

Incorporation of Shady Cove Being Investigated

Shady Cove-The possibility of incorporation as a means of assuring planned expansion and protection of the area is being investigated by residents of Shady Cove, a rapidly growing community on the Crater Lake Highway between Eagle Point and Prospect.

Launching the current investigation is the major project of the Shady Cove Planning association, organized in January this year. It is composed of representatives of service clubs, businesses, the Shady Cove-Trail fire district, and the schools.

Shady Cove, with a population of 1,300, a conservative figure, according to the association has but one organized effort for the protection of its citizenry. This is the Shady Cove-Trail fire district, association spokesmen maintain.

Reporting to all citizens, the association, through the secretary, Mrs. Arlene Walsh, has reviewed the history of the area, which had 904 residents in 1959. The report also predicts the future growth to be expected and calls attention to the problems which a population increase will "aggravate, such as health and sanitation, water supply, sewage disposal and law enforcement."

About 10 years ago an initial attempt to incorporate

was made at Shady Cove. The attempt failed, many people think because of a false impression that the incorporation would commit the citizens to levy a particular tax rate.

The needs cited today are protections and controls. The Shady Cove Planning association meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month to consider ways of accomplishing these needs.

Members report they have received encouraging support from the Jackson county planning commission.

Make Population Increase

The Rogue Basin project, with dam construction planned at the Lost Creek site, is expected to bring both transient and permanent population increases to Shady Cove, the association points out.

Delegates of the association are Ed Houston, representing the Grange; Mel Gibson, Rotary; Archie Worth, Lions, Dr. D. L. Hayes, schools, and Ray Chubb, businessmen.

The only purpose of the association, these delegates emphasize, "is and has been to assess the local situation and to gather information from all levels of government to ascertain the best method of procedure for planned expansion; to determine the assistance and financial aid that could be reasonably expected from outside sources; and to ac-

quaint residents of Shady Cove with the results of their investigation."

Individuals and agencies contacted, the report recites, agree that a continuing population increase will bring serious problems to Shady Cove which will demand immediate solution.

These outside sources also agree that in the final analysis Shady Cove residents will have to solve the problems for themselves and that "it is wiser to do so by preliminary planning and organization than to wait until the problem is at hand and then possibly be forced to accept the dictates of county or state."

The first realization of the association was that Shady Cove has no legally recognized, organized body with which any agency can conduct negotiations. This realization has been amplified by city, county, state and federal representatives, who have conferred with association representatives.

Must Be Legal Party

In order to get any financial aid or even to start negotiations for aid there must be a "legally recognized organized body" that represents the majority opinion of the residents, spokesmen have been informed.

"The consensus of all the representatives of each level of government interviewed is that the best method of procedure would be to incorporate as soon as it is possible to do so," the community representatives stated.

In discussing the incorporation of a city it was emphasized that "a city provides the machinery through which the people may obtain various services they desire and for which they are willing to pay but that the incorporation of a city does not, (and the

group repeated the does not) commit the city to provide any particular service or to levy any particular tax rate."

Advantages In Flexibility

"The advantages of incorporation lie in the fact that it provides greater flexibility immediately in procedures and in financing and allows for expansion of activity as additional problems arise in the city," the report of the association continues.

"The incorporation act provides that there shall be five councilmen, a municipal judge and such other officers as the council deems necessary. The mayor and members of the council receive no salary and there are no legal requirements with reference to salaries. These are determined by the city council."

People of an area, (no part of which lies in an incorporated city) may incorporate if there are 150 of them. The election to ballot on incorporation is set up through petitioning the county court. The petition must carry the names of 20 per cent of the voters of the area seeking incorporation.

If the majority approves the proposal at the polls the incorporation becomes a reality.

Studies and surveys are now being conducted at Shady Cove to ascertain the assessed valuation, land use and topographic arrangement of the area to determine the boundaries of the proposed city.

The next meeting of the Shady Cove Planning association will be July 11 at the River View cafe.

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Shortage of Timber In Western Oregon Forecast in Study

Eugene - Western Oregon, a leading national timber producing area, faces a timber shortage in the near future, according to an extensive study published this month by the University of Oregon bureau of business research.

The study by Dr. Louis Hamill, instructor in geography at the university, indicates that contrary to popular belief there are many evidences that the forest resource of western Oregon is not capable of supporting much longer a high level of production and employment in wood processing industries.

The study, entitled "A Forecast of the Forest Resource and Industry of Douglas and Lane Counties," is available for \$2 from the bureau of business research, University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.

Dr. Hamill points out that since 1951 total employment in the wood processing industry of western Oregon has decreased, but that there has been a tendency to view this downturn as the result of poor markets and competition from other areas.

Not Supported

The assumption that when markets improve there will be a general improvement in the wood processing industries is not supported by the evidence, he writes.

He shows that there has been an over-use of private timber, an under-use of public timber, and inadequate management of both types of ownership. "This pattern of use had to result in timber shortages at some time, and that time seems to have arrived," Dr. Hamill writes.

At the same time, he continues, published information about forest resources of western Oregon is not adequate to determine clearly the ability of the resource to support required levels of employment in the future.

Of Great Importance

"This fact is of great importance, for it indicates that there is not adequate information available about timber, the natural resource which is

Two Persons Flown Nearer Their Homes

Two persons were flown by Mercy Flights to areas closer to their homes Friday after medical treatment here.

Taken to the Rehabilitation center at Vallejo, Calif., was William Glenn Jr., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Glenn, Weed, who was injured May 22 in a swimming pool accident.

Returned to his home at Gold Beach was Vincent Curtis.

The Two flights bring to 1,582, the number of patients flown by the non-profit air ambulance service since it was started.

Grants Pass Starts Improvement District

Grants Pass-The Grants Pass city council took action Wednesday night to initiate a sanitary sewer improvement district to encompass all property within the city on the south side of the Rogue river.

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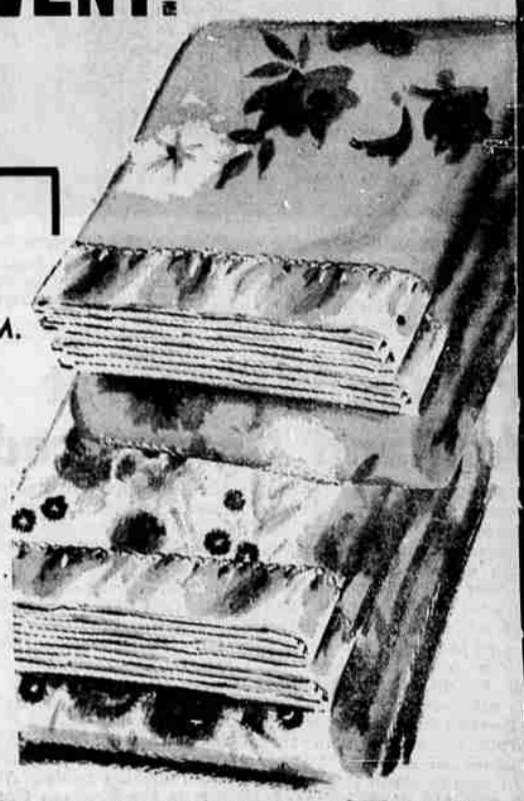
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