

Klamath Falls Ready To Solve Needs Of Future

The city of Klamath Falls is a city governed arrangement of political run by a mayor and five councilmen, but behind the scenes, a quiet-spoken man of distinguished bearing, hair gently fringing grey and possessed of a steel spring-like tenacity is the man who manages the affairs. He's Gerard S. Vergeer Sr., 54, who assumed the position as the first city manager of Klamath Falls in August of 1958.

His selection and assumption of the office ended a hodgepodge of

boards and commissions, and put the city on the road to a continuous, efficiently governed type of operation.

Prior to the advent of the council-manager form of government, the council had been formed into commissions to oversee operation of the police, fire, street and various other city departments.

As he became fully cognizant of the local situation, Vergeer

pulling the reins of the city operation in under his direction. He is always fully accountable to the mayor and the city council, and he leaves any matter of policy up to that body. Otherwise, internal affairs of the city run in a smoothly continuous fashion, oblivious to the political winds that may alter the formation of the elected bodies.

With more than 120 employees and an annual budget that reaches \$1,500,000, he has plenty of

work to do. Besides fending complaints from irritated citizens, he must keep the wheels of government grinding steadily and smoothly.

A police force of 34 is headed by Chief Charlie Howard, and has become motorized in the past few years with a patrol net that includes every nook and cranny of the city. Five patrol cars and a "paddy wagon" are on duty around the clock.

A force of meter maids covers the parking situation in the busy downtown area. Police court is headed by Municipal Judge Clarence Humble with the legal problems of the city in the hands of City Attorney Henry Perkins.

A recent drive for contributions by citizens of the area for the purchase of a rescue unit to be stationed at the fire station has been successful, and this important unit will soon be purchased for use by the community.

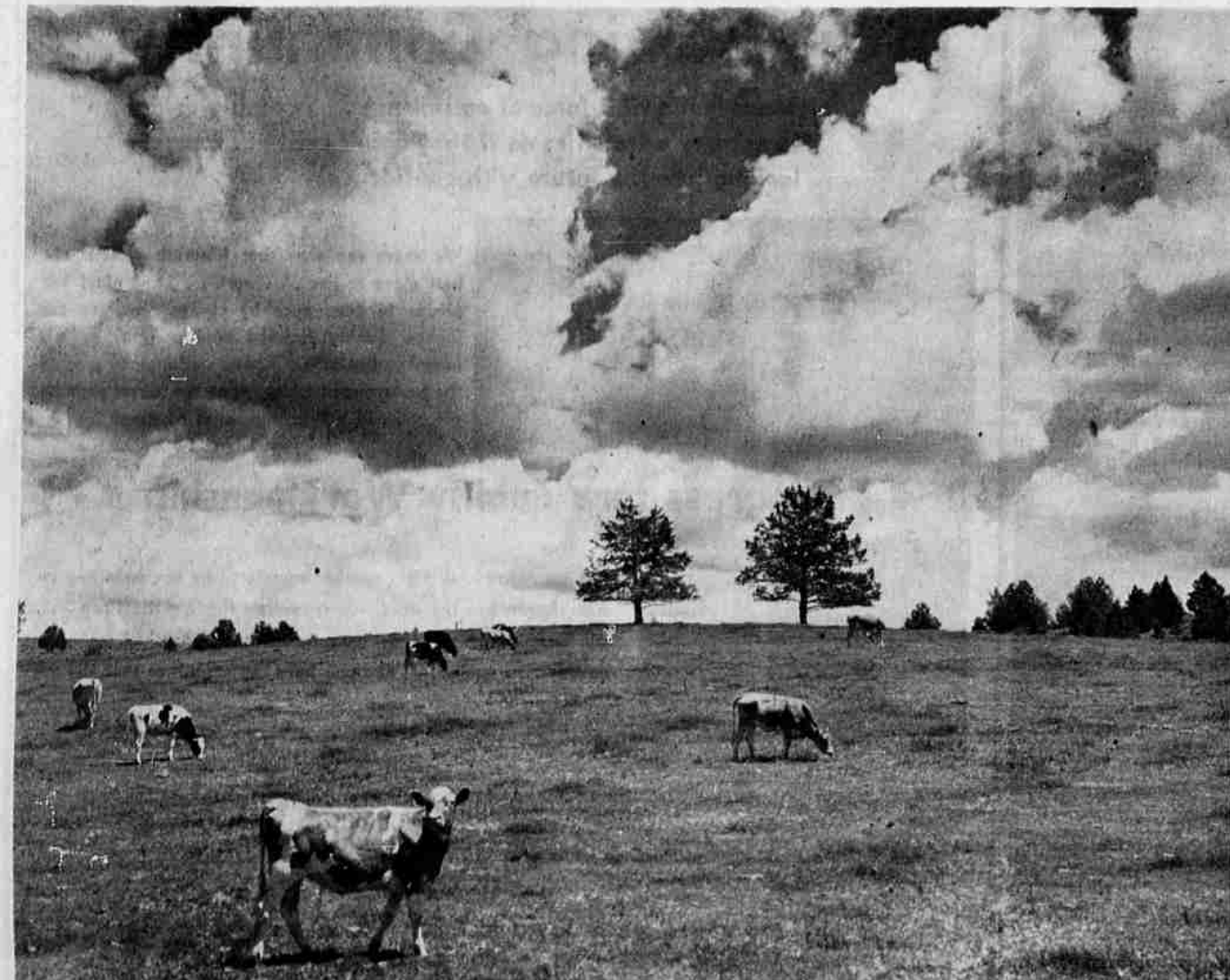
Fire Chief Geno Gheller, a veteran of the department, masterminds activities of this group. The city has been prepared for an expanding future under the astute guidance of Vergeer and such mayors as Paul Landry, Lawrence Slater and the present mayor, Robert Veatch.

The street department has been housed in a newly constructed building conveniently located in almost the center of the city, and on property recently declared surplus by the State Highway Department.

A consistent program of equipment replacement has kept the department prepared to render maximum service to the city. Paul Hamblin handles the problems of the department under overall supervision of the city manager.

Another recent addition to the city is the primary and secondary disposal plants. Tom Barnes handles the problems here. Four trunk interceptors fan out to all parts of the city.

Currently new sewage construction plans are completed for lines to a small section of property on Link River at the north end of Conger Avenue, and another trunk line is planned for an area north of the city where future development is expected since it is near the future site of Oregon Tech.



AN IDYLIC SCENE was captured by the photographer when he combined this view of a peaceful pasture scene with a glimpse of the inspiring clouds of the Klamath Basin. The view was taken on the Sondre

Romtreid ranch in Langell Valley and is typical of the fertile pasturelands in the Basin that make dairying one of its important economic activities.

In recent years, the city has added two new fire trucks to the staff, disposed of outmoded equipment and began a process of modernizing the fire station quarters.

Beautiful, spacious Moore Park is one of the finest available in this section of the state, and offers such facilities as picnicking, tennis, playgrounds, a zoo, space for archery and many other activities.

In addition, a complete recreational activity program is centered around the Klamath Auditorium which is year-round in scope and ranges from kindergartens to the Golden Age Club activities with fun for all ages sandwiched between.

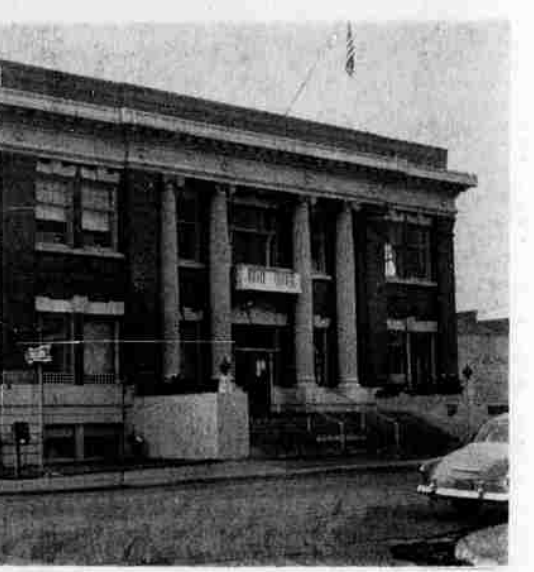


G. S. VERGEER, SR.
... City Administrator

These are just some of the many governmental activities that come under the careful scrutiny of this public official.

The seat of the city government, city hall, has also been remodeled from the basement up. Constructed in 1914, the brick building is prepared for another 25 to 30 years of city activity.

In recent years, the exterior of the building was steam-cleaned and painted, all the wiring in the interior replaced, new quarters constructed for the mayor and



CITY HALL is ready for the years that lie ahead. This building, first constructed in 1914, has been virtually remodeled from top to bottom, including a complete steam-cleaning job on the exterior. The balcony above the front steps is the only archaic feature of this otherwise classically modern structure.

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