

Growing Pains

Laws sawing, hammer pounding, and cement mixers mixing, these are just some of the effects of the recent rapid growth. Over fifty new homes are now being constructed each year, from about twenty-four last year. And compared to fifty years ago, the present explosion of houses is unbelievable. Back then there was nothing but a few widely separated houses.

Over the years the town slowly grew into a retirement community. But since this population explosion the town has become a place with more families.

The present population is expected to go from 4,000 to 10,000 inside ten years! A growth rate of 25% per year. One major area of concern is the school district which spreads north past the ranch. This area includes 5,000 acres of undeveloped land just waiting to be built on.

There are three alternatives to the increasing amount of students would be. First, get another

school district to take the land in some sort of trade. But this is not done easily. Secondly, add on to the school. Third, we might consider making the land outside of the ranch a different school district. A way to not even get to the stage of these three solutions is to limit the number of building permits each year that are available. Also, we could coordinate the water, school, and fire districts so that they only serve the ranch. This would help save money because these services presently serve a wider area.

These are just some ideas on the way we could solve the population explosion. But the real solution lies with you, the Reader!

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