

# First Of Three Education Bills Move Step Closer To Legislature Showdown

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SALEM — The first of three controversial education bills moved a step closer to a showdown in the Oregon Legislature Tuesday as a legislative committee wound up hearings on a "blue-print" for school reorganization and consolidation.

The House Education Committee announced it would put a recommendation on the measure Thursday. The committee has held two full scale hearings on the proposal, recommended by the Interim Committee on Educa-

tion, and the weight of opinion has been about evenly divided. Tuesday, the House Education Committee heard foes of the bill again center objections on what they said were "a threat of consolidation" and the loss of local school district control. Proponents replied the fears were groundless, asserting the bill provides a five-year period for districts to decide whether they want to regroup as a unified district comparable with present first-class district.

The reorganization plan calls for a convention of school board members in each county. If a majority approved, all the districts in the proposed reorganization would unify. Dennis Lindsay, attorney representing the Riverdale district near Portland, said the plan ought to exempt districts which now are operating on sound financial footing. He contended some districts might be voted out of existence. Gardner Knapp, Salem school board member, said a score of schools had been absorbed voluntarily in the Salem system in recent years. He said there would

be some dissatisfaction under the reorganization plan "for awhile," but predicted tax, transportation and other savings would "soon convince them of the soundness" of unification. Strong endorsement came from school representatives of eastern Washington County, which has been described as one of the most "distressed" areas in the state. J. O. Johnson, Tigard, former state senator, said previous state administrations had "failed to meet the problem." Edgar Grimes, a representative of several Linn County farm or-

ganizations, repeated opponents' contention that reorganization and consolidation usually resulted in a more populous district exerting influence over the smaller districts brought into the unification.

## PRESENT MUSICAL

The Roseburg Woman's Club presented the latest monthly music program at the Veterans Administration Hospital. The programs are presented for veterans at the hospital. They are arranged by Mrs. B. W. Maddox. Guests are welcome.

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## WIN GROCERIES

Five Douglas County women received most of their groceries free at Mark's Shopping Center in Roseburg Saturday for having a certain brand of sugar in their baskets. Winners of the groceries were: Mrs. Ted Brinkman, Mrs. J. M. Archer, Margaret Goehring and

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## World War I Vets Asked To Hearing

Harry G. Rapp, chief of staff of Barracks 176, Veterans of World War I, has issued a call to all members to attend a legislative hearing in Salem Friday. The hearing on the subject of a joint memorial from the Oregon Legislature to the Congress, concerning granting of a national charter for the comparatively new organization. Rapp said he had received a letter from H. J. Erickson, department adjutant at Portland, asking for a representative from the Southern Oregon area at the hearing. He asks that members wear their caps to the hearing which starts at 8 a. m. in the capitol building. In his letter, Erickson says a big showing of members might "have a big influence on the Legislature" toward taking favorable action on the measure.

## Vital Statistics

**Marriage Licenses**  
HOCKETT - CROW — Randall Paul Hockett and Lucille M. Crow, both Roseburg.  
GILMAN - HAUMESER — Robert J. Gilman and Marilyn L. Haumeser, both Dillard.  
HENDRIX - NARD — Eldon E. Hendrix, Days Creek, and Patricia J. Nard, Tiller.

**Divorce Suits Filed**  
TURLEY — Annela Turley vs. Richard Turley. Married Dec. 28, 1946 at Joliet, Ill. Plaintiff asks property settlement, custody and support for three minor children.  
WILEY — Lois Wiley vs. Henry Wiley. Married Stevenson, Wash. on May 20, 1950. Plaintiff asks property settlement, custody and support for two children.  
SKARLOKEN — Bernard Skarloken vs. Louise Skarloken. Married Roseburg on Dec. 10, 1954. Plaintiff asks for fatifying of property settlement.

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