

Preliminary Report on Filtering Plant at Gold Hill Discussed

Gold Hill—A preliminary report on the proposed filtering plant for the Gold Hill water supply was given by Ralph E. Roderick, consulting engineer for Cornell, Howland, Haynes and Merryfield Consulting Engineers, Corvallis, at a meeting of the city council recently.

A survey on a proposed filter was made in 1956 by Archie Rice, consulting engineer

for the Corvallis firm. At that time, the estimated cost of the water treatment plant was approximately \$117,000.

Due to increased cost of materials and labor, the proposed filter system at this time is estimated to cost about \$130,000. The estimate is based on an assumed population growth of the city on a 25-year basis.

The estimate cost includes installation of meters at each home. The bonding company demands that meters be installed at each home to guarantee the principal and interest of a bond issue.

An engineering report made by the Corvallis firm on the water treatment facilities is at the city recorder's office where citizens may see it.

City Superintendent Floyd Taylor reported that 15 pounds of chlorine were necessary to purify the water supply Aug. 3. This, he said, is nearly the capacity of the chlorinator machine. Taylor said there is an excessive amount of algae in the Rogue river.

Mayor Milton Steinmetz said that due to the Rogue river being low and the water warm, quality has become a problem. He added that citizens of Gold Hill are entitled to know the extent of contamination before the water is chlorinated for domestic use.

Councilman Delos Walker said the problem will be explained to local residents so they will be informed concerning the reasons for the proposed water treatment system.

Steinmetz commented that state analysis surveys taken at regular intervals of the Rogue river show that consideration of a water treatment system is important, and a future necessity for the city. He said reports taken by Ted Gerow, Grants Pass, district representative for the state health department, are available to those interested.

Roderick pointed out that probably the council is more familiar with the water shed and supply than other people. He said the increased population, number of homes and the expanding industry along the Rogue river decreases the water supply, which presents the problem of health protection through treatment of the water supply.

As the quality of the water gets poorer, he said, it is not a complicated procedure with chemicals to filter it to maintain health and have good tasting clear water. He added that excessive amounts of algae growing in the water during different seasons of the year are not dangerous. However, it does present a taste problem.

Steinmetz said that when the 1958 survey was taken, figures were taken at the power house on water pumping time to determine the maximum amount of water pumped into city mains by the cement company. He said it was necessary to do this to determine the capacity of a filter plant.

The estimated minimum flat meter rate will have to be based on the maximum gallons of water pumped to assure the principal and interest of 4½ to 5 per cent on an anticipated 25-year bond issue since there is no way of knowing the amount of water used.

Roderick said information indicates that the city would have to set an estimated flat meter rate of at least \$5 to \$5.50.

The cost of each gallon of water used more than the cubic feet allowed on the flat meter rate would be determined by a rate schedule per gallon. Approximately 750 to 800 cubic feet of water per month would be included in flat meter rate. Seven and one-half gallons of water equals one cubic foot. Each consumer would be allowed about 200 gallons of water per day at the estimated flat meter rate. The cost per gallon would start after the amount allowed under the flat rate is reached, and each consumer would be charged according to amount used.

The flat meter rate will be based on winter time domestic use, and does not include the cost of any outside watering. Council members said open hose users and those who have been accustomed to wasting water would have to discontinue the practices or pay for each gallon of water wasted.

Councilman Fred Lester said the minimum cost of the flat meter rate has to be set at a figure to assure payment of the bonding interest. Additional funds would be used for operational expenses of the water treatment plant, which would include the cost of lime, alum, chlorine, power, and a man to maintain meters and disposal plant.

Former owners of the cement plant, now owned and operated by the Ideal Cement company, agreed to pump the required amount of city water from Rogue river to the reservoirs without charge in exchange for property formally owned by the city, where the hydroelectric plant is located. The only expense the city has is cost of chlorination and a man to operate the chlorinator machine.

Steinmetz said he wanted the people to fully understand the advantages available in having the proposed plant and meters estimated at \$130,000, compared to the economical water supply which is now provided.

Under the present setup there is a charge of \$1 for each additional lot irrigated during May, June, July and August. There is no restriction on the amount of water a consumer may use. The current monthly water fee is \$3.

Citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions at a public hearing, which probably will be held in September. At that time, Archie Rice will be present to explain the bond issue and the proposed water treatment system thoroughly.

City officials have invited Gerow to attend the meeting. Tentative plans to present a bond issue to the people for the water treatment system will be determined by the general opinion of residents attending the public hearing.

TRAFFIC SYSTEM BOARED
Torin, Poland—(UP)—Traffic planners discovered they had done their work better than they expected Tuesday night. Four wild boars scampered into town and scattered pedestrians off the streets. The boars finally ran back into the woods after being scared by traffic lights.

Communists Said Easing Practices In Communes

Taipei—(UP)—Capitalistic practices still lurk in Communist China's mass labor communes.

National Chinese officials report that the Reds have watered down some of the pure Marxism they attempted to inject into their revolutionary experiment with human labor.

The Sixth Department (mainland intelligence) of Formosa's ruling Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) told United Press International the Communists have retreated from their goals to the extent that they:

- Permit commune husbands and wives to live together.
- Pay some commune members for part of their labor.
- Encourage commune workers to engage in such fields as handicrafts and raising livestock.
- Permit communes to barter among themselves for tools and other equipment which the government was supposed to provide.

Showcase Camps
The full-dress commune system—the epitome of "womb to tomb" socialism—is being practiced in only a few showcase camps, according to Kuomintang officials who are studying life behind the bamboo curtain.

But the Communists still plan to convert all China to pure communes, the Kuomintang says.

The Kuomintang believes that Peiping failed in its original attempt to carry out with whirlwind speed what would be one of the most far-reaching social revolutions ever conceived by man.

The Communists, in the Formosa view, slowed down because they were plagued by inadequate transportation and breakdowns in agricultural and industrial production plans.

Farmers Not Happy
Also, farmers were not happy over the prospect of being uprooted from their ancestral land, the Kuomintang says.

So the Reds retreated a few steps and allowed commune members more private dealings than originally intended.

Small salaries, usually less than one dollar a month, were paid to allow commune farmers to purchase clothes, vegetables and meat when the government could not supply them.

Dormitories in which husbands and wives were supposed to live apart except for an hour or so every two weeks have not been built in most communes, and married couples continue to live at home.

But the Kuomintang believes that Peiping views these "capitalistic" practices as temporary expedients.

The Nationalists consider them unimportant because the Communists' ultimate goal, the Nationalists insist, remains the same: convert all China into a mass labor camp.

ACTRESS SEEKS DIVORCE
Santa Monica, Calif.—(UP)—French-born actress Corinne Calvet Tuesday filed for a divorce from actor Jeffrey Stone, to whom she had been married for four years. Miss Calvet, 33, charged extreme cruelty and sought custody of their child. She and Stone have been separated since last March.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Lloyd Dean Rickard, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Henry Harold Rowell, wrong way one way street, \$10.
Donald Bruce Learn, inadequate equipment (muffler), \$25.50.
Alvin Harold Hiebert, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Elza Winston Despain, failure to yield right of way, \$25.
Richard Louis McLaughlin, expired license plates, \$5.
Gerald Dean Spielbusch, no vehicle registration in vehicle, \$25.50.
Rosa Marie High, excessive noise (tires), \$25.
Mack Sol Walters, 4500 Table Rock rd reckless driving, \$25.
Russell Bruce Jackson, disobeyed red light, \$10.
John Wesley Snow, violation of basic rule, \$10; no Oregon operator's license, \$10.
Loren Charles Forsyth, improper lane usage, \$5; disobeyed red light, \$10.
Herbert Eugene Kelley, excessive noise (exhaust), \$5.
Foster Henry Greb, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Gene Lee Dale, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Arthur Marion Backes, improper lane usage, \$5.
Stella Natalie Romine, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Clayde William Ashinhurst, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Russell Franklin Remmerer, no tail light, \$5.
Dorothy Evelyn Collard, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Irene Margaret Brophy, no Oregon operator's license, \$10.
Jerry Edward Howell, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Harry Eugene Hoxie, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Norman Glenn Gallacci, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Leonard Woodrow Christensen, disobeyed red light, \$5.
James Terry Bohis, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Richard Marshall Burrows, excessive noise (exhaust), \$5.
John Peter Grelinger, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Verna B. Cunningham, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Harold Roger Dailey, excessive noise (tires), \$25.
Kenneth William Peck, no tail light, \$25.
Harold Herbert Vessey, displayed expired vehicle registration plates, \$25.
Kenneth Russ Harper, only one headlight, \$25.
Darrell Lilburn Smylie, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Warren Kay Blessing, failure to yield right of way, \$25.
Eliert Volmer Kellogg, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Raymond Allen Johnson, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Lee W. Dodge, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Kenneth Gene Morris, excessive noise (exhaust), \$5.
Donna Jean Epps, violation of basic rule, \$15.
George Dee Herrick, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Joe Benjamin Sutton, disobeyed red light, \$10.
William A. Hatzl, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Geneva Clair Shindler, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Kenyon Wells Clark, expired operator's license, \$5.
Chester Theodore McKinley, failure to stop, \$5.
Vicente Agnon Flores, driving without headlights on, \$25.
Cecil LeRoy Boles, improper left turn, \$5.
Laree Luras, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Ethel Louise Combs, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Harry Carl Skyman, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Bob Ray Burton, following too close, \$25.
Harold Richard Kline, improper lane usage, \$10.
James Cole Sutton, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Deesse Rodgers Holst, improper left turn, \$5.
Roy Randall Brown, no tail lights, \$5.
Lee Hammonds, expired license tab, \$5.
Louise William Haussler, excessive noise (tires), \$5.
Bernard Anthony Durant, disobeyed red light, \$10.
Ronald Willis Richey, 508 Stearns ave, resisting arrest, \$10; disorderly conduct, \$10; wrong way on one way street, \$15; disobeyed stop sign, \$5; no Oregon driver's license in possession, \$10.
Gerald Keith Chamberlain, 601 South C st, Eagle Point, vagrancy, \$10.
Kenneth Dean Rotan, route 4, box 387, disorderly conduct, 50 days (suspended).
George Auston Clark, 14 South Elliott st., driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages, \$100.

DISTRICT COURT
Dick L. Daniels, overload, \$55.
Marvin C. Putman, no public utility commission permit, \$15.
Merle E. Harper, overload, \$14.
failure to identify equipment, \$15.
Bernard L. Johnson, failure to make traffic stop, \$10.
William K. Stodch, no operator's license, \$10.
Ernest H. Himmelman, failure to make traffic stop, \$10.
John B. Ashby, Sussex, N.J., drunk on public highway, \$30.
Bruce M. Leverett, no operator's license, \$10.
William D. Lewis, failure to make traffic stop, \$10; overload, \$137.
Alfred Ray, overload, \$285.
Kipton D. Marney, improper muffler, \$15.
Janise W. Poor, Bear Creek camp, Medford, drunk on public highway, \$30.
Lester W. Spangler, general delivery, Medford, drunk on public highway, \$30.

CIRCUIT COURT
Bernice Vince Fleming vs. John William Fleming, divorce decree.
Collister Moore vs. Eddie Moore, divorce decree.
Greta Nan Swartzsager vs. Ernest Arnold Swartzsager, divorce decree.
Emma Jane Wilson vs. Charles Wilson, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Duke Gilbert Anderson, 2607 Eastover Terrace, Medford, and Monica Ann Sheets, Forest Grove.
Chester Cordell Langley, Jr., Oakland, Ore., and Jeannine Marie Alie, 1132 West 11th st., Medford.

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