

# Bond Issue Reported Imminent In School District 6

The School District 6 Board of Directors heard a building recommendation report presented by Superintendent of Schools C. A. Meyer when they met Tuesday evening. Their consensus of opinion is that a bond issue to finance new construction is imminent and will probably be placed before the voters of District 6 in January.

"We have definitely reached the position where we must build or double shift. In a district as heavily transported as ours the cost would be prohibitive to double shift. Transportation represents 12 per cent of our overall budget, with 68 per cent of the school children in the district transported," Meyer said.

During the past year three building sites have been purchased, one each in Gold Hill, Sams Valley, and Central Point. The proposed new school would be located in Central Point on West Pine Street. It would have 18 classrooms, office, health and multipurpose rooms, and would house approximately 500 students in grades 1-5.

Jewett school which at the present time has 563 students, grades 1-3, would become a grades 1-5 school. It has 21 classrooms with the multipurpose room used as a library, music room and cafeteria.

Four additional teachers would be required... one each in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4. No new principal would be required.

Grade six would occupy the brick building at the present Central Point Elementary School site. Grades seven and eight would occupy the present junior high building and overflow into five rooms of the remodeled Camp White buildings now occupied by the fourth grade and part of the fifth grade. At least one new junior high teacher would be necessary.

Plans for Sams Valley at the present time call for remodeling the auditorium into two classrooms — making this a six room school with six teachers (at the present time there are five rooms, including the auditorium, with the second and third grades combined). One new teacher would be necessary. Grades seven and eight would continue to go to junior high at Gold Hill.

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**BRUSH HAS TAKEN OVER** — This aerial photo shows some of the Carbury area on the southern slopes of the Applegate Ranger District in the Rogue River National Forest. The area is for the most part barren of timber and covered with brush. Forest service technicians plan to eradicate 18,000 acres of brush in the area.

## Applegate Ranger District Plans Treatment for Brush

APPLEGATE VALLEY—The traveler enjoys the muted colorings of ocean spray and wild lilac in the spring. The waxen white blooms of dog wood and mock orange are favorites.

But Forest Service technicians weren't thinking of mere beauty when they listed these shrubs with two dozen types of brush and hard woods to be eradicated from forest lands.

A vast program to eradicate 18,000 acres of brush fields on south slopes of the Applegate Ranger District is under way. The job involves not only labor, but much skill and scientific knowledge, and its purpose is to free the land for seeding of conifers.

Joe Jewell, young forestry technician who came to Star Ranger station four years ago from Modoc National Forest, where he worked as a scaler, is supervising the project. Bob Martin is foreman of the survey crew with Jim Cassid and Jerry Mulkey comprising the rest of the crew.



**ANOTHER PROBLEM**—Other problem areas in the district are like this one, where there is a dense overstory of madrone and just a scattering of Ponderosa pine understorey. The young pine seedlings are crowded out.

Started in 1957

Brush eradication started here in 1957, according to Jewell, when 16 acres of manzanita were cleared with a crawler type tractor. Since then 195 additional acres have been cleared, including some this year. The work was done in O'Brien creek area on Carbury.

Survey work comprises the first attack on a brush field, Jewell explained. Fields are surveyed by laying out one fifth acre circular plots. Information recorded includes number of brush species, including height, density, and per cent of coverage.

There are about 20,000 additional acres of brush land with a 20 per cent growth of conifers known as the understocked areas. Survey plots in these areas include conifer species and their height, diameter, age, and rate of growth. Also recorded is the per cent of slope, aspect, soil type and depth, and elevation. Notes also are taken on animal and rodent signs.

Brush fields of the Applegate District, located principally on southern slopes, are the result of old burns, some dating back as far as the 1910 era, and some having been burned several times. In the days before forest protection was offered, cattlemen burned the brush to promote grass growth.

Brush occupying these areas in quick growth were manzanita and ceanothus (back brush, snow brush, and wild lilac) because the heat of a forest fire is needed to germinate their seed.

Dormant seeds lay in the ground for years in their thick woody shells until germinated by fires. Jewell explained that a brush field will build up a deep duff of three to six inches in which conifer seeds will not germinate because they cannot reach mineral soil.

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Knobcone also is considered a good nurse cover for desirable conifers since it shades out brush then dies when it becomes shaded by the young trees it has protected.

The knobcone produces cones every year starting at an early age. These cones are sealed with pitch and remain unopened on the tree indefinitely until in the path of a fire. The heat melts the resin and allows the cone to open. Its seed and the germinated seedlings thrive in the ashes of the burn, the seed usually germinating in the spring following a fire.

Some areas not capable of producing merchantable timber will be left in brush to provide a watershed.

Among the types of brush listed for extinction are hazel nut, chinquapin, service berry, willows, Oregon grape, mountain mahogany, gooseberry, currant, bitter cherry, and Fremont silktassel. Hardwoods to be eliminated are madrone, maple, red alder, black oak, and California liveoak.

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**Siskiyou Milk Costs To Be Investigated**

YREKA — Senator Randolph Collier said today the Bureau of Milk Stabilization of the California Department of Agriculture has agreed to conduct a three-month survey of cost of production of market milk for the producers in Siskiyou County.

Collier said he sought the study at the request of Siskiyou milk producers who felt that abnormally high production costs exist in the county. Collier explained that the price the farmer receives for his market milk is established on an area basis by the bureau on the basis of production costs.

"It is my belief that conditions in this area vary greatly from other regions of the State and justify a determination of these costs and a reasonable producer price," Collier said.

**BOOK WEEK HELD**

TALENT — The Talent Public Library is participating in Children's Book Week, Nov. 10 through 16. Mrs. Archie (Alta) Estes, librarian invites everyone to visit the library during the week.

**PROBLEM SOLVED**

WONDER — Mrs. Richard Slayton, who has in the past been annoyed by a coyote stealing her chickens, finally solved her problem by bringing him down with her rifle. This year the wild animals seem to have all come down out of the hills and annoy people no end, resident reports.

## Tablets

By R. E. NEALON  
Mail Tribune Table Rock Correspondent

Monday morning, Nov. 4, we went out as usual to milk the cow and feed the stock. Before we had finished we began to be bothered with pains, caused by a condition which our late doctor had told us might bring us to the end of the trail if we didn't have it attended to. By the time we got to the house we had a condition we could not handle and which was getting more painful every second. Our better half was frantically trying without success to contact a doctor. She finally got in touch with Dr. Bishop at the Manor, who said he would be right there, and for us to start at that end and we would meet at Sacred Heart Hospital. The little woman is a good driver, and seldom drives at high speeds, but we could see she was driving with a heavy foot and fighting against time that was bringing us closer to the end of the trail. We got to the hospital in time to meet our good doctor, who arranged for an anesthesiologist, who gave us a \$30 shot, after which we were out until we awoke in a bed with metal side boards and a bright eyed nurse peering at us. She informed us that she had been assigned to us as our nurse, and that henceforth she was responsible for us, and that we should do as she said. That included not getting out of bed without her help. We found later that although she was not a large person, she knew how to handle patients and could pick us up and carry us off.

Since arriving home we thank the telephone service men for an extension telephone and Bob Dunn for installing a T.V. so that we could watch the showing of the film, "The Yanks Are Coming," which proved highly entertaining and brought back memories of an early fifty years ago, some of them unpleasant. We saw the young soldiers hurrying along at a cadence of almost double time with their smiling faces and eagerness to go on their way and help turn back the "Kaiser" armies who were riding roughshod over France and other countries seemingly without any worthwhile opposition. Some of the unpleasant things were: bidding farewell to mothers, and casualties in our ranks. These were not caused by gunfire, for influenza had settled over the camp, and there was much sickness and many deaths. Strange as it may seem, we did hospital duty, but never contacted the disease. We began to hold military funerals. The colonel did an exercise with his sword, the chaplain offered a prayer, the firing squad fired their rifles over the open grave, and the most touching part, the one that brought the lump in your throat, was — when they sounded taps.

War is killing, and being killed. We were taught in this camp how to kill the enemy in many ways, but in the American and British armies it seemed just as important to teach the recruits how to keep from being killed. The most cruel way the Germans had for killing the opposing soldiers was mustard gas. If a man inhaled some of this, his lungs broke out in an itch with no way to scratch it, so that the victim died in agony. We have the British to thank for putting an end to the gas business, for five days after the Germans first used it, the British were ready with their brand of gas, so the Germans, not wanting to take their own medicine, stopped using it.

We find we are about out of space and energy, so hope you will forgive us for using so much space on World War I, but Armistice Day brings back a period in our life we can never forget. To those who would have our patient president push some one around and do bomb rattling; if they had a little taste of war, they might thank the Lord that we have a president who in these tense times believes it is much better to negotiate than to aggravate.

We have received lovely cards, letters, and get well wishes, so many in fact that it is touching to us and find so many who consider we are worth having around. In our next Tablets we will try to answer some of these cards and letters and give an account of our stay in the hospital. As of now we are getting ready to visit our doctor for an adjustment.

Thought for the day —  
Goodbye, and may the Lord bless you and keep you.

**Santa Claus To Arrive In Ashland on Nov. 30**

ASHLAND — Santa Claus is scheduled to make his official entrance into Ashland two days after Thanksgiving. He will be escorted to the Plaza by a parade of youngsters costumed for the occasion.

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Trades Committee, co-sponsors of the Christmas event, announced this week that prizes will be awarded in three categories and according to age groups. Entrants in the contest will include preschool children through those in sixth grade. Cash prizes totaling \$60 are to be given for the parade entries judged best by three adult judges.

No theme title has been chosen for the Nov. 30 parade but originality and appropriateness will be a major consideration according to the sponsors. Participants are asked to register by Nov. 20 at the chamber of commerce office. The parade will form at the public library at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 30 and headed by a band will march north along Main Street followed by Santa riding on the city fire truck.

Candy treats at the Plaza are included for all children taking part.

**Regional Calendar**

SHADY COVE — Saturday, 7:30 p.m., public auction at Parish Hall of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Items to be sold include household goods, furniture, linens, toys and livestock. Proceeds go to beautify the church grounds. Public invited.

PROSPECT — Saturday, 10 a.m. until dark, turkey shoot at Prospect Gun Club. Prizes will include hams, bacon and turkeys. Food and coffee will be served in clubhouse. Public invited.

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## Regional News



**CONFERENCE SCENES**—Teachers and educational personnel from all over Oregon visited Central Point and the Rogue Valley Oct. 25 and 26 when the annual fall conference of the Department of Classroom Teachers of the Oregon Education Association was held at Crater High School. Zelma Foote, Jewett School teacher and vice president and president-elect of the state DCT, chats with Benton Dailey of Woodburn, DCT treasurer, in the top photo. John Stewart of Phoenix, president of the Jackson County OEA, may be seen at right in the bottom photo during a breakfast meeting.



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## Fire District Consolidation Advantages Told

ROGUE RIVER — "The consolidation of the city and rural fire departments through simple annexation of the city to the rural fire district is a logical step in progress and economics," said Loyd Morrow, Rogue River City Councilman, in an open letter to residents today.

Voters in the city will vote Wednesday, Nov. 20 on whether to annex the city to the Rogue River Rural Fire District. The rural department, which maintains a station inside the city, has been protecting the city area since last August, when city councilmen decided they were not satisfied with the condition of the city fire department.

Speaking in favor of the annexation proposal, Morrow said, "A relative example is our school system. Would it be good economics for the city to operate its own school system independently? The answer obviously is no. Two smaller units cannot operate as economically as one larger district.

"The same theory applies to our fire protection. One department with more equipment available to all would certainly enhance our chance of getting lower insurance rates for all the people in the city as well as the rural district.

"There is no legal requirement that any area must maintain a fire department, but the National Board of Fire Underwriters, through its state branch (The Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau), has the power to grade all areas of the state for insurance rates according to the fire protection facilities available.

"A fire department is actually not an expensive item to the taxpayer. If properly operated and maintained it can save money for the average property owner by reducing his insurance costs. The saving in insurance in any adequately protected area will more than pay the cost of operating the fire department. Rogue River's fire rating in 1941 (Zone 8) is still in effect today."

## \$303.35 Collected For UNICEF In Yreka

YREKA — Local Trick - Or Treators for UNICEF collected \$303.35 on Halloween, Madeline Elisea, chairman, reported today.

Fifty young people from five Yreka churches participated in the canvass. The money has been sent to the U.S. Committee for UNICEF in New York.

Miss Elisea, a member of the Yreka Methodist Church young people's group which spearheaded the drive, reported that this year's total collection nearly doubled that of last year.

She extended thanks to all young people who took part and to those who contributed to UNICEF.

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