



BIDS CALLED FOR UNIT—This is Architect Robert J. Keeney's sketch of the new Jackson county public health building, for which the county court Friday called bids. The building will be constructed on a site at the fairgrounds south of Medford at an estimated cost of \$180,000. The building will house a general health clinic, administrative area, county sanitarians, a mental health clinic and a conference room.

Hoover Starts New Program With Trees

C. C. Hoover, Gregory rd., New Mexico in response to letters of inquiry based on a wire service feature story published in newspapers across the country. Some letters address him as "Dear Mr. Appleseed." He was referred to in the articles as a "modern day Johnny Appleseed."

Hoover has figured a way to insure moisture for tree seedlings until they become established. Tons of Klamath county's cull potatoes will be inserted with trees before planting. This will protect the young trees in the drier areas.

"A Roseburg nurseman plants rose bushes in potatoes. Why wouldn't it work for trees?" Hoover wondered. "It's like the Indians used to plant fish with corn to nourish the corn. Potatoes contain lost of moisture," he added.

"I'm too old to go hiking through the woods. I hope the young folks will pick up my idea," Hoover said.

To Provide Small Trees

Hoover plans to provide the small trees, potatoes and bird seed like milo maize. He hopes other people will get berries such as huckleberries, and nut trees to provide food for both birds and squirrels.

Hoover plans to start his plantings for wildlife nourishment in Eagle Point and Central Point areas first. Eagle Point is planning an arboretum which will fit in with his plantings, he added.

Meanwhile, Hoover is continuing his tree distribution with 1,000 shipped recently to New Brunswick and 50 to

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Eagle Point School District to Vote on Budget

Eagle Point—The board and administrative personnel of School District 9 will present voters Tuesday with a budget they feel has been reduced as much as possible without seriously damaging the district's educational program.

On April 17, voters in the district, which covers Eagle Point, Shady Cove and Trail, defeated by a 305 to 240 margin a budget calling for \$542,799.37 to be raised outside the 6 per cent limitation.

Subsequently, the school board and budget committee cut \$30,773 from that figure, so that voters now will be asked to approve a total of \$506,026.37 outside the 6 per cent limitation, \$37,554.61 more than they approved last year.

"All districts in the state must vote to exceed the 6 per cent limitation except those districts who have voted a new base," explained Glenn D. Hale, superintendent. "The base for this district is \$89,597.63. This is not an adequate amount to operate our schools. That is why we must vote to exceed the 6 per cent limitation."

Polling Places Noted
 The polling places will be at the Eagle Point High school gymnasium, Shady Cove school and Elk-Trail school. They will be open from 2 to 8 p.m.

Voters who have questions about the budget were urged by Hale to contact him or any one of the school board members.

"The school board and budget committee members tried to decrease the budget as much as possible with a minimum amount of harmful effect on the total educational program," he said.

At a meeting April 22, the board and budget committee decided to delete the purchase of one new school bus, to eliminate most of the remodeling and painting that had been planned and to cut repairs to a minimum.

The summer recreation program was cut from the bud-

get, and some improvement work on the grounds was postponed. Proposed purchase of equipment and supplies was reduced, although it was hoped that they could be included next year. Hale himself asked for a \$500 a year cut in his salary.

The 1963-64 budget includes a salary increase or "adjustment" for teachers, but district officials feel this is necessary. "It is important for us to stay on or near the same type of salary schedule that is offered by other districts so that we will be able to retain our top professional personnel," Hale said.

Included in the budget are funds to employ four new teachers, needed to handle an enrollment expected to increase by 75 to 100 more students above the present figure of approximately 1,400.

Purchase New Books
 Since a new language arts textbook series has been adopted, the district needs to purchase new books for the elementary grades, a new English series this year and a new reading series next year.

Fuel costs show an increase, Hale said, because of the additional cost of operating new classrooms. The budget also includes an assessment for frontage foot costs in connecting to the new Eagle Point city sewer system. This cost will be incurred for one year only.

Hale acknowledged that the average annual cost per pupil in the district, about

\$645, is higher than in some other districts, but he added, "The Eagle Point school system is one of the few school districts in the county with classroom space adequate to accommodate normal enrollment increases for next year. The pupil-teacher ratio for student enrollment in the Eagle Point schools is in accordance with the state recommended class size."

Finally, Hale defended the district's work in stressing curriculum improvement, a job that costs some money.

All evaluative criteria definitely indicate that "remarkable" student gains have been accomplished as a result of the district's curriculum improvement efforts, he said.

Medical Society Project Starts In Jackson County

The Jackson county version of the national project "More" (more practicing physicians) is now well under way here, according to a spokesman for the Jackson County Medical Society, the sponsoring organization.

Recently 62 seniors and juniors from valley high schools spent a day at the Rogue Valley hospital. They attended a staff meeting, listened to case discussion and toured the hospital in groups of 10 where they saw demonstrations and x-ray and laboratory work, physiotherapy and observed work in the hospital wards.

After that 22 senior students were assigned to individual doctors. They met the doctor in the morning, made hospital rounds and watched doctor's office routine.

Purpose of Assignments
 General purpose was to show students how the general practice of medicine is carried out, one of the sponsoring physicians explained.

"We think this project has received the best support of any county in Oregon where it has been adopted," one of the physicians said. "The doctors are doing a lot more here to interest the students in going to medical school and becoming doctors."

"We want to get these students to thinking about going into medicine as a career. We can show them how they can work out the cost of long training. Grants and loans are available," a local doctor said.



IRENE CHILDS
 Named Secretary

Promotion Noted By Loan Association

A promotion and an election of a new director were announced recently by H. J. Field, president of Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, recently.

Irene J. Childs was promoted to association secretary from her former position as assistant secretary-treasurer.

Floyd C. Vogel, Ashland branch manager for California Pacific Utilities company, has been elected to director of the association to fill the vacancy created by resignation of E. H. Singmaster.

Vogel has lived in Medford since 1946 when he was a salesman for the gas company. He is past president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and currently is serving on the Ashland Planning commission.

Mrs. Childs started working for Jackson County Federal in January of 1954. Since then she held supervisory positions in savings, loan and accounting departments. She received her high school and business college education in Klamath Falls.

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