

## Bi-Annual Report of Medford Water Commission Prepared

The bi-annual report of the Medford water commission for 1960-61 has been prepared, and copies are now available at the water department in city hall, according to Robert Lee, city water superintendent.

"The purpose of this report," Lee said, "is to tell our customers what the water department has been doing, what

it is doing now, and what its plans are for the future."

The 20-page report is the first one that has been issued since 1959, Lee said. It contains statistics and charts indicating the growth of the system during the last two decades.

### Revenues Risen

Operating revenues have risen from \$142,532 in 1940 to \$510,636 in 1961, while

operating expenses increased from \$64,632 in 1940 to \$179,122 in 1961.

Total assets of the system have jumped from \$1,319,926 in 1940 to \$6,456,567 in 1961. At the same time, plant value has risen from \$1,097,819 in 1940 to a total of \$5,721,677 in 1961, the report showed.

The number of water users has nearly quadrupled during the period, Lee pointed out,

having increased from 3,982 in 1940 to 11,059 in 1961. The average daily water use by total customers has increased nearly three times: 3,780,000 gallons in 1940, compared to 10,100,000 in 1961.

The report also showed the system had 76 miles of water mains in 1940 but had increased that amount to 179 miles by 1961.

"Our water system is one of

the best in the country," Lee said, "and this report is designed to help explain to our customers how it got that, and the steps we intend to take to keep it the best."

The report pointed out that there have been very few changes in water rates in the system since 1927.

### Rise In Costs

"However, the constant rise in costs in past years," the

report stated, "is going to require an increase in rates in the very near future to continue the high level of service presently provided."

Lee said rate increases amounting to an average of about 10 per cent are planned to go into effect in about a year or two.

Further details on the financial program of the water department can be found on

page 8 of the report.

Lee stressed the report is available free of charge to the public. Upon request, copies will be sent through the mail to interested parties.

### Jobless Insurance

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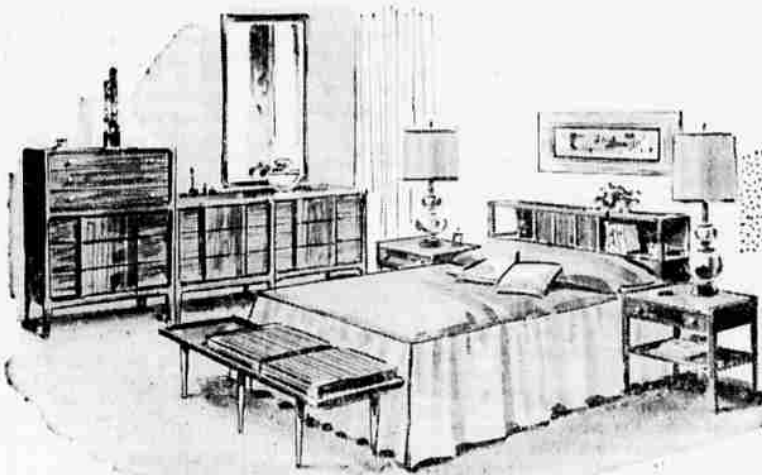


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