

OLD WATER LINE BONDS TO BE PAID IN FULL JULY 1

Commission Will Liquidate Obsolete System's Cost With \$196,000 Payment - Inherited Debts Met

On July 1 the Medford water commission, with a payment of \$196,000 will retire the final block of bonds of the old Fish Lake water system.

The payment will bring the total amount of water bonds retired this year to \$219,000, as \$23,000 of Medford water bonds issued on the new Big Butte Springs line were paid in in the past few months.

At the time the water commission was organized by charter amendment on January 16, 1923, the members found that they had on their hands the bonded indebtedness of two obsolete water systems and two issues of bonds that were used in distributing system improvements.

The oldest bonds which the water board inherited were issued in 1890 for the original water system and amounted to \$30,000. These bonds were refunded twice—once in 1900 and again in 1910. They still remained unpaid at the inception of the water commission in 1923, a period of 33 years. During the following seven years the water board built a sinking fund and retired this bond in 1930.

Built in 1890 The original water system for which these bonds were issued was built in 1890 and consisted of an open ditch about three miles long delivering water from Bear creek to a well in the city, from which it was pumped into two wooden tanks located in the city park. These tanks were located on the present site of the public library.

The second obsolete and unpaid for system that the old water commission had acquired was the old Fish Lake system. This was constructed in 1908 and consisted of 21.9 miles of 16-inch wood stave pipe that diverted the water from the north fork of Little Butte creek to Medford, the intake being 11 miles below Fish Lake.

Bonds amounting to \$292,000 were issued to install this pipeline system. The water board retired the first block of these bonds on July 1, 1923, with a payment of \$4,000; \$5,000 was paid in 1924, \$7,000 in 1925 and, beginning in 1930, \$10,000 has been paid each year thereafter. In addition, a sinking fund was built up to amortize the final block of \$196,000, due July 1, 1938.

Smaller Issues Paid In addition to the above-mentioned bonds, two smaller issues of \$39,000 and \$24,000 respectively were made in 1908 for distributing system improvements. These have been paid off since the existence of the water commission, excepting \$15,000 which had been paid in 1921 and 1922.

All scheduled payments on the new Big Butte Springs system, which was put in operation on July 1, 1927, have been met as they have become due, a total of \$159,000 having been paid on the \$925,000 issue.

The sum of all bonded payments made by the water commission since its organization is \$531,000, this total having been paid over a period of 15 1/2 years. In the 33-year period prior to that only \$15,000 was paid.

Well Maintained

In addition to the bond payments, interest payments amounting to \$712,509.90 have been met in the period from January 1, 1923, to June 1, 1938. Furthermore, the whole system has been maintained in an excellent state of repair, records show. Necessary improvements have been programmed and made when the required funds have been accumulated.

A balance of \$766,000 in outstanding bonds remains on the new Big Butte Springs system. One issue of the bonds becomes callable on January 1, 1943, and the water commission is now building up a sinking fund to retire as many of them as possible on that date.

The water commission is particularly proud of the profit that has been made in investing the funds of the water bonding sinking fund. As this fund was increased each year to provide for the \$196,000, which becomes due July 1, 1938, the cash was invested in City of Medford water bonds, general obligation bonds of the city and other municipal bonds.

In this manner the funds instead of lying in the bank drawing a fraction of 1 per cent interest were earning the highest yield the market would afford on this type of investment. The records show that \$27,191.85 was chalked up as net profit during the period this fund was being accumulated.

During the depression years when investors were selling their bonds, the water commission was quietly buying them up with the cash it had available. As an example—in October, 1933, \$5,000 worth of City of Medford airport bonds were purchased for \$3,900 from a private investor. This price netted the bonds to the city at a cost of 78 cents on the dollar. The bonds matured on July 1, 1937, netting the water board a sinking fund a handsome yield on the original investment.

This, records show, was of course the best buy made by the commission. As general conditions improved the price of municipal bonds increased until the yield from this type of investment was not much more than could be realized from government bonds. In no case, however, did the water commission fail to earn a fair interest rate on its investments, records reveal.

NAVY MAN SHOT IN PARTY FIGHT

KANSAS CITY, Kas., June 23.—(AP)—A naval petty officer tumbled downstairs with a fatal bullet wound early today after a house-warming party at the fashionable Lake of the Forest, and a fellow officer was charged with murdering him.

Sergeant Edgar J. Rodgers, 37, was accused of killing Arthur C. Moeller, 40, chief petty officer at the Fairfax airport. Rodgers told officers Moeller attempted to kiss the hostess, Mrs. Judith Sudbrink, 25, but she resisted him. Rodgers roomed at the Sudbrink home.

Mrs. Sudbrink's husband, Harold, a travel insurance man, was away from home and she was acting as hostess at Rodgers' party. Party guests went swimming and came back to the house for beer and sandwiches, but the party had broken up when the shooting occurred.

JAP SENTRY HITS AMERICAN CITIZEN

SHANGHAI, June 23.—(AP)—J. C. Thompson of New Brunswick, N. J., on whose behalf United States Con-

HERE'S NUMBER 1 IN THE MAIL TRIBUNE'S GUESS WHO CONTEST



NO. 1

Can You Identify the Prominent Medford Man Whose Picture Appears Above?

THIS is one of 25 pictures selected from the Mail Tribune's photo engraving file for use in this newspaper's "Guess Who" contest, which starts today.

A different picture will be published each issue for 25 days. Each will depict some well known Medford resident. A number will appear under each picture. To enter your guess, merely write down the numbers of the pictures as they appear and opposite the number, the name of the person you believe represented. At the end of the contest send in your guesses, plainly written, together with your own name and address.

\$8 will be given for the most accurate list
\$5 for second best and
\$2 for third best.

The contest is open to all. It costs nothing to enter. Start with picture No. 1 in today's paper and

GUESS WHO!

sul John M. Allison at Nanking protested to Japanese authorities yesterday because of a blow from a sentry, arrived in Shanghai today.

Explaining the incident, he said he was stopped and searched by the sentry while riding in a jurisdiction from the Japanese embassy after securing a pass.

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MINE ASSESSMENT STATUS REVIEWED BY MINING BOARD

Because the bill to continue the moratorium on mine assessments has not yet been signed by the president, and the many inquiries as to the present status of claim holders, the state department of geology and mineral industries has issued the following statement:

1. Mining claims are not cancelled by the government for failure to do assessment work but are subject to relocation by citizens or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens.

2. Doing assessment work is the essential thing in order to hold a claim. Filing a proof of labor is prime facie evidence only which throws the burden of proof upon the contestants that the work was not done.

3. If a claim owner starts work before noon of July 1 and proceeds with reasonable diligence (say five days' work per week) to complete the assessment work for the year ending on that date, he preserves his rights.

The moratorium does not alter the laws other than to relieve the claim owner from doing assessment work provided he files a declaration of desire to hold the claims, provided he is not a federal income taxpayer, and provided that his declaration applies to not more than six claims for an individual and not more than 12 claims for a corporation, partnership or association. Corporations, paying income tax, are ineligible to exemption.

The federal government does not become actively interested in claim matters until an owner starts to patent his claims. The moratorium on assessment work, as we understand

It has no effect on the basic federal law pertaining to mining claims nor to state laws other than relieving the owners, under the conditions stated, of their assessment work for the year in question.

Name G. O. P. Chairman
PORTLAND, Ore., June 23.—(AP)

—Fred Brown, Portland attorney, was elected chairman of the Multnomah county Republican central committee yesterday. Mrs. John L. Karnopp, pro-America candidate, was named vice-chairman. Tom J. Kreuder, a farmer, beat out Jerome B. Buckley retiring chairman, for the post of state central committeeman.

Find Body in River
PORTLAND, Ore., June 23.—(AP)—The body of a man about 65 years old was recovered from the Willamette river last night. The only identification was the name "T. L. Smiley" on a case which came from a Pasadena, Calif., optical company.

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