

Many are Giving, But Not Up to Years Past

Though many people have opened their hearts — and their wallets — to Salvation Army appeals for aid this Christmas season, local commander Walter Wilson said there simply are not as many contributors this year as in years past.

Wilson noted bad weather and a late start on kettle collections this year (Thanksgiving was a week earlier in 1973) have hampered on-the-street donors.

The general tenor of the economy might serve as another excuse for a shortage of aid this winter, but the commander said many who usually help the Salvation Army have been even more generous this year than in the past.

Donors of specific items have been very helpful, he continued.

Two cases described in the "Help Them To Hope" series have received a ton of coal each to heat their homes through a cold winter, and several agencies are searching for an adequate heating plant for another family's house.

The gas has been turned back on for another family, where a lack of cash to pay bills forced a young mother to shut off the only source of heat for herself and her small child.

Another young mother had a windowpane replaced in her apartment and electrical

power restored. Clothing for her child has now been provided, and enough money has been donated to allow her to move to a more livable apartment.

Though these individual cases have been helped, at least temporarily, Cmdr. Wilson stressed that for every family whose plight is published by the Journal in "Help Them To Hope," there are 10 other families in similar situations and also needing help.

Because the national economy is in a recession, he said; even more families than before need some sort of aid, in the form of fuel, food, clothing, or housing.

Donors to "Help Them To Hope" to date include:

J.B. Harrington, John Neeser, Mrs. E.M. Boden, Donald Panter, Clair R. Culler, M.D., Marcia V. Packer, C.F. Kinkade, William Gaskins, and Kathy Ann Hawken;

Oscar A. Marek, Gwen Marriott and James England, Mayme L. Richards, Eva Mickelson, Tony Overgaard, Damon L. Shults, Nan Glover, David R. Fischel, M.D., Thelma R. Dowling, Emily R. Hail, Mrs. G.L. Merideth, Lenore Francom, A.P. Selover, Mrs. Esther L. Wallace, and Bessie Alkinson.

A complete accounting of funds received will be made by the Salvation Army and published periodically in the Idaho State Journal.



CAPTAIN WALTER WILSON, local Salvation Army commander, supplies a fresh coat of spray paint to a donated toy, with help from volunteer worker Mrs. Christine Zilk. Fixable items are "freshened up" in the Army's repair department before going to needy individuals. See story. (Journal Photo by Betty Hale)

HELP THEM TO HOPE . . . Karen's World Crashes In

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh in a 12-part series by Journal staffer Joe Brugger about local families needing help at Christmas. The names have been changed to prevent embarrassment, but the stories are true and based on information supplied by the local Salvation Army.

Karen G. feels simply that her world has caved in on her, leaving her with three small children to care for and no means of supporting them.

Karen, 20, was abandoned a few weeks ago by her husband, left without food or money, after he had been out of work some time and the pressures and responsibilities apparently overwhelmed him.

Without skills he knew he wouldn't be able to find steady work and hoped to enroll in a mechanical vocational course at Idaho State University.

Now, Karen is left on her own with a 20-month-old daughter and 10-month-old twin sons. Her parents have been trying to provide food for them, but they are little better off than Karen and haven't been able to keep ahead of the small family's needs.

Since her husband left, she has been unable to pay the \$65 a month rent or buy diapers for the babies. She said she has oil heat now, but is afraid to look in the tank to see how much remains.

To help her conserve oil, Journal readers are being asked to "Help Them To Hope" by donating warm bedding or winter clothing, or to put a few cans of food on the shelves in Karen's kitchen. Money to help pay the rent and buy additional items for the children is also badly needed.

Persons who may have extra sheets or blankets they could donate are asked to telephone "Help Them To Hope" at 233-8881 on weekdays or to drop them off at the Salvation Army Center, 400 N. 4th.

Checks should be made payable to "Help Them To Hope" and mailed to P.O. Box 4471, Pocatello, Idaho 83201.



Tax Exempt Bond Status Boosts Dam

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Senate has passed a bill an Idaho senator called "essential to the economic future of Southern Idaho."

The Senate Tuesday passed a measure to guarantee tax-exempt status for bonds issued to construct a new dam at American Falls. The action is considered a key to getting a new dam built to replace an old facility which is deteriorating.

"It is critical that we get construction under way on a new dam as soon as possible," said Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho. "To do that, we have to clear the way through the mass of Internal Revenue Service red tape to get this tax-exempt status."

The measure, sponsored by both Idaho senators, cleared the Senate as an amendment to tariff legislation.

McClure said acceptance of the measure "is imperative to the economic well-being of more than 42,000 farm family members in Idaho. It will assure that nearly one million acres of fertile Idaho farm land will be kept in production."

The old American Falls dam, nearly a half-century old, was declared unsound.



CITY MANAGER Charles Moss makes quick computation on pocket calculator during joint city-county session Tuesday. See story above, right.

City-County Probe Joint Projects

By JOE BRUGGER Journal Staff Writer

Projects receiving joint city-county funding came up for discussion Tuesday during a discussion Tuesday during a rapid-paced meeting in the Pocatello city building conference room.

Members of the Bannock County Commission, commissioners-elect, members of the city council, and the mayor and city manager, discussed their respective roles in community projects which include Med-Alert Ambulance Service, American Bicentennial, and rural fire protection.

Whether the sums requested are actually budgeted depends on separate budget meetings to be held by the city and county in late December and during January.

A request of \$21,244 from the city and \$8,400 from the county was made by the ambulance service as a subsidy to allow it to continue operation and to expand to full paramedic capability. Jim Allen, ambulance service director, noted

they respond to 1,100 calls for assistance annually.

Joint fire services were briefly discussed and tabled until an unscheduled future meeting. City and county officials have repeatedly discussed the problem of providing adequate fire service to rural areas surrounding Pocatello, such as Johnny Creek and Buckskin Saddle. Both governments agree special equipment and training is needed.

A previous three-way pact between Bannock County, Pocatello and the Bureau of Land Management was ended this year, with the BLM saying it would fire fires only on public lands and is not equipped to combat structural fires.

Council of Governments funding and future projects were discussed, with gentle criticism made of the county for not joining the regional planning group.

Scott McDonald, Southeast Idaho COG director, said county participation was necessary for

the region to take advantage of federal Economic Development Area funding earmarked for attracting industry and stimulating employment for areas with chronic unemployment and high out-migration rates, and water quality programs.

Currently, the City of Pocatello pays an assessment of 18 cents per resident to support SICOG.

Jack Jelke, director of the Southeast Idaho Health Department, entered a budget request of approximately \$166,084 to the county and \$33,271 to the city. Jelke said the sums represent strictly a continuation of present services without the addition of any staff.

Part of the problem in expanding the health district's work, he explained, is that the county currently levies all of the two mills permitted for health services under state law, and funding from other sources is available only for specific programs and not for general

care and administration.

Gary Gunnerson, Community Action Agency, put in a request for \$11,880 from the city and \$13,756 from the county, noting the county contributes to the cost of a Lava Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center in addition to the Pocatello Community Center.

The Bicentennial Commission asked the county to budget \$5,000 for its projects during 1975 and \$2,000 from the city. City manager Charles Moss noted the city has assumed responsibility for maintenance of the Standrod House grounds and previously contributed \$20,000 toward purchase of the house.

Airport funding for 1975 will involve \$30,000 from the county's revenue sharing budget and \$70,000 from the city treasury. Commissioner Wayne Hall announced the county will probably take part in a project at the Downey Airport to lengthen the runway and add landing lights.

OBITUARIES

Lester N. Thompson

Lester Nolan Thompson, 69, of 333 N. Third, died Monday evening in St. Anthony Community Hospital after an extensive illness.

He was born Nov. 12, 1905 at Richmond, Mo. to Tracey Edgar and Birdie Baker Thompson.

The family moved to Pocatello in 1919, and he attended Pocatello schools. As a young man he was active in Pocatello's athletic baseball club and later traveled with the Broadway Clowns, an Eastern-based black baseball club.

Before returning to the Pocatello area, he worked many years in the Seattle area. Mr. Thompson retired three years ago as equipment manager for the ISU Athletic Department.

He is survived by his mother; three sisters, Betty Bernice Thompson, Mrs. Anna Briscoe, and Mrs. John (Idaho) Purce; and a brother, Wesley Thompson, all of Pocatello; six nephews, Wesley Thompson, Jr., Pittsburg, Calif., Donald Washington, Los Angeles, Robert Washington, Salt Lake City, Kim, Michael, Les, and Tony Purce, all of Pocatello; four nieces, Betty Thompson, San Francisco, and Kellie Purce, Deborah, and Mongue Malson, all of Pocatello.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Sandberg-Hill Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery. Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. at the Sandberg-Hill Funeral Home.

Michael A. Goeden

BLACKFOOT—Michael A. Goeden, 74, of 933 S. Meridian, died Monday at Veteran's Hospital in Salt Lake City of Parkinson's Disease.

He was born April 30, 1900, in Wadena, Minn., the son of Peter and Katherine Schmitz Goeden.

He served in the Marine Corps in WW I and participated in ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty at Ft. deGran, France.

He married Tressie Sibbett Gasper May 22, 1928 in Idaho Falls. Mr. Goeden farmed most of his life. Following retirement from the farm, he worked for Lambert Produce, Chet Lovland, Larry Wheeler, and Henry DeHelsen.

Survivors include his widow of Blackfoot; a son, Charles Gasper, Pocatello; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Galloway, Blackfoot; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Phyllis Goeden of California; four grandchildren; brothers Peter Goeden and Andrie Goeden, both of Minnesota, Alois Goeden of Mesa, Ariz., Math Goeden of North Plains, Ore., and Julius Zavodni of Fordice, Neb.; two sisters, Clara Goeden of Fordice, Neb., and Regina Goeden, of Kansas.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Sandberg-Hill Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery. Friends may call today from 7-9 p.m. at the Sandberg-Hill Funeral Home.

Jim Banta

Jim Banta, 49, of 1940 Bench Road, died Tuesday at his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Banta was born Sept. 19, 1925, in North Loup, Neb., a son of James and Essie Banta. He married Darlene Ong Aug. 10, 1947 in Reno, Nev.

In 1925 he came to Star, Idaho, then lived in Nampa until World War II when he served with the U.S. Navy. He lived in Nampa, Twin Falls, and Rigby before coming to Pocatello in 1951.

In Pocatello he worked at Burrey's food store and had been manager of the Safeway store here 24 years.

Mr. Banta enjoyed young people. He was an avid fly fisherman and liked to hunt.

Surviving are his widow; three sons, Randy Lee, Douglas J., and Rodney J.; a daughter, Mrs. Alan (Kathy) Marshall; granddaughters AnMerle K., Mistie LaRave, and Leann Banta; and his mother, all of Pocatello; and a sister, Mrs. Leslie L. (Clara) Hathaway, Idaho Falls.

Graveside services will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in Mountainview Cemetery with Clyde Denny of the Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.

Friends may call at Manning Funeral Chapel until funeral time.

MAPPING POCATELLO'S FUTURE . . .

115,000--Where Will They All Live?

By PAUL SMITH Journal Staff Writer

The future backbones of an expanded Pocatello, with a population of up to 115,000 were mapped to city councilmen during a two-hour work session Tuesday night.

Where all the people will live—in the currently built-up city and on fringes suitable for expansion—was outlined in a breakdown of 24 different planning "neighborhoods" by planner Jerry Mason.

To serve the expanded city, maps of an expanded water system were unfolded by water superintendent Gary Thornton; and the backbone of sewer and street extensions by John Postlewait, public works director.

SPEAKING of the "long-range implementation plan for community development," city manager Charles Moss said, "I really don't see any drawbacks, provided the housing thing comes along."

How the housing can be built in the expanded Pocatello is a separate and biggest problem. What local and federal government can do about this is limited to planning the sites and building the utilities. Most of the construction funding and the construction itself will have to

be private.

Reasons for planning are industrial growth, prospects for which coincide with enactment of the new federal Community Development Act which in the next few years should provide increasing federal financial aid for community improvement.

MOSTLY DUE to Bucyrus-Erie, plus spin-off industrial and commercial development, the Pocatello area population is expected to grow to 75,000 population by 1978, and to continue to grow thereafter.

Expansion of the phosphate industry in Southeastern Idaho is expected to fuel Pocatello area growth, somewhat subsequently to the B-E influence.

The city staff has been engaged in planning for several months, and this will continue. Tuesday's session was to give the governing body an interim report, preparing the council in turn, to answer any questions from the public at a hearing to be conducted at Thursday's 7:30 p.m. council meeting at city hall.

PROVIDING more parks for people to play in is one aspect of the planning. In a session simultaneous with Tuesday night's council meeting, parks and recreation director Tom Knapp outlined to the P&R

Board future plans for what will total 585 acres of park. Additions will include development of 149 acres south of Upper Ross Park, making a total Ross Park acreage of 300; and development of 100 acres along nearly a mile of the Portneuf River bank north of North Hayes.

KNAPP HAS nearly completed a new over-all park plan, based on the format of the 1966 plan, but much has changed due to changed conditions.

To provide space for more housing, the staff has mapped numerous vacant areas in the built-up city, Moss reported. There are quite a few of these, he noted, but not so many upper floors for development of apartments downtown as he had supposed.

For farther out, Mayor Bill Roskelley made another pitch for annexation of Power County areas west of town for industrial expansion.

THE PREVIOUSLY discussed "phasing" concept of gradual expansion of city utilities, to discourage "leapfrog" development, remains a significant part of city planning.

Amtrak Hearing Here Tomorrow at 2 P.M.

Eastern Idahoans interested in restoring rail passenger service to this area are asked to express their views during a public meeting Thursday at 2 p.m. in Room 406 of the Student Union Building at ISU.

Dwight Jensen, chairman of the Idaho Advisory Committee on Amtrak, said two routes appear possible, one from Green River, Wyo., through Pocatello and Boise to Portland and the other from Salt Lake City or Ogden, Utah north to Pocatello and then west.

Jensen reports Amtrak and the Federal Dept. of Transportation "seem strongly predisposed toward a route that will run from Portland, Ore., to Boise to Pocatello, to Ogden," with a possible extension to Denver from Ogden.

His committee is currently recommending that extensive marketing studies be carried out before either route is fixed.

Division also exists, he said, about whether Idaho rail passenger service should be designed to fit into a nationwide scheme of long-distance travel routes, or should be developed for "commuter" service between Idaho communities, with many and frequent stops.

The committee is also urging that any service be thoroughly integrated with other modes of transportation to provide convenient connecting services for potential riders, such as bus service between Ogden and Salt Lake City, or feeder bus or railcar runs from major towns off the proposed routes, like Idaho Falls.

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