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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

AT LAST—the date for a special election for voting on the Medford water proposition has been set, after nearly a year of strife and procrastination. Now our folks are going to have a chance to say whether or not they desire to have the city council go ahead and make a contract with Medford water commission and issue bonds to have the water brought in. Almost a year ago this writer presented a petition to the council asking for such an election and the matter has been hanging fire ever since. Now the election has been called for September 17 and we can all have sighs of relief.

However, there is a fly in the ointment, as usual. At the election there will be two propositions on the ballot. One calls for the issuing of \$29,500 in bonds for the purpose of rebuilding ALL water mains in the city, and the other is for issuing bonds for \$18,000 to bring in the Medford water. It is the belief of the writer that the first proposition should be voted down and the second adopted, for reasons given later. In the first place we do not believe that it is necessary to tear out ALL the old water mains at this time. There are miles of water mains in this city which have never given any trouble since they have been in place, and while, of course, no one can be sure just when they will start giving trouble, we are in favor of waiting until they do before tearing them up.

In the second place, if we vote to replace all these mains without providing any additional income we are going to put a mighty big burden on the city which will be hard to carry. And to vote \$29,500 additional bonded indebtedness on the city with NO ADDITIONAL INCOME, sounds like darned poor business to us. Read over Bracket No. 3 in Recorder Tex's statement to the council as printed elsewhere in this issue. You will readily see that voting to lay new water mains ALONE, without the Medford water, will be very poor business. Our advice is to VOTE NO, on the proposition.

Now as to proposition No. 2, which calls for issuing of \$18,000 in bonds to bring in the Medford water. It is our belief that this should carry, as it will provide several things worth while. In the first place, it will mean the better water we have all been asking for. In the second place, it provides an adequate income which will handle all expenses, including interest on the bonds, both old and new, and still leave enough to pay off the bonds in a reasonable length of time.

So our advice is this: Vote NO on putting in new water mains at this time and vote YES for the Medford water. ABOVE ALL, do not vote under any circumstances to lay new mains unless at the same time you vote to bring in the Medford water. If you are bound to put in new mains in place of the present ones, BE SURE AND VOTE FOR BOTH PROPOSITIONS.

If the proposition to replace ALL old water mains with new ones (without the Medford water) is adopted, it will mean that in order to pay off the bonds necessary we will have to either raise the minimum water rent to at least \$2.30 per month or to raise our already too high tax levy on the property owners of the city. And mind you, we'll still have the same old hard water.

But if you want the best for your city, VOTE FOR THE MEDFORD WATER ONLY and let the old mains alone.

The writer is tickled to death over the result of the bond election to build a new gym for our school. We will gladly pay the less than \$1.00 a year it will cost us in increased taxes just to have a more comfortable seat at the basketball games. Now if the Medford water proposition will go over as well, we shall be satisfied.

The Past Noble Grand club met Tuesday at the Ed Vincent home. Eight members enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Vincent.

# CITY BOND ELECTION SEPT. 17

## FIGURES GIVEN BY RECORDER TEX ON WATER ISSUE

(Editor's Note: The following statement was prepared from the city records for the past 10 years and read to the city council at the regular meeting Tuesday evening by Recorder Tex.)

Mr. Mayor, Members of the Council, and visitors:

For nearly four years, I have attended and recorded the actions of every meeting of this Council. I have enjoyed it, and many fine things have been accomplished during that time. Many questions which have required deep thought and much debate, have been settled satisfactorily. But tonight, I believe, that the greatest question which has come before you Gentlemen for final decision is "Shall this election be called to permit the people to vote on the Bond Issue, supported by P.W.A. Grant of 45%, for reconstructing the balance of the Water System and for connecting with Medford Water."

In order that you might be informed as to the financial condition of the City, and, what its condition will be after each successive bond issue has been added, I have prepared a condensed report in four brackets. I will now, with your permission, Mr. Mayor, read this report to the Council:

### Report on the Water Improvement Question.

Comparative Statements in Four Brackets if and when each new bond issue is added to the cost of operating.

(1)

Under the old rate of \$1.00 Minimum and before the issuance of any new bonds, with \$21,500.00 outstanding:

Average Annual Cost of Operating	\$ 5,421.52
Average Annual Cost of Operating, Including Interest on Bonds	\$ 4,094.86

Average Annual Net Income for Retiring Bonds \$ 1,326.66 |

(2)

Under the new rate of \$1.50 with Estimates made for the year from the first eight months business: With \$26,500.00 outstanding Bonds.

Average Annual Income (last 4 months Estimated)	\$ 6,981.52
Average Annual Cost of Operating	\$ 4,444.86

Net Income for Retirement of Bonds \$ 2,536.66 |

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Helena Hansen is staying at the Ivan Skyrman home caring for their little daughter, Gale, while Mrs. Skyrman is teaching at Phoenix.

## The Churches

**THE FEDERATED CHURCH**  
REV. STANLEY PARRISH (Supply Pastor)  
Phone 51

Bible School 9:45 A.M. Mr. Wm. Kamberg, Supt.  
Morning Worship and Communion Services 11:00 A.M.  
League for all 6:30 P.M.  
Evening Services 7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday afternoon Bible Class 7:30 P.M.  
Wednesday evening Prayer Service for young and old 8:00 P.M.  
Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid meets in the basement of the church.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory, Primary Supt.  
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Special number by Choir. Mrs. Phillips will speak on subject "Heaven".  
Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. The quartette will sing. Sermon Subject "What the Lord Jesus Knew About 1938".  
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Devotional Leader Cecil McQuigg. Study Leader Mrs. W. K. Davis.

## City to Vote on New Mains and Medford Water

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening with Councilmen Ross, Finley, Bonney, Hesselgrave, Myers, and Milton present. On account of the absence from the city of Mayor Hatfield, Councilman Ross acted as mayor pro-tem.

After the usual routine business of the meeting had been disposed of, City Attorney Harry Skyrman gave a brief report of his recent interview with the PWA officials in Portland. He said that these men seemed to fear that the proposed project to replace all old water mains in the city with new ones and to build a connecting pipe line to bring Medford water to this city was too large a project for the city to handle with its present income from water rentals. However, he said he had furnished them with additional data showing the increased income which would result from securing the Medford water and believed the project would be favorably reported to Washington for final approval.

The principal business of the evening was then taken up—that of deciding on a date for a special election. Mr. Skyrman then read two resolutions with their accompanying ordinances—one calling for a special election to vote on the issuing of bonds amounting to \$27,500 for the purpose of laying new water mains over the entire city, and the other to vote on the issuing of \$17,500 in bonds for the purpose of laying the connecting main to Medford.

A vote was taken on the first proposition calling for a bond issue for laying new water mains and the resolution carried. The necessary ordinance was then placed on final passage and the vote was: Ayes: Bonney, Finley, Myers, Milton, Noes: None. (Councilman Hesselgrave had been excused before the vote was taken.)

The second resolution was then read. City Recorder Guy Tex reports that he has sold 40 city lots in the past two years, besides three acre-tracts in the unsurveyed portion of the city. On nine of these lots new houses have been built and several more are planned in the near future. The money from the sale of these lots goes into the sinking fund for the redemption of bonds. Selling these lots adds just that much to the assessed valuation of the city, which makes possible the reduction of the millage rate for city taxes.

### NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, The City of Central Point, SS.

Notice is hereby given that an election of The City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, will be held at the rear room of the Safeway Store, in the Cowley Building, in The City of Central Point, on the 17th day of September, 1938, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. to submit to the legal voters of The City of Central Point the question of issuing bonds of The City of Central Point in the amount of \$29,500.00, for the purpose of financing the re-construction and repair of the water distribution system of said City, to be payable as to both principal and interest from revenues derived from the operation and use of the water system of said City, and in the event of a deficiency in such revenues, from taxes which may be levied without limit as to the rate or amount upon all of the taxable property within the territorial limits of The City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon.

The vote will be by ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds Yes" and "Bonds No", and the voter shall place a cross (X) between the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes", or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No", which indicates his choice.

The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the measure will, on said day and date and at the place aforesaid, be opened at the hour of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and remain open until the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M. of the same day when the same shall be closed.

By order of the Common Council of The City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, this 6th day of September, 1938.

GUY TEX  
City Recorder

read and passed. The vote on its accompanying ordinance was as follows: Ayes: Bonney, Finley, Milton, Noes: Myers. Councilman Finley qualified his vote by saying he was in favor of allowing the people to vote on the proposition of securing Medford water, but was opposed to the proposition itself.

Thus comes to a close the long fight to have the proposition of securing water from the city of Medford placed before the people in order that they may decide by their ballots whether they wish the council to go ahead and complete the project.

Now comes the question whether it will be best to vote for BOTH bond issues at this time. It is felt by many who have made a study of the matter that it would be very foolish to vote for laying new water mains alone without at the same time voting for the Medford water system. If we vote to lay new water mains all over the town, as is proposed in the question to be voted on soon, without at the same time voting for the Medford system, we shall find ourselves in hard luck. Because under this proposition we will have absolutely the same income from water rentals we now have and not a cent more. But in addition to the same high cost of pumping water we now have and the interest on all old bonds outstanding, we shall have a new issue of bonds amounting to nearly \$28,000 on our hands.

We sincerely urge our readers to look carefully into this matter and to VOTE FOR THE MEDFORD WATER ALONE, and let the old mains stand until we are much more sure they REALLY need replacing. It is our belief the income under the Medford system will be plenty large enough to take care of all our needs, if carefully administered and to replace such water mains as go bad from time to time.

The Pastime Skating Rink in the Medford Armory had a record-breaking crowd at the opening night carnival last Friday evening. Every one was out and report a gala time. The skating rink will be open Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evenings until further notice.

Little Barbara Jean, 8 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell of Midway Road, spent the weekend at the E. R. Gleason home, while her parents attended the Miners' Jubilee at Cave City.

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GUY TEX  
City Recorder

## Local Hotel Is Sold to Calif. Man

The sale of the Hotel Valandra and cottages to K. Rossi of Fontana, Calif., was completed last week. This transfer has been pending for several weeks. Mrs. Valentine Chomel has traded this property for a five acre orchard of grape fruit with a large stucco house and very beautiful grounds at Fontana, between Los Angeles and San Bernardino, and a store building in Fontana. Mr. Rossi is here now looking after the hotel and pruning the shrubs and trees. Mrs. Rossi will join him later. Miss Mesnage will help Mr. and Mrs. Rossi get a line up on the work and Mrs. Chomel will visit her sister Mrs. Paudois and family at Willow Springs before leaving for their new home.

While the people of Central Point will welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rossi to our community, we also regret very much to see Mrs. Chomel and her sister Miss Mesnage leave. Mrs. Chomel and her husband, Andre Chomel, who passed away December 10, 1936, came to Central Point in 1928 and bought the old hotel and later the balance of the block they now occupy and turned the unsightly block into a beautiful ground with the hotel building, 5 small cottages and two large ones besides garages and a trailer camp. This is one of the nicest camps in Oregon or on the Pacific coast. After Mr. Chomel's passing, the work proved too hard for the sisters and they have been planning to dispose of the place for some time.

## Warning Issued To Young Cyclists

City Marshal Hedgpeh has issued a warning that the ordinances regarding riding bicycles at night without lights, riding on sidewalks and the like will be rigidly enforced. For some time the young people of the city have been growing more and more careless in these matters and with the opening of school it is felt that such practices must cease.

There have been several near accidents recently on account of careless bicyclists and the authorities feel that more strict measures must be taken to put a stop to this danger.

Mrs. W. B. Rabenau of Oswego arrived on the train Friday for a short visit with her sister Mrs. Dale Smith. Melody returned home with her Friday evening to spend a week. She will return in time for school.

Mrs. C. T. Skyrman returned home recently from a six-day business and pleasure trip to Portland.

Mr. Hatfield returned from a visit with his son in Seattle Wednesday.

## So what?—

A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last.—Joseph Fort Newton.

Mrs. Webster saying when time came for the city election for the water mains and Medford water she is going to stand with a bottle of chloroform and use it for everyone against the Medford water.

Mr. Minnick says to watch for important notice next week.

Frank Zuccola acting as plain clothes man at Jones Grocery.

Mr. Jack Tharp studying a black book that Vivian said looked like a cook book and producing a steak and biscuits that would melt in any one's mouth.

## Success

Eternal Vigilance  
Eternal Effort  
Bring Success.  
Why listen to foolish fancies and try foolish experiments?  
Save Your Money!  
Use it only for safe development.  
**FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK**  
(Deposits Insured)

## BONDS FOR GYM CARRY, 66-20 AT ELECTION WED.

At the special election for School District No. 6 held at the high school yesterday afternoon for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing bonds amounting to \$8,000 to match with a government grant for the purpose of building a new gymnasium in this city, the bonds carried by more than three to one. The vote was 66 for and 20 against, with less than one-third of the registered voters in the district voting. A. E. Powell, E. C. Faber and Mrs. Clara Vincent acted as judges of the election, with H. P. Jewett, clerk.

Application for the PWA loan has already been made and it is expected this project will surely be allowed, as our school district is in very good shape financially. As soon as the project is allowed and the new bonds sold, work on the new building will rush to completion. In case the government should turn the matter down, the bonds will not be issued.

## Civic Club Hears Interesting Talk By Mr. Jewett

The Civic club held their regular meeting yesterday with a good attendance. And it was reported by Mrs. Powell that Mr. Perl would donate benches to the club if they wanted them. The offer was gratefully received. A luncheon was planned for Friday, September 23 to be held at the Library. Menu: Chicken and noodles, Sliced Tomatoes, Jelly, Peas and coffee. Price 25¢. A talk by Mr. Jewett was much enjoyed. His subject was: "Re-creation." He spoke on youth and what the club could do for them.

"For a century the people of the U.S. have directed every possible effort, every bit of inventive genius to make work easier, all manner of labor saving devices used to eliminate hard work.

"The result has been a much greater amount of leisure time. Children especially have been freed from a multitude of minor tasks and chores which once occupied their time. Whether we like it or not, whether we believe that conditions should be different, whether we believe that children should be working a good bit of their leisure time, regardless of what we think should be done, we must recognize and admit that the condition exists and that children do have a vastly greater amount of playtime than they had many years ago. Furthermore there is every indication that this condition is here to stay, and that leisure time will increase, rather than decrease.

"During the nine months of the year when the schools are in session there is a partial solution of this problem. Regular activities of the school take up much of the time. The three summer months are the time when leisure time may become a liability. Idleness leads to mischief-making. This leads up to the suggestion for your club. Organize a summer school for the children, only I would find some other name than school since that name seems to suggest drudgery to some children.

"The plan: To have three instructors in charge, one for games, one for hand-craft for girls, and one for handicraft for boys. Time to be limited to not over one month the first year. Schedule: either a half day or two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. Expense; undoubtedly the instructors should be paid instructors for the success of the plan will depend upon the leadership of the instructors. Some expense for materials used such as art materials, shop materials, etc.

"Sponsorship: Put this up to the City Council, Schoolboard, and Civic club to bear expenses jointly."

Company at the Farra home recently were Mrs. Lyla Dean and two sons from Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Louie Gay from Seattle; Mr. F. Knackstedt of Etna, California and Mrs. Emmett Knackstedt and son Kenneth of Medford.