

January 16 Elections Ordered In Two Annexation Districts

Proposal Is Second Offer for Services To City Fringe Area

The Medford city council Tuesday night ordered annexation of two areas, one of them about 1,190 acres southeast of present city limits, subject to the approval of residents in the areas. Elections in both areas will be held Jan. 16.

The annexation move is the second offer to provide city services to a rapidly expanding area. In July this year, voters in an area surrounding the city to the south rejected annexation.

Assessed Value

The present area southeast of Medford was included in the earlier proposal. Since July, however, a number of persons interested in establishing extensive subdivisions and promoting construction of Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, have added their support for annexation of the area.

Petitions bearing signatures of a majority of residents in the area were submitted for council consideration. Both the council and the planning commission studied the proposal before action was instigated to annex the area.

One of the areas—a county "island"—was formed when individual property owners petitioned for annexation. The "island" is about three and a half blocks in Siskiyou Heights extension just north of Verde Hills subdivision.

Boundary Listed

The other, larger area extends from the southwest corner of Foothill and Hillcrest rd. in a general southerly direction to Barneburg hill. The area includes the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital site on the west side of Murphy rd. The proposed city limits follow property lines around Barneburg hill and extends north along the east side of Ellendale dr. to south of Barnett rd. The boundary extends east to Bear creek, and follows the creek to the present city limits.

According to city officials, the larger area includes about 125 residences, with a population of approximately 447. There are three stores, four farm barns, one crematorium, two mausoleums, one radio station, a golf course and two churches.

The area includes both the IOOF cemetery and the Siskiyou Memorial park.

Assessed Value

City Manger Robert Duff estimated the assessed valuation of both areas about \$370,400. The larger area has an assessed valuation of \$343,260, and the Siskiyou Heights extension area about \$27,140, Duff said.

Duff pointed out that should residents approve annexation, city services would be available, some of which are tentatively planned for next summer.

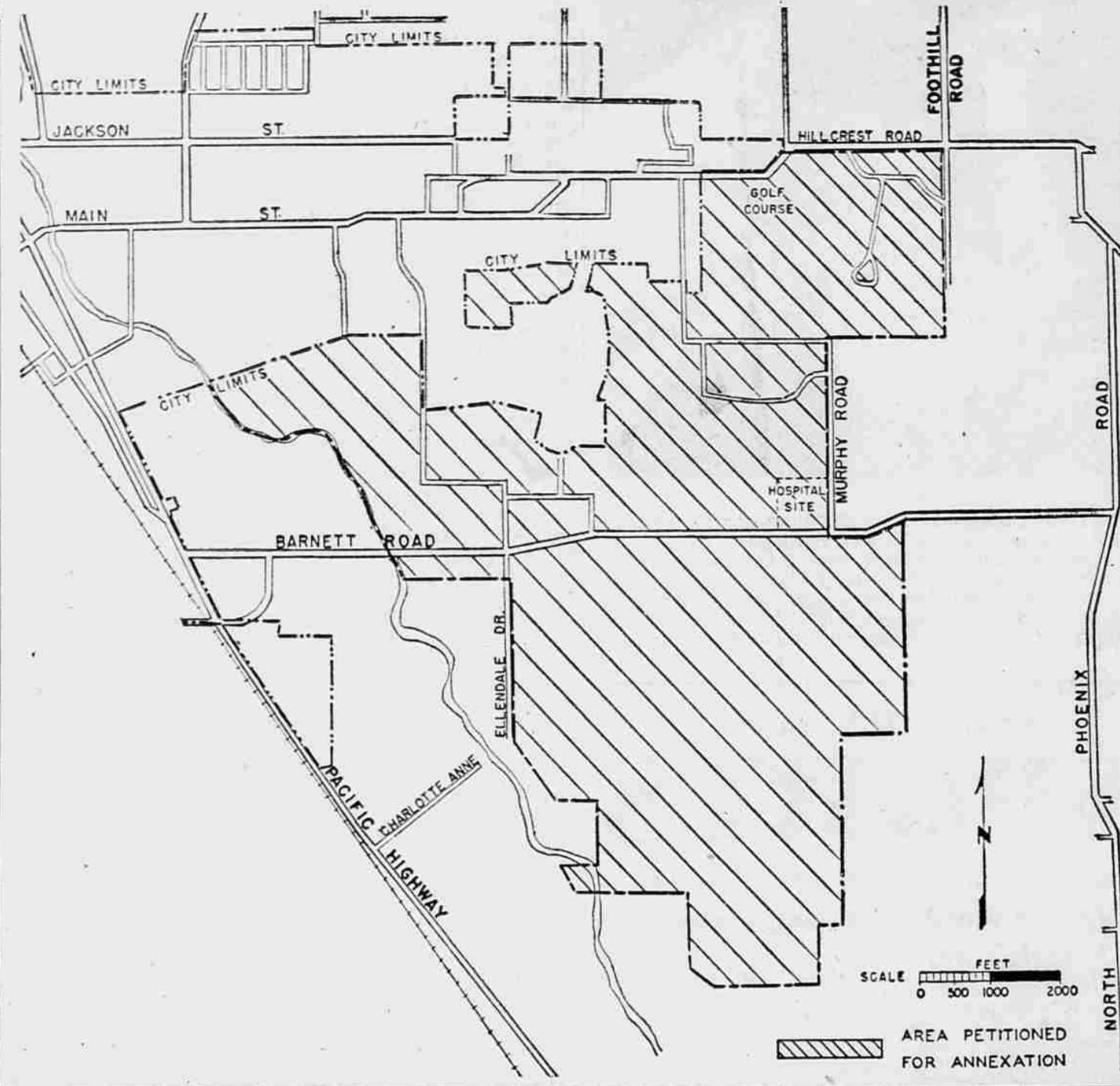
One of the major services would be a trunk line sewer along Barnett rd. Duff said tentative plans call for construction to be started by June next year. The trunk line sewer will cost an estimated \$78,090, Duff said, and will extend from about the hospital site westward to Bear creek and north along the east side of Bear creek.

Supporters of Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, for which construction funds are being subscribed, pointed out that a commitment for sewer facilities must be made, and construction of the hospital started, in June if the organization is to receive Hill-Burton federal funds. An application for the funds, totaling \$-63,000, has been approved by the state board of health.

Serve Verde Hills

A Barnett rd. trunk line sewer also would serve residents of Verde Hills subdivision. Residents have petitioned the council for immediate consideration of a sewer system because of adverse sanitary conditions. About a month ago, Verde Hills residents requested comparative costs of installation of a trunk sewer line along Barnett rd. and a pumping station which would utilize present lines.

City officials pointed out that a pumping station would suffice for a while, but within a few years present lines would be



overloaded. They noted that a trunk line along Barnett rd. would better serve Verde Hills.

Assessed On Property

Under the plan, financing installation of trunk line sewers would be assessed against the property served by the trunk line.

A trunk line sewer along Barnett rd. also will serve a big subdivision development planned on Barneburg hill by Claude McIntyre. The Medford planning commission has given

tentative approval to the Mont Crest subdivision plat, subject to sanitary facilities being available.

Water facilities also will be started next year if the area is annexed. Duff said estimated costs of installing a 10 or 12 inch water main along Barnett rd. to Murphy rd. would be about \$42,000, and that such a main will have to be installed almost immediately. He noted that some of the cost will be assessed against property served, but added that the city water department will finance much of the installation.

Estimate Given

Depending on development in the area, Duff said, the water department has estimated that about \$96,000 will be expended for mains in the area within the next two or three years. The expenditure includes installation of a 24-inch trunk water main between Capitol hill and the reservoir site on Barneburg hill.

Duff said construction of a reservoir on Barneburg hill is in long-range plans for municipal development. He noted, however, that if area development demands, it would be constructed sooner.

Installation of lateral water and sewer mains depends upon residents submitting petitions to the council. Financing of lateral mains will be assessed against property served.

Annexation of the area also will provide residents, businesses and farming areas protection under municipal zoning ordinances.

Duff pointed out that the area, if annexed, will be annexed as a residential district. However, the council at its last meeting directed the planning commission to study possible zones in the area, so that, once annexed, it may be zoned as quickly as possible to fit present uses and for future development.

Protection Seen

City officials noted that zoning helps protect investments in homes and businesses, as well as farming. They pointed out that farming and agriculture are permitted under present ordinances, and that consideration is being given a possible agriculture zone.

One resident of the southeast area expressed concern at Tuesday's council meeting that land across Murphy rd. from the hospital site will be in the county, where no zoning regulations would restrict use of the land. The resident did not want some commercial business to develop across from the hospital. City officials pointed out that a county planning commission is being considered by the county court which could control such use of the land.

Police, Fire Protection

In addition to zoning protection, residents will be provided with city police protection and fire protection. Residents presently are protected through the Medford Rural Fire district, but city officials pointed out that only one pumper truck is re-

quired to answer calls in the rural district. If needed, all city equipment responds to a call anywhere within the city.

Duff noted a necessity to have all fire equipment available when Rogue Valley Memorial hospital is constructed.

Additional police protection would consist of resident's requests to watch vacant houses during vacations, to check prowler calls, and other disturbances in the area. Many of the services are available through state police or the sheriff's office, but because of limited personnel in each organization, city officials believe residents will be better protected if the area is annexed.

Street Construction

Street construction within the area will be done when residents submit petitions for street improvements. Improvements include curbs and gutters in addition to improved street surfaces. Maintenance would be provided within the city at present, Duff said.

The city public works department will install street lights in the area when the need arises, Duff said.

School district boundaries will not change automatically should the area be annexed, Duff pointed out. Much of the area is in the Phoenix school district, and would remain in that district unless changed by the county school board.

Duff said several residents in the area have inquired about school boundaries, expressing a desire to send children to Medford schools.

Human Relations In Accidents Discussed At Conference Here

There is no such thing as an "accident in the usual sense of the word," Melvin L. Murphy, director of Mental Health association of Oregon, said yesterday.

He said there are emotional and physiological reasons behind most people's "need for an accident." Murphy spoke to about 325 delegates attending the Southern Oregon Industrial Safety conference here.

Four Factors

His topic was "Human Relations in Accident Prevention." He said there are four things which are among the most important in respect to the human side of safety—hostility, love, need for excitement and a responsibility for fellow employees.

Murphy said that contrary to popular opinion, it is acceptable and normal to become angry. He noted, however, the danger is when anger is misdirected or hidden. He said that too many times anger is taken out on the individual person, the wrong person, or machinery with which the persons is working.

The need for love is one of the most important things in our life, Murphy said, and noted that love usually is present, but not always recognized. The need for excitement, Murphy said, is because some employees desire to make work more exciting. Our present day life, he said, does not provide socially acceptable excitement as it did during the movement westward.

Employee Important

He said the responsibility for fellow employees is almost self-explanatory. He noted that employees should recognize the importance they play in industry. He said accidents often are caused because the employee thinks he is not important on the job.

Other speakers on the morning general session included officer Joe Haystead of Roseburg, Commissioner William A. Callahan, of the state industrial accident commission, and Lou O. Arens, also of the SIAC.

Haystead, of the Oregon State police, said the real cause for many accidents remains a mystery, despite the fact complete investigations are made. He noted that in the past 40 years, more people have been killed on the nation's highways, than in wars.

Callahan praised regional safety conferences, pointing out that more delegates attended such meetings rather than a governor's conference on safety. Besides Arens, G. S. Kallenbaugh, director of the accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission, also participated.

Turtle Club Award

Jack Morgan of the California Oregon Power company was presented an award by the Turtle club as a workman whose life was saved because he was wearing a metal hat.

Morgan, while working near Yreka, Calif., as knocked to the ground with a "hot stick" which fell from a pole while he was controlling a rope at the foot of the pole. Morgan suffered lacerations, but no serious injuries. He was struck on the head.

The afternoon session yesterday was devoted to panel discussion sessions on logging and

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New Chamber of Commerce Officers Named, To Take Office in January

New Chamber Officers To Take Over Duties in January, 1956

The three newly-elected officers of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will take office the first week in January and serve through 1956. Eight new members of the board of directors will assume their duties at the same time.

Otto Ewaldsen will be installed as president. Before World War II he lived in Savannah, Ga., where he was employed by a bank. He joined the Army, and was stationed in Panama for a time before the war, later serving as topographical officer in the engineers at Camp White, and in the southwest Pacific.

In 1945 he left the Army and returned to Medford, where he became connected with Swem's

Gift shop, of which he is now manager.

He has been active for the past 10 years in a variety of community activities. A member of the Zion Lutheran church, he is also a past vice-president of the Rotary club; a past president of Toastmasters, past vice-president of the local Red Cross chapter, is a Red Cross director, and is on the board of the Jackson County Housing authority. For two years he was chairman of the Retail Merchants committee of the chamber. He is now serving his third year as a chamber director, is active in the Army reserve, and is vice-chairman of the board of education of School District 49.

Bob Root was named vice-president. He is operator of Crater Lake orchards, and is an officer of the Myron Root company. A native of Jackson county, he has lived in Medford for 39 years, and attended Southern Oregon and Oregon State colleges.

Many Activities

Root has been active in the Fruit Growers league, both as a director and as president. He has served as a director of the YMCA, served on the board of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation association, and as a director of the Medford Plan. A former state representative from this county for two terms, he served on the state interim highway committee, and recently was appointed a member of the state water resources commission. He is now president of the Rogue Valley

Traffic association.

For many years it has been a practice of the chamber of commerce to name an officer of one of the banks as treasurer, with the office going to a different bank on alternate years. Clarence Young, vice-president and manager of the Rogue Valley State bank, was elected to the office this year. The bank moved to Medford from Eagle Point last year.

Young has lived in the Rogue valley since 1952, moving here from Gold Beach where he was executive vice-president of the Curry County bank. He served as president of the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the school board and city council there.

He is a member of the Eagle Point Lions club, is active in the Presbyterian church in Medford, the Hillah Temple of the Shrine, the Malta Commandery, and the Crater Lake chapter of the Royal Arch Masons.

Jacksonville Plans For Santa's Arrival

Jacksonville — Santa Claus will arrive in Jacksonville next Saturday night and will be at the Community hall to pass out bags of candy to children.

Santa is being sponsored by Jacksonville merchants and Police Chief Frank Carter. He will arrive in town aboard the city's fire truck about 7 p.m. He will parade down California st., and turn on the city's Christmas decorative lights before going to Community hall.

An orchestra composed of members of the Jacksonville High school band will play during Santa's visit.

Merchants are also planning a nativity scene contest. Prizes will be awarded after store scenes are judged next Saturday night.

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