



NEW TALENT HIGH SCHOOL — Shown above is an artist's drawing of the new Talent High school as it will appear after construction of a cafeteria and gymnasium, both of which are planned for sometime in the future. New athletic

New Talent High Opens; Colorful Rooms Featured

Talent — One hundred and forty Talent High school students moved into new quarters during the past week.

After years in a building that has been shared with grade school students, Talent High school Thursday moved into a new \$123,424 building which was completed only a few days earlier.

The new building, with a floor space of 17,093 square feet, provides enough room for 240 students. Talent School Superintendent Roy B. Parr says that will be enough space to handle an increased enrollment which is not expected for several years.

Additional Space

In addition, moving the high school to the new building will provide additional space in the old building for the grade school. And some of this additional grade school space is needed right now.

The new high school building includes seven classrooms, plus a shop and library. Facilities for the school administration are a public area, general office, clerk's office, superintendent's office, storage space and conference room.

The building has been designed by Medford Architect Robert Keeney so that additions can be made later as need arises and when funds become available. These additions will include a cafeteria and gymnasium. Until they are constructed, high school students will use the cafeteria and gymnasium facilities at the old school, less than a block away.

Only Paint Needed

At the present time, about the only thing to be done on the new building is a coat of paint for the exterior, a job which has been delayed by inclement weather. Present plans call for the building to be painted a light green.

A striking feature of the interior of the building is the color scheme, which features bright, cheerful colors in distinct contrast to the usual "battleship gray" found in most older schools.

Colors in the new building include bright yellows, pinks, browns, various shades of green, and others. They combine to make the interior "almost too cheerful to be a school," and together with modern lighting and lots of window space should remove any problems of eye strain.

New Library

The large school library includes two small rooms, one of which will be used for library work, and the other will house the facilities for Talent High school's prize-winning newspaper.

Elsewhere in the building are a darkroom for photography work, and a student store, where students will be able to purchase supplies, Cokes, and other needs.

The seven class rooms include a commercial room, science room, general purpose room, arts and crafts room, English and social studies room and home making room. A folding wall between two of the rooms may be opened and the resulting large room will be used for assembly purposes.

The homeliving room includes and automatic washer and dryer, sewing machines, electric stoves and refrigerators. Off the homeliving room is a small room to be used for child care and first aid classes, which are required for all senior girls. Shop to South

The shop is to the south of the main building and is connected to the main building by a breezeway, which will become a corridor when the gymnasium and cafeteria are constructed. The shop contains a main general work room, a paint room and a spray room, which is specially designed to meet rigid safety requirements. At the pre-

sent, plans call for the shop to be used only for woodworking, but the main room has been designed with a large door through which cars, trucks or trailers can be moved when metal working classes are added at some time in the future.

All exterior and interior walls of the building are constructed of light weight aggregate block. All utility areas are plastered and all ceilings have been acoustically treated.

Slab Floors

Floors are concrete slabs covered with asphalt tile. Heating is provided by steam convectors and vent heaters, and the building is so designed that an additional boiler can be added to provide adequate heat for the cafeteria and gymnasium when they are constructed.

Contractor for the building is Frank Fairweather, Medford.

Money for the building has been provided by a \$159,500 bond issue approved by a 235 to 99 margin on April 8, 1934 by residents of the Talent school district.

Professor To Talk At Roundtable Monday

Dr. Newel Comish, Eugene, a retired professor of business administration at the University of Oregon, will be the speaker at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable tomorrow noon at the Jackson hotel.

Dr. Comish, an acknowledged expert in the field of retail selling and marketing, was with the university from 1932 to 1933, and has also taught marketing, management and selling at Oregon State college, the Uni-

Eight Rogue River Teachers Out of 21 Will Not Return

ogue River—Eight out of 21 teachers at Rogue River high school and grade school have resigned effective the end of this school year, according to Mrs. Genevieve Dick, clerk of the district.

Those resigning include James R. Hayden, high school principal, and William H. Esselstyn, head teacher for the grade school.

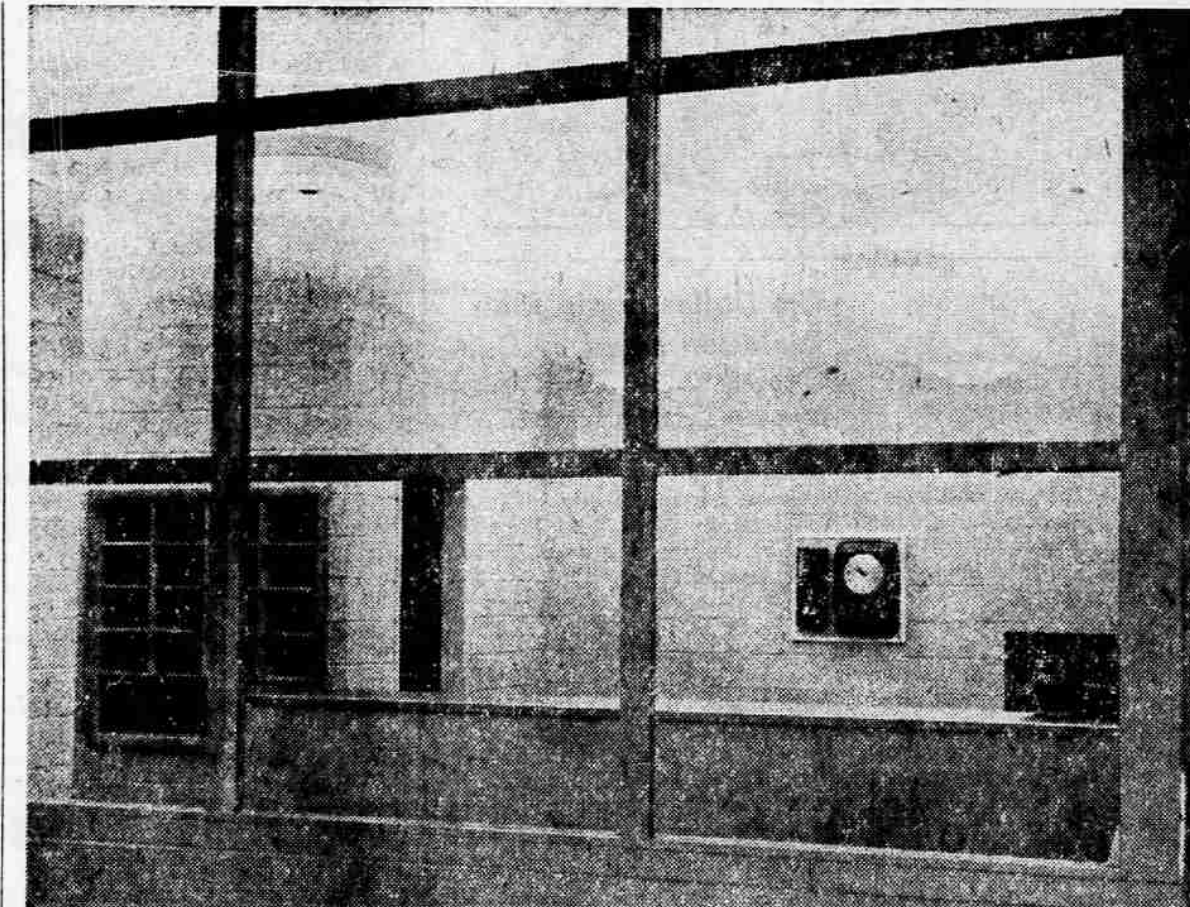
Leonard C. Walsh, superintendent of schools and principal of the grade school, already has been replaced by John B. Harr, present Prospect superintendent, who will serve as superintendent of schools and high school principal. Walsh will serve until the end of the school year.

Meeting Set

Walsh's successor as grade school principal will be named at a meeting of the school board set for April 7, according to Robert C. Gail, board member.

Other members of the high school staff who have resigned are Richard L. Michaelis, instructor of band, chorus, and mathematics; Carol B. Harris, commercial instructor, and L. Lyle Brown, instructor of sci-

fields for football and baseball are being constructed to the south and southeast of the new building, and the new baseball field may be used this spring. Students moved into the new building Thursday. Architect for the building is Robert Keeney, Medford, and Frank Fairweather, Medford, is the contractor.



OFFICE AREA — One portion of the office area of the new Talent High school is shown above. Included in the building are a gen-

eral office, clerk's office, superintendent's office, and a conference room. —(Landis-Shangle Photo)

Boyd Gibson Named Ruch School Principal

Boyd Gibson has been named principal of Ruch grade school for next year, the county school superintendent's office reported.

He will succeed Elmer Ayers who has accepted an instrumental music teaching post at Oak Grove school.

Gibson has been seventh grade instructor at Griffin Creek school.

The county office reported that Principal Orvel Walker and Mrs. Walker have resigned their positions at Evans Valley to each in Grants Pass. Walker has taught the seventh and eighth grades and Mrs. Walker the fourth grade and music courses.

Members of the high school staff who will be returning are Walter L. Perry, shop and English; Ray McClain, physical education and science; Altha S. Le Ray, home economics and physical education; Lyman L. Hatfield, physical education and social studies, and Gerard B. Fahey, Latin, speech, and English.

Any member of the chamber can attend the roundtable luncheon, and can bring guests.

Co-Op Advertising Program Discussed

Grants Pass — Plans for a three-county advertising program during the coming tourist season were discussed here last week at a meeting of representatives of five chambers of commerce.

Among those attending were Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and Ron Gande, a member of the board of directors. Other chambers represented were Klamath Falls, Ashland, Grants Pass, and Illinois Valley.

The chambers have joined in an organization called "Southern Oregon Hospitality Unlimited," which sponsors cooperative advertising programs to bring tourists to this area.

A budget similar to last year's was approved, and it was decided to place advertising in two daily newspapers in San Francisco, one in Los Angeles, and in Westways, a touring magazine.

Grade Teachers Resign

Members of the grade school teaching staff who have resigned are Esther Mae Moore, physical education, language arts, and grades seven and eight; Esselstyn, grades seven and eight, mathematics, science, and physical education; Vivian A. Miller, third grade, and Bessie E. Pollock, second grade.

Returning grade school teachers will be Ron Brown, grades seven and eight; Jean M. Wicks, sixth grade; Edward F. Harmon, fifth grade; Eugene H. Cota, fourth grade; Minnie L. Jensen, second grade; Mary Beck, first grade, and Camilla Kearns, first grade.

'Metropolitan' Sanitary Plan Explained, Approved; Drastic Alternatives Told by Doctor

A "metropolitan area," or one district encompassing the Rogue valley floor organized to provide sanitation, would be the most economical and feasible method of solving the sanitation problem confronting the developed portion of the valley.

If the present legislature does not pass drastic legislation to permit solution of this problem, the state board of health and health officers will be forced to take steps to provide temporary relief which will in the long run be more expensive.

These views were brought out by A. D. Harvey, civil engineer, and Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health officer, at a meeting of the sanitation committee of the Jackson County Public Health association held last week. The meeting was one of a series being held to discuss possible solutions.

Explains Plan

Harvey gave a thorough explanation of the plan which he has originated here, and which is patterned after those used in Los Angeles county and the bay area of California. He stated that Senate bill No. 434, introduced by Jackson county's Senator Phil Lowry, if it is passed, provides the necessary legislation to permit organization of such a sanitary area.

Dr. Merkel stated that "something has to be done; we have reached the saturation point," and said SB 434 and others covering specific areas in the state, are being endorsed by the board of health and the Jackson County Public Health department.

A letter urging passage of this measure and signed by more than 30 members of the committee was sent to legislators. Individuals and other community groups were also urged to write on the matter.

In explaining the metropolitan district under one sanitary authority, Harvey stated this area is ideally situated to work out such a plan, with the valley following a gentle slope to the Rogue river. We are fortunate, he said, to have the main transmission line and Camp White treatment plant falling into an engineering pattern which would make the plan feasible and economically sound from the standpoint of the communities involved and the state sanitary authority. The Camp White disposal plant was built to take care of 35,000 people and can be operated for 50,000, he stated.

By making the valley into one big sanitary district, under one board there would be sufficient financial stability to allow projects which cannot be done individually, he pointed out. Taxes would not necessarily have to be raised for support of such a plan, he said.

Should Pay Own Way "It is my belief that the area definitely served by the sanitary service should pay the load for that service," he said, "but most districts need more capital than they can raise under the law."

As an example he cited the South Bear Creek sanitary district, extending along Highway 99 from the new armory to Phoenix, which is badly in need of sanitary service. Under the law this district is not permitted

to bond for money enough to pay for this service. They are limited to \$58,000 when they should have \$90,000. In order to hook up with the Medford system they must build a line which they cannot yet pay for.

If there were an over-all authority in the county, it could handle such matters, Harvey stated.

Plan's Features

One of the most important features of the Lowry plan is that it provides for future planning, and for other sanitation problems such as mosquitoes and garbage, Harvey stated, and it is flexible enough to allow for later developments.

He also stated that his plan would not interfere with the city of Medford's current study for annexation of fringe areas. Although the plan includes the city and use of the Camp White

disposal plant, it would not necessarily have to include the city of Medford in order to be workable. The district could contract with the city for use of the plant, or separate unit could be built, he said.

However, it has been the policy of the state sanitary authority to discourage putting in any more treatment plants than absolutely necessary due to difficulty of operation and since it is more wasteful to operate individually, he pointed out.

Quicker This Way

Asked how soon he felt the plan could be worked out if the bill is passed, he stated he felt there is enough interest locally for petitions to be circulated immediately. After that it is a matter of legal processes, he said, but at any rate, it would be much faster than by individual small districts trying to organize.

Committee members were interested in finding out more about county zoning and how it might help the county — especially if the legislature does not approve the sanitary measures — and it was decided to hold a meeting to discuss this subject on Wednesday.

It was also decided to invite sanitarians from Lane county, where county zoning is in effect, to explain how it is working there.

GRANGE

Eagle Point Grange

Eagle Point Grange H.E.C. met March 30 at the home of Leona Wattenberg with Amelia Jones as co-hostess. There were 16 members present and one guest, Mrs. Leona Hackney.

Cards were sent to Mabel Wertz, Winnie Brown, Rosa Smith and Luella Cline, who are all reported to be on the improving list.

It was asked that anyone desiring to do fancy work for the fancy-work committee, contact that committee as there is work for anyone that likes to do this.

Members were reminded that homemade Easter hats are to be on next display table and that each member is expected to have one to display.

H.E.C. Chairman Carroll Clymer told of the sewing contests that are open to any Grange members interested, and reminded them that anyone making kitchen curtains should have them finished by May; she said it is also time to be thinking about the canning contest.

Next H.E.C. meeting will be April 27 at the home of Carol Clymer, co-hostess will be Opal Waddell. Roll call will be answered by "Places I'd like to go and why."

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