



Several county departments have already moved into new quarters in the annex of the county courthouse. Erected at the back of the main building, the annex is bordered by Laurel and Eighth streets, and has an entrance on the former street. Of fireproof construction, the addition is designed with large windows of tinted glass to provide ample light for workers. Work is continuing on the interior of the third floor, which will house a circuit courtroom and offices for court officials. The basement of the annex will be used for storage.



Quarters for the county superintendent of schools and his staff are located on the ground floor of the courthouse annex. Pictured here are County Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold and a secretary, Mrs. Adelaide Bailey, at work in the main office. This office was one of the first to move, having occupied the new space late last summer when the first floor was completed. The greatly increased population of Jackson county, with the resulting increase in county business, has made necessary the hiring of new employees and construction of the new addition.

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Completion of two floors of the new addition to Jackson county's courthouse in Medford has resulted in a change of quarters for several county departments.

The ground floor of the addition has offices for the county school superintendent, water master, engineer and surveyor. On the second floor are to be found the recording and election departments of the county clerk's office.

A short time ago the county treasurer's office was moved to a suite which was made from space formerly occupied by the clerk's storeroom and a section of the clerk's main office.

The quarters formerly occupied by the county treasurer are now being incorporated into the offices of the county assessor and his staff.



New Quarters

Last week the district court judge and his staff moved from their quarters on the ground floor to a suite on the north end of the third floor, the space having formerly been used by the school superintendent and county engineer.

Jackson county health department, located in ground floor quarters, will expand into space vacated by the district court after it has been renovated. The changes also have resulted in extra space for the sheriff and district attorney, on the top floor of the old building, and quarters for the juvenile officer next to those of the district court.

A new circuit courtroom and offices will be housed on the third floor of the annex when it is completed, the changes having been planned so that all courts and law enforcement departments and the law library will be on the top floors. (Brainerd photos)



County Treasurer Karl Janouch (at right) moved to his new offices January 19, and is shown here with Elvin Pesenti (at left) and Don Pillar of Davis Transfer company as they trucked cartons of records from the old office to the new under his supervision. The treasurer's new suite on the second floor has three rooms and a vault for safe storage of county records.



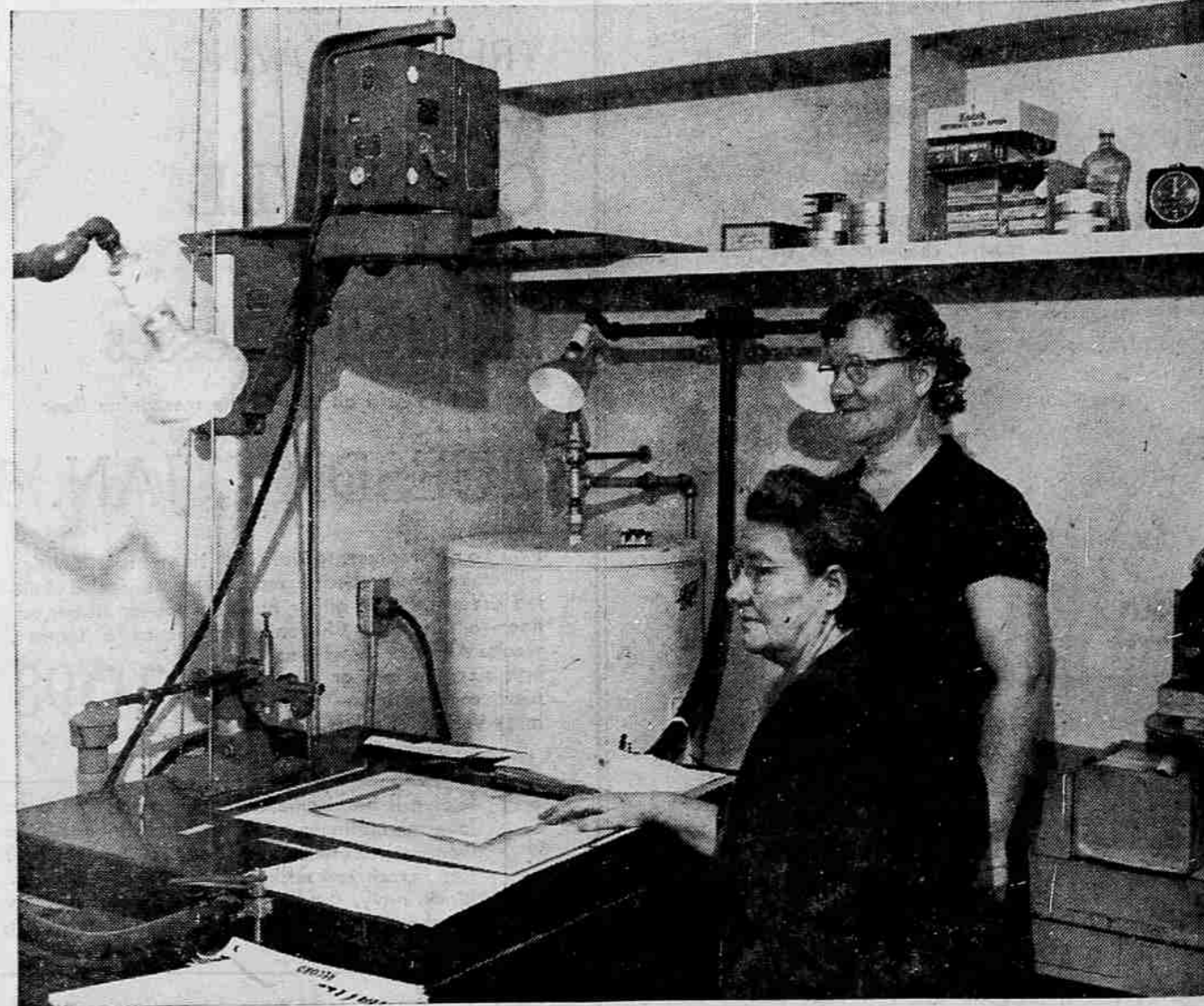
Mrs. Karl Janouch, deputy county treasurer, remained busy throughout the moving day, continuing her work at typewriter and hookkeeping machine while her husband and his helpers carried away everything else in the room.



Miss Lucile Smith (at left) and Miss Doreen Straus, deputy county clerks assigned to the district court, spent a few moments one day inspecting the partly-completed quarters which Judge Rawles Moore and the two clerks are now using. That day workmen were using the top of the judge's bench as a safe spot for their lunch boxes.



The recording department of the county clerk's office moved into greatly expanded quarters in the annex just before Christmas, and installation of counters is the only work left to be done in this section of the second floor. Pictured here are (standing, left to right) Mrs. Afton Carter, deputy clerk in charge of the recording department; Attorney Dewey Wilson and Mrs. Grace Bohl. Mrs. Martha Mitchell, another deputy, is seated at her desk. Another section of this floor is now occupied by the election department of the county clerk's staff.



All deeds, mortgages and other legal papers filed with the county clerk are now photographed and put on microfilm. Mrs. Thelma McIntyre (seated) and Mrs. Afton Carter are pictured here in the new dark room by the camera. Mrs. McIntyre develops, dries and winds the prints in this room which was designed and equipped particularly for the needs of the department. The room and equipment are a great improvement over the former quarters, according to the two women deputies who carry on this important part of the county clerk's work.