

# Health Center Construction Awaits Contract Approval

Awarding the contract for construction of the Jackson county public health center at the fairgrounds is now contingent upon approval by the state board of health of the general contract and the Jackson county budget at the annual hearing June 17, County Judge Earl Miller stated Thursday.

A representative of Murphy Construction company, Roseburg, low bidder with a base figure of \$187,816, and Robert J. Keeney, architect, met with members of the county court recently to review deletions made to reduce the total cost of the proposed building. The deletions are confined

to changes that "take nothing from the building," Miller and Commissioner Don Faber emphasized.

If both hurdles are cleared, and there is no indication that they will not be, Miller stated, construction could start after July 1. Feb. 1, 1964, is the date scheduled for completion of the center, designed by Keeney.

**Need \$3,000 Deduction**  
Miller said there was a difference of approximately \$3,000 in the amount of the bid and the money available for the construction.

"Fortunately, the proposed deductions do not alter the design or usability of the structure, nor do they in any way reduce its efficiency or increase maintenance," Keeney said.

A major change, proposed under electrical for cutting costs, would provide overhead service where underground service had been originally included in the planning.

The building, the county court emphasized Thursday, will cost \$190,000 plus the approximately \$8,000 spent this year on blueprints, partial architect fees, surveying and sewage extensions.

## Army Reserve Unit To Leave Sunday

Members of the local 382nd Quartermaster battalion, U.S. Army Reserve unit of Medford will leave Sunday to attend the annual summer camp training at Fort Lewis, Wash. Advance elements for the unit, under the command of Capt. John A. Strobel, left Thursday to set up the supply system for all troops of the 384th Quartermaster Group, Salt Lake City, Utah, to which the 382nd Quartermaster battalion is attached.

Maj. Jay J. Elliott, commanding officer, stated that this year's camp will be the largest supply operation this unit has under taken. Some 1,000 officers and enlisted men will participate with most units coming from the Salt Lake City, Utah, area and smaller elements from Idaho and Montana.

The 382nd Quartermaster battalion has been assigned the duty to handle all supplies for the quartermaster group during the two weeks training.

Capt. Donald F. Burrell and Master Sgt. Donald C. Bills will accompany the unit as unit advisors.

The 382nd Quartermaster battalion will return home June 29.



## Registration Open For YMCA Camps

Registrations are now being taken at the Medford YMCA for the summer camping program at Diamond Lake. Three sessions for boys will be held between July 14 and Aug. 3. The session for girls is scheduled for Aug. 4 through 10.

Most of the staff positions have now been filled. Mrs. Lanell Wilkes, Medford, will be program director for girls camp. Counselors have been selected from Medford, Phoenix, Central Point, Ashland, Roseburg, and Portland. Those from the Medford area include Frank Williams, Dave Jones, Bill Padgett, Vic Wigginton, Bill Uhrine, Don Thompson, Max Guiley, Rob Hight, and Chuck Williams. The Junior counselors include Gary Smith, Paul Branchfield, Dennis O'Hara, and Ray Curl. Girls counselors will be announced later.

Craft instructor and canteen director will be Mrs. Rayma Bateman, who teaches at West Side school in Medford. The cook will be Mrs. Grace Whitlow, who is head cook for O'Neill Elementary school, Klamath Falls. She will be assisted by Mrs. Carrie Roberts, Ashland. Nurses will be Mrs. Martha Donahue and Mrs. Reba Giles of the Medford Public schools.

Among the program activities will be archery, rifle, crafts, campouts, fishing, swimming, boating, canoeing, camp games, hiking, and a water carnival. A new rifle range is being built which can accommodate five boys at a time.

All boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 are eligible for camp. Membership in YMCA is not required. Registration should be made soon according to Camp Director Dennis Bateman as the number of campers for each period will be restricted to insure adequate supervision and facilities.

## Cawrse Memorial Rites Scheduled

Mt. Vernon, Ore. — (UPI) — Memorial services for six members of the John Cawrse family will be held in the Mt. Vernon Presbyterian church Monday afternoon.

Cawrse, his wife, and four daughters died in a plane crash near John Day last Sunday night. A neighbor girl, Linda Langenfeld, 17, also was killed.

Cawrse, a prominent Grant county rancher and lumberman, was on a flight from Roseburg to his private landing field at Mt. Vernon when the crash occurred.

**CHAMPION SPELLER**—Director James Wagner holds up the arm of Glen Van Slyke III, Oak Ridge, Tenn., after the boy was declared winner of the National Spelling Bee in Washington. At right is Elaine Pieuch, Winslow, Me., who was runner up. (UPI)

## The Medical Roundup

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### When a Murderer Tries To Go Free

As we all know, one of the best things many a criminal can do when caught is to claim that he was insane at the moment that the crime was committed. The best article that I have seen on this subject was written by Professors F. G. Ebaugh, M.D., and J. M. Macdonald, psychiatrists at the University of Colorado. As Dr. Ebaugh says, for 120 years the test of criminal responsibility in most of our states has been based on the ancient English M'Naghten Rule.

For years psychiatrists have been denouncing this rule and begging legislators to take expert advice, and then to work out a more logical and scientific rule. According to the M'Naghten Rule, the jury has to decide whether at the moment of the crime, the accused was laboring under such a defect of reason, from disease of the mind, that (1) he did not know the nature and quality of the act he was doing or (2) he did not know that it was wrong. This rule has for long seemed to psychiatrists to be particularly stupid.

Actually, the real question before a jury is, "Does the accused suffer from mental disease or mental retardation to such a degree that he ought not to be held responsible for his illegal act?"

It has always seemed to me particularly stupid to try to decide how sane a man was at the moment when he committed his crime. No one can ever know that.

**Language Often Foreign**  
Worse yet, as Dr. Ebaugh and Dr. Macdonald admit, "The body of psychiatric knowledge is so complex (and, as they might add, the language of psychiatrists is often so very obscure and technical) that it cannot be readily conveyed to laymen." In simpler words, much of what many a psychiatrist says in his testimony is foreign even to a well-educated jurymen. As I have read descriptions

of many trials in which insanity was the defense, I have come to feel that if I were the judge, I would much rather have listened to what the man's relatives, friends, and business associates could say about his usual sanity or lack of sanity. I would rather trust to their opinion than to that of even able psychiatrists who had had only one interview with the accused.

Recently, in some parts of the country, some courts have been using the "Durham Rule" which says that "An accused is not criminally responsible if his unlawful act is the product of mental disease or defect." The Currens Rule says that the jury "must be satisfied that at the time of committing the prohibited act the defendant, as a result of mental disease or defect, lacked substantial capacity to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law which he is alleged to have violated."

What is very much needed today is a panel of disinterested medical experts paid, not by the contestants, but by the court. In this way they can discuss the problem and then perhaps give the judge one opinion as to the sanity of the prisoner.

**Must Protect Society**  
So far as I can see, often it does not make much difference whether we call a violent and dangerous criminal sane or insane; the only important point is that society must be protected from a man who can do great harm. This means that the man must be kept locked up, either for life, or until it is clear that he is no longer dangerous. There need be no idea of punishing him.

As Drs. Ebaugh and Macdonald wisely say, too often nowadays one reads in the paper that a criminal — once deemed insane — was soon paroled, and as was to be expected, he promptly went back to the only life he knew, and that was a life of crime. A good point made by Drs. Ebaugh and Macdonald is that if a man is a dangerous criminal, the best place for him is not in a hospital — it is a prison — run by a warden and guards who are experts in the handling and confining of dangerous criminals.

Some personality problems may be traced to a tendency toward epilepsy. More about this subject is in Dr. Alvarez' kindly booklet, "What Is Epilepsy?" You may get a copy by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for it to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

## Professional Office Building Started

Construction got under way this week on a \$60,000 professional office building at 17 Myrtle st., according to Medford Architect Jerome Hunter, designer of the facility.

Plans call for two offices, which will be occupied by doctors, with a landscaped courtyard between them. One office will have a floor space area of 1,700 square feet, and the other will have an area of 2,400 square feet.

The structures are designed in contemporary style and will have a wood frame exterior and a shingle roof. The offices will be completely air conditioned and walls will be sound treated.

About 24 off-street vehicle parking spaces will be provided adjacent to the offices, which are expected to be ready for occupancy some time in September.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denay. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

**Rae K.** — Twelve is an awful age and I try to hide it.  
**Mrs. E. K.** — I'm not going to lie to people about her age.

**Rae K.** — I'm 12, but I can pass for 14 so I can't stand being treated like 12. My mother's friend has a 17-year-old son in high school, who was ready to invite my mother asked him if he knew my age. As long as I look and act older, why should she push me back to kid-stuff?

**Mrs. E. K.** — It's no joke trying to slow up a child who can't wait to be a woman. I yielded to one-inch heels and light lipstick for parties, but I'm not going to push Rae into dates no matter how she carries on. These are her carefree school years and social life can wait—she'll only be 12 once.

**The Council:** This is a jaded old problem already, having been knocked and pulled

around by parent groups, educators and countless columnists. One gets the feeling that if the kids had their way they'd go straight from diapers into nylons. And it's only battle-accared moms like Mrs. K. who trace the rush to precociousness as a substitute, a fake front, for maturity. . . . It may soothe Rae to know that the "looks" directed at children in ladies' wear have more pity than admiration in them—pity that a large chunk of God-given growing-up time has been ploughed under; pity that under-ripe, under-done kids are being left that way to face the adult world. For they are not merely social animals. From 12 to 21 is a period to use for mental, moral, emotional expansion. Important tools like taste and judgment need years to take shape. . . . Mother's right, Rae. She's laboring valiantly to keep you from being a has-been at the age when you can really build a fruitful life.



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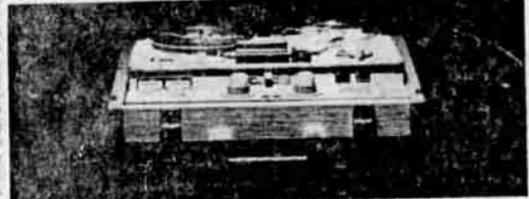
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## Measles Lead List Of Area's Diseases

Measles topped the list of communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department for the week ending June 14. The 31 cases. They were in Central Point 22, Central Point 7 and Jacksonville 2.

Influenza accounted for 21 cases. They were in Central Point 8, Medford 7, Phoenix 4, and Ashland 2.

Mumps were reported in Medford 5, Central Point 4, Shady Cove 2 and Jacksonville and Ashland 1 each.

Other diseases and their locations were: chicken pox, Medford 2; German measles, Medford 3; pneumonia, Central Point 1; and gonorrhea 2.