

Three 'Alternatives' Suggested To Solve Berrydale Sanitation

Three "alternatives" were suggested last night to Berrydale residents as methods of solving the sanitation problem there rather than annexing to the city of Medford.

They were proposed at a meeting held at Howard school, called by the "Committee on Fair Play," which is opposing annexation. William Doernbach, a member of the committee, conducted the meeting. It was attended by more than 100 Berrydale residents, some for and some against annexation.

The committee's first alternative was based on the premise the Medford city council would change its policy on extending city services to areas outside the city limits, something the city has indicated repeatedly it will not do.

Bure of Council
Doernbach, however, said he was sure the council would not be "vindictive" against Berrydale or let it "rot in its own stew" if its residents voted down annexation a second time. Berrydale residents will vote on the annexation proposal Wednesday, May 22.

Earlier Doernbach accused the council of starting a "get tough" policy in withdrawing city services to perimeter areas in 1955 "to force them to annex."

He added, "Medford is derelict in its duties in not cleaning up the sanitation problem in Berrydale, as it constitutes a danger to city residents as well."

Changing Conditions
Nick Gier, chairman of the Berrydale Sanitation committee which is supporting annexation, answered that the city changed its policies because of changing conditions. "Policies the city held a few years ago are not applicable now," he said.

He referred to a recent statement issued by City Manager Robert Duff that, "the city must enlarge to keep pace with the growing population, while residents outside the city have no responsibility, even though by using city facilities they decrease its capacity and contribute to the need for expansion."

Another "alternative" proposed

ed by the committee was a sewer lagoon, which was described as "cheap and feasible." According to Doernbach this would be an open-air pool constructed on a 10-acre site and would be from three to five feet deep.

He said, according to plans used for sewer lagoons in other states, algae would be planted on the banks and bottom of the pool and through a chemical action would destroy germs and the odor emanating from such a pool. The effluent could be channeled into the Rogue River. About 2,000 residents could be served by the system, Doernbach said.

Problem of Idea
The problem with the "sewer lagoon" idea, according to Doernbach, would be finding a centralized location in Berrydale where the 10-acre pool could be constructed.

The third "alternative" was that the Berrydale area incorporate and construct its own disposal unit and sewer system. Verl Walker, chairman of the committee, told the audience it was possible for Berrydale to construct its own sewer system at less cost than the city could.

Later in the meeting tempers flared between residents for and against annexation. Those supporting the annexation proposal asked the committee to "Put up or shut up!" stating that none of the alternatives suggested could solve Berrydale's problem.

Others opposed to annexation answered that the area should be "allowed to solve its own problems." Toward the end of the meeting a comment that "We should build our own sewer!" brought loud applause. The meeting lasted almost three hours.

Members of the committee noted that one thing the entire area has in common is its need for sewers. They said the best way to accomplish this end is through a "community sewer system." They added that the area must first "unify its thinking" before it could organize a sanitation district.

Some members of the committee indicated they had further plans for such a district but at this time did not want to "give away all their ammunition to the opposition."

Other Berrydale residents took issue on this point. They said how could the area "unify

its thinking" if leaders in the community would not "lay their cards on the table."

Members of the Fair Play committee speaking against annexation were C. C. Chapman, Marian Bossler and James Redden, Medford attorney.

Redden warned if the area was annexed the city then would have the right to zone Berrydale "as it sees fit." He added that nonconforming businesses in residential zones would not be allowed to expand and that Berrydale some day might become an industrial area if it was annexed.

Gier pointed out the city would zone areas in such a manner that they would be "consistent with good planning," and for the eventual long range benefit of the area.

Controversy developed over the point whether or not the War Assets administration had given the city of Medford its sewage disposal plant at Camp White for use by the whole valley or just by the city.

Doernbach claimed "This gift was given for public use, not private." Gier, however, pointed out the government had sold the disposal unit to Medford for \$1 with the plan in mind that the city eventually would claim full title to the Camp White plant.

Medford city officials pointed out at a recent city council meeting steps are now being taken to acquire full title to the property. They said the city can now issue bonds for any expansion to the disposal plant for construction of facilities to it.

Jim Bunker Elected FFA Group President

Eagle Point—Jim Bunker was elected president of the Eagle Point Future Farmers of America chapter at a meeting last week.

Other officers to serve during 1957-58 include Howard Wilde, vice president; Dewey Johnson, secretary; Art Gardner, treasurer; Carl Weisbrod, reporter; and Bill Hubbard, sentinel.

Installation of chapter officers was held after the election. Chapter members also reported they plan to sell fire extinguishers soon as part of their safety campaign. They also intend to sell some cabbage, tomato and pepper plants.

NEWS NOTES from Medford High School

Edited by James Boyd and Linda Robertson.

Will a Medford High parent-teacher-student association work? This question is being discussed by students and teachers who have had experience with similar groups in the past.

On Tuesday, May 21, all MHS parents, teachers, and students have been invited to attend an organizational meeting for the PTSA. At this meeting the by-laws (a copy of which may be obtained at the high school office) will be discussed and voted upon. Unlike elementary PTAs, the PTSA will include high school students in its membership thus insuring equal representation.

Comments made about the organization have been varied. "I don't think a need exists in the high school," states Kay Nicodemus, secretary of the History, Economics, and Civics Association.

Senior class treasurer Greg Milnes enthusiastically supports the organization with the statement, "I think it's a darn good idea."

John Hansen, exchange student from Denmark, states, "I think it's a good idea but I don't know if it'll be too effective."

Among the fears of some students is the possibility that power would be taken away from the student council and vested in the PTSA. Some teenagers cite the fact that they may have their voices and criticism heard. This, some think, will be a better way to accomplish it.

The faculty, at the moment, appears to be only lukewarm about the idea. Several teachers have held positions in high schools with parents organizations and have either seen them fail or not fulfill their purpose. The MHS faculty has a full schedule of meetings, and because of their jobs, they would have to join the new organiza-

tion. The parents, in contrast to this, do not have to add this extra burden to their schedules. It is generally realized that, ideally, the PTSA could work. It is also recognized that it could "float" completely unless a majority of mothers, fathers, students, and teachers support it. Students want a sounding board; parents need to know what their children's school is doing; and teachers always ask for parent comment on inspection of their work. This PTSA could do with proper support.

On Thursday, May 16, the Future Nurses of America club went to Sacred Heart hospital for a tour of the building. They visited the kitchen, laboratory, surgery room, several wards, offices, and the highlight of the day, the nursery. After the tour the girls were served at a tea in honor of National Hospital week.

Bryan Schroeder defeated Bob Bright in the Boys' league championship chess game. Bryan has downed all comers and will now be presented with the champion's cufflinks. The Boys' league sponsors several tournaments during the year including horse shoes, bowling and chess.

The Junior class officers for next year will be Harold Sexton, president; Dick Monroe, vice president; Sharon Blinkenstaff, secretary; Frank Peterson, treasurer; and Nancy Picard, class representative.

After vigorous tryouts this past week, Judy Anderson, Winnie Gott, Susan Hubbard, and alternate, Sonja Lee emerged victorious as next year's senior rally squad members. For the juniors, Nancy Picard, Judy McGraw, and Shirley Rutherford made the grade. Yell leaders are Steve Morris, Larry Berteau, and alternate, Kent Sherry.

Spica One of Outstanding Celestial Stars of Spring

By FAY BENTLEY
The spring sky is adorned with sparkling celestial jewels of rare beauty. One of the outstanding gems in the starry firmament is brilliant, blue-white Spica, a first magnitude star about 1,000 times as bright as our sun.

Spica, the only bright star in the constellation, Virgo the Maiden, is a binary or double star. Binary stars are two stars held loosely together by gravitational attraction in somewhat the same manner as our earth and the moon.

The smaller star revolves constantly around the larger one as they journey through space. Spica's traveling companion is a blue star of 10th magnitude which cannot be seen with the naked eye, as the faintest star which unaided vision is able to detect is of sixth magnitude.

Brighter Star
A smaller number expressing magnitude indicates a brighter star than a large number. Sirius, brightest star in all the heavens, is of magnitude less than one or -1.58. The apparent magnitude of the sun is considered to be approximately -26.7.

Fortunately, Spica is more than a quadrillion (one with 15 zeros behind it) miles from the earth as the blue-white color of this giant sun indicates one of the hottest stars. Its temperature is given as about 20,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Virgo the Maiden, or the Virgin as it is sometimes called, is a group of rather dim stars. Only Spica is outstanding in brilliance. During the first part of March the Maiden rises in the east soon after sunset and adds much to the beauty of the eastern and southeastern skies as it moves along the ecliptic or the path the sun appears to follow in its daily journey across the celestial dome.

Almost Due South
By May 18, Virgo will be almost due south by 9 p.m. and practically half way between the horizon and the zenith, as the overhead point in the sky is called.

To locate this star picture, begin with the last star in the handle of the Big Dipper and follow a curved line downward and to the right for about twice the length of the Dipper handle. This will lead to the orange-yellow star, Arcturus.

Continue this curving, imaginary line downward and to the right for a slightly greater distance and you will touch the scintillating star, Spica. Its blue-white light will aid in identification as will also the fact that no other bright stars are close to it.

To the right of Spica and somewhat higher in the sky lies a curved line or arc of five stars, which with one dim star directly above Spica, and others above and to the left of this giant sun, is supposed to outline the form of a half-reclining maiden who holds in her left hand a spike of wheat.

Goddess of Justice
Mythology identifies Virgo with Astraea, the goddess of justice who lived on earth during the Golden Age, when the gods spent much time living happily with mortals.

Sunday, May 18, 1957

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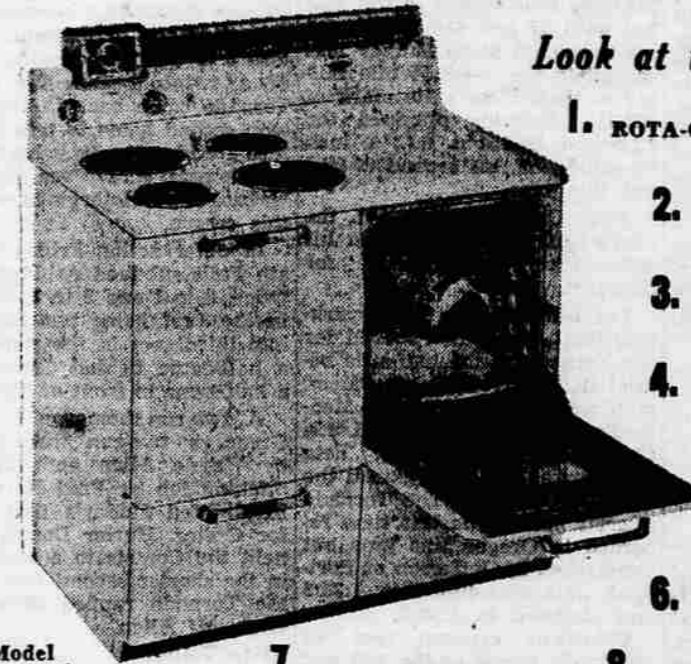
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