

## Proposed School Budget Reflects Increased Costs

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles reviewing the proposed \$3,914,846.99 general school budget for School District 549C for the 1960-61 fiscal year. An election on the budget will be held at seven polling places May 2. Today's article concerns a general discussion on the budget form, which is now this year, and the budget for administration of the district.)

The proposed Medford School district budget for 1960-61 reflects today's increased operational costs of education.

A general fund budget of \$3,914,846.99 includes salary increases for administrators, teachers and non-certificated personnel as well as anticipated higher costs for plant operation and maintenance.

The proposed budget is \$486,776.39 more than the present year's expenditures, and about \$85,339 less than was originally considered for 1960-61.

The district's budget this year has been figured on a state-supplied form which segregates general fund expenditures in 13 categories. The 13 categories are designated by a series number for quicker reference.

**Categories Listed**  
The 13 categories are administration, instruction, attendance and health services, pupil transportation services, operation of plant, maintenance of plant, fixed charges, food services and student body activities, community services, capital outlay, debt service, payments to other school districts and emergency.

P. G. Humphreys, chairman of the budget committee, noted that the new form appears desirable, but comparison of next year's proposed budget to this year's is difficult since some changes are necessary in designation of funds.

A comparison of the 1960-61 proposed expenditures to this year's is further complicated because of the consolidation of other districts to Medford last year.

**Salaries Increased**  
Salaries for Superintendent Leonard B. Mayfield and Assistant Superintendent Elliott Becken were increased a total of \$9,500, excluding expense allowances.

The total estimated salary expenditure for administration is \$39,775, which includes the office of business administration, school election personnel, school census takers and a courier as well as superintendents.

School Board Chairman W. A. (Bill) Barker said the district could "not afford to lose" its superintendents, and recommended to the budget committee salary increases. "Dr. Mayfield," Barker said, "is a well-qualified superintendent" and noted that he is not only known throughout Oregon, but also is becoming a national figure in the field of education.

**District Fortunate**  
"We have been fortunate," Barker said, "that Dr. Mayfield has remained with the district, since I'm sure he has had more attractive offers elsewhere."

Salaries of superintendents are prorated through the budget categories in the divisions in which they have supervision. For example, three-fourths of Dr. Mayfield's salary is listed in the administration category, and one-fourth in instruction under supervisors.

A total of \$12,280 is budgeted in the office of business administration, which includes the district clerk's salary, and salaries for his staff.

**School Elections Budget**  
Some \$475 is budgeted to school elections, and another \$3,800 is listed for two clerks and 14 enumerators for the school census. Budgeted for one man, half-time, courier service is \$1,950.

Dr. Mayfield, in reviewing the budget with committee members, noted that the school census is taken every two years.

Other budgeted items in administration include supplies, \$6,170; elections and public-

ty, \$550; census enumeration, \$300; legal service, \$1,200; audit, \$1,250; clerk's bond, \$350; and other expenses, \$3,985.

The latter includes expense allowances, clerk board dues, conference and interviews, miscellaneous inventory, housing coordinator, in-service training, and staff and personnel service.

## Medford Colonel Retires After 33 Years in Army

Army Lt. Col. Charles O. Reed, Medford, was retired Feb. 29 at San Francisco's Presidio after more than 33 years of military service, according to Army officials.

He entered the Oregon National Guard as an enlisted man with the 186th Infantry Oct. 12, 1926, and was commissioned a second lieutenant of the Oregon National Guard in December, 1934. He entered the Army in September, 1940, when his unit was called to federal service.

Colonel Reed and his wife, Nellie, plan to visit their son, Douglas, in Wilmington, Calif., before returning to Medford. Their daughter, Beverly, also lives in Medford.

Prior to retirement, Colonel Reed was assigned to the personnel and administrative office, Sixth U.S. Army headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco. He was honored at a retirement ceremony and retreat parade on the Presidio parade ground Feb. 26.

During his military career, Colonel Reed served two overseas tours in Tokyo, Japan. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and DOOK lodges, Medford, the American Legion and Elks Lodge.

## Injunction Denied By Judge; School Work Continues

Asland - A circuit court judge Thursday denied a request for an injunction and any threat to halt construction work on the new Asland Junior High school was stopped.

Judge David Vandenberg, Klamath Falls, gave his opinion in circuit court in Medford in a dispute over furnishing locks on the new building. The judge explained that an injunction is to grant relief to an injured person. In this case, he said, if the injunction was granted all of the people of Asland would be injured.

**Not Delay Work**  
If a damage suit is filed, such action would not delay construction, the judge added.

The injunction request was filed by W. L. Reid, Portland, who claimed that that firm was not allowed to bid on furnishing locks and other hardware for the school. A specific lock was stated in the specifications. It was explained that the school district specified a particular lock so the entire district could eventually have a master key system.

Graff and James, Medford, are general contractors for the \$842,000 building which will replace the present structure on Siskiyou Blvd.

## Karen Carpenter Is Finalist in Program

Karen Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, route 3, box 124, Medford, is one of four seniors at Verde Valley High school, Sedona, Ariz., named finalists in the 1959-60 competition of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation program.

She has been awarded a certificate of merit.

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