

Special
Announcements
By Mrs. Jean

TURKEY TIME....
Here we are... almost Thanksgiving time again and it seems only yesterday we were complaining about the long dry summer. Time certainly does fly! Our best wishes to all of you for a wonderful Thanksgiving Day!

KIDS SAY THE DURDEST THINGS....

One local mother listening to the evening prayers of her sleepy little daughter was astonished and amazed to hear her say:
"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
When he hollers let him go,
Lenie, Meenie, Miny, Mo."

PAID FIREMEN?

In this column last week I gave a "pat on the back" to our local Volunteer Fire Department. This week I would like to take some space to tell you a little bit about the Central Point Rural Fire Department as they also have a crew of volunteers along with some paid men.

Saturday I called the station for information and talked to Jim Fowler, one of the paid men on the rural crew.

He explained the rural boys feel they have a very efficient force because of the paid men in the department. And, you know, he just may have a point there. Our city department of volunteers does a terrific job. But what happens if there is a fire some Sunday afternoon and all the volunteers happened to be out of town for a Sunday ride in the country, picnic or family dinner? I know for a fact that some of our city volunteers have refused such entertainment just in order to keep someone in town in case of fire which is not quite fair either.

With a paid man on duty, he is there. He is being paid to be there, Sunday or no Sunday. Fowler brought up another point. If we had a paid man on duty, he could get a truck out immediately to the scene of a fire, there would be no delay, and the volunteers could follow by private car. Something to think about.

The Central Point Rural Fire Department's roster boasts 12 volunteer firemen and 7 paid men. Nate and Wilma Grisham, dispatchers live in an apartment in back of the station and are on duty 24 hours each day. They not only dispatch all calls for the rural department but also cover the calls for city alarms on Freeman Mason's off-hours. Freeman is dispatcher for the city crew during the hours he is on duty as city recorder at city hall.

The rural department covers some 60 square miles in the area and each fireman has a fire radio in his home for emergency use.

Volunteers on the rural department are Maynard Hadley, assistant chief, Kupe Wilson, Bob Walker, Donnie Faber (also on the Board of Directors), George Gillman, Chuck Hewett, Bruce Mathieson, Larry Golber, Wes Claffin, Bob Griffiths, Dwight Harsh and Louie Lopez.

On the payroll are Chief L. C. Lienbee, Elmo Viar, Larry Fishback, Dick Norris, Russ Osborne, Dave Ridgby and Jim Fowler.

The rural department has 3 pumps, 4 tankers, and 2-4 wheel vehicle for fire

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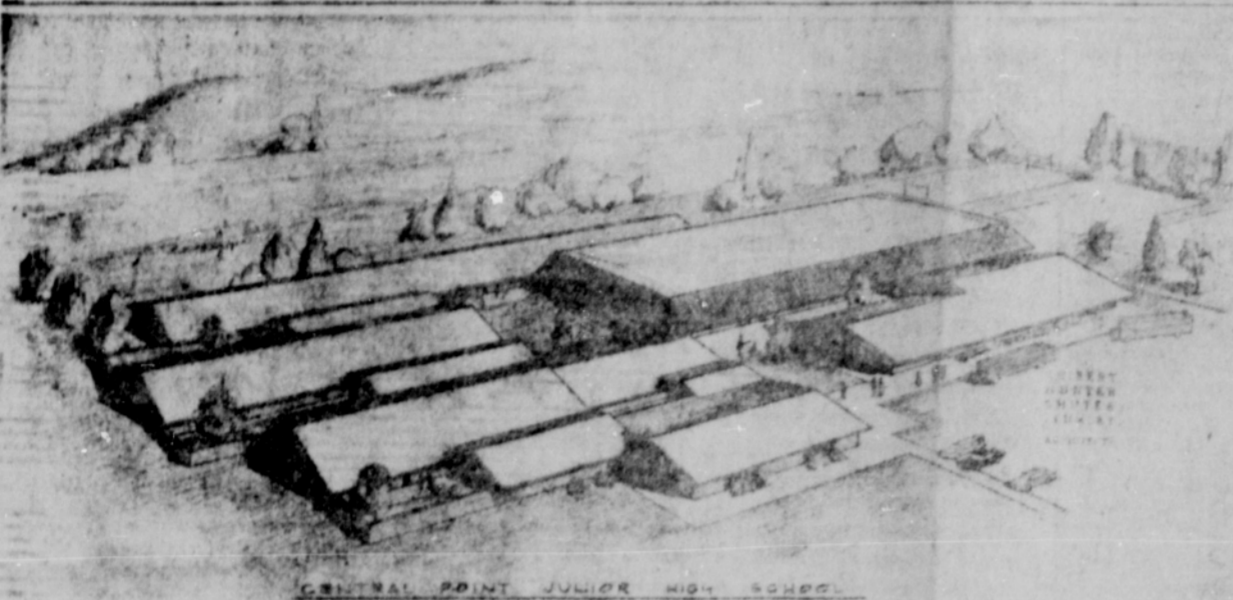
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Construction Of New Junior High School In Central Point To Start This Week



CENTRAL POINT SCHOOL. — This is the architect's drawing of the proposed new Central Point Junior High School, construction of which is scheduled to start this week on Scenic Drive east of the Pacific Highway in Central Point. The

\$1,444,131 cement block and wood complex of nine buildings will be one of the largest school plants in the Rogue Valley. Completion date has been set for January, 1968.

Construction of the new Central Point Junior High School is scheduled to start this week on Scenic Drive east of Pacific Highway with a completion date set for January, 1968.

The new \$1,444,131 building will contain 106,000 square feet in floor space joined by 37,000 square feet of covered walkways. The complex of nine buildings will constitute one of the largest schools in the Rogue River Valley.

The building is to cover five acres of the 21-acre site approved for the school.

When the complex is completed, it will house the present enrollment of 850 students and allow for additions to care for an anticipated enrollment of 1,200.

Three of the academic buildings within the complex will feature folding or removable walls between classrooms to allow visitation in the teaching stations. Library, administration, cafeteria, arts and crafts, home economics, shop, music and gymnasium will be housed in the other eight buildings of the complex.

CHAUNCEY McDOWELL'S FATHER CALLED BY DEATH

Last Saturday morning, Chauncey McDowell was notified of the death of his father at Joliet, Illinois. After he was informed of funeral arrangements he was able to secure plane reservations and attended last rites at Joliet. The funeral was closed in respect to his father. It will be open sometime on Wednesday.

R. E. McDowell was 86 when he succumbed to an apparent heart attack. He is survived by his widow and three sons, C. H. McDowell, and family of Central Point, Max McDowell and family of Ecotia, Illinois, and William McDowell and family of Gary, Indiana.

Cement block and wood are to be the basic building materials used in construction with glulam beams and wood decking comprising the roof. Exterior walls are to be of stud type construction.

Housed in the largest building the gymnasium and multipurpose room, will be a boys' gymnasium, a girls' gymnasium, multipurpose room, locker rooms and showers, and showers for visiting teams located in the basement opening onto the athletic field. This particular building will measure 100 by 100 feet. Large glulam beams will be the roof structure. Some of the beams weigh in excess of 15,000 pounds and are 108 feet in length.

A master television antenna system, which could be incorporated into a closed circuit television system, has been provided in the planning.

Lighting for classrooms has been brought up to above average classroom levels to give a well-lighted, low brightness type of illumination which has been approved for modern educational facilities.

A type of illumination without glare, using indirect lighting, is planned for the gymnasium, multipurpose room and cafeteria building.

The electrical system is designed to support whatever additions are made in the future. And the entire complex has been designed to support whatever additions are made in the future.

The school will feature hot air heating, using water as a heat transfer agent, from the boiler to the night purpose room units in each building.

The architectural firm of Siebert, Hunter, Spate and Plumley of Medford designed the complex with emphasis on student needs and provision for future needs of expansion in mind.

Structural, mechanical and electrical engineering was done by the firm of Marquis and Marquis, consulting engineers, building contracts have been issued to Craft and James, also of Medford.

Decline Of Business Activity Is Measured

Business activity in Oregon allowed somewhat during the third quarter of 1965 but still remained seven percent above the same period last year, according to "Oregon Business Barometers."

The quarterly economic publication is produced by U.S. National Bank of Oregon and is edited by Dr. Edward W. Reed, Professor of Banking and Finance at the University of Oregon.

"U.S. Bank's Business Barometer," a measure of business activity in the state, dropped 1.5 points from July to an estimated 148.1 in September. It is based on 100 for the period 1957-59.

The decline is the result of a combination of things, mainly the drop in residential construction (down 27 percent from last year) which has been attributed partially to the increased demand for credit by business firms and the reduction of funds available for housing, causing a rise in mortgage interest rates.

The publication reports that three sawmills and 14 plywood mills have closed because of the profit squeeze and that a reduction in the labor force at other mills also has been made. Lumber and wood products employ-

ment is down 1.6 percent from last year. Although the decline in the number of employees has been about 1,900, many of these workers have found employment elsewhere as indicated by no sharp increase in unemployment insurance claims.

Even though the lumber and plywood industries are soft spots in the Oregon economy, there is evidence of growth and well-being in the state shown in the total employment figures which were 528,800 in September. The unemployment rate of 3.4 percent was the lowest figure since August, 1959.

Personal income in Oregon for the first eight months of the year, as reported by "Business Week," increased 11.6 percent compared to a nationwide increase of only 8.2 percent. Oregon's increase was surpassed by only two other states.

It appears as though agricultural income will approach the excellent years of 1959 and 1965 with cash receipts from farm marketing holding up very well this year through August. At the same time construction activity in Oregon has been the highest ever.

Bank debits were slightly lower in September than in August, the high point of the year for the state. Compared to a year ago, there was no increase in bank debits for the state as a whole, but in Portland there was an increase of nearly 10 percent. In Eugene bank debits reached a high in August but declined in September. In Salem they have increased each in successive June, and in September were 17 percent above the same month last year.

Business activity in the first quarter of 1965 is quite good, since an increase of one percentage point in August is an encouraging sign. "Oregon Business Barometers" points out that continued diversification of the economy over the years certainly will lessen the impact of any one business sector.

Pacific Power Jackson County's Largest Taxpayer

Pacific Power & Light Company's property taxes in Jackson County totaled \$623,084.81 this year, an increase of 22.6 percent or \$114,666.31 more than a year ago. Pacific Power is the county's largest taxpayer.

C. P. Davenport, PPL district manager, said the increase largely reflects the company's expansion of electric service facilities in the county. The tax payment made this week was part of a statewide total of \$5,992,669 in property taxes Pacific Power paid in 30 of Oregon's 36 counties this year. "This is equal to \$16,144 every day," Davenport said.

The power company reported that school districts receive a majority of the tax funds, and that more than 68 percent of the Oregon property taxes PP&L paid last year were distributed to school districts.

Local Swim Pool Com. Sets 2-Day Benefit Sale

December 5th and 6th a benefit rummage and baked food sale will be sponsored by the Central Point Swimming Pool Committee to be held at 32 N. Holly St., Medford.

The committee members are requesting donations of usable and good articles for rummage as well as baked foods for the sale. This is a very worthy cause, something to benefit each and everyone of Central Point.

Anyone having donations are asked to contact the following persons - Janet Becker, 664-3859; Mrs. Edna Wheatley, 664-3188 and/or Mrs. Nita Taylor, 664-1044. Rummage articles may be left at 431 N. 5th Street and for those having donations but unable to make delivery are asked to call any of the above mentioned persons to arrange for pickups.

Safety Awards Presented To PP&L Employees

Two national safety awards will be presented later this month to Medford district employees of Pacific Power & Light Company for their safety record of one million man-hours without a time-loss accident or injury.

Mobile Home Fire Totals Family's Possessions

The White City section of the Central Point rural fire department last night destroyed the John V. Allen residence, 3162 Ave. 945 in White City, Monday night. Firemen reported the mobile home and a 10 by 12 mobile trailer a total loss.

The time of the fire was not ascertained, but it is believed to have occurred sometime between 10 and 11 p.m. The home was insured by Mr. Allen.

Hides Delivered To Tanner

Tanner, Sherwood, now has the deer hides that were collected for the Shady Cove Pee Wee League fund raising project.

Hides of all kinds are acceptable for this project, stated Mrs. Ray Pote who delivered the hides while on a business trip to Portland.

School District Holiday Schedule

Central Point students will have a four-day holiday Thanksgiving, and days off for Christmas, school officials reported today. School will be dismissed two hours early today (Wednesday) and students will not have to return to school until next Monday.

The Christmas school holiday starts Thursday, Dec. 22. Classes will resume January 3.

Ashland Hospital Construction Makes Progress

The new 25-bed addition to the Ashland Community Hospital is progressing on schedule, according to Administrator Phillip Huntley.

"The roof will go on this week," Huntley said. With the foundation in well before the rains came, no construction problems are anticipated due to weather.

Completion date for the added wing is set for April 1. Construction cost of the addition has been figured at \$206,000 - fully equipped, the total cost will be \$246,000.

Same Shakespeare Directors Return For New Season

The entire 1966 directorial staff of the Shakespearean Festival will return to Ashland for the 1967 season, according to Angus Bowmer, founder and producing director.

Plans are being formulated for the 27th season of the Festival with the new company convenes for 51 nights of play-acting.

Another ballad opera will be produced this coming year with W. Bernard Windt, music director; Shirlee Dodge, choreographer; and stage director Carl Ritchie joining in the production.

A 1967 music-dance special has been definitely scheduled for matinee performances at the Variety Theatre following the success of last summer's "Beggar's Opera" by John Gay.

An album of "Beggar's Opera" is now available. The two records feature nearly all of the songs and most of the dialogue from the singing, with the original Ashland cast.

Priced at \$5.95, (including mailing and handling costs), the recordings are in compatible stereo. The album may be ordered by writing Tudor Guild, Box 453, Ashland.

It's a Girl?



PIDSTO CHANCO! ... Things were happening last Friday in Central Point when little 5-year old Shayne Reilly appeared in Chuck Hakala's Barber Shop for a haircut.

A Boy?



From the pictures above, you can get an idea as to what went on... and isn't he a handsome boy! Shayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Reilly, Medford. And a brave little boy was he, for one who had never had a haircut before in all his growing years.

Superman!



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