming and outgoing pipe lines. This will serve a three-fold purpose. The lower elevation will increase the pipe line delivery; the storage will help in tiding the city over periods of heavy demand; and the pressure conditions throughout the city will be greatly improved.

The Pilot butte reservoir should not be abandoned, but it may be

deferred. A corresponding amount of storage at Awbrey butte is not only cheaper but more effective throughout the high value area.

The plan for a high pressure cross-town line from the present tanks to the high level zone in the southeast corner of town is believed to have a great deal of merit. It will reinforce the low level system, will give a more reliable supply to the high level, and will save a substantial sum in pumping costs. The cross-town line is recommended for early construction. However, with such construction the high level reservoir can be deferred, at least until the time when the use of water by the railroad is stabilized and the extent of other development can be more accurately appraised.

Distribution system improvements will have to be carried on from year to year. While some of the more urgent units may be financed by bonds, in general it is better to do this work on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Summary of costs.

Initial Program
1. Universal metering \$60,000
2. Awbrey butte reservoir (5 mg.) 283,400
3. Feeder line to reservoir 78,000
4. Reservoir to distribution system 67,900
5. Cross town line, high service 73,800
6. Minor distribution improvements 16,900
\$580,000

Second Program
7. Pilot Butte reservoir (0.6 mg.) \$50,000
8. Connecting line on Lafayette 30,000
9. East Second St. connection 7,500
10. Minor distribution improvements 12,500
\$100,000

Third Program
11. High level reservoir (0.5 mg.) \$40,000
12. Connecting line 7,500
13. Pump station and outside connections 5,000
14. Minor distribution improvements 7,500
\$55,000

The city now has on hand \$100,452 in its replacements and betterment fund, some of which is committed to pay for materials ordered and work projected for the 1948 season. There will, however, be current accruals to this fund. It is believed that the initial program could be appropriately financed from a bond issue of \$500,000 together with available cash funds.

Results from improvements. The main objective of the initial program is to postpone the time when a larger expenditure must be made to provide more water. It may be argued that it is better to spend the additional sum necessary to provide ample water under all foreseeable conditions. In answer to this it can be said that the procurement of additional water rights is not a simple or quick process, and a serious water shortage may develop before such water rights can be obtained. Furthermore, all of the different improvements will accomplish other desirable things in addition to the conservation of water. The largest single item is the proposed Awbrey butte reservoir. This will give a much needed reserve of water that can feed direct into the distribution system without any pressure reducing valves. With the large diameter connecting mains this will greatly improve service pressures and particularly

beck in a return wrestling bout at the Liberty theater.

Mrs. A. G. King, clerk at the forest office, was ill with ptomaine poisoning.

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The cross-town high service line will give better pressure and volume in the southeast area, both high level and low level. In so doing, the additional reservoir storage becomes less necessary, and its construction may be deferred. This construction is also justified by the saving in power costs for operation of the Third street pumping station.

The second and third programs of improvements do not include any very large single items of cost. The need for them will become apparent if the city continues to grow, and it is entirely possible that the cost can be met from accumulated surplus funds, without resorting to capital financing. When constructed, both reservoirs will undoubtedly improve pressure and volume conditions in their respective areas both during irrigation hours and when water is required for fire service.

(To Be Concluded)
World population has increased about 10% in the past decade.

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