

Rural Fire Budget Set at \$30,370 For Coming Year

A total of \$30,370 has been proposed as the 1955-56 budget for Central Point Rural Fire Protection District following preliminary estimates of the budget committee and board of directors at their meeting Monday evening at the fire hall.

The budget for the coming year reveals a slight increase over the 1954-55 financial fund. The budget for the past year was \$28,607.

A public hearing on the proposed budget has been called for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the rural fire hall. A budget election date will be announced following the public hearing.

Members of the budget committee are: Ray W. Wyatt, chairman, Charles Bateman, Franklin Gebhard, Mrs. Ernestine Charley and Fred Hall. Board of directors for the fire district are Dr. Alvin Roberts, David L. deArmond, Claude Hoover, Larry Hull and Bert Smith.

De Molay Chapter To Conduct Drive For New Readers

A subscription drive to add readers of the Central Point American will be conducted in this area next week by members of Crater chapter, Order of De Molay.

Boys of the chapter are planning a house-to-house campaign in Central Point, Central Point Routes, Gold Hill, and Howard district.

A commission on each new subscription or renewal will be given to the chapter by the publishers of the American. Boys of the chapter plan to use money earned from the campaign for chapter activities.

In addition, three individual prizes will be given to the three boys who sell the greatest number of new subscriptions.

Ralph Lattie Opens Mill Cafe Today

Ralph Lattie, former chef at Rogue Valley Country club and at the Jackson hotel, opened Ralph's Mill Cafe at noon today.

Lattie, who makes his home on Grant Road, has been a resident of Central Point for the past five years. He was chef at at Rogue Valley Country club for two years and for three years at the Jackson hotel.

Previously he was in Hollywood. He has been in the restaurant business for the past 29 years. Several of his recipes have been given national publicity and have been published in magazines.

His wife, Marie, will be associated in the operation of the cafe.

Former operators of the restaurant on Highway 99 were Jim Asher and Jim Shanks, both of Medford.

SPEECH CLINIC DATE

May 12 has been scheduled as the date for the next speech clinic at Central Point Junior high and grade schools, according to word from Principal C. A. Meyer this week.

CONVALESCING

J. E. Vincent is reported convalescing very satisfactorily at his home on east Pine street following a recent heart attack.

OFFICE REPAINTED

The office of the rural fire department has been redecorated.

Voters to Decide Bond Issue Thursday

\$350,000 Bond Issue Asked for Erection Of 2 Grade Schools

Citizens of School District 6 will troop to the polls next Thursday, April 28, to vote on a \$350,000 bond issue for the construction of two new elementary schools, one at Gold Hill and one at Central Point.

Polling places have been set up at Gold Hill school gymnasium and at Central Point Junior high gymnasium.

Residents of precincts 76, 78, 79 and 80 will vote at Gold Hill. Election precinct residents of 22, 24, 25, 69, 70, 71, 71-A, 72, 73-A, 74 and 75 will all vote at Central Point.

Polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

According to information from the board of the school district, the two new buildings are needed now because of crowded conditions at both schools.

At Gold Hill, first and second graders have been divided into two sections and basement and sub-standard rooms are currently being used.

At Central Point the lack of room space is serious, board members state. Every available classroom is in use now including several that are being used on a "get-by" basis.

Sites owned by the district are available for both schools.

The \$350,000 bond issue will erect the two buildings, provide furnishings and take care of other related costs. Four classrooms will be constructed at Gold Hill and 12 classrooms and a multi-purpose room are proposed for Central Point.

Polio Vaccine Fails to Arrive, Shots April 28

Shipments of Salk anti-polio vaccine have not yet been received in Jackson county and no definite arrival date for the vaccine has been announced.

If the vaccine arrives, first and second grade pupils in this area will be given the shots on Thursday, April 28. Plans are completed for the mass vaccination and action will depend on arrival of the vaccine.

It was expected that the new vaccine, recently approved, would be here and available for Thursday, April 18.

Children from Central Point, Howard, Lone Pine, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Shady Cove and Rogue River will be brought to Central Point grade school for the vaccine.

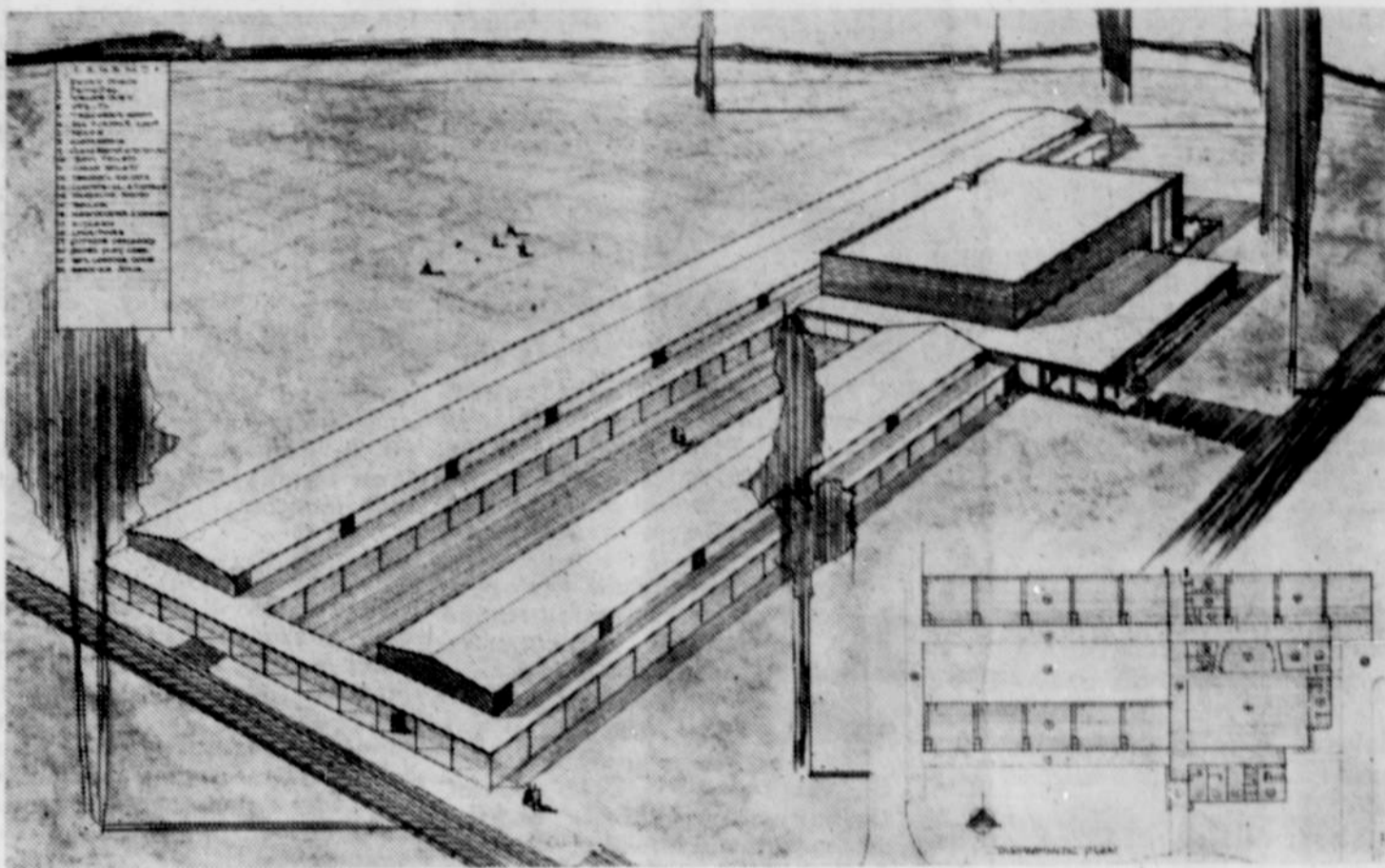
TO VISIT CRATER

Eighth grade students at Central Point Junior high will visit Crater High school on May 11. The prospective high school students will spend the afternoon at Crater.

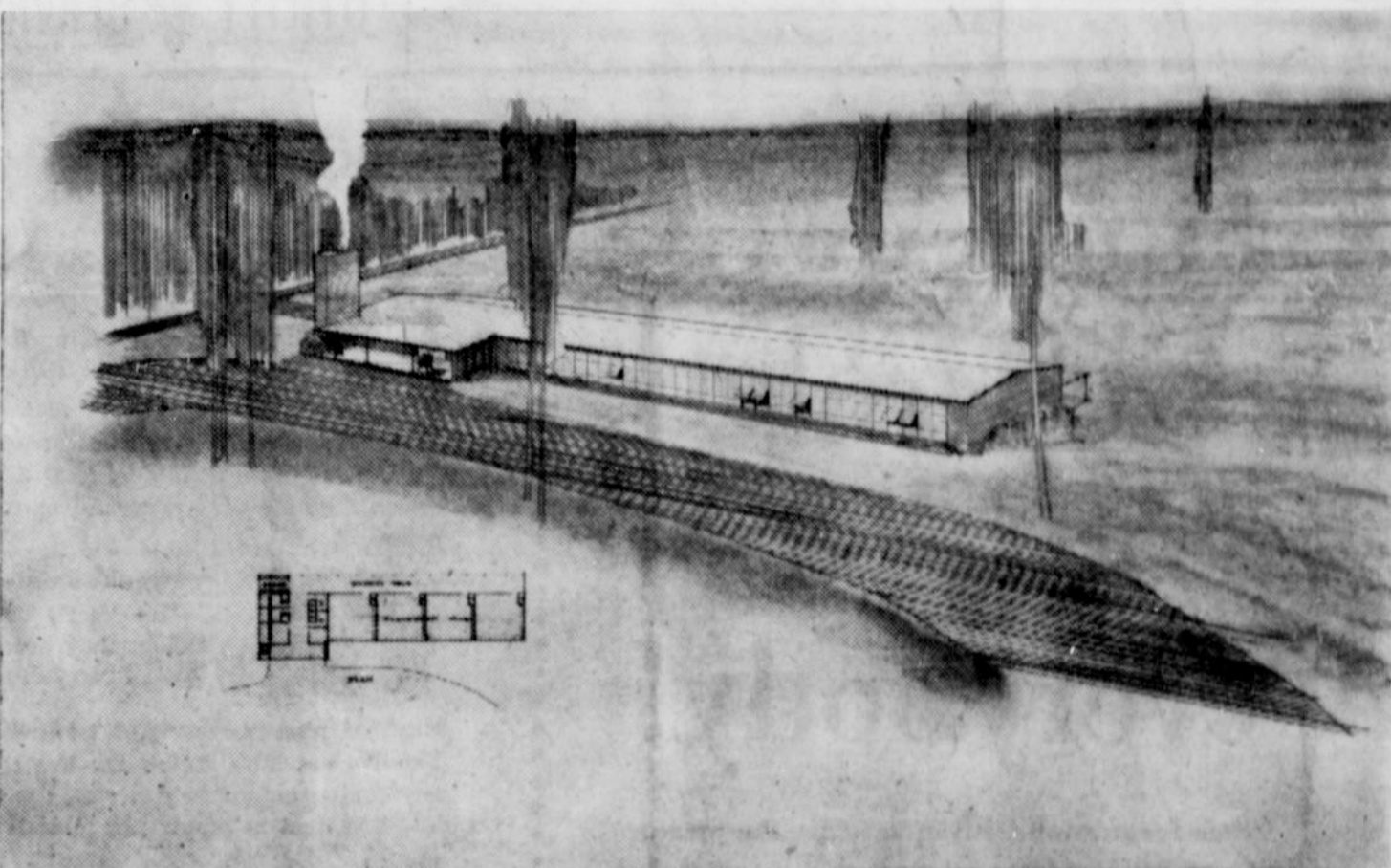


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April 18	50	33	.02
April 19	45	33	.12
April 20	53	36	.12

Weekend forecast calls for considerable cloudiness, a few showers and warmer afternoon temperatures.



CENTRAL POINT SCHOOL—Pictured above is the architect's sketch of the proposed elementary school for Central Point. District 6 residents will be asked Thursday, April 28, to vote for or against a \$350,000 bond issue to provide money to build elementary schools at Central Point and Gold Hill. The Central Point building will contain 12 classrooms and a multi-purpose room in addition to office space. The unit has been designed for expansion in the future.



GOLD HILL SCHOOL—A four-classroom elementary building is planned for Gold Hill to ease crowded conditions there. It is planned for future expansion to eight rooms or more. This building will use frame construction with brick veneer exterior, steel sash, slab floors with asphalt tile, simple low pitch roof and a plastered interior. Features of both proposed school buildings will be use of "open corridors" to all rooms and the use of natural north light. Robert J. Keeney, Medford, is architect for both structures.

Johnson to Leave For FFA Contest

Donn Johnson, Oregon state FFA public speaking champion, will leave Friday, April 22, for Phoenix, Arizona, to take part in the regional convention and public speaking contest.

State winners from the 11 western states will compete in the regional public speaking contest slated for Monday, April 25. Johnson will present his speech, "Let's Put Our House in Order," which deals with farm legislation.

Also making the trip will be Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kunzman, Crater vocational ag instructor and FFA chapter advisor, Norman Barnes and Kenneth Bigham. The party is expected to return home late next week.

CIRCLE MEETS TODAY

The Women's Service Circle of the Presbyterian church is meeting today, Thursday, with Mrs. Cliff Smith on Grant Road.

TO OPEN BIDS

Bids on construction of the fire hall-library building for the city of Central Point will be opened at the special council meeting called for Monday, April 25. The meeting will open at 7:30 p.m.

No Official Word On O&C Money

No official word has been received by officials of School District 6 as to the distribution of O&C timber funds as reported last week.

School District 6 is slated to receive over \$84,000 from the \$685,859 to be divided among the 28 school districts in Jackson county. The money was divided on the basis of school census figures.

Use of the fund by school districts is limited to the payment of existing school construction bonded indebtedness.

Spring Concert Set for April 20

The annual Spring Concert, presented by the Crater High school music department, will be given Friday evening, April 29, in the high school gymnasium.

Music Director Norman Carothers reported this week that a full program of musical entertainment has been planned for the annual event.

Featured in musical selections will be the 49-piece Crater band, 80-voice mixed chorus and the 15-voice Lavaliers.

The public has been invited to attend the annual event. A small admission charge will be made.

WEEKEND IN ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gorden spent the weekend in Albany visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Gorden, and Cindy. Friday was Cindy's second birthday.