

Dorris Council Studies Plan For Sewer System

DORRIS—The Dorris City Council held its regular monthly meeting Jan. 7, with an adjourned meeting Jan. 14 and a special meeting called for Jan. 24.

The first two meetings were attended by George B. Gentry, senior sanitary engineer of the State Department of Public Health at Redding, and City Engineer Oscar Piemme of Yreka, designer of the proposed sewer system for Dorris.

Tom Chaburn, manager of the Butte Valley branch of United California Bank at Dorris, also attended the Jan. 14 meeting.

These meetings were intended to give Dorris citizens the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers. Some 21 citizens attended the first meeting, and several of them returned for the second meeting, plus enough others to make about the same number as attended the first session. None showed up for the third meeting.

Here is what was learned about the proposed \$204,000 sewerage disposal system for Dorris and the \$110,000 bond issue:

Jacoby On Bridge

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North	East
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Good Hand Well-Played

By OSWALD JACOBY
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B. Jay Becker of New York has been one of the best players in the world for a long time and his brother, Skipper of Philadelphia, has not been far behind. Each has two bridge playing sons and while the second generation of Beckers has not yet threatened their parents, all four boys will be life masters soon and all will be real credits to the game just like their fathers.

Mike Becker, sitting North, felt that his slight raise of clubs was a slight underbid. Hence, after his brother, Steve, cue bid spades, Mike decided to cue bid hearts and Steve went on to six clubs after East bid five diamonds. West opened the king of diamonds and shifted to a spade. At this point it might appear that Steve was going down, but it did not look that way to Steve.

He won the spade, entered dummy with a club, ruffed a spade, entered dummy with another club, ruffed dummy's third spade and proceeded to run off the rest of his nine card club suit.

The last club squeezed West. He had to jump on to the jack of spades, because dummy held the ten spot in back of him. The only way he could do that was to blank his king of hearts. Now Steve discarded that ten of spades from dummy and made the last two tricks with the ace and queen of hearts.

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The proposed municipal sewer system comes under the accelerated Federal Public Works program and is designed to create employment. If two-thirds of the voters approve the measure on Feb. 5, the city will be authorized to issue up to \$110,000 in general obligation bonds.

The cost of the sewer system is estimated at \$205,000 in federal funds, plus \$110,000 from the city. An option on 30 acres of land at \$500 per acre, or \$15,000, has been obtained for \$1 from Mountain Valley Moulding Company, of which the former Dorris mayor, "Si" Cramer, is manager. Cramer resigned as mayor to avoid a possible conflict of interest, should the city buy his property.

The council adopted a resolution setting the hookup fee at \$35 after hearing engineer Piemme's estimate of that figure, (councilmen and previously advocated a \$100 hookup fee). This is the service connection to the sewer main in the alleys from the sewer pipes laid from the houses by the property owners, who must pay the cost of ditching, pipe, and changing the plumbing. Piemme said four-inch orangeburg pipe at 30 cents a foot is cheapest.

Should a property owner fail to hookup while the main system is open, but wait until the sewer system is covered and in operation, the cost could be \$65 or more.

The tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation will be 24 cents for the first year, 26 cents for the second year, and 25 cents for the third. Thereafter it will run an average of 18 cents per year. In addition there will be a \$1.50 monthly service charge. The council said both the tax and the \$1.50 service charge per month could be raised or lowered as the need arises.

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Politician Kennedy Leads Democrats Toward Test In '64

By BRUCE BLOSSAT
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WASHINGTON (NEA) — "The President is a politician from the time he gets up in the morning until he goes to bed at night."

This comment by a top White House assistant draws almost no dissent from a host of aides and dozens of professionals in both major parties. John F. Kennedy is seen by many as the most complete political animal to occupy the White House in decades.

Yet his key associates, and leading Democrats across the country, are quick to insist he does not practice politics at the expense of a proper exercise of statecraft or an understanding of government.

Says a friend: "He is very much at home in politics. But he's just as much at home kicking the gong around with Walter Lippmann."

Many Republicans naturally quarrel with the Democratic proposition that the President never puts politics above the national interest. But this rarely affects their judgment of his skills. One GOP spokesman privately calls him a "superb politician."

Acknowledging this, Republicans in the new Congress, nevertheless, are undertaking now a long campaign to "position" the President to his disadvantage for 1964. The President knows the battle is joined—over issues like tax reduction, spending and Medicare—and is in turn trying to box in the GOP.

To search out the ingredients in the political makeup of Kennedy and those he has tied closely to him, this reporter talked with those intimates, with more detached observers, and with leading professionals in some 25 states. Among the evident elements: The President probably knows more politicians personally than

any other chief executive in history. This ties back to his long campaign of 1957-60. Whereas Franklin D. Roosevelt had his Jim Farley to muster support, Kennedy, in the words of Democratic national chairman John Bailey, "went the trail alone."

He gets on the telephone to leaders like California's Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown or Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley—usually not to talk strict politics but to ask things like: "How's the housing desegregation order going to affect your area?"

Kennedy savors the rich, combative detail of politics. Aide Lawrence O'Brien says that often when the President has a free moment his mind seems to gravitate naturally to political matters.

He may recall an exciting turn in the presidential campaign: "Remember when we sat in a room with that guy and he said..."

Or he may look to something new: "Now that the Republicans have the Pennsylvania state house, how is Bill Green (Philadelphia Democratic boss) going to get along without that state patronage?"

David Powers, aide, friend, and "court jester," says Kennedy for years has enjoyed hearing him recite—again and again—vote totals which were significant milestones in his career.

The President's old favorite was the score he ran up in 1932 in his first Senate race against Republican Henry Cabot Lodge. Now it's the small total which would have been enough to switch 50 electoral votes, and the election, to Richard Nixon.

Trying to impress some visitor with how tight things can be in this shades-of-gray era, Kennedy

asks: "Dave, what was that figure?"

Powers, who specializes in election and baseball data, responds: "It was 12,236, Mr. President."

When Kennedy jumped into politics in 1946, he was shy, uneasy, and by his brother Bobby's testimony, "not very good" on remembering names. He has battled hard to improve. Now, insists Powers, "He's the best man on names we have around here."

The President's competitive instincts, sharp enough to embarrass his Democratic foes in 1960, seem not to have flagged with two years in the White House. Powers asserts: "He not only wants to win—he wants all the votes!"

There is nothing formalized or systematic in the President's attention to politics. He keeps no lists of men to call regularly. Political conferences tend to be off-the-cuff affairs, stimulated by the presence of his political aides or the sudden arising of a problem.

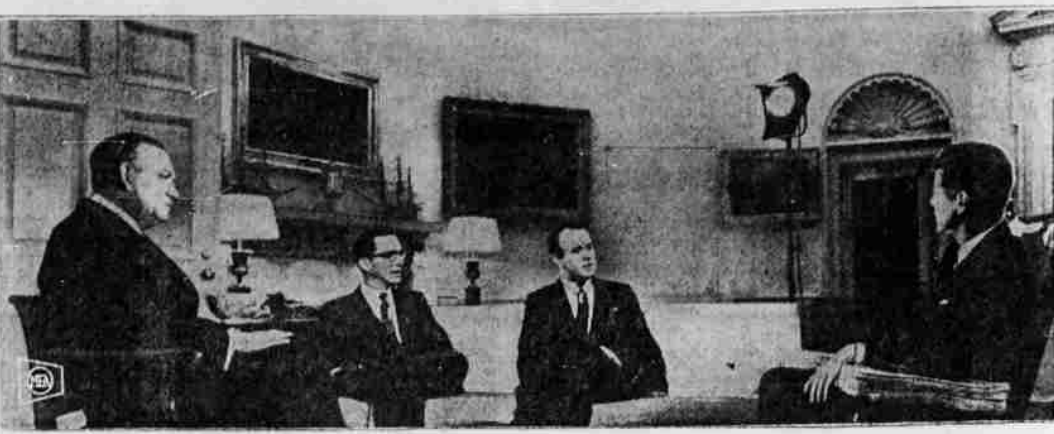
"He's not a regular bull session guy," says one Administration man. "That's not the Kennedy style—in politics or anything else."

A high associate agrees, saying the President seldom sits down and says out loud: "This course is politically wise, and this is not."

When the political mood is on him he acts—at any hour. A few days before the 1962 election, an Eastern leader was marching in a city parade. He was tapped on the shoulder and told to get to a telephone for long-distance call from Washington.

"How're you doing?" asked the President.

Professionals in both parties talk most about Kennedy's sense of timing, his mastery of detail, his up-to-date grasp of political sit-



TELEVISION PERSONALITY—It is agreed that Kennedy's 1960 victory was aided by his television debates with

Richard Nixon. Again, Kennedy chats with newsmen during a recent interview program.

uations the nation over, his attention to small things, his ability to dramatize himself in what some observers call the "politics of personality."

Republicans speak candidly of this latter talent. Painfully aware of the success of his recent television interview, they abandoned their first impulse to demand equal time.

Top aide and counsel Theodore C. Sorensen argues, too, that the President is a great reader of the public mood. In Sorensen's view, it is this more than anything which explains Kennedy's celebrated appetite for stacks of daily newspapers.

Everything, from the hottest foreign policy crisis to a rivers and harbors bill has its political meaning. All hands agree that Kennedy weighs this factor soberly at each turn. Though he seeks his aides' views on this matter, he frequently supplies his own answers before the others can speak.

Keen as his political interest is, the heavy demands of the presidency keep him from getting into it on the scale he would like. For every state he has visited in the past two years, there are two or three clamoring for his appearance. Mostly he has to fit politics into the small open spaces of his crowded day.

The same is pretty much true for his brother Bobby and his chief political assistants in the White House, Kenneth O'Donnell,

O'Brien, and Richard Donahue, who is on O'Brien's Congressional liaison staff. They have the in-

terest, detached judgment and skill, but they don't have the time.

As the President embarks on the two-year buildup toward re-nomination and another election battle in 1964, this problem plagues him. It was no small factor in the decision to assign his able brother-in-law, Stephen Smith, to major party repair work in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Washington.

Smith's signal, given in the presence of Bobby Kennedy, was this presidential utterance: "We'd better have a look at some of these states."

For his aides say Kennedy does not share the glib confidence in his reelection which he often sees expressed in print.

New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and California all seem to him hard battle-grounds, especially if New York's Rockefeller should be the GOP nominee. And he worries about new Southern defections stemming from the 1962 Ole Miss racial controversy.

Toward 1964, therefore, he exhibits the built-in caution of the practiced political professional. That, say all sources, is what he is.



PRESIDENT - POLITICIAN — In addition to his duties as chief executive, Kennedy must make time for old-style politicking, as in this Pennsylvania rally prior to the 1962 elections.

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JFK AND AIDES — Two of the political advisers close to the President are David Powers leaving church with Kennedy, and Theodore Sorensen, in conference.

'Y' Fun Night Slated

YMCA families will meet this Friday, Feb. 1, for their bi-monthly fun night at the "Y." The originally scheduled program, a puppet show put on by Ben Kerns, is to be postponed until Feb. 15.

In place of this will be family fun at the table followed by a variety of activities such as volleyball, basketball, jumping on the trampoline, ping pong, and pool.

The evening's program will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Families of all "Y" members are invited to come. For further information call the YMCA.

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