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## Snyder Citizens, Before You Favor the Proposed Colorado River Lake, Consider These

FACTS
Below is given pertinent information, based on actual records and estimated costs, in connection with the proposed Water District for the five cities of Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Colorado City and Snyder.

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Dris These facts, we feel, should be considered by the citizens of Snyder before they decide definitely that they favor the proposed Water District and construction of dam on the basis of plans submitted by proponents of the project.

These figures are not presented necessarily to show opposition to the Colorado River Lake movement, but merely to help our citizens see what Snyder's entrance into such district would mean in upped water rates or increased taxes.

## Let's Analyze What Our Joining the District Would Mean!

At a meeting in Big Spring, Texas, J. B. Thomas, president and general manager of the Texas Electric Service Company, presented the following to a group of citizens from Odessa, Midland, Big pring, Colorado City and Snyder

## PROPOSITION SUBMITTED

That the above towns form a Water District for the purpose of financing, building and operating a lake to be built on the Colorado River about six miles from Colorado City to furnish water to Water Distric
Water District, in payment for pernies and water wells of the five towns, ties and water wells of the five towns, will assume all outstanding water indebtedness of the towns, the five towns agreeng to take their water
District for all future time
It was proposed that water will be furnished to the towns at an estimated cost of 17 cents per 1,000 gallons. There is no guariantee of this rate, as it will necessarily be regulated by the expense of the ment of interest and principal on bonds ment of interest and principal on bo
WATER DISTRICT PROPOSES
ISSUE BONDS AS FOLLOWS
Revenue bonds bearing $23 / 4 \%$ interest, $\$ 9,600,000.00$. It proposes to use this $\$ 9,600,000.00$ as follows:
purchase of necessary land
for lake Colorado City, Midland, Big Spring and Snyder.
Reserve for contingencies.

2,600,000.00
$200,000.00$
$800,000.00$
Total.
On August 8, 1946, Freese \& Nichols, the water engineers representing Texas Electric Service Company, and the Water District, furnished the following information upon request:
Estimated cost of water line to Colorado City .......... $\$ 110,000.00$ Estimated cost of water line to Snyder. Estimated cost of dam and lake site.

Estimated cost of water line,
pumping and boosting sta
tions to Big Spring, Mid-
land and Odessa
Total

It will be seen from the preceding figures that the cost of the water lines to Big Spring, Midland and Odessa will be $\$ 1,465,000.00$ more than the total cost of the dam, lake site and water lines to Colorado City and Snyder

## TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF WATER

 DISTRICT WIL BE AS FOLLOWS: Revenue bonds (bearing$23,1 \%$ int.) to be issued \& $9,600,000.00$ Bonds to be assumed (see
, statement below)
,485,000.00
Total indebtedness of District $\$ 12,050,00$ Total indebtedness of Water
District..................... $\$ 12,085,000.00$
WATER AND SEWER INDEBTEDNESS OF ODESSA, MIDLAND, BIG SPRING, SNYDER AND COLORADO CITY
(These figures were furnished by the City Secretaries of the five towns)

## Odessa <br> Midland

Big Spring
Snyder.
Colorado City $\quad \$ 75,000.00$ Bonds voted June $1946 \ldots \ldots \quad . . . . . . \quad 171,000.00$ $790,000.00$ $840,000.00$ NONE 2
$246,000.00$

THE FOLLOWING FIGURES WERE FURNISHED BY J. S. BRADBURY, CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF SNYDER
Cost to the City of Snyder for water delivered to the consumers in $1945 \quad 93 / \pm$ cents per 1,000 gallon
Amounts transferred from Water and Sewer Department Fund to General Fund:

| Year: | Ampunt: |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1936 | \$ 5,600.00 |
| 1936 | 1,000.00 (bonds) |
| 1937. | 11,100.00. |
| 1938. | 9,485.00 |
| 1939 | 11,200.00 |
| 1940 | 16,500.00 |
| 1941 | 14,000.00 |
| 1942 | 14,000.00 |
| 1943 | 7.000 .00 (bonds) |
| 1943 | 6,000.00 |
| 1944 | 12,000.00 (bonds) |
| 1945 | 21,000.00 |
| Total | 28,885.00* |

* The preceding figures show that the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Snyder has made an average profit of more than $\$ 12,000.00$ per year for the past 10 years.

THE FOLLOWING FIGURES WERE FURNISHED BY J. S. BRADBURY, CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF SNYDER:

## Taxes collected by the City of Snyder:

## Yea 1936

| 1936 | 18,618.25 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1937. | 18,456.15 |
| 1938. | 18,459.00 |
| 1939 | 18,732.25 |
| 1940 | 19,115.90 |
| 1941 | 19,803.05 |
| 1942 | 20,531.80 |
| 1943 | 19,401.05 |
| 1944 | 20,459.45 |
| 1945 | 20,802.90 |

## Total.

## \$195,519.80

Total taxes collected for pas
$\$ 195,519.80$
Total profit from Water and
Sewer Department past 10
Total profit from Water and
Sewer profit from Water and
years (see precéding figures) $128,885.00$
Total income of City of Snyder ${ }^{-} \$ 324,404.80$ for past 10 years

The above figures show that for the past 10 years over $39 \%$ of the income of the City of Snyder has been derived fion Water and Sewer Department.
Based on cost of 17 cents per 1,000 gallons of water purchased from the proposed Water District by the City of Snyder, estimated cost to the City of Snyder to deliver water to consumers will be as follows

Etimated salaries per annum... $\$ 1,930.00$ Estimated labor per annum........ 3,600.00 Estimated postage, stationer
truck expense repairs and all
other expense repairs and all $3,144.00$
Total estimated expense $\ldots \quad . \quad \$ 8,674.00$
Water consumed in 1945 was $80,790,400$ gallons. Assuming that the above figures are approximately correct, it will cost the City of Snyder over $271 / 2$ cents per 1,000 gallons to deliver water to con-
sumers if the original cost is 17 ceits pe 1,000 gallons as shown by the following figures:
Cost of water purchased 17 c per 1,000 Cost of delivering water...10.73c per 1,000

Total cost water delivered 27.72 c per 1,000
The present minimum water rate to consumers is 15 cents per 1,000 gallons It is apparent fiom the above figure that the City of Snyder cannot purchase water at 17 cents per 1,000 gallons and deliver it to consumers for tess than 27.78 cents per 1,000 gailons without sustain ing a loss

If the profits from the Water and Sewer Department are discontinued, city taxes will have to be increased at leas $39 \%$ to take care of the deficit. The dif ference in $93 / 4$ cents ( 1945 cost) and esti mated cost of 10.73 cents is due to increased salaries, labor, etc.

EXCERPTS FROM SOUREY COUNTY
TIMES OF OCTOBER 17, 1946
Four wells* in 1945 produced 80,790,400 gallons of water. Six new wells drilled during the last two months will produce $311,040,000$ gallons of water per annum
It will be seen from the above figures that the water consumption during the year 1945 was $80,790,400$ gallons.
Assuming that these wells will still furnish the same amount of water, and that the six new wells will furnish 311 , 040,000 gallons of water per annum, the present available water supply of the City of Snyder will be as follows:
Water supplied by old
wells..................... 80,790,400 gallons Water available in six
new wells.

Total available water
supply per annum....391,830,400 gallons
According to the above figures, Snyder now has an available supply of water of more than four times as much water as was used last year

* Note-The Scurry County Times reports that Snyder had four wells in 1945, but probably investigation will reveal that there were only three wells which produced the $80,790,400$ gallons of water.


## These Facts Presented as a Matter of Education to Citizens of Snyder Before we Go Blindly into the Water District






Kathleen Norris Says: Happiness Won by Hard Work-Not Luck

" By KATHLEEN NORRII
 ed to marry", writes Cather-
ine Van Orden from a small
town near Buffolo. "He was 26, just back from college,
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## The Times' Weekly Page of World News in Pictures






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