

Election on Budget for School District Scheduled Wednesday

An election on the proposed budget for School District 549C for next year will be held in the district's 14 elementary schools between 2 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.

The amount which voters have been asked to approve is \$2,766,272.64, the amount of the budget exceeding the 6 per cent limitation.

Polling places will be set up in Griffin Creek, Hoover, Howard, Jackson, Jacksonville, Jefferson, Lincoln, Lone Pine, Oak Grove, Roosevelt, Ruch, Washington, West Side and Wilson elementary schools. District patrons will vote in the school which serves the area in which they live.

The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation represents more than half of the money considered necessary to operate the schools and finance the educational program in the district next year.

The \$2,766,272.64 is \$344,614.14 more than the amount approved by voters in the present budget outside the 6 per cent limitation.

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DELEGATES — The four Medford youths above were delegates to the 16th annual Youth and Government day program, sponsored by the YMCA, in Salem last week. They are, left to right, John Deni and Mike Christian of the Tornada Tri Hi Y; and Judy Kime and Janet Kolkemo of Dodge Tri Hi Y. Standing is Acting Youth Director for Medford YMCA, Bud Geren, who accompanied them on the trip. Highlights of their visit to the state capitol included attending the floor of the legislature Saturday and going to the Governor's ball Friday evening. Miss Kolkemo and Miss Kime presented a bill of their own making before a mock session of the legislature.

Air Force Continues to Seek Answer to Sonic Boom Problem

How to prevent distress to civilians without jeopardizing the defense capabilities of the United States is the problem with which the Air Force has been grappling for a long time.

It has not come up with an answer, Col. Edwin J. Witzemberger, commander of Kingsley Air Force base, Klamath Falls, emphasized in a letter to Mayor James Dunleavy.

Colonel Witzemberger's letter was in answer to complaints about sonic booms in the Medford area. The complaints were received by the 408th Fighter Group which flies from Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls.

The modern, high performance F-101B fighter located at Kingsley field operates at speeds beyond that of sound as a matter of routine accomplishment, Colonel Witzemberger explained.

As long as the supersonic speed is maintained, a pressure wave is generated that extends outward from the aircraft in the shape of a large cone. It travels far enough to reach the ground even from extremely high altitudes and is dragged along the flight path as the plane makes its supersonic flight to the simulated target.

Under the proper atmospheric conditions, the cone may extend as far as 30 miles to either side of the path with audible intensity, he said.

When the pressure wave passes an individual, it manifests itself as a sudden, sharp, explosion-like sound that is commonly referred to as a sonic boom, the commander continued. It tends to create fear and apprehension as well

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National Forest Timber Sold in Two Sales Friday

Joe Oliver, Trail, was high bidder Friday for 145,000 board feet of national forest timber in the Northside Union Creek blowdown area, Union Creek Ranger district, Rogue River National Forest.

Forest Supervisor C. E. Brown said the high bid totaled \$4,072.50, compared to the forest service appraised price of \$2,079.75, an increase of 96 per cent.

Next high bidder in the oral auction was Wayne Ash, Trail. The other bidder was Frank Dolenshek.

Timber in the unit consisted of 45,000 board feet of Douglas-fir bid at \$40 per thousand board feet; 55,000 board feet of western white pine and ponderosa pine bid at \$31.50 per thousand board feet; 45,000 board feet of white fir and other species bid at \$12 per thousand board feet.

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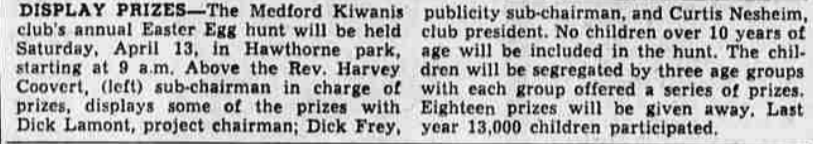
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DISPLAY PRIZES—The Medford Kiwanis club's annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 13, in Hawthorne park, starting at 9 a.m. Above the Rev. Harvey Coover, (left) sub-chairman in charge of prizes, displays some of the prizes with Dick Lamont, project chairman; Dick Frey, publicity sub-chairman, and Curtis Nesheim, club president. No children over 10 years of age will be included in the hunt. The children will be segregated by three age groups with each group offered a series of prizes. Eighteen prizes will be given away. Last year 13,000 children participated.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

HERKIE STYLES is one night club comedian who frankly admits that he earns his biggest, biggest laughs with his oldest, oldest jokes. Like the one about the three characters hauled into court for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The judge looked them over with some disgust and demanded, "Which one of you drunks was at the wheel?" The spokesman for the trio explained hazily, "None of us, Your Honor. We were all riding in the back seat!"

A young physician left his car at a service station for a check-up and was outraged, when he called to retrieve it, to be handed a bill for \$68. "It's like this, Doctor," the manager of the station told him suavely, "we had to call in a specialist."

Jerome Beatty tells about a doctor whose doorbell began ringing frantically in the middle of the night. He rushed to answer it and found on his doorstep a man on whose head a pelican was roosting.

"Say, Doc," begged the pelican, "can you get this thing off my feet?"

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Caretaker Plan for Community Building Receives Approval

Eagle Point—The governing board of the Eagle Point Scout Community building voted to give the executive committee permission to secure an elderly couple as caretakers for the building.

According to plans, funds for a trailer home behind the building would be absorbed by community building funds.

All utilities would be financed by the city in exchange for the couple's seeing that the building is cleaned after use, keeping the appointment book, and opening the building for use.

City representative Ted Hoffman agreed to look into the costs and present the project to the city council Tuesday, and report back to the executive committee Wednesday night.

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