

RUCH STAGE AREA — Included in the \$180,000 bond issue to finance a two-year construction program in Medford school district 549C will be money for a stage at Ruch elementary school. Above, Boyd Gibson, principal, shows Bruce Mathney, coach and seventh grade teacher at Ruch, where the stage will be at the side of the gymnasium. The stage and boys dressing room will be finished. Two other rooms which will be included will not be finished until demand warrants their use.

Means of Financing Building Program Discussed by Board

Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles on the \$750,000 bond issue on which School District 549C patrons will vote Thursday. Today's article discusses financing the building program and why the school board and budget committee chose a bond issue for the program rather than including it in the general operating budgets for the next two years.

The decision to extend payment of the construction program over a 20-year period was made after consultation with professionally qualified authorities on public financing, officials noted.

School officials considered delaying the program one year because of the possibility of obtaining assistance from the federal government, but this was ruled out on the advice of authorities consulted.



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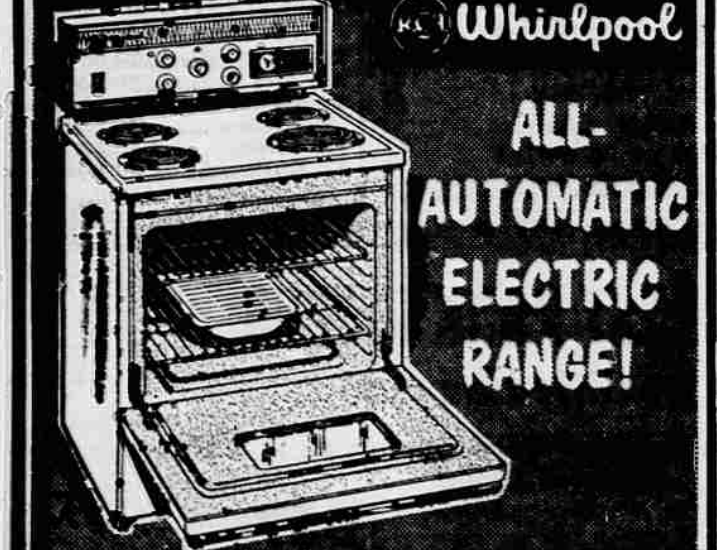
Financing a two-year construction program in school district 549C received considerable study by the school board and budget committee before a decision on seeking a \$750,000 bond issue was made.

There is no evidence, school officials noted, to indicate that either the federal or state governments will grant funds for school house construction. State and federal limited funds are available for certain distressed districts, they noted, but Medford does not qualify for such assistance.

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The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Donald H.—My wife wants to return to France. Yvette H.—American women are so silly—and there is no culture.

Donald H.—My wife and I have been married seven years and have four children. We could be happy—except for one serious problem. My wife is French and has never been able to adjust to life here. It's not just that she misses her family and friends. It's that she can't make friends with American women.

I agree that life is better in Europe in some ways but not in every way as she seems to think. She wants to go back to France, but I am an American and I can't adjust to another country. After all, I'm the one who has to make a living and I don't even know the language.

Yvette H.—My father has a little shop and could well use Don in it. My father is old and has nobody to help him. Between them they could build up a good business.

There would be plenty for all of us. In France I would no longer feel always out of place. American women are so silly and so spoiled. I can't be one of them. A woman in France works much harder, but I don't mind all that. I just don't want to become an empty-headed as American women.

Also, in America there is no culture—only rock 'n' roll, stupid TV shows and drinking. All over Europe people have contempt for such things.

The Council: Any person who condemns a whole group or segment of society has a pretty serious problem with himself. Such a person has no self-assurance and needs to bolster a sick ego by finding somebody to look down upon.

In addition to this very difficult emotional problem, Yvette is probably just plain homesick. A visit back home would cure that—and her desire to remain there as well. Life in France undoubtedly has its charm, but we have

years. The net increase of taxes for bonds, interest and principal, in 1960-61 would be about 1.14 mills on assessed valuation, officials noted.

Tax Increase
School officials estimated that on a home valued at \$7,000 on today's market with an assessed valuation of \$1,750, the increase in taxes would be \$2 a year, or about 17 cents a month. The net increase on a home with a current market value of \$14,000 would be about \$3.99, or 33 cents a month, and on a home with a current market value of \$20,000, the increase would be about \$7 per year, or 58 cents per month.

As the value of the district increases, the amounts assessed on a home for bond principal and interest would decrease, officials noted. Estimates of the increase are based on the bond interest and principal payments only, officials pointed out. If costs of operation, salaries, supplies, equipment and other essentials increase along with inflation, the total tax load will increase accordingly.

Financial Condition
The Medford district is in good financial condition, school officials pointed out, when compared to other districts. Valuation of the district this year is \$44,304,547.73, and it is estimated to be about \$45 million next school year.

The district is bonded only about 4.14 per cent of its limits, administrators said. The current limit is \$9,107,045.92 with outstanding bonds of \$3,769,250, leaving a remaining balance of \$5,337,795.92, officials said.

Public schools have to rely on all their capital outlay costs from local property taxes, and most of the operating costs from the same source, administrators noted.

Source of Revenue
Since Oregon does not have a state property tax, local property taxes support county and city government, schools, and other special services such as irrigation and fire districts. The chief source of revenue available to school districts, officials noted, is the local property tax.

State-wide, it is estimated that 70 per cent of the property tax dollar goes to schools. In Jackson county, it is estimated at 72 per cent, and in Medford, 68 per cent. "The Medford schools receive a smaller percentage of property taxes than most school districts in Oregon," members noted.

School officials pointed out that the schools of Oregon actually receive only about 8 1/2 cents out of each total tax dollar. The other 91 1/2 cents is collected in the form of federal and state income taxes and from gasoline, luxury, and other forms of taxes and fees.

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a strong suspicion that Yvette has romanticized it out of all proportions in her memory. In our opinion Yvette does not know either American women or America. Her sensitive ego has kept her prisoner inside a commonplace set of ideas. She fears to expose herself and be found inadequate. Yet she has nothing to fear because American women are friendly, warm and almost invariably interested particularly in people from other lands.

Many open-minded individuals who have come here from Europe have found that American women have been the most maligned on earth. Far from being spoiled, they are conscious of their good fortune and eager to contribute to the welfare of others.

A European woman may look with envy at the American woman with her fine household equipment and lovely clothes, but she is not aware that American women make tremendous demands upon themselves. They not only are hard-working wives and mothers, but they do volunteer work, study and in ever-growing numbers go out to work as soon as their children are grown. And many well-off American women do all their own housework—something unknown to European women of similar means. As for rock 'n' roll, TV and

Titan Squadron Expected by 1961

Washington—The Air Force has predicted that its first Titan long-range missile squadron will become operational June 1, 1961.

The forecast was made by Maj. Gen. Osmond J. Ritland, commander of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, in closed-door testimony published today by the House defense appropriations subcommittee.

Ritland said the Titan has met its test objectives "extremely successfully." Six out of its first nine flights have been successful, he said.

He said the program is behind its original target date but this was due to a decision in the spring of 1958 to "harden" ballistic missile launching sites and protect them with thick layers of concrete.

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