

District 549C Patrons to Vote on Budget Tuesday

Voters of School District 549C (Medford) will be asked to vote on the district's 1958-59 budget next Tuesday. Each year since 1946 the budget has been presented to the voters, to approve the amount over the 6 per cent limitation. This is necessary because the constitution provides that a budget more than 6 per cent over a district's tax base must be approved by the voters, and the tax base has long been far too small to provide for the needs of the growing district.

Estimated expenditures for 1958-59 total \$2,525,441.17 compared with \$2,329,765.89 for 1957-58. Estimated receipts for next year total \$1,007,035.85, making \$1,518,405.33 the amount necessary to balance the budget.

Adding the amount of \$95,358.21 estimated not to be collected in taxes, the total estimated tax for 1958-59 would be \$1,613,763.54. Subtracting the tax needs within the six per cent limitation, \$453,757.31, and the amount not affected by the limitation, \$162,923.44, leaves the \$997,082.79 outside the six per cent limitation which must be approved by voters.

The total budget for the coming year is \$195,675.28 larger than the one for the current year. But the net amount to be raised by local property taxes is only \$38,534.34 more than this year. The difference is accounted for by an increase in other income, largely from a higher payment from the state basic school support fund.

Reasons for the increase, and an analysis of the budget generally, have been prepared by school officials, members of the district board and budget committee and officers of the local Parent-Teacher association.

Budget Influences
"The school budget," they said, "influences the type and kind of teachers a system has; the type and amount of equipment; the conditions and maintenance of buildings; and types and kinds of teaching aids, reference materials, library books, textbooks, and all the other items needed in a modern educational program."

Major factors causing the increase are larger enrollment, more teachers, rising

costs of supplies and equipment, higher salaries of employees and increased transportation costs.

Last year's comparable enrollment was 5,362; this year's, 5,600; and next year's expected, 5,825. The system is taking in about twice as many first grade students as there are graduating seniors.

Twenty-two additional teachers will be needed next year to relieve excessive overloading and to staff new schools.

Enrollment Statistics
Enrollment statistics for the system indicate there are 3,129 pupils and 108 teachers in the eight grade schools; 1,320 pupils and 58 teachers in the two junior highs; and 1,160 students and 50 teachers in the senior high.

The teacher's salary schedule is essentially the same in Medford, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass for 1958-59 and is comparable to schedules of most other districts.

Increases in school costs are due largely to "non-controllable" factors, such as increased number of pupils; rising cost of necessary services, supplies and equipment in order to maintain a minimum standard program; and increased demand on schools by community and state.

Members of the budget committee stated that the recommendations made in the Medford budget have been reviewed "item by item by the school staff and administrators, and by members of the school board and budget committee." Dr. D. Kirkland West is committee chairman.

"Medford students have consistently rated among top graduates and performers in competition with other schools of the state," the committee said. "This success can be attributed to the exceptional educational opportunities offered our students by the people of Medford."

Maintenance Supplies
Maintenance supplies were up an average of eight per cent in 1956, seven per cent in 1957 and 7.5 per cent in 1958.

Sixty-nine per cent of the cost of operating Medford schools is paid through local property taxes, with 25 per cent more coming from the state, 1 per cent from the federal government and five per cent from the county school fund.

Medford's school tax rate of 44.3 mills is among the lowest in the state, compared with other districts of similar size, and is the lowest among first class districts in the county.

Estimates of actual tax in-

creases for property owners as a result of the proposed budget also were included in the report.

Example Cited
The owner of property with a market value of \$5,000 would pay an estimated increase of \$5.38 for the year; \$7,000, \$7.53; \$10,000, \$10.75; \$15,000, \$16.13; \$20,000, \$21.50; and \$35,000, \$37.63.

The estimates are high, and would be more accurate by multiplying the assessed value from the tax notice by 4.3 mills, or .0043.

Costs for schools have increased an average of 12 per cent or more each year, while the tax base could only increase six per cent. The millage rate this year of 44.3 compares with 45.2 in the proposed budget for next year.

The .9 mill increase does not include an estimated 3.4 mill increase in tax rates which will be assessed against Medford school district taxpayers as their share of the new county equalization formula for financial support of schools within Jackson county.

New Formula
Briefly, the report states, the new formula is based upon equalizing one-half of approved operation costs of county public schools.

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Makes Presentation
Making the presentation was Raymond Reter, Medford, president of the International Apple association and personal friend of Tuttle since he

Hedrick junior high school cafeteria will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Any person 21 years of age or over, who has lived in the district six months, and who has registered at least 30 days before the election may vote.

Polling places at McLoughlin junior high boys gym and



KIWANIANS HONOR DENTISTS—Dr. John Dickson, left, president-elect of Southern Oregon District Dental Society, receives plaque from Bill Singler, Medford Kiwanis club president, honoring Jackson county dentists who participate in the Kiwanis sponsored clinic. Individual dentists contribute one-half day per month free of charge giving care to youngsters who otherwise could not afford to have work done on their teeth. The clinic, in operation since mid-March, is located in the county courthouse and has handled more than 350 appointments since it opened. Dentists were guests of Kiwanians last week at their noon luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

Tuttle Honored by Area Pear Growers

Shelby Tuttle, retiring manager of Southern Oregon Sales, was honored at a luncheon last week at the Rogue Valley Country club.

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In 1926 Tuttle was named as assistant manager of Southern Oregon Sales when that organization was formed. He became manager in 1934 and has been active in that capacity until his recent retirement.

He will be retained in a consulting capacity by S.O.S. even after his formal retirement, according to company spokesmen.

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Batesville, Ark. — (UPI) — Mrs. Robert Anderson heard a judge sentence her husband to three years in prison for receiving stolen property. Then she fainted.

She missed the judge saying, "but I'm going to sus-

Vision Is Learnable, Lecturer Tells Group

"The age of gadgets and push buttons has done much to deprive today's children of the visual advantages and benefits gained through the doing of chores about the home and the many things for oneself that were part of everyday living for our fathers and grandfathers."

This statement by Dr. Edmund F. Richardson, internationally known lecturer from Hollywood, Calif., and director of study groups for the Optometric Extension program, in addressing members of the Southern Oregon Optometric Society, keynoted a post-graduate conference recently.

"The binocular co-ordination so necessary for the maximum and efficient use of vision in school to gain meaning from the printed word is developed by children through

Episcopalians Honor Bishop

Portland — (UPI) — Episcopalians in Oregon Wednesday night honored their retiring bishop, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, at 70 dinners in parishes and missions of the Diocese.

Bishop Dagwell, in an address over a 10-station network to the dinners, spoke to about 30,000 persons. He said he has confirmed 23,500 persons, or an average of more than 1000 annually.

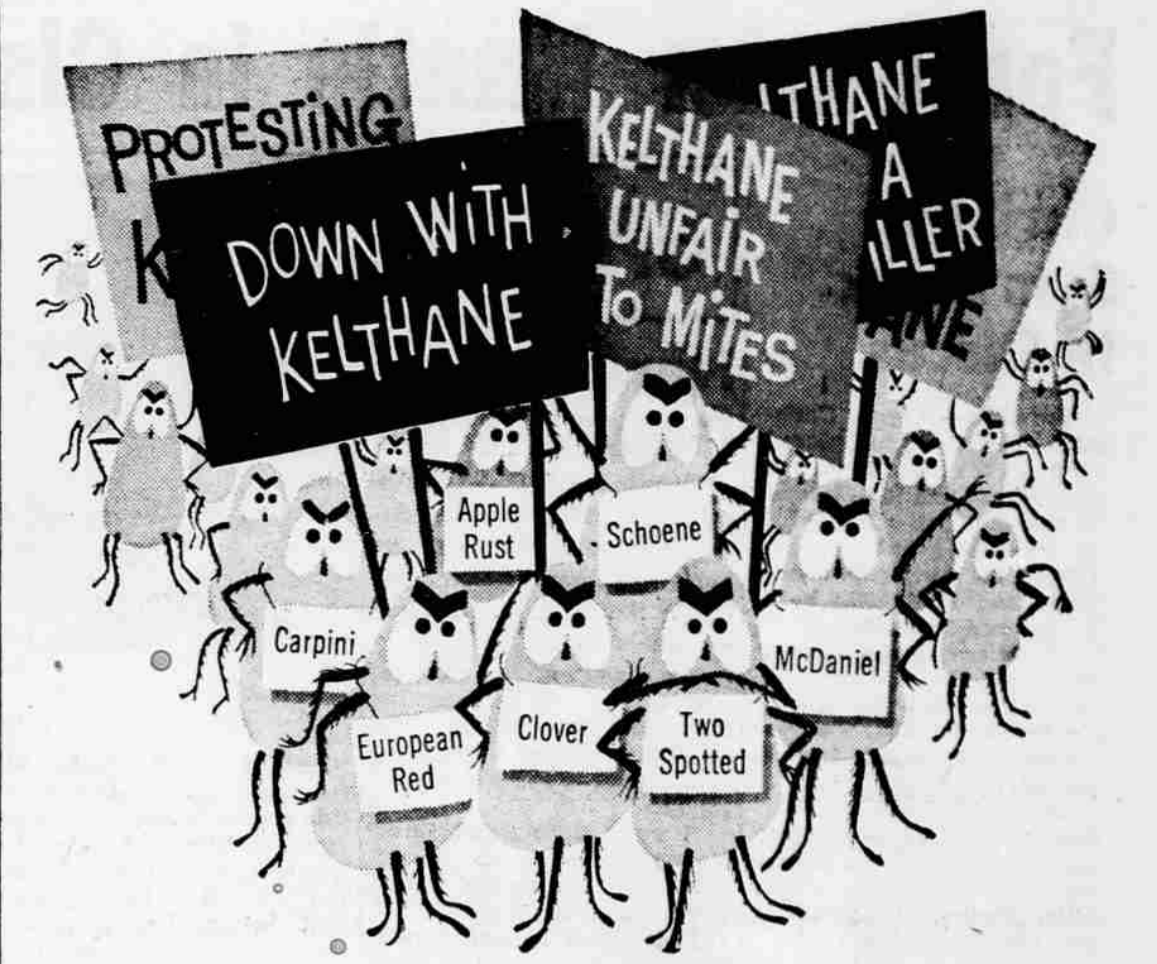
The bishop was presented with a check for \$11,174 by Coadjutor Bishop James W. F. Carman as "some recognition of the love and appreciation" of Oregon Episcopalians. Bishop Dagwell accepted the check "not as a personal gift, but one that is going into our work."

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pathway, and vision is a total bodily process that is learned in the same way that walking and talking are done. Because vision is learned, it is trainable.

"Furthermore," Dr. Richardson said, "it is also time that we took a good look at the school classrooms to see whether they are built adequately to sustain concentrated vision over many hours of time—which, in itself, is a highly unnatural thing in the use of the eyes."



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