

WHITNEY PLANS BOND ISSUE FOR LIGHTS, POWER AND WATER

Whitney Taxpayers' Association Meeting Decides On Immediate Action To Secure Various Improvement For The New Town

At Tuesday's meeting of the Whitney Taxpayers' Association, it was decided to prepare plans for floating a bond issue for the purpose of acquiring a municipal water and light system. The amount of the bond issue will be approximately \$25,000.

Present plans call for a distribution system taking in both sides of the highway for about 3,000 feet, and for a 250-kilowatt generator. Such a system would take care of the present needs, but not of future developments. A recent survey showed that 250 kilowatts of electric energy would find immediate use.

The proposed water development calls for a new tank, for the deepening of the present well to about 1,000 feet and for installation of a four-inch pipeline on each side of the highway for about 3,000 feet.

The people of Whitney are aware of the fact that it would be preferable to obtain power from the Southern Nevada Power Company and earnest attempts have been made to secure some definite commitment. However, the business people of the new town feel that they cannot wait any longer for electric service.

It is remarked that people cannot burn lights with mere hope and promises and for that reason Whitney is making real sacrifices to obtain adequate water and power at once.

The newly elected town board, composed of Richard King as chairman and Richard Stadelman, John H. Bunch, J. Robert Bond and William T. McKenna, states that there are now the following business establishments in the Town of Whitney: five restaurants, ten bars, one third-class post office, one food market, one mattress factory, one lumber yard, an ice and fuel business, three filling stations and several auto courts and trailer camps. There are sixty-eight permanent residences, 108 trailers, forty-nine cabins and numerous tents.

Postmistress Nellie Bunch reports that the post office recently was raised from fourth to third class due to the ever growing business. There are five hundred post office boxes sold in addition to a large general delivery business.

A playground will be established at the school grounds with the assistance of county road equipment and the women of the community will arrange to supervise the activities of the youngsters. In this manner it is hoped the children will be kept off the highway after school hours.

The Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps will arrange to form a group of the organization in Whitney so the community will

have an opportunity to take part in the nation-wide program to salvage papers and other desirable scrap in line with civilian defense efforts.

It seems that Whitney is definitely on its way as a well-managed and well-organized community and there can be no doubt that Las Vegas and Boulder City are bound to benefit by having a prosperous town for a neighbor.

A little conversation with the editors assembled in Reno convinces me that but few of them have as yet a real understanding of principles involved in division of the Boulder Dam revenue. Most of them think of it as money being given to the state for no particular reason whatever and that it should be divided equally among the counties.

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THAT COMPROMISE

There is one feature of the Boulder Dam fund controversy which I believe all will eventually agree upon. That is that the compromise made by the legislature and reluctantly accepted by Clark county should be respected. It should be treated as a settled issue and not be continually injected into political campaigns in the state.

I think we may all assume that sectional jealousies should as far as possible be eliminated from the politics of the state. Whether Reno shall remain dominant as for many years past, or Las Vegas, by reason of her present quick growth, shall come to outnumber the voters of the north, is not half so important as it is to maintain harmony and cooperation between the northern and southern sections of the state. For us to slip into a state of continual sectional controversies and jealousies between the north and the south would be a real disaster.