

LACK OF FUNDS MAJOR FACTOR IN SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROBLEM

Committee Considers Proposals, Schedules Series of Meetings

"Everything but the money" is available to take care of this area's sewage disposal problem, it was generally agreed at a planning meeting here last night.

Some 35 members of a new committee, called to lay out a program of study on methods of handling the situation, discussed various phases of the problem for almost 2½ hours, and finally decided to call a series of meetings to take up these differing aspects in order.

City's Viewpoint

The first meeting, to be held next week or the week following, will be to consider the fringe area problem from the standpoint of the city of Medford, and city officials familiar with the need for sewage disposal in an orderly manner will be invited to join the discussion.

Later the use of sanitation districts as a possible partial solution will be considered. The potentiality of a "metropolitan district," embracing most of the floor of the valley in a governmental unit for sewage disposal, will be considered next, and finally, a study will be conducted of various plans whereby the county government could be the instrumentality through which the problem would be handled.

C of C Making Study

Mrs. Janet Guch, president of the Jackson County Public Health association, presided during much of the meeting last night, and pointed out that "no solution is ready-made; we've got to consider all suggestions, and come up with a plan which will be acceptable to the majority of those involved."

Commerce, which is conducting its own study of the problem, attended as an observer, and said his group's work will in no way conflict with that of this group. The chamber, he said, is working toward a long-range solution for the entire county, and can be counted on to back up and support whatever solution appears to be best for the majority. A plan, laid out in advance so it can be followed as the valley develops, is the objective of the chamber, he added.

Six solutions, or partial solutions, have been put forward for consideration, Mrs. Guch's pointed out.

These are:

1. Annexation of fringe areas to the city of Medford.
2. Formation of a metropolitan district, or district authority.
3. Separate sanitation districts in semi-urban but unincorporated areas of the county.
4. County zoning, which would set up regulations for sewage disposal.
5. Construction of a number of temporary sewage disposal units at strategic points throughout the valley.
6. Action which could be taken only under new legislation now under consideration.

The discussion brought out that no one of these, with the possible exception of a metropolitan district or some other all-embracing authority, is a complete solution.

Problems of Finance

The problem of finance kept bobbing up. Earl Yoakley, of the Table Rock Four Corners area, pointed out that a sanitary district is all formed and ready to go there, but that the costs involved are prohibitive. Phoenix is faced with a similar problem, according to Phoenix Councilman Frank Lovett.

The seriousness of the problem was outlined by several speakers. Robert Hart, county sanitarian, pointed out that much valley land is not suited for cess pools or septic tanks, and that these are overbuilt now, with resultant overflowing of sewage effluent, sometimes actually along public roads.

Federal Housing administration loan guarantees for new homes have been turned down frequently in recent months, he said, because of FHA restrictions regarding sewage disposal. This is hampering the growth of subdivisions, he pointed out.

Threat to Health

Not mentioned specifically, but in the minds of all present, was the threat to the health of every resident of the valley. Dr. A. Ervin Merkel, county health officer, recently pointed out that with conditions as they are, any serious outbreak of a communicable disease could easily turn into an epidemic, with the chances of spreading seriously aggravated by the lack of sewage facilities.

T. M. Gerow, district engineer with the State Board of Health, spoke at some length on measures now in the Oregon legislature which bear on the problem, some of which would tend to make easier organized work toward its solution. He also pointed out that other suggestions for legislation have been made, although no bills have been introduced, including the possibility of county courts being given authority to force installation of sewers in areas of health emergency, then assessing adjoining property to pay for them; giving courts authority to force the organization of sanitation districts; allowing the formation of county-wide sanitation districts (similar to the one now in use in and around Los Angeles) to provide for over-all planning; and another which would give a city authority to force annexation of an area where a health emergency arises.

Seek Group Solution

Gerow, Mrs. Guch, and Mrs. A. C. Uridel, chairman of the committee, emphasized that the committee is not forcing anything on anybody; that all who have ideas on the problem would be welcome, and that it is hoped that out of group consideration of the situation, some solution can be found.

Those attending last night will be informed by card of the next meeting, which will also be announced in the press.

OWL CAR

Yreka, Calif.—(U.P.)—Blase inspectors at the state agricultural quarantine station at Hornbrook, used to finding almost anything in cars they inspect, were finally startled when an auto drove up with an owl perched on the front bumper. The equally astonished driver could explain only that several large birds flew in front of the car several miles up the road.



RESCUE BOATS cruise main street of Maitland, Australia to evacuate residents on marquee of building. Disastrous flood waters killed 48 persons and made 20,000 homeless. (International)

4-H Club News

Antelope Club

Antelope 4-H Cooking club met March 5 at Alice Woolfolk's home. Members discussed what to serve at the buffet supper at Gardner's, March 18. Committee members for the supper and entertainment are Linda and Jo Anna Mallorey, Lucy Gardner and Tessie Ragsdale; invitations, Leolyn and Donna Brock and Jane and Ruth Westover.

March 15 is the day set for our visit to the market in Medford. We are to meet at the Big Y at 11 o'clock. April 16 has been set for Demonstration day. Next meeting will be April 2 at Murray's.

Leolyn Brock, Reporter.

Eagle Point Club

Eagle Point Sewing club met Feb. 21 at the home of the leader, Mrs. Huffman. Susan Palm had her pattern so Mrs. Huffman fitted it on her and the other members are to have their patterns at the next meeting. Mrs. Huffman served refreshments.

Marianne V. Starkey, Reporter.

Eagle Point 3-C Club

Eagle Point Child Care club met Feb. 22 at the home of Don-

na and Leolyn Brock. Members discussed having a St. Patrick's party and decided to have a work meeting at the Brock home to begin work on scrap books. Donna and Leolyn served refreshments.

Marianne V. Starkey, Reporter.

Eagle Point Homemakers

The Homemakers club of Eagle Point met Feb. 16 in the high school. The leader is Mrs. Vida Starkey and her assistant is Marianne V. Starkey. Officers are Frances Huffman, president; Joan Konopasek, vice-president; Janet Burk, secretary; Jo Lynn Gastonguan, treasurer; Sharon Cartwright, yell and song leader; Dawn Clark and Sandra Wallis, food chairmen; Sharon Simmons, sergeant-at-arms; Jean Farley, reporter. Marianne Starkey gave us our books and a St. Patrick's party was discussed. Joan Konopasek served refreshments.

Next meeting will be March 9 in the high school. Janet Burk and Jean Farley will serve refreshments.

Jean Farley, Reporter.

Trail Sewing Club

The Trail Sewing Circle met at the Hume ranch, March 3. The leader, Mrs. Hume gave us

scarfs and sequins for keeping a chart on hanging up our clothes at home. We spent the evening sewing on our scarfs. This was an added project as Rogue Elk Extension unit bought the material.

Jackie Hume, Reporter.

Sew A Stitch Club

Sew A Stitch club met March 3 at 2411 Crater Lake ave. We worked on pincushions. Next meeting will be March 24.

Diana Nordstrom, Reporter.

COLD ROBIN

Riverton, Conn.—(U.P.)—When Mrs. Carl Thomsen looked out her window she saw two things—a robin and a thermometer that read 10 below zero.

St. Patrick's Day Dance Set by DAV

The Jackson county chapter of Disabled American Veterans will hold a St. Patrick's day dance March 17 to raise funds for its new salvage rehabilitation relief project, it was announced today.

Tickets for the dance are now on sale. It will be held in Walker's Dreamland dance pavilion the evening of St. Patrick's day. The five-piece band of Jimmie Rea, all of whom are DAV members, will play. The general dance theme will be Irish, and Patrick (Paddy) Graham is dance committee chairman.

He said there has been a good demand for tickets already. They can be purchased at Brown's cafe and Brown's Barber shop, Crain and Mohr hardware, Busy Bee cafe, Bohemian club, Veterans club, Roxy Ann market on Spring st., and DAV headquarters, 1515 North Riverside ave.

Boy Scouts

Troop 8

Troop 8 held its regular meeting Tuesday. We talked about the Camporee which will be held in April. We made plans for Scout Camp. Troop 8 will go the second week of Scout Camp and will have Cherokee and Comanche strips. We broke up into advancement classes. The meeting was closed by Bruce Hanson, senior patrol leader. Gene Harvey, Scribe.

Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—A housewife cooked a 12-pound ham and placed it in a pan out in the back yard to cool. A dog ran off with the dinner.

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