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FIRE STATION QUESTION TO BE AIRED TUESDAY NIGHT!

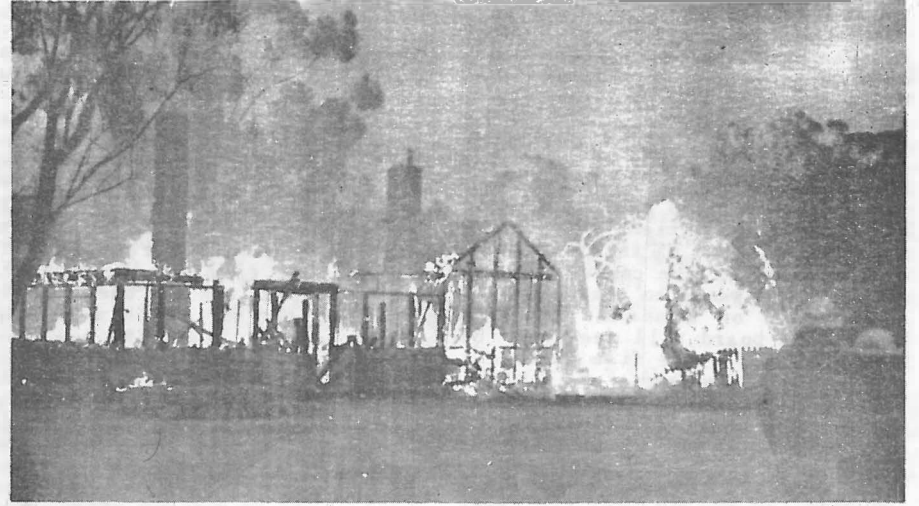
**SCHOOL MONEY PROBLEM EYED:
SPECIAL MEETING THURS. NIGHT**

Ever since the Sun's story on April 6 about the offer of the Youth Center to lease a 100' x 50' site on its community property for 99 years at \$2,000. payable by the taxpayers, there has been a lot of talk. The board of fire commissioners decided to hold a bond election on

Under present stressed financial conditions the valuable service of a four week summer session for a second season must be passed up.

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Worst fire in Alpine history took famous old Tavern; fire boys did great job.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29, at 8 p.m. in the Alpine School Auditorium for a discussion of the proposed bond issue for either purchasing the present fire station or the construction of a new fire station. Residents and all interested in Alpine are cordially invited to attend.

-Board of Fire Commissioners
Alpine Fire Protection District

MORE ABOUT FIRE STATION.

July 31 for voters to spend \$18,000. on a new fire station to be built on that site.

On Wednesday the board decided to hold a public meeting Tues. the 29th at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium to discuss the bond issue for this new fire station or to buy the present one.

In interviewing people the Sun found that there is plenty of argument against leasing property that the taxpayers virtually bought and paid for when they voted \$10,000. for the school's 10 acres, which carried a 'premium' from the late Chas. Crouch-- the Youth Center site of 10 acres. It cost the community \$17,000. to grade for the school. They think the fire station lot should not have to be paid for.

Some say the present station is increasing in value, will be worth much more in 10 years, by the time it is paid for. The Bratcher Construction Co., owners, leased it for \$75. a month, which expires Mar. 23, 1957. They offer to sell for \$17,500 cash, or lease with option to buy, payments to provide monthly remuneration sufficient to amortize the \$17,500, with 6% interest in 10 or 15 years. If the community does not buy, and wants to rent, it will cost \$150. on a month-to-month basis. The board will meet at 7:30, Mon. June 4, at the fire station, to take up this matter.

Tuesday's public meeting is to provide the board with opinions of the people so as to act in the interests of the community.

No suitable lot was found at a low enough price, so the Y.C. site was chosen. A committee headed by Commissioner Al Hinkle, Firemen Phil Hall, Jack Blankenship and Lee Roper, chief, reported they could not find a site.

One objection to the Y.C. is that it is up hill half a mile to the business center; while from the present station it is down hill only 2 1/2 tenths of a mile. Also, the truck would have to pull up hill to the private road east of Hinkle's to get into Arnold Way to

reach Tavern Road, Midway Drive and other areas.

One man pointed out that the town is growing eastward, thus a location should be had above the business area.

The budget for next year carries \$2000. lease, plus \$200. for L.M. Engineering Service's survey, already made, and \$500. for O'Melveny & Myers' fees as bond attorneys, \$250. to be paid if the bonds fail.

The Bratcher land is 100' on Highway 80, by 404' deep, terraced, with the 40 x 60 station and a 2-car garage in the rear, built so that an apartment could be added. While some say the price is too high, the steel and aluminum structure, at only \$6. a foot, amounts to \$14,400. alone. Floor is of 6" reinforced concrete. Of course there are objections to both questions, which will be aired Tuesday night by the board: Al Hinkle, R. Oeser and Paul Black.

Note- Some time ago a newspaper erroneously stated that Alpine would save \$18,000. a year by voting the bonds, but the sum should have been \$1,800. (month-to-month rate). Some believe we should pay that, search for a more strategic lot, even if not right on 80 buy it, then vote bonds and own the property plus the station, which would not be the case on lease. We have endeavored to present the picture as it appears, as a service to the community. Moreover, we believe that our volunteer firemen should be given the best quarters and modern equipment. At the same time, with urgent need for school space, and taxes upping all the time, discretion should be used. The Sun's position herein is neutral. - CI.

FIRE BUDGET IS POSTED

The board of Fire Commissioners has adopted the preliminary budget for 1956-57, is now available for inspection at the fire station until its final adoption. On June 28, 7:30 p.m., the board will meet there to fix the final budget. Any taxpayer may appear to be heard regarding increase, decrease or omission of any item.

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MORE ABOUT SCHOOL BUDGET

revealed Myron J. Cady, school trustee president, following the regular meeting.

The board would like to use the school more than just for the regular term' Cady says, 'Two years ago a successful summer program was inaugurated with about 100 children given remedial help'.

He pointed out further that the current budget which was not expected to carry through the current year was examined carefully. Due to the increase in the district's assessed valuation from \$2,535,130 in 1955 to \$2,950,910 in 1956, enough extra money was received to squeeze through the year by using the \$6,000 balance on hand at the beginning of the year and the undistributed reserve.

Many school needs have been seriously curtailed however. A second kindergarten teacher was needed this year but through lack of funds it was double-sessioned, both being taught by one teacher. This reduction in class time cost the district expected state revenue of \$4,000, nearly enough to hire an added teacher.

Another serious curtailment was the lack of funds to hire a badly needed remedial reading teacher. In a school of approximately 500 ADA, (average daily attendance), state money is paid to the district on every child, kindergarten through 8th grade. With children coming and going there are many poor readers who must have special attention if they are to ever master enough reading technique to be able to carry on their regular school work satisfactorily.

The trustees are confronted with an even more serious problem of financing this year. With, at most, a beginning balance of \$2,000, a reduced amount of state and Indian

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support, the necessity to hire at least four more teachers, the need to raise teacher's salaries and double sessioning through the sixth grade, the outlook is discouraging.

At present the district is operating on the legal maximum tax rate of .90 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This tax, on the present assessed valuation will raise \$26,558 based on 100% collection which is never realized. The total budget last year was \$150,000. Of this amount local taxpayers were to pay \$26,000, the rest to come from the state equalization program and the federal government. So far \$7,000 of the district's tax monies remain uncollected. County school officials estimate however that between \$5,000 and \$6,000 of this amount will be collected before July 1.

At a special session Thursday night the board decided to call an election July 30 or 31 to raise the tax rate to obtain funds to carry on, at least \$1.50 will be needed for the next three years, 60¢ over the legal 90¢ allowed. If you are not registered, you have but 6 days left.

HALLET ESCAPES IN CRASH

In Grossmont Hospital is Frank E. Hallett, 28, with a concussion and 6 broken ribs. With his wife Pauline he delivers the S.D. Tribune. Coming home alone Thursday night his truck went off Harbison Canyon road, hit a pole was demolished. Martin Ambulance rushed him to the hospital at 10:30, where yesterday noon his condition was fair.

THANKS FOLKS

Dear Mr. Irvine: I have been buying the Sun at the Empire Market and don't want to miss one. Perhaps if you keep at it they will widen 80, and it looks as if at last your plea for water is to be realized. Thanks should go to you for you certainly have kept these things in the public eye. A little paper can do a lot of good if the editor is fearless and not afraid to say what he thinks.

-Mrs. Elvina Colburn

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