

# Ask Enlargement Of New High School

A request that the auditorium and gymnasium of the new high school planned for Bountiful be enlarged over present plans has been made by the city council of Bountiful.

BYRON OBERG, city manager, was instructed to write a letter asking that the enlargements be made, so that larger facilities might be available to the community for civic events.

Dr. Dean Belnap, member of the Davis County School Board, meeting with the council Wednesday evening, said present plans call for an auditorium that will seat 1760 persons, with the gymnasium seating 2800. These could be raised to 3200 for the gym and 2000 for the auditorium for an additional \$30,000. There would be no additional cost to the city, he said.

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ially larger than Bountiful High School now has. Its auditorium can seat about 1150 persons. Bountiful High's optimum is about 1300 students. But it will have to find places for 1500 next year, until the new high school is completed, he said.

The new high school is planned for 2000 students. Facilities would be large enough for this number. However, if the city feels it would want to use the building as a civic center, and is not going to build a center of its own in the near future, these might be enlarged. The decision rests with the state board of education, not with the district, he said.

ENLARGING the gym would help the school, also, he pointed out, by giving six playing levels instead of four, as planned. Seniors at Bountiful High School can't take physical education because there is not room for them.

MAYOR MATT Galt pointed out that if the Bountiful Community Concert continues to grow as it has done this past year, it will be too large for the Bountiful High School auditorium within a year or so. The larger hall would be beneficial.

We want our people to be able to stay home and enjoy interesting presentations, he continued. They should not have to go to Salt Lake City to see musical groups or plays. We should have them here. To do it we must have a place to present them.

THE MAYOR AND councilmen agreed that it will not be possible for the city to consider building a separate civic center in the city hall area. There are too many other things "more pressing" at the present.