

Ox-Roast Information . . .

In answer to many requests for information on the expenditures of the monies from our past ten Ox Roasts, a rough breakdown has been prepared along with a short history of our Ox Roast.

In 1951, a couple of civic minded citizens by the names of Benner Edwards and Joe Lewis, discussed the possibility of a holiday event. They decided on an Ox Roast to be held on Labor Day. They proceeded to contact the business section of town for donations from different businessmen and citizens. The meat was then bought and roasted in a pit and given away on Labor Day.

In 1952 the same procedure was followed and from the donations the meat was bought and given away free of charge.

In the summer of 1952, subscribers bought bonds or made donations, and materials were donated, and a blacktop tennis court was built.

In 1953 the Ox Roast went to a three (3) day event with midway rides, food stands and paid entertainment added, and a charge was placed upon the Ox Roast sandwiches.

The West Jefferson Community and Businessmen's Ass'n. decided to sponsor this as a yearly event. They voted to take the net proceeds and first reimburse all donators to the blacktop tennis court and then in the future place all net proceeds into a recreation fund for summer recreation.

The recreation fund was to help support a summer recreation program. This was to include the salaries of paid supervisors, buy playground space, playground facilities and various athletic equipment, as well as to maintain and replace lights and repair the football stadium.

From 1951 to 1952 the Ox Roast was non-profit. In the past eight (8) years, from 1953 to 1960, the Ox Roast entire net of \$25,414.34 has been placed into the recreation fund.

At various times during the course of each year, this recreation fund has been called upon to subsidize other functions. These consist of donation to the West Jefferson High School Athletic Ass'n., for athletic supplies and equipment, support of the yearly Halloween parade and cash prizes for cos-

tume and cash prizes for window paintings; Christmas treats for school children and underschool children. The fund has also been used to sponsor annual sports banquets, paid speakers and to purchase trophies for outstanding high school athletes.

In the past eight (8) years the Ox Roast has been a community project. At one time or other just about every service, business or social organization in the community has supplied manpower or worked with our organization in the planning. In some cases they worked as an organization on percentage, or donated the proceeds or their time to the Ox Roast. When they worked on a percentage, they used their share in their own special civic project. We are thus justly proud that our Ox Roast project has met with such united approval.

Let me take time to say to the citizens of our community on behalf of the West Jefferson Community and Businessmen Ass'n. and on behalf of the workhorses, the three (3) members of the Ox Roast commission of the past ten (10) years, Many thanks!

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It should be stressed again that **ALL** the net proceeds of the Ox Roast go directly into the recreation fund for use in civic projects and that not one penny is used for private purposes by the West Jefferson Community and Businessmen's Ass'n.

Following is the breakdown on the eight (8) year Ox Roast nets:

Tennis Court Blacktop	\$ 1,800.00
Purchase of 3.88 acres of land	9,700.00
Metal fence enclosure	515.00
Sports banquets, speeches and trophies	500.00
Christmas treats (7 years)	1,050.00
Halloween events	600.00
To West Jefferson High School Athletic Assn.	865.12
Summer Supervisor salaries (1952-60)	6,500.00
Electric light bills, labor, lumber, paint & ground maintenance	2,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses	234.22
Total expenditures	\$23,914.34
Cash reserve	1,500.00
	\$25,414.34
Total Ox Roast net	
1953 to 1960	\$25,414.34
Expenditures	23,914.34
Balance in savings	\$ 1,500.00

In addition to all of these accomplishments an electric scoreboard priced

at \$1500.00 was purchased at a cost of \$750.00, plus about \$100.00 installation. The members of our organization, Mr. Leigh Bradfield, Mr. Ralph Parsons and Mr. Leonard Martin, donated bear, and venison from a hunting trip and sponsored a supper. The proceeds from this meal contributed mostly to pay for the scoreboard.

In addition to this local businessmen have sponsored softball teams each summer for the past ten (10) years. This is estimated to amount to over \$5000.00

All in all, as an organization and as individuals, your local businessmen have contributed by their labor and cash the sum total of \$30,650.00 towards the youth of their community.

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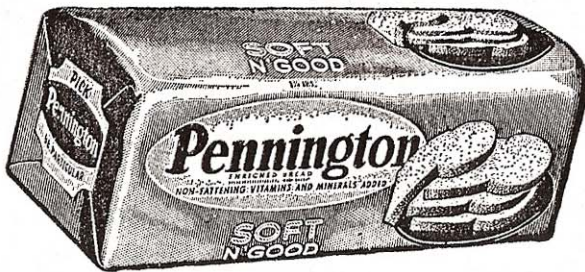
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