

Weber District May Put Construction Manager on Building Jobs

The Weber Board of Education may use a construction manager instead of a general contractor on five major projects scheduled to get under way next year.

Board members Wednesday night authorized Supt. G. Leland Burningham to develop a definite proposal for utilizing the concept in the construction of three new elementary schools and the expansion of two junior high schools.

If the board finally adopts the concept, it would become the general contractor for the five projects with the various phases of the buildings awarded to subcontractors.

Supt. Burningham said the objective of the construction management concept is to get the buildings completed quicker and at less cost to the district.

He said the construction manager would act as a district "engineering department" to:

- Develop accurate cost estimates during the planning stage.
- Provide the board with a sound and detailed evaluation of bids from subcontractors.
- Continually inspect construction progress to assure "the quality we design in the plans is built into the buildings."

Supt. Burningham said the construction management concept also will permit the district to prepare and bid the site

preparation this fall and winter.

Normally, the site preparation is done by the general contractor and can't get under way until all plans have been completed and a contract awarded.

Doing the site preparation this fall "will permit us to do some fast tracking to take full advantage of good construction weather next spring," he said.

The superintendent said this would allow actual construction

of the new schools to get under way as soon as weather permits in the spring "rather than waiting for the site preparation to be done."

Assistant Supt. Jay Rhee said this construction speedup "could save the district and the taxpayers a lot of tax dollars."

"Because of inflation, the quicker we get those projects completed, the less it's going to cost," Mr. Rhee said.

He said inflation is increasing construction costs "about 10 to 12 per cent a year."

"Ten to 12 per cent of several million dollars is a pretty good hunk of change," Mr. Rhee said. "If we can save a few months of that, we ought to do it."

Board member Patrick Baggs offered the motion authorizing the superintendent to develop a definite proposal, stating "I can

see some good advantages to it, mainly saving money."

The three new elementary schools are to be built in Uintah, Taylor and the Green Acres area of North Ogden.

Scheduled for expansion and renovation are South Ogden and Wahluick junior high schools.

The five projects will be financed from the \$12 million bond issue approved by Weber School District voters last May.

ROY'S LIBRARY OPENING SCHEDULED NEXT MONTH

The tentative opening date for the Weber County Library's new Southwest Branch is set for Dec. 13. The branch is located in Roy.

Chief Librarian Donald Trotter said that if the furnishings for the library arrive on time the library will open on this date.

The library's board of directors voted to set the dedication of the library for Feb. 1 at 2 p.m.

The new branch which is located at 4800 South near 1900 West was scheduled to open on Nov. 1, but due to delays in obtaining the furnishings and in construction completion, the opening had to be postponed to December.

Auditor Challenges Figures in Report On County Budget

A report on Weber County's tentative budget for 1976, filed by the Utah Taxpayers Association (UTA), confuses the departmental requests with the recommendation sent to the County Commission, Auditor Dee Wilcox said today.

The auditor said he sent the UTA a copy of the budget submitted to the commission on Nov. 1, which included both the departmental requests and figures he recommended for the calendar year expenditures.

Mr. Wilcox said he also sent the UTA a copy of his budget message which included details on proposed mill levies and other fiscal information.

Although the auditor's recommendation, which is actually the tentative budget, trimmed departmental requests by some \$1.2 million—from \$20.3 million to \$19 million—the UTA evaluation is based on the larger amount.

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COULD BOOST

The UTA pointed out also that the county is faced with a tax levy increase in the Library Fund to build and maintain the Roy branch and that there may be a boost in 1976 in the Consolidated Health Fund to match federal and state funded programs.

The association doesn't mention, however, that the mill levy for the Bond Redemption and Interest Fund may be decreased slightly.

As for the overall levy for the 1976 budget as proposed by the auditor, it would total 17.78 mills including the increases for the library and health funds—21.88.

The current General Fund levy of 15.80 mills will remain the same under the auditor's recommendation, which is actually the tentative budget.

Weber County's limit on the General Fund levy is 16 mills, by state law.

In its report, the UTA also states that the budget identifies as "tentative"—the requests by department heads—includes a 7 per cent cost of living boost for all employees covered by the merit system, plus merit increases for all those eligible.

However, the departmental requests called for cost of living increases for those employees ranging all the way from 7 to 10 per cent.

The budget submitted by Mr. Wilcox contained the 7 per cent ceiling for cost of living, plus 5 per cent for eligible employees who come under the merit system.

FOLLOWS PROPOSAL

The County Commission generally follows the auditor's proposal when considering a final budget which must be presented in public hearing and adopted before Dec. 15.

Requests by department heads, however, may be studied during the 45 days prior to final adoption.

According to the UTA, the tentative General Fund budget for 1976 is \$6,949,295. However, Auditor Wilcox trimmed that to \$5,483,083.

The association said the tentative budget calls for a levy of 21.88 mills, which presumably includes a possible 1.30-mill increase in the Hospital Tax Revenue Fund to be used to pay the county's obligation

for the poor and indigent at the Weber County Hospital.

Huntsville Man Enters Plea in Traffic Death

A Huntsville man charged with negligent homicide changed his plea to guilty Wednesday in 2nd District Court.

Orvis Peterson, 55, of 260 S. 7500 E., had earlier pleaded innocent in connection with a traffic accident Sept. 2 near 500 S. Monastery Road that killed Rodney Hadley, 28, of 9027 E. 500 S.

Assistant Weber County Attorney Robert Neeley told Judge Calvin Gould that the county attorney's office had recommended no jail sentence be imposed if the defendant entered a guilty plea.

Judge Gould explained to Peterson that state law sets penalties of offenses—one year in the county jail and a \$1,000 fine for negligent homicide—but that sentencing is made at the court's discretion.

The Sept. 2 accident happened after dark when the victim, riding a motorcycle, struck a parked garden tractor and was thrown into the path of a car passing in the opposite direction.

Judge Gould ordered Peterson referred to the Adult Parole and Probation Department for a presentence investigation.

State School Superintendent Named

The Utah Division of Family Services has named an Ogden native as the new superintendent of the Utah Industrial School.

A division spokesman today announced the selection of 40-year-old Melvin E. Pobanz of Pueblo, Colo., to succeed Claude H. Pratt.

Mr. Pobanz will take over direction of the school Jan. 1, following Supt. Pratt's retirement.

Mr. Pobanz is currently employed as the clinical director of a 20-bed children's treatment center at Pueblo that offers a variety of mental health and rehabilitation services.

The new superintendent was

chosen from among a field of nearly 60 applicants following interviews with division director Evan Jones, the division board of directors and State Department of Social Services Director Paul Rose.

Mr. Jones made the selection Wednesday with the concurrence of Mr. Rose and the appointment was subsequently endorsed by the Division of Family Services board of directors.

Mr. Pobanz has not yet accepted the position but will be contacted by division representatives today to work out final salary negotiations.

As superintendent, Mr. Pobanz will be responsible for a

broad range of educational and rehabilitation treatment programs for problem juveniles.

The Ogden native graduated from Ogden High School in 1953 and attended Weber College in 1955 after a tour of duty in the U.S. Army.

He earned a bachelor degree in sociology from Brigham Young University in 1962 and went on to earn an MSW (Master of Social Work) degree from the University of Utah in 1964.

Mr. Pobanz worked for one year as a case work supervisor for the Salt Lake County Welfare Department and was employed four years by the Division of Family Services as a

project director and group work specialist.

Accepting a job in Colorado, Mr. Pobanz left Utah and spent 3½ years as director of the El Paso County Department of Public Welfare before assuming the role of clinical director at the children's center in Pueblo.

Mr. Pratt will retire from the state school after serving as superintendent of that institution since 1951.

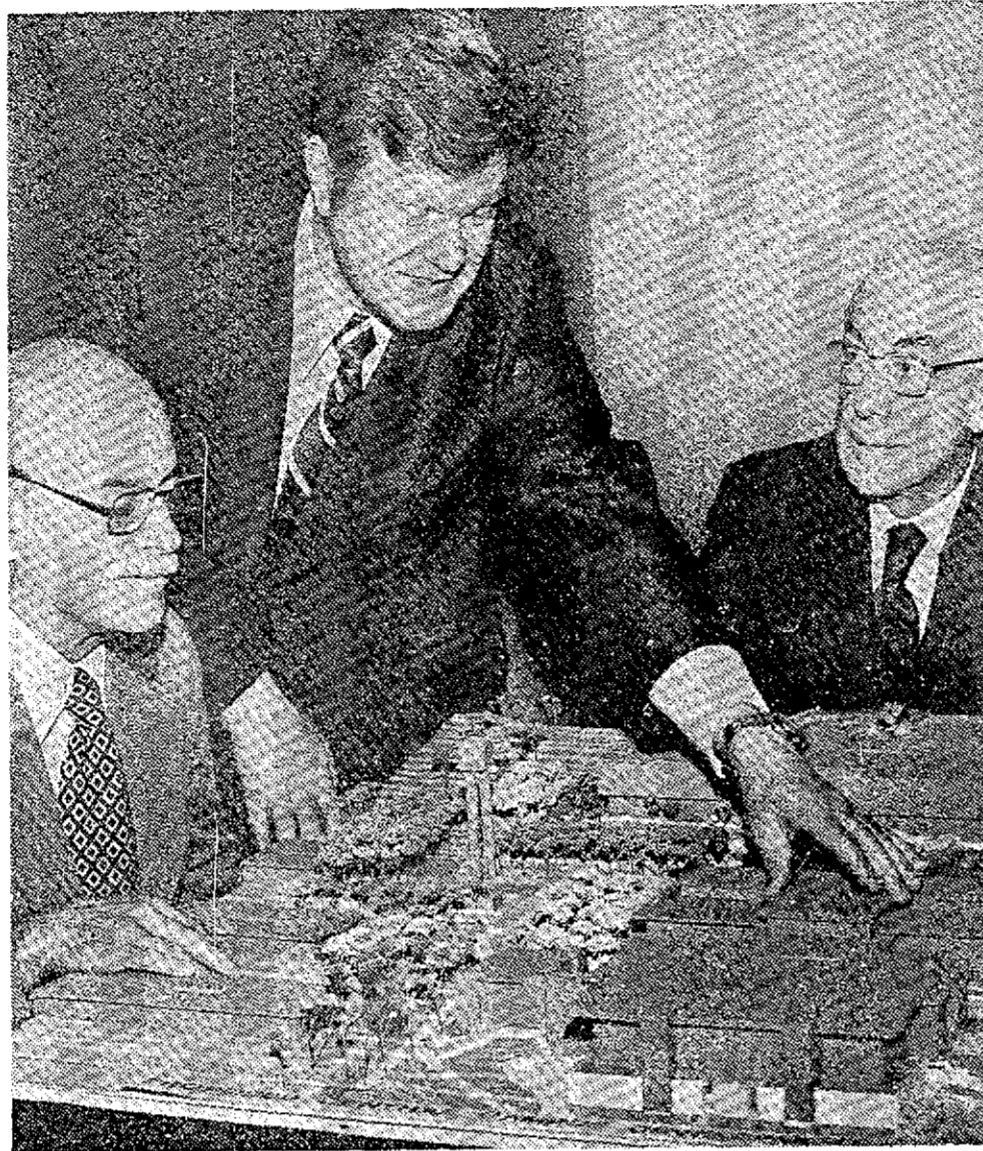
He had originally scheduled retirement for last July 1—but agreed to a six-month extension in order to give the Division of Family Services more time to select a successor.

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OGDEN, UTAH THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 20, 1975

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MOCKUP OF SOME campus facilities gets the attention of Fred Froerer Jr., Ogden's representative on the Utah Building Board, Weber State College President Joseph L. Bishop and Board Chairman ElRoy Nelson (left to right) of Salt Lake City during the annual visit of the building board to the campus.

TALKS FOR EARLY BIRDS

Historian Says Attitudes On Polygamy Differ Today

Although still against Utah law, the practice of polygamy is not actively prosecuted today for two main reasons, Ogden "Early Birds" were told today.

In answer to a question, Theron Luke, veteran Utah newsmen and historian, said today's polygamists such as Alex Joseph are not charged because legal authorities feel such cases would be lost in court.

Mr. Luke also told the breakfast gathering of the Greater Ogden Chamber of Commerce at the Hilary House, the second reason is due to a completely different attitude today.

in prison or in hiding.

The speaker said that, more than anything, the action of the government in confiscating all church property in excess of \$50,000 and its financial destruction swayed the issue.

"The government found," said the speaker, "that it did no good to put church members in jail for what they believed."

GAVE UP

Contrary to popular opinion, said Mr. Luke, residents of Utah voted to give up polygamy for statehood prior to the famous "manifesto" by President Wil-

ford O. Woodruff, advising church members against it.

He said the territorial convention of 1887 that sought statehood inserted a clause in the proposed state constitution outlawing the practice of polygamy.

Mr. Luke said the law put even heavier penalties for violation on church members than federal acts passed by Congress.

In an interesting observation, Mr. Luke said Mormons considered the efforts to stamp out the illegal practice "persecution," while federal officials termed it "prosecution."

STUMBLING BLOCK

The news editor of the Provo Daily Herald and member of the Utah State Board of History, recounted a 40-year struggle on the part of Utah residents to obtain statehood.

The largest stumbling block during that time, he said was the LDS Church's teaching and practice of plural marriage.

National congressional representatives also demanded more evidence of a separation of church and state in the territory's political affairs.

Mr. Luke said after nine attempts and a change in the attitude of church members and leaders, Utah finally became a state on Jan. 4, 1896.

He said the event followed almost 20 years of federal action against the church that "broke its back financially" and put most of its top leaders either

Commission, Hill AFB Considering Fire Pact

The County Commission today agreed to review a reciprocal fire fighting agreement between the county and Hill Air Force Base.

County Chief Roger Land presented the contract to Commissioners Keith G. Jensen and Bruce Jenkins, explaining the 1976 agreement is no different from those written annually the past 13 years.

When assistance is needed on major fires, Hill AFB crews

are dispatched from the base to the county. If the Air Force needs additional help, the county firemen agree to respond.

Deputy County Attorney Max Lamph said the contract's provisions appear routine and acceptable. The commission is expected to sign it Tuesday.

Commission Chairman Boyd K. Storey was in Salt Lake City today attending a legislative meeting sponsored by the Utah Association of Counties.

Give Tech Ed Expansion Priority, WSC Appeals

Makes Pitch To Building Board Today

The Utah Building Board was told here today an "explosive enrollment surge" makes the expansion of vocational-technical education facilities at Weber State College "extremely imperative."

With the exception of electronics, enrollment in technical-vocational classes have "shot right off the charts" at Weber State, President Joseph L. Bishop and Dean Dale Cowgill of the School of Technology, told the building board.

They made the reports in a presentation to the board supporting the position of the Institutional Council in giving a \$1.6 million remodeling of existing vocational buildings top priority among the college capital improvement needs.

TOLD BOARD

President Bishop told the board the Institutional Council has made the expansion of technical educational facilities "its top priority for the past three years and the evidence for this is quite clear."

Dean Cowgill said the additional facilities are urgently needed although a new multi-million dollar technical education building is scheduled for completion next year.

He told the board the college has already reached the enrollment projected for 1980 in industrial and manufacturing engineering programs which will be the major uses for the new technical education building.

BE FULL

That means, Dean Cowgill said, "that building is going to be full when we move into it."

Utilization of the existing technical educational facilities range from 90 per cent to over 100 per cent.

Dean Cowgill said the enrollment in technical-vocational classes this year increased slightly over 49 per cent.

This ranged from an 85.2 per cent increase in distributive education to 11.2 per cent in electronics engineering.

"This year, vocational-technical education has exploded," Dean Cowgill said.

He also reported "substantial use" of college vocational training facilities by local school districts, stating some students spend as much as three hours a day on the Weber State campus.

"Do they come mostly from Ogden High School," asked Board Chairman ElRoy Nelson.

WEBER DISTRICT

Dean Cowgill said a majority of the high school students come from the Weber School District.

"The Ogden district hasn't taken as much advantage of this program as the Weber district has," he said.

Most of the \$1.6 million remodeling program would be directed at converting the existing technical education building into a facility for automotive engineering and electronic training.

A portion of the funds would be used to convert the first floor of Building No. 1 for use by the cosmetology and distributive education departments.

MAKE REPAIRS

During the board meeting, college officials also were planning to explain requests for land purchases, central campus site development, utilities, alterations, repairs and improvements.

INCREASING CLOUDS KEEP READINGS A BIT MILDER

Increasing clouds held temperatures at a milder level Wednesday night than expected and forecasters said they'll remain about the same tonight and Friday.

Variable, mostly high cloudiness is expected in the area through Friday ahead of a storm from off the Pacific Coast that could bring warmer weather and perhaps rain or snow sometime this weekend.

High temperatures will be near 40 through Friday with the low near 30. Chances of moisture over the next 24 hours will be slight.

Ogden's high Wednesday was 43 while Pine View Reservoir registered a 38. Overnight lows were 24 in the city and 13 at the reservoir.

The unofficial minimum in Morgan City last night was 7 above zero.

Guilty Plea Given In Arrow Homicide

David Richardson, 30, of 328 Ogden Canyon, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a charge of manslaughter in connection with the July 27 bow and arrow slaying of a Colorado man.

Richardson had originally pleaded innocent to a charge of second degree murder in the death of H. Dennis Reich, 28, of Denver, Colo., but agreed to plead guilty to the lesser charge following negotiations between defense attorney Tom Jones and Assistant Weber County Attorney Robert Wallace.

Second District Court Judge

Calvin Gould set sentencing for Dec. 3.

He referred the defendant for a pre-sentence investigation.

Richardson has been held without bail in the Weber County Jail since the shooting incident because of his probationary status from an earlier offense.

Attorney Jones, appearing with his client before Judge Gould said that the evidence against Richardson would "more appropriately fit" the legal definition of manslaughter.

Mr. Wallace, stating that while he was reluctant to file the lesser charge in such a serious matter, agreed that the evidence seemed to fit the broad scope of manslaughter.

Mr. Wallace added that the scope of manslaughter seems to be broadening to include emotional state of a defendant as a factor.

Colonel Given Squad Duties

HILL AIR FORCE BASE—Col. Jerry D. Bowline has assumed command of the 6514th Test Squadron at Hill AFB.

He replaces Col. J. S. Burkland who has been transferred to Edwards AFB, Calif.

Col. Bowline commands the 315-man squadron whose mission includes test and evaluation of new and prototype remotely piloted vehicles and related equipment.

The colonel, a native of Lincoln, Kan., enlisted in the Air Force in 1952 and graduated from pilot training in 1954.

IN JULY

The victim was killed in the early hours of July 27 when he was shot with a hunting arrow while walking with his wife and the defendant's wife along a path in Ogden Canyon.

Richardson had earlier been severely beaten in a fight with another man, Mr. Wallace said Wednesday.

Mr. Jones added that Richardson's blood alcohol content was about three times that normally accepted as being intoxicated.

Bank Workers Testify On Real Estate Loan

Three employees of Commercial Security Bank here testified Wednesday afternoon concerning funds which they say were applied to the real estate loan of a former Ogden banker.

The jury trial for Gordon L. Belnap, of 1592 Oakcrest Drive, who is charged with misapplying Commercial Security Bank funds, was continued until 2 p.m. today.

The government's first witness was Alan Muncey, auditor of Commercial Security Bank, who testified that an audit of the account of Partnership Eight led to an audit of Mr. Belnap's loans.

Mr. Belnap was then vice president in charge of real estate loans at the bank.

FOUND CHECK

Mr. Muncey said he found a cashier's check for \$5,000 and a \$13,200 check from Loren O. Kay had been applied to the \$62,000 loan for a Park City condominium owned by Mr. Belnap.

The grand jury indictment alleges these checks were misapplied by Mr. Belnap.

Mr. Muncey testified that Mr.

Belnap had given bank officials two conflicting reasons for the \$13,200 check being applied to his account.

Mrs. Kay Friese, who had been Mr. Belnap's secretary for many years, and assistant loan administrator at the bank, testified how the loan for the Park City property was handled and the procedure for selling a loan to the Harrisburg banking institution.

Mrs. Rhea Schade, also a bank employee, testified that Mr. Belnap had instructed her in how to make out and handle the \$5,000 cashier's check.

Among government witnesses scheduled for today is Clarence M. Kell Jr., vice president at the First Federal Savings and Loan in Harrisburg.

DROP CHARGES

Mr. Kell had been previously charged in aiding Mr. Belnap, but the charge and one against Rolland Smolizer, president of the Pennsylvania lending institution, were dropped by the government.

Mr. Kay is also expected to testify today.



MELVIN E. POBANZ Given the Job