

# District 549C Budget Committee Hears Building Need Report

Budget committee members of School District 549C Friday toured the Medford High school grounds and plan to view areas in which renovation and construction are planned to accommodate the increased number of students next year.

The committee also heard, during a luncheon at the school administration office, a report on needed elementary classrooms next fall, and what the district probably will need during the next few years.

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent, told the committee that at least five elementary classrooms will be needed, four rooms with rest room facilities and connecting walkway at Wilson school, and one classroom at Lone Pine school.

Elementary classroom needs during the next three to four years will number

more than 20, based on present school census figures and anticipated growth.

At Medford High school, work before classes start next fall will include renovation of part of the auditorium, renovation of the book room into additional counseling service space, renovation of the district's house project on Jasper st. for three classrooms, and construction of a temporary bookroom and five temporary and salvageable classrooms.

Cost of the work, which the budget committee will consider

for inclusion in the 1963-64 district budget, is about \$95,000 for the five elementary classrooms, and upwards to more than \$15,000 for the high school work.

**Construction Reduced**  
The elementary classroom construction plan, which the committee will consider this week, has been reduced about half from what previously was suggested.

Dr. Mayfield pointed out that the elementary classroom needs were reviewed, and by changing service boundaries

and remodeling in one school, the district can get by with a minimum of five new classrooms next year.

But he noted that by cutting the needs to a minimum does not solve the classroom problem; in the next few years, more than 20 new elementary classrooms will be needed.

**Band Room Conversion**  
Included in the elementary school plans is conversion of the band room at Howard school into two classrooms. The auditorium stage would then be used as a band practice area.

Work at the high school includes changing the first 11 rows of seats in the auditorium to provide study hall facilities and an area for large group instruction. The present seats will be removed, and seats with movable writing boards attached will be installed.

The temporary bookroom will be constructed in the court area near the auditorium. The present bookroom has insufficient space for the number of books handled. It will be converted into additional counseling service space.

**Student Project**  
The district house on Jasper st. is a project of high school students, who designed and are building it. Three rooms will be converted into classrooms for use next fall.

and the house project itself delayed until after sufficient space is available for classes to be housed elsewhere.

After classes are removed from the house, it will be completed by students, and sold through the cooperation of the Medford Realty Board.

The five temporary classrooms, along with three in the house, should provide sufficient space for the increased number of students next year, Dr. Mayfield told the committee.

**Salvage Half of Cost**  
The temporary classrooms would be constructed in such

a manner that when they are no longer needed, the district should be able to salvage them for at least half of the cost of construction. They would be designed so they could be sold for garages, cabins and similar type buildings. Each temporary classroom would be a separate building, constructed with saleability in mind.

A location on Melrose st. between Jasper and Ivy sts. has been suggested for the temporary classrooms. The district owns the land.

The temporary classrooms would be used until such time

as a new high school is constructed. The school board, following completion of the budget for next year, is expected to proceed as rapidly as possible toward construction of a new high school. Construction of a new high school is about a year behind the schedule originally suggested.

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## PENNEY'S MONDAY, TUESDAY LAST 2 DAYS!

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MRS. HALE PRAGOFF Plans Medford Visit

### Social Worker to Speak at Council On Aging Meeting

Mrs. Hale L. Pragoff, medical social worker, Salem, will speak at the fifth annual meeting of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging at noon Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Red Cross building in Medford.

Mrs. Pragoff has recently been assigned by the Oregon state board of health to assess needs of patients residing in nursing homes and homes for the aged throughout the state and to assist communities in the training of volunteers to provide help.

Her topic will be "The Value of Volunteer Services to Your Community."

She is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers and has received training at the University of Minnesota, Tulane university, Columbia and the alcoholic studies session of Yale university. She has had considerable experience in hospitals and with public health agencies throughout the United States, and has contributed to professional journals.

**Committee Chairman**  
Recently she has been chairman of a Volunteer Coordinating Committee which has published "Oregon's Handbook for Volunteers Serving the Aged."

The booklet, the Council noted, offers a way for interested persons in communities to contribute and assume more responsibility for senior citizens living in nursing homes for the aged. It points up why such services are needed and gives help in training and in developing effective programs.

Also on the program Thursday noon will be election of officers and reports of committees, according to Omar Bacon president of the council. Those who desire may take a sack lunch or a light lunch will be provided for a nominal fee, he said.

### Influenza Heads List of Diseases

Influenza took the lead in the number of cases in Jackson county last week, according to the Jackson county health department. Measles had been topping the list. There were 44 cases of influenza.

The largest number of flu cases, 21, occurred in Medford. Shady Cove had 16 cases and Rogue River 7.

Medford also had 10 cases of measles and 7 cases of German measles. Central Point reported 9 cases of the German type.

There was a definite decrease in other diseases noted during the earlier winter months. Rogue River had 3 cases of chicken pox, Medford 2; Rogue River also reported 6 cases of pink eye. Medford and Ashland each had 1 case of mumps, and Central Point, Medford and Ashland each reported 1 case of infectious hepatitis.

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