

Public Hearing on \$277,000 Berrydale Sewer Thursday

Berrydale residents this week have a long-awaited chance to solve their sanitation problem.

A public hearing on the proposed \$277,000 Berrydale sanitary sewer system has been called for 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

If public response at the hearing is sufficiently favorable, Medford's city council can be expected to order in the project.

After that, if other steps proceed on schedule, city officials predict the project may be completed next October.

Proposed District

The proposed assessment district for the sewer would include the entire Berrydale area within the city limits west of Bear creek except for a small area near the Big Y.

The estimated cost includes \$233,000 for construction and \$44,000 for engineering, right of way purchases and contin-

gencies. The city itself is committed to contribute \$29,000. The individual property owner would pay for the following:

1. A lateral assessment;
2. An acreage assessment;
3. A connection fee;
4. The cost of installing a sewer line on his own property to the point of connection;
5. A fee for city inspection of the connection.

Assessments, under the Bancroft plan, can be paid over a 10-year period by a downpayment and semi-annual installment payments.

Estimated Assessment

The estimated lateral assessment is \$3 per front foot of property abutting on a sewer line. If the line should be constructed along an easement across private property, the property owner would be assessed for the length of line at the \$3 rate. For corner lots, or other properties abutting on sewer lines on two sides,

a 100-foot exemption is proposed.

Those whose property does not happen to abut on a sewer line, according to City Manager Robert A. Duff, would not have to pay a lateral assessment.

The acreage assessment rate is estimated at \$198.50 per acre. In this category, a minimum assessment of \$79.50 per lot or tract of less than 17,000 square feet is proposed. (An acre equals 43,560 square feet.)

Connection Fees

Connection fees cover the cost of installing pipes from the main line across the public right of way to the edges of private properties. City officials have decided a flat rate—estimated at \$75—is preferable to charging individuals for the cost of each particular connection.

They point out that if the main line runs along one side of a street, longer connections are required to reach the properties on the far side. They believe it unfair to penalize those across the street with a high connection fee than that for the properties on the same side of the street as the line.

The property owner is responsible for connecting his own sewage plumbing to the connection line at the edge of his property. Prior to installing this private line, he must secure a building permit from the building department at city hall.

Cost of Inspection

Finally, he must pay a small fee for connecting his line to the connection line. This covers the cost of inspection of the hook-up by a city plumbing inspector.

City officials point out that the combination of lateral

assessment and acreage assessment is the same as that used for the Southeast Medford, Kenwood-Grandview and Laurelhurst districts.

The city council agreed last August that \$29,000 should be contributed to the cost of the project from the city's sanitary sewer fund. This commitment followed the council's approval of the present plan calling for location of a pumping station outside the city limits.

Two Plans Presented

Two plans were presented to the council. The one rejected provided for a pumping station inside the city. It would have cost \$5,000 less, but city funds would not have been available.

The approved plan, while \$5,000 more expensive, is to cost Berrydale property owners a net sum of \$24,000 less in assessments because of the city's \$29,000 contribution. Money from the city's sanitary sewer fund, City Manager Robert A. Duff explained, is only available to projects extending outside the city limits.

The city is now eight months behind its original schedule for the project, officials admit. They offer three reasons for the delay.

The first was the necessity for coordination with the state highway department on where to put the pumping station. State engineers were reportedly debating whether to elevate the proposed Highway 99 freeway over Table Rock rd. or visa-versa. The pumping station's location was to depend on the decision.

Agreement Reported

An agreement to bridge Table Rock rd. over the freeway route was reported in January. City engineers have since decided to place the pumping station east of Bear creek. A siphon across the creek is to connect the gravity line from Berrydale with the station. A pressure line is to run from the station east to the Camp White trunk sewer line.

The second reason was working out a practical method of serving the properties—most of them business establishments—along North Pacific highway. Original plans called for installing the line along the highway itself.

But this, according to Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe, raised complications. Thorpe explained that the state sets higher requirements for backfill work, and would insist that the city provide signs and flagmen to control traffic. He also mentioned the inconvenience to businesses while the construction work cut them off from the highway.

Behind Businesses

Present plans call for installing most of the sewer lines along this stretch across property behind the businesses. Acquiring easements for this installation presents another problem, of course, since some property owners may hold out for reimbursement.

But officials believe any delays in this area would not hold back construction of other sections of the sewer. The third problem was how to deal with the sewer system already in existence serving the area immediately north of the Big Y.

This system was constructed by Marshall Besonette, president of the Big Y super market, following a contract signed with the city, on May 1, 1951. An estimated 15 connections are served by this system. The users are billed by the city water department, and their sewage is piped into the Camp White trunk line to the east.

Three Alternatives

The city was faced with the alternatives of (1) buying the system and incorporating it into the Berrydale system, (2) duplicating it by running new lines through the area, or (3) ignoring it.

Deciding the system's ownership was complicated by the area's annexation to Medford, since it runs partly on what are now public rights of way. Its purchase would have increased the cost of the overall project.

City engineers reportedly inspected the sewer and found it up to city standards, thus dampening the argument for duplication. In the end, in hopes of avoiding legal action, the city has decided to leave the Big Y system alone. The area has accordingly been excluded from plans and from the proposed assessment district.

Long-Time Headache

Sanitation in the Berrydale area has long been a property owner's headache and a health officer's nightmare. Practical-

35 Measles Cases Reported in Week

Thirty-five cases of measles were reported in Jackson county last week. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician has announced. There also were 35 cases of influenza and 36 cases of chicken pox.

Nineteen measles cases were reported in Medford, 9 in Phoenix, 3 in Central Point, 2 in Shady Cave, and 1 each in Ashland and Rogue River. Twenty-four influenza cases were reported in Medford, 6 in Phoenix and 5 in Ashland. Chicken pox cases were reported in Rush 15, Central Point 10, Medford, 8, Rogue River 2, and Jacksonville 1.

Other communicable disease cases were strep throat, 1 each in Eagle Point, Butte Falls, and Shady Cove; scarlet fever, Central Point 3; infectious hepatitis, Central Point 1; tuberculosis, Jacksonville 1; mumps, Eagle Point and Shady Cove 1 each; trench mouth, Ashland 3; petigo, Central Point 1; German measles, Medford 9; Ashland 3, Central Point 2, Jacksonville 1; pneumonia, Medford 3, Central Point 1, Jacksonville 1; butte falls, 1 each; infectious mononucleosis, Jacksonville 1; scalp ringworm, Medford 1; and whooping cough, Medford 2.

Robin Hood Band to Appear on Television

The Robin Hood band, which has been seen in Medford, will open the special Jack Benny show Wednesday night over KBES-TV. The band is composed of more than 100 youths of the Independent Order of Foresters. The band's appearance in Medford was cosponsored by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce and the local IOF lodge.

ly the entire area is situated on an impervious hardpan bed at most only three feet beneath the ground.

Septic tanks have been found inadequate. Their effluent spills out onto the ground and collects in ditches and other low spots. Water standing on the surface for days at a time during the wet season collects this sewage, which creates an odor and a health hazard.

Duff's office has mailed individual notices of Thursday's hearing to Berrydale property owners, and the decision to hold the hearing at the courthouse instead of the city hall council chamber indicates a large turnout is expected.

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Contributor Gets 18 Months

Portland—UPI—Circuit Court Judge James R. Bain Friday imposed a sentence of 18 months on the first defendant in a local vice cleanup involving teenage girls. Joel Robertson, 28, of Portland, pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He had been indicted for the statutory rape of a 15-year old runaway girl from Astoria. Deputy District Attorney Oscar D. Howlett said Robertson was the first of about a dozen indicted as a result of grand jury action.

Mill Workers' Strike Settled

Roseburg—UPI—A dispute between Martin Brothers Container and Timber Products corporation and about 550 employees was settled Friday and a joint company-union announcement said members were going back on the job "immediately." The strike lasted 73 days. The workers were represented by local 2814 of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union here. The dispute was over a company requirement that employees wear safety glasses in their work. No details of the settlement were made known. The strike affected the Sutherlin and Oakland, Ore., plants of Martin Brothers.

FRANCISCO V. LANDI

Madrid—UPI—Francisco Verdugo Landi, 84, noted Spanish journalist, died here Thursday night. He was the founder of "Prensa Grafica", "Mundo Grafico", "Nuevo Mundo", "La Esfera", "Elegancias", and "Aire Libre", illustrated magazines popular in the early years of the century.



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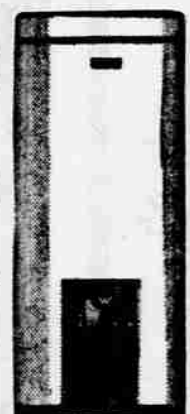
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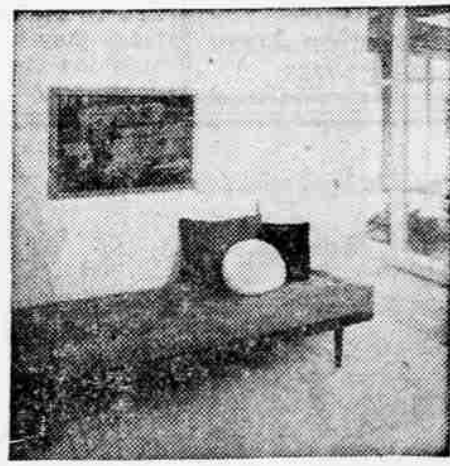
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