

Rubins Explains Purpose Of Proposed Issuance Of \$350,000 In School Bonds

Prof. R. B. Rubins, superintendent of Bristol, Tennessee public schools has expressed his approval of the proposed school bond issue to the amount of \$350,000, which is to be voted on by Bristol, Tenn., citizens, Saturday, because the board of education, he says, has a very definite building program in mind to meet the needs of the schools for a period of possibly ten years.

"In the first place," Mr. Rubins declares, "the plan contemplates not so much the meeting of an immediate emergency as a general plan to meet the needs of the schools for a period of years, possibly for as many as ten years, provided that the city grows normally as it has been growing for the past ten years and does not have any sudden large expansion, in which the case the proposed bond issue might not provide ample facilities for so long a period. A most conservative estimate, based on increased annual enrollment over a period of years, indicates that within the next ten years Bristol, Tennessee must provide for forty additional classrooms with all the attendant facilities demanded of modern schools."

Of the proposed issue of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, two hundred thousand dollars together with one hundred thousand dollars, already approved by the county court of Sullivan County, will be expended for a modern high school building which will meet the new requirements of the State Department of education as well as those of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, Mrs. Rubins states. "Provision will also be made for an eight-room unit in extreme West Bristol, capable of eventual expansion to a twenty-four room school, a new grammar school in the central ward

and a unit for the colored schools containing possibly four classrooms and a much needed gymnasium," he says.

It is the intention of the board of education to conduct this building program in conjunction with the city from year to year as actual demands exist, he states, "keeping in mind at all times the ability of the city to carry the cost with the least possible burden upon municipal finances and a desire at all times to maintain the splendid financial rating which the city has always had as attested by the eager demand for all bonds which the city has ever offered for sale."

"Possibly the city would sell this summer no more than enough bonds than would be required for a small unit of the West Bristol school and the unit for the colored children," which he says is "doubtless the most pressing need of our schools today." Mr. Rubins thinks that "a comparatively small amount of the high school appropriation might also be sold in order that architectural plans might be made and grounds graded in anticipation of starting building operations early in 1930 during which year the city ought to be able to meet the new building requirements for high schools."

In conjunction with the selling of the school bonds, the qualified voters of Bristol, Tennessee will also go to the polls Saturday to reject or approve the appropriating of \$9,500 for the erection of a public library in the city. This amount, if approved by the people, however, must be matched with a like amount by the City of Bristol, Virginia for the purchase of the property of Dr. Joe Jones, located on the corner of Anderson Street and Woodlawn Avenue, Bristol, Tennessee for \$19,000. This site was selected by the Bristol Fed-

eration of Women's Clubs at a meeting held Monday, February 4, as recorded in a resolution favoring the project and location and recommending it to the two city bodies.

95,000 See Man O'War Since His Retirement

LEXINGTON, Ky., (AP)—Tucked away in his comfortable barn on the Faraway farm, living the life of Riley, Man o'War, in his equine way, might wonder about the sudden reawakening of interest in him.

If he only knew it, and John Henry Buckner, his groom, says he does because he told him so, all the hullabaloo in the vicinity of his stall, is because his son, Clyde Van Dusen, showed his heels to a million dollars worth of other race horses in the Kentucky derby and thus heaped more laurels on his red-coated daddy.

Interest in Man o'War never has died down completely since he was retired to the stud nine years ago, although it has waned at times. According to a visitors' ledger, now a library of 1 volume, the famous horse has entertained 95,000 callers since his retirement.

Never was a horse cared for like Man o' War. He is waited on by a corps of trained stablemen, and a guard's cabin near his barn houses sentries night and day. Near the cabin is a great bell that weighs 2,700 pounds and which used to sound Lexington's curfew. It is kept to summon assistance from the whole neighborhood if fire or storm menace Man o' War's barn.

Though the big stallion's racing days are over he is taken for an eight-mile jog every day, rubbed down, blanketed, and carefully dieted, to keep him in the splen-