

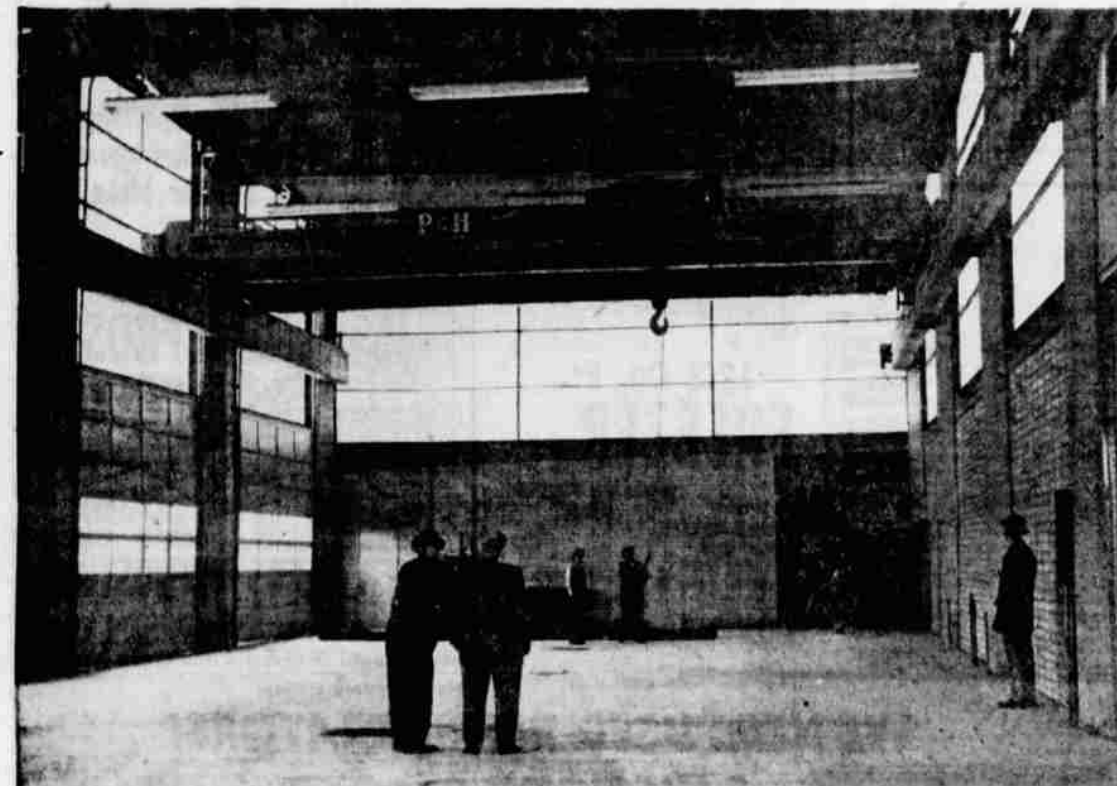
County Road Shop Combines Modern Design, Low Cost



RUNNING THE NEW CRANE was about like running an electric train, but proportionately more fun. In the photo at left, Judge Bob Walker lowers the gigantic hook while Contractor Fred Keiser of Bend waits his turn. At right,



Commissioners Gowen and Frank Ganong look over the elongated control bar whose eight stops move the crane in any direction desired along the 100-ft. track. The control bar hangs within easy reach at any time.



A LOT OF EVERYTHING shows in this interior view of the overhaul section of the new county road shop building. County Engineer Bill Canton and Commissioner Ed Gowen (foreground) watch County Judge Bob Walker maneuver the 20-ton overhead crane. Near the concrete ceiling are

new "High Boy" fluorescent lights, on one side are total-lift vertical doors, all around are concrete walls and translucent plastic siding. Note the absence of steel beams and girders except for crane support.

'New Look' Helped Cut Expenses

By TOM STIMMEL

Anyone who has driven down Washburn Way from South Sixth Street certainly has seen a startling new building of dramatic design heightened by pink and yellow walls.

This is the new home of county road department shops. It was accepted formally by the county court last week, and will be occupied about April 1.

The building has encountered a following of critics who say it looks fine, but it's too fancy and it's too expensive.

Not so, say the builders. That fancy look really is functional and the cost is minimal.

Fred Keiser of Bend, the contractor who has been in the business more years than he cares to remember, said, "Actually, you've got a bargain here. And nobody knows costs like I do."

Bob Starbuck, an engineer working with architects Morrison and Howard, said, "It'll stand here 100 years with practically no maintenance costs."

Bill Canton, veteran county engineer, said, "This is one of the finest buildings in the West for its



THE EXTERIOR of the new county road department shop building has attracted much attention and comment from motorists along Washburn Way. Here is a better view of the curved roof plastic sheeting. This shot, from the rear, shows islands for gasoline and diesel pumps.



PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS are discussed by these men instrumental in construction of the new county shop building. Left to right are County Judge Bob Walker, John Howard of Morrison and Howard, architects, Contractor Fred Keiser of Bend, and County Engineer Bill Canton.

THIS LITTLE thing is a sub-floor duct for exhaust fumes. It is one of several joined to a single exhaust pipe that blows fumes away from the roof. It's one of many new developments in the new building.

utilitarian setup. It's efficient, and we can work cheaper."

"No question about it," Keiser agreed.

Canton added that fire insurance savings "will be enormous," and that the new shops can be heated "so men will have ideal working conditions" at half the cost of heating present shops at the fair grounds.

What about the design?

The roof, even after second and third looks, resembles five Mid-western-style barns squeezed into a tight row. Why that wavy roof?

The roof not only is the "commodore," Starbuck explained, it serves a triple purpose. The five peaks are high enough to permit five outside doors to be raised vertically without folding, then dip down to provide headroom for an overhead crane that runs the length of the building; the waving effect gives the roof strength to support itself without supporting beams and girders, and the same curves permit a three-inch thick concrete ceiling.

The concrete ceiling without beams and girders meant a substantial saving in construction costs, all agreed.

The crane running overhead extends from side to side (44 feet) on a track running from end to end (100 feet) in the overhaul section where employees can work on 10 pieces of equipment in five bays. Selection of the 20-ton crane worth \$15,700 followed a study of shop buildings in the Midwest and Pacific Coast in search of greatest flexibility and efficiency.

In the tiny space between the top of the crane and the lower folds of the ceiling are "High Boy" fluorescent lights just developed by General Electric.

"They were developed just in time for us," Starbuck said. "Regular fluorescent lights wouldn't work from that distance." (29 feet high).

A hot water radiant heating system encompasses the building through the concrete floors (the

old shop building has no floor at all); and from the office all working parts of the building — the main overhaul section, the welding room, the parts shop — are visible through glass panels.

The upper 15 feet of the overhaul area is enclosed with translucent panels of white and yellow Alkydite, a corrugated plastic that provides full daylight visibility without windows (another saving in cost).

The entire building cost \$132,414. That figure includes the crane and underground storage tanks for gas, diesel and air equipment. A smaller crane for lesser jobs was abandoned because of cost.

After specific questioning, the architects and the contractor estimated that an ordinary building with sheet metal walls and roofing supported by steel beams — "like that one over there," one authority said — would cost maybe \$10,000 less.

"Even so," one said, "heating, plumbing, overhead doors, the crane, concrete floors would cost as much in a sheet metal building as they do in this. The only 'extra' is the concrete walls and roof which adds to the building's fireproofing and design."

Keiser said his son, a student at Stanford, said there is no building so nice as this in the Bay Area.

"Klamath Falls," said the man from Bend, "should be proud of this."

Altamont Junior High News

By NANCY NICOL

A basketball game was played against Sacred Heart recently. Altamont won by a score of 47-14. Dale Thurman was high point man.

Fremont traveled to Altamont February 3 to play a very exciting game of basketball. In the first half Fremont was ahead. Then Altamont went on to win the game 39-31. Again Dale Thurman was high point man.

Altamont beat Sacred Heart a second time on February 13 at Sacred Heart. The score was 27-18.

AJHS defeated Fairhaven by a score of 39-31. High scorer was Randy Adams with 16 points. On February 20 the final game was played with Fremont. AJHS won by a score of 40-32.

The annual Speech Festival for the county schools was held on February 13 at Henley. Altamont came in second in the county with a score 19.8. Kathy Murdock won a blue ribbon for her serious speech, "The Challenge of Sputnik," which she wrote herself, and Billy Evans won a blue ribbon for story telling. The name of his selection was "The Golden Arm" by Mark Twain. The entrant in humorous was "The Boxing Match" by Warren Listekow, Richard Grow and Ronald Bonham. Janice Mustoe was the poetry en-

try with her selections "A Child's Troubles." The choral reading led by Mrs. Leola Thompson was the selection "The Oregon Trail" by Marshall and there were 35 eighth graders in it.

Special speech was given by Rolf Marvin and radio was under the supervision of Mrs. Quick and Mrs. Beulah Elliott. A second in a series of dances was held on Friday, February 27, at the YMCA. The last basketball game of the season was held on February 27 with Sacred Heart. Spring vacation is the week of March 15-20.

CONFERENCE WITH REDS
CAIRO (UPI)—Algerian nationalist leaders are conferring here with representatives of the Communist Chinese government on possible aid-including arms—for the Algerian rebels, Algeria sources said today.

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Merrill High News

By Lenore Johnson

MERRILL—Last week at Merrill High School was a busy one.

The constitution of the school was revised and after discussion, the student council accepted the revised constitution. Untidy lockers were also discussed and this matter will be brought up before the student body.

The student council also decided that next year's student body president or another student body officer should attend the student council workshop next summer.

Plans for a student body party, such as a hay ride and box social, were discussed by the council. This party will probably be held late in March or April.

Kevin Jarte, violinist, was featured at the National School Assembly on February 27.

The senior high school speech tryouts were held recently for the Speech Festival which will be at the Benanza High School on March 10.

Sophomore class members put on a homemade candy sale at the school on February 26. Members of the junior class sponsored a Hill Billy dance Saturday, February 28.

The junior-senior banquet will be April 4 at Reames Golf Club.

The track team is to be issued new uniforms. It was also announced that Army surplus jackets may be altered for them to use as warm-up jackets.

Basketball players of Merrill High School are keeping in practice for the district playoffs on March 5 and 6, and possibly March 7, at OTI.

BASIN BRIEFS

Dunsmuir—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marsh Sr. of Dunsmuir have learned they have a new grandson, John A. Marsh Jr. The baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Marsh of San Jose on February 24 weighing 7 lbs., 13 ozs. This is the couple's first child. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Olsen of Leeds, Utah.

Etna—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deppen and family, Etna, spent the weekend visiting her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Saling in Klamath Falls.

Visitors—Mrs. Hazel Owens and Mrs. Rich, both of Callahan, were recent business visitors in Etna and Greenville.

Ill—Dr. John Ball, Etna dentist, has been confined to his home for several days because of illness.

Returned—Dan Rolf returned to his home in Etna from Seiad where he was employed for the past week by the Wheeler Logging Company.

Etna—Mrs. Collene Hanson and children have returned to Etna from the Mojave desert where they spent the past month visiting relatives.

Moved—Mr. and Mrs. Loran Paine and family have moved from Hornbrook to the Dobkins ranch, Scott Valley, which they recently purchased. Paine is a

writer of mystery and western stories.

Newcomers—to Fort Klamath are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lougee of Orofino, Idaho, who have moved into an apartment. Lougee will be employed locally for the season by the U.S. Forest Service.

From Redding—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher, son Jimmy and daughter Phyllis, were weekend visitors from Redding at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith of Fort Klamath.

Returned—Mrs. Margaret Watson has returned to Fort Klamath following a stay of several months with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson and Beverly, at Happy Camp, California.

From Tacoma—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morris have returned to Fort Klamath from a visit at Tacoma, Washington, with their daughter and family, the John Bergstroms.

From Longview—Jim Kennedy, daughter Diana and son Bill, have moved from Longview, Washington, to the Fort Klamath rental residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamstreet, who moved recently to Klamath Falls. Kennedy is employed at the Johns Manville plant. His wife will join the family here later.

To Lakeview—Mrs. Mildred Cas-

tel spent two days last week in Lakeview with her son and family, the Tony Castels.

Idaho Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bicknell and two sons of Lewiston, Idaho, arrived in Fort Klamath recently for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hunnemuller.

To Coast—Mr. and Mrs. William C. Martin of Fort Klamath left March 3 on a 10-day vacation trip north along the Oregon Coast. Martin is the year-round ranch hand for Mr. and Mrs. William Zumburn at their ranch one mile south of Fort Klamath.

Public Card Party—A benefit card party will be held of 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the C. I. Clubhouse, Fort Klamath. Bridge, pinocle and games will be played, prizes awarded and refreshments served for the admission price of 50 cents per person. All proceeds will go toward purchasing camping equipment for Fort Klamath Boy Scout Troop 34. The public is invited.

POLICE INSPECTOR KILLED
ALGIERS, Algeria (UPI)—A rebel gunman shot down a local French police inspector and his wife on the doorstep of their home in Constantine Wednesday night. The slain couple was identified as Mr. and Mrs. Camille Cayol.

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