



**PURCHASE BUILDING** - The Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc., are completing transactions regarding the purchase of the First Christian church building, Ninth and Oakdale ave. The Girl Scout organization is now making some repairs to the structure and other changes will be made in the future. The Girl Scout headquarters have been located at 500 East Main st. since 1927, but will move to new quarters soon after Sept. 1.

## The Week in California President Kennedy 'Starts' Giant Dam Project During Visit

By United Press International  
President Kennedy paid a "non-political" visit to California last week to help fellow Democrat Gov. Edmund G. Brown break ground for the \$500 million San Luis dam.

Kennedy, availing himself of the time-honored presidential custom of visiting western resource development projects during a congressional year, also became the first president to spend a night in scenic Yosemite National park. He wound up his tour in Los Angeles.

But the main attraction of Kennedy's visit was his appearance at the dam site, located near Los Banos on the western edge of the San Joaquin valley. There he and Brown both spoke before thousands and simultaneously pressed buttons detonating dynamite-grenade blasts. This signaled start of construction on the dam, which is the largest joint state-federal project ever conceived.

Brown, who is seeking reelection against Republican Richard Nixon, said he was pleased to have in attendance "a president who regards the West as an equal partner in the nation's destiny". He hailed the beginning of the San Luis project as the start of a new era for California farms and industry.

San Luis dam was first conceived as a federal reclamation project. But it will be constructed and used jointly by both the federal and state governments.

**High Dam**  
When the 320 foot high dam in the arid barren foothills is completed, probably in 1968, it will store 2.1 million acre feet of water.

Half the water will be used by the federal government to service 500,000 acres on the west side of the valley. The state will use the other half, channeling it to giant pump lifts in the Tehachapi moun-

tains for eventual delivery to southern California.

The San Luis project will cost \$511 million. But this is only a small part of the total California water plan cost which is estimated at \$12 billion.

Kennedy was accompanied to California by Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall. While in the state the president took the opportunity to shake hands with local and state dignitaries at various stops.

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

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## Area Girl Scout Council To Move Headquarters Sept. 1

The Rogue Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc. will have new headquarters some time after Sept. 1, having purchased the First Christian church property, at Ninth st. and Oakdale ave. as a permanent home for Scouting activities, including training.

The Girl Scout organization was organized in Medford in 1927. The Scouts have used the city owned property located in Hawthorne park, 500 East Main st. They have repaired and remodeled the building several times during these years, the last in 1956 when two new staff rooms were added.

The building of the new freeway and other changes made in that area caused them to look for other quarters.

Mrs. B. E. Culy announced that a committee was formed some time ago to look for a new location. This appointed committee included Mrs. Scott V. Davis, Dwight Houghton member of finance committee and Mrs. Michele T. Rossi. It was felt that the First Chris-

tian church property could lend itself to use by the total Girl Scout program.

Repairs and slight changes will be made at the new site. The committee was enlarged to include Adam Richter, serving as finance chairman for Girl Scouts; Thomas McFadden, 225 Black Oak dr., local camp property use chairman, and Fred Gatter and Richard Gray, both members of finance committee.

This committee working with the president, Mrs. Culy, completed the transaction. It is now planning and making the necessary needed repairs. Changes will include a new roof, exterior painting and interior decorating.

Extended parking area is now planned on the south. This will be delayed to give the First Christian church use of the building on the property until they move to their new quarters.

The sanctuary will be used for meetings and an expanded program is planned for all registered Girl Scouts. The

new offices for the organization will be located in the main building with entrances on Ninth st. and on the second floor on the northeast.

The lower floor, with more than half of the space being ground level will provide recreational facilities, with kitchen adjoining. Many rooms in this lower level will be used for troop meetings and other activities.

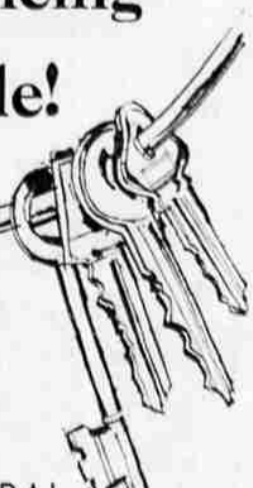
The purchase and improvement of this property was made possible by the sale of bonds bequeathed to this area of Girl Scouts from the estate of the late John R. Tomlin.

The First Christian church will continue to hold religious services, Sunday school and offices in the building until their new building is completed on Crater Lake ave.

The Scouting program is active during the week days only except for special occasions. The organization is a participating agency in the United Crusade and other area fund drives for operational funds.

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