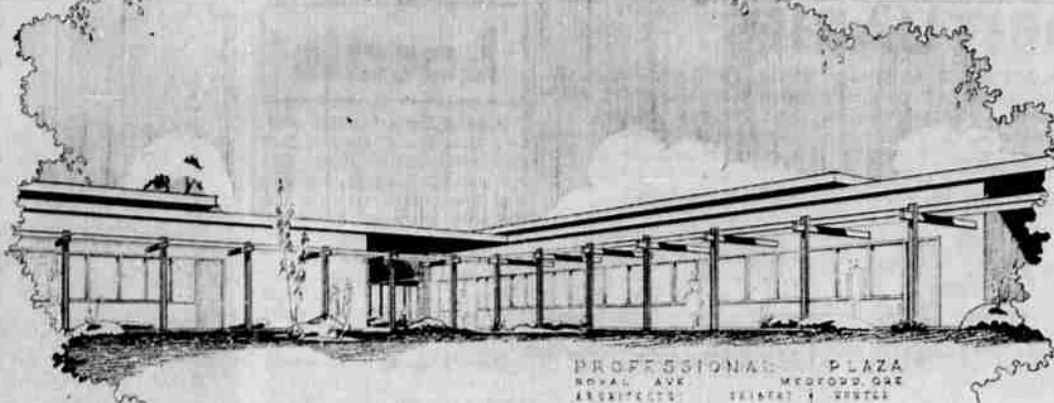




AT GROUND BREAKING—At groundbreaking ceremonies for a new \$500,000 professional office building recently are Robert G. Little, co-owner; William E. Brooks, contractor; and Medford Mayor James Dunlevy.



SKETCH OF NEW BUILDING—This is Architect F. Jerome Hunter's sketch of the new professional office building at 650 Royal st., Medford. Construction of the new unit is under way.

Construction Starts On \$500,000 Office

Plans for a \$500,000 professional office building at 650 Royal st., have been announced by Robert G. Little and Dr. Merle E. Foland, owners.

The building will include 20,000 feet of space in 21 offices with complete laboratory, x-ray and pharmacy. Parking space for 107 cars will adjoin the structure on two acres.

The building will be located north of the Medford Shopping center adjacent to the Hawthorne Garden Apartments and Convalescent hospital. Architect is F. Jerome Hunter and contractor, William E. Brooks.

A building permit for initial construction was issued recently by the city's building department to Professional Plaza, Inc. The permit fee was \$742.50.

This is the third medical professional office building to have a permit issued for its construction this year. The Claude E. McIntyre building, costing \$55,000, is under construction near Barnett and Murphy rds. with occupancy expected in September. Another building is under construction at 17 Myrtle st., costing \$80,000. No definite date has been announced for its opening.

The Myrtle st. building, which will be occupied by Dr. John T. Weisel and Drs. Jack Ingram and Kennett G. Sublette, will actually be two buildings connected by a court, Dr. Weisel said.

His offices will be in one building and Dr. Ingram and Dr. Sublette will occupy the other. The office space of the two will total 3,900 square feet.

The construction, designed by Architect F. Jerome Hunter, is in Pagoda style, similar to a junior college in southern California. It will be the first construction in this design in Medford. The three Medford physicians expect to be in the new quarters some time in September.

Plans for a fourth medical professional office building, have also been announced. It will be on 5.4 acres of land east of Murphy rd., opposite the Rogue Valley hospital which was annexed to the city by the city council July 5. The building will house offices of Dr. Ralph Thompson and N. J. Wilson.

Texas Man Arrested; Held for Authorities

Edwin R. Miller, 50, arrested in a local motel as a federal fugitive by state and city police, is being held in Jackson county jail for federal officers.

Miller, who was driving a car with a Texas license, is wanted for forgery in Bay City, Texas, officers reported.

Crews Resume Work at Airport

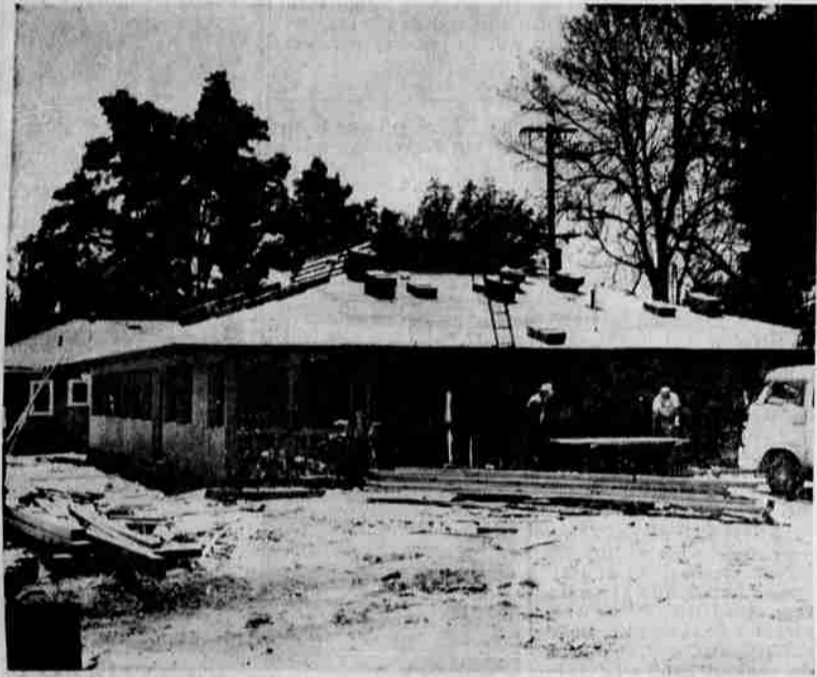
Crews from Tru-Mix Concrete resumed work last week on improvement projects at the municipal airport. The projects are jointly financed by the city and the federal government. The apron at the airport is being extended an average of 350 feet, and the taxiway area is being lengthened about 600 feet to the south. Work on the \$28,455.60 project was started last fall but was delayed because of bad weather. The federal government is paying 56 per cent of the costs and the city of Medford is paying 44 per cent.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION — Although no date has been set for opening, this building under construction at 17 Myrtle st., Medford, will house the offices of Dr. John Weisel and Drs. Jack Ingram and Kennett G. Sublette. (Knackstedt Photo)

Members of Group Soliciting Funds

Five members of the United Missionary Army, Inc., headed by the Rev. Johnny Wallace Grant, are in Medford this week soliciting funds to purchase Braille Bibles for the blind.

Permission for the men to seek private donations in Medford was granted by city officials. Recorder-Treasurer Darrell Huson said a business license was not required for the solicitation.

The group has checked in with the Medford Chamber of Commerce and is being investigated, Don McNeil, manager, said.

Organizational headquarters of the Missionary Army are in San Francisco. The group registered in Multnomah county July 5, McNeil said, but has not yet been licensed to solicit in Portland.

The group claims to distribute Braille Bibles throughout Oregon and apparently will solicit house to house in communities throughout the state, McNeil said.

County Receives Letter Offering Grounds For Sale

The Jackson county court, Friday, received a letter from H. B. Murphy offering the county purchase of the 49 acres on Sage road, formerly known as the Jackson County Posse grounds, and suggesting that the county investigate the possibility of developing the property as a new fairgrounds site.

Murphy, of 2956 Fairview Place, president and general manager of Pinnacle Orchards and Packing company, obtained the property when the Posse went out of existence.

It is supplied with city water and is accessible in all directions to the public. The club house, containing a caretaker's quarters; 20 box stalls and 20 tie stalls, a large hay barn and a grandstand that seats 3,000 persons are still on the property.

Suggests Option

County Commissioner Ed Taylor suggested that the county take an option on the property if the "price is right." He stated that it is going to become increasingly difficult to obtain property within the area neighboring the city. He said he did not favor developing a fair grounds or a baseball park until the ones under development are completed, and commented that he saw no additional need at the present time.

With the approval of the three members of the court, County Judge Earl Miller announced that the matter

would be taken under advisement.

Report from the county sanitarian's office regarding a mosquito problem in the area south of Medford neighboring the county farm revealed that the situation is now under control.

Receive Complaints

The county court and the sanitarian had received a number of complaints, particularly from the miniature golf course in the vicinity. Inspection revealed that a number of pot holes, not the irrigation pond, were the breeding grounds. Insecticides were used in treatment of the breeding holes by George Runyon, mosquito control officer, Thursday afternoon.

The mosquito problem has not been serious this season, largely because of the cooler weather, Sanitarian Orlo Moore said. The staff also has been able to treat the danger

Man Indicted by Jury On Burglary Count

Duane Elmer Blank, 36, also known as Darwin Elmer Poche, was indicted for burglary not in a dwelling in connection with robbery of the Oregon Food store on South Central ave., in Medford last June 15.

Indictment of Blank was among true bills returned Thursday by the Jackson county grand jury, the district attorney's office reported.

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