

BOULDER SCHOOL PROBLEM IS IN UNCERTAIN STAGE

W. W. Anderson Wants
No Action Until Six
Companies Pays Its Tax

Boulder's City's prospects for a grammar school this fall to take care of the 700 pupils estimated to be within the so-called reservation area were in a somewhat uncertain stage today as the result of the insistence of W. W. Anderson, superintendent of public instruction that no action be taken toward approving the creation of a school district there until the Six Companies actually pays its state and county taxes under the agreement recently reached.

Notwithstanding the position taken by the state superintendent, the board of county commissioners yesterday approved the creation of a school district at Boulder City as requested in a petition filed with the board several days ago, and the matter is now in the hands of the state board of education for final decision.

RUTH OLMSTEAD, deputy superintendent with headquarters in Las Vegas, refused to sign the petition on instruction from Anderson who advised her by wire to "sit tight" explaining that he would not approve the establishment of a grammar school district in Boulder City until the tax money is actually paid in, which under present plans will not be until some time in November.

The state law provides that a
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suitable buliding must be provided before a school district can be organized, and the petition presented to the county board yesterday was accompanied by a letter from Walker R. Young, construction engineer in charge of the Boulder dam project for the bureau of reclamation, offering the use of the school building erected by the government.

THE BUILDING would be leased to the school district for \$3,000 per year, the government furnishing in return the janitor, light, heat and water and taking care of the maintenance of the school grounds, Young's letter set forth.

Should the school district go thru, it would be necessary for the board appointed by the state superintendent to work out some means of financing operation until the state and county apportionments are made in January of next year, it was pointed out. Chairman E. G. McGriff of the county board who conferred with Boulder City authorities on the school matter, informed the commissioners yes-

terday that this problem had been solved thru the medium of issuing interest bearing warrants against the district in payment of salaries and current bills, the Six Companies agreeing to cash the warrants and hold them until the apportionments came in.

THE ACTION of the state superintendent in refusing to recommend the establishment of the district until Six Companies taxes are actually paid in, will if persisted in block the plans for state operated schools for at least three months, and projects a knotty problem for the Boulder City authorities to solve if schools are to continue this fall.

Meanwhile, the high school authorities are going ahead with plans for transporting the 60 or more students from Boulder City to Las Vegas to attend the local high school, and will open bids for the purchase of a school bus on Friday of this week.

SIX COMPANIES recently agreed to a tax compromise which calls for payment of approximately \$181,000 in settlement of 1931-32-33 taxes and is to pay as soon as the state tax commission loses jurisdiction over 1933 taxes which will be about November 1.