

SCHOOL BOARD TO BUILD NEW TYPE OF FIELD FENCE

The controversy on for the past week or more between the property owners adjacent to the new high school athletic field on Second street, who object to a proposed board fence around the field, and the school board which has long planned such a fence, reached the "down to brass tacks" stage last night, when the board after discussing the last communication from the objectors decided to go ahead and build a lovely green fence of a design which they hope will do away with objection.

Now if the property owners still object, when the board goes ahead to build the fence around the field next Monday, nothing is left for the objectors to do but seek an injunction, as they have threatened. Thus what may go down the ages in local school history as the Green Board Fence War may start on its course in the courts.

The controversy is an embarrassing one as the board, after contracting to buy the new field one block west of the old one, which is now a part of the new high school site, for \$1000 from the city, has already spent \$1700 in grading, leveling and draining the field, and both sides to the controversy recognize the fact that the athletic field must be enclosed because of admission being charged to all games.

The new plan decided on by the school board last night is to erect a new double-joint or combination fence, seven feet high when in use for games, and but four feet high when not in use. This fence, of course, to be painted a leaf green.

This means that the fence will from the outside look to be only four feet high, but it will have an extension of three feet, which extension, fastened to hinges, will hang down on the inside of the fence until a game is on, when it will be raised, thus making a seven foot fence which will prevent "free lookers" from seeing the game.

The board has already obtained a permit from the city to build a four-foot fence.

The history of the controversy is shown by the formal communications exchanged between the objectors and the school board.

First the adjacent property owners made a written objection to a fence around the field, which they claimed would be injurious to their properties and unsightly. The board came back with the following reply:

"Since receiving your protest against the construction of a board fence around the high school athletic field, we have been endeavoring to find some solution to the problem that will be acceptable to you and also to the students and other patrons of the school, who are interested in football and other athletics. Of course you realize that it is impossible to continue school athletics without funds to do so, and such funds are derived from admission charged to the games. Therefore, an enclosed field is imperative aside from the need of privacy for practice. In view of these facts, we hope that this plan for proposed fence shall be approved by you, inasmuch as the field will have to be abandoned as far as school purposes are concerned, if fencing it should be found impossible.

"Our proposal is: that the district shall have constructed, an eight foot board fence, built as neatly as is possible. That it shall be painted a leaf green to blend with foliage and that, as soon as practicable, it shall be covered with vines and flowers and that a ten foot parking in front of it along Second street, shall be landscaped and beautified. This plan has been carried out successfully in other places and is not merely an experiment. We should like to hear from you regarding the matter before Thursday noon, October 1st, so that action may be taken and arrangements made previous to the Saturday game."

"To this reply of the school board the property owners came back with the following communication: "We are in receipt of your letter of September 29, in which you submit a proposition for our consideration relative to the fencing of the athletic field on West Second street. In reply we beg to advise that the plan as presented by you has been given careful consideration, and that the unanimous opinion of the adjacent property owners is that a board fence would be altogether objectionable, and no less damaging to our property values by virtue of its being painted.

"We appreciate the difficulties under which you are working and have no desire to be unreasonable, but having seen board fences neatly built and attractively painted become dingy, warped and weather-beaten, and unsightly to the point of being a public nuisance, we feel that in justice to ourselves and to the city as a whole, in which we feel a great deal of pride, we could not give our consent to the erection of a board fence anywhere within the residence district in our city. And we believe that any fair-minded citizen will agree that, were he in our position, he would take the same stand that we have taken in the matter."

The last stage up to date was the course decided on by the school board last night.

Mass Meeting at Natatorium. Friday night, October 2nd, at 7:30 p. m. at the Natatorium, President Clancy of the Medford Chamber of Commerce earnestly urges every Medford voter including the ladies, to attend this meeting, whether they be for or against any of the measures. This is a meeting for everybody. Questions will be welcome from the floor and will be open for discussion. 155

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