

Stereophonic Sound Programs Scheduled For 13 More Weeks

A 13-week series of stereophonic sound radio programs will be broadcast through the cooperation of radio stations KMED and KYJC starting to-

morrow night, according to Ray Johnson and Tom McLeod, managers of the stations.

Programs will be broadcast between 8 and 9 o'clock Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, they said. The series will continue for 13 weeks. Johnson and McLeod said KMED would be responsible for technical aspects of the broadcast, and both stations would share announcing responsibilities.

Stereophonic sound was inaugurated in the area last Wednesday night through the cooperation of the two stations, Jennings Pierce, Medford and former radio announcer, and the Verl G. Walker company, area representative for the Voice of Music corporation.

Response Gratifying
Response to the broadcast, radio station managers said, has been gratifying. Many residents indicated they would like more such broadcasts, and commented they enjoyed the program. One person wrote he is looking forward to hearing Christmas Carols in stereophonic sound.

One person wrote that "it was really wonderful and a most progressive gesture." Telephone calls during and immediately following the program last Wednesday were numerous, with as many as 40 calls at one station during the evening.

More than 750 residents attended an open house at the Jackson hotel Thursday night at which stereophonic sound equipment was displayed and demonstrated. Ted Christensen, merchandising manager of the Verl G. Walker company, said "we were tremendously pleased with the success of the open house, and we believe people have a far better understanding of stereophonic sound."

For the best reception of stereophonic sound, listeners should use two radio sets, one tuned to KYJC and the other to KMED. The sets should be placed 8 to 10 feet apart and facing the listener, who in turn should be about 10 feet from the sets.

This plan, Walker said, gives the listener a true binaural effect, which is an integral part of stereophonic sound. Binaural, two sources of sound of the same program, brings out a realistic reproduction of the original music not achieved by more common recording and playing devices.

CJ Council Plans New City Building

Cave Junction — At a city council meeting this week, Larry Cushing, chairman of the building committee, reported on his recent conference with Robert Easton, student architect at University of Oregon who is drafting plans for a new city hall.

Easton has completed his new draft, incorporating changes proposed by the council members at a special meeting.

After a visit to Cave Junction, Easton offered to redesign the exterior of the building to give it a more modern look in keeping with other recent structures. A site for the proposed new municipal building is still under discussion.

Four Tracts of BLM Timber Sold At Medford Office

Bids totaling \$312,982.90 were placed for four tracts of timber offered in Medford Sept. 11 by the bureau of land management.

Five bidders qualified for each of the three smaller tracts, while only one bidder qualified for the largest tract. The latter contained an estimated 8,117,000 board feet and was purchased by Bate Lumber company, Merlin, for the appraised price of \$172,131.50, according to Robert D. Hostetter, BLM assistant district manager, who conducted the sale.

Caveman Lumber company, Grants Pass, was the successful bidder for 2,279,000 board feet of timber in Josephine county. The sale price was \$64,345.80, with \$29.50 per thousand board feet being bid for the predominant species Douglas-fir.

A tract in Jackson county containing an estimated 2,951,000 board feet was awarded to Lithia Lumber company of Ashland, which submitted the high bid of \$59,040.50. Bidding was limited to white fir, which constituted about half the total volume, with the final unit price being \$21 for the white fir.

Cabax Mills of Medford was the successful bidder for 622,000 board feet of timber in Josephine county. The total consideration bid was \$17,465.10.

The next regular timber auction to be conducted by the Medford district of the bureau of land management will be on Oct. 16. More than 20 billion board feet in nine tracts will be offered at that time.

251 Housing Starts Reported by FNMA

Eugene — Congressman Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) has received word from the Federal National Mortgage association that 251 housing starts, totaling \$3,045,150, have been approved in six Fourth Congressional District cities. Funds for the new lower-cost home starts are provided in the Emergency Housing Act of 1958 and are used to purchase FHA and VA mortgages.

Porter was told the figures were based on Aug. 28 statistics. The Federal National Mortgage association has approved 1,063 housing mortgages in 22 Oregon communities totaling \$12,815,000, according to the report Porter received Sept. 9.

The new home starts are for \$13,500 or less. Cities in the Fourth District where new starts have been approved include:

Central Point—1 mortgage for \$10,400; and Medford — 6 mortgages for \$77,600.

FNMA President J. S. Baughman said the program had provided "quite a stimulant" to the housing industry.



















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