

Old House Becomes Center Piece for Successful Show

Plans for Health Service Building At SOC Approved

Ashland — "Not only were our preliminary plans for a new health service building at Southern Oregon college approved, but we placed before the board two other items of business of considerable import to the growth of the college which were also passed upon."

This statement was made by President Elmo N. Stevenson upon his return to the SOC campus from a meeting of the Oregon state system of higher education board in Portland last week.

"Our increased enrollment, particularly that recorded for the fall term of 1962, has made it necessary to request a modification of the capital construction schedule for the college which was approved by the Board last July," Dr. Stevenson stated.

For the biennium years of 1963-65, he explained the total of \$940,000 projected had been raised to \$1,590,000. This total is to be expended for Cascade Hall, Unit E, a dormitory for 96 students; athletic facilities, including a portion of the cost of a swimming pool; a dining hall for the present Cascade complex; and another dormitory, Unit F, for 100 students, including a dining hall, which will also be a part of the Cascade housing units.

Three Dormitories

From 1965 through 1967, three more dormitories will be added to the Cascade area, and an athletic stadium with adequate bleachers will be constructed. Costs for these projects have been revised

upward from \$590,000 to \$1,030,000, Dr. Stevenson said.

During the biennium years 1967 to 1969, the cost for three more dormitory additions, two with dining facilities, and the expansion of the Britt Student Center, have been increased to \$1,280,000 from the original estimate of \$840,000.

Stevenson pointed out that all of the proposed projects could be financed from restricted fund balances and bond borrowings, and that the order of construction could be adjusted according to need from one biennium period to the other.

It was also reported that Robert J. Kenney, Medford architect, was authorized by the board to continue the preparation of preliminary plans for Unit E of the Cascade complex for which he had originally served as architect.

Threatening Letter Brings Commitment

Birmingham, Ala. — (UPI) — James B. Hubka, 29, Thursday was ruled mentally incompetent to stand trial on a charge of threatening the life of President Kennedy.

Federal Judge C. W. Allgood ordered Hubka committed to the federal mental hospital at Springfield, Mo.

Secret Service agents arrested Hubka several weeks ago after he wrote a letter to the Justice department threatening the President and Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

By ROBERT MUSEL
United Press International
London — (UPI) — The real estate vendor girded himself for the hard sell. Not many people show interest in a broken-down 160-year-old house and he maneuvered into position for a flying tackle if the prospect tried to leave.

He need not bothered. For as he yielded to honesty and rattled off the imperfections of the dilapidated dwelling his prospect became more and more delighted. "The plumbing is gone," mumbled the salesman. "Good," said the prospect. "The doors and frames are out of true."

"Capital," exulted the prospect.

Well, thought the salesman clinching the deal, it takes all kinds of people to make a world.

Make Television Show

And it takes all kinds of ideas to make a television show. The real estate operator did not know it then but the old house was destined to become the center piece of one of the most successful television programs ever broadcast in Britain.

Its name is "Bucknell's House." And no one in this land, where television originated, can remember any program that ever before drew 60,000 letters from viewers in two weeks.

Especially a program whose stars are a somewhat pot-bellied old house and a somewhat midriffy handyman whose only pretension to glamour is that he makes the odd jobs every husband should be able to do look easy—too darned easy as a number of irate males have informed him.

Produces Inspiration

"Bucknell's House" was the inspiration of a British Broadcasting Corporation producer, Stanley Hyland, who thought he would take advantage of the do-it-yourself craze by finding an "old and nauseating dump" and asking his friend Barry Bucknell to put it back into shape with the cameras watching.

Repairs were partly Bucknell's business. He heads a family building firm. Bucknell's announcement in the first program that he would restore the house as a "desirable residence" sent shock waves rippling around the country. Husband and wife made disparaging comments between the speed at which Bucknell worked and the snail's pace of their mates at the same task.

Thousands of letters deluged the BBC. A fair number demanded or begged that Bucknell explain to wives that for every 20 minutes he spent before the camera completing a repair job there were hours of preparation that the viewers did not see.

Make Explanation

"I thought it best to make the explanation," smiled Bucknell.

"You see some of the wives



"DO-IT-YOURSELF" HOUSE—The BBC has shown in foreground, hopes to make it habitable and attractive again. (UPI)

were saying: "How is it this chap on telly does in a few minutes what you spend the whole week end at, messing up the house?" I'm a home-maker, not a home-breaker."

Bucknell allotted himself six months in which to convert the house from its shabby decay into two modern apartments. It has been so pressing an assignment he has not been able to do around his own home.

"Fine thing," he confided, "If I, of all people, have to call in a handyman to fix a leaking tap!"

Since a touch of do-it-yourself apparently makes the whole world kin it is not unlikely that some version of Bucknell's House may find itself on American television. This would particularly delight Bucknell's daughter, Susan, who is living with a family in Swampscott, Mass., on an American Field scholarship.



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Medford Mayor John W. Snider invited club members to participate. The dignitaries participating in the dedication of the 15.4-section of Interstate 5 will ride in the old cars over the section following the ceremony.

Club members will assemble at the Barnett rd. interchange at noon, club officials have announced.

In Medford for the ceremony will be Gov. Mark O. Hatfield, Highway Commission Chairman Glenn Jackson, and other members of the state highway commission. The commission will meet that morning with the dedication scheduled at 2 p.m.

CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Salem — (UPI) — G. S. Paxson, chairman of the Employee Suggestion Awards Board since 1955, has announced his resignation.

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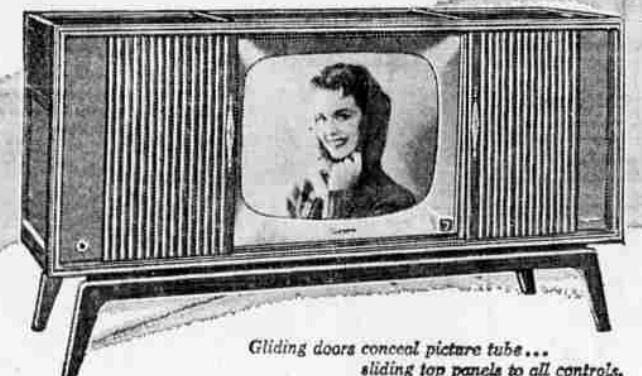
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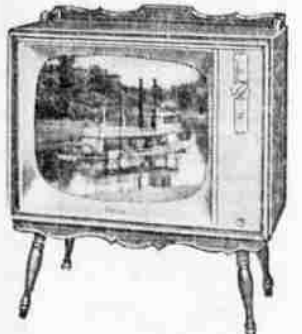


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