

Recent Legislation Reorganizes County School System

All Districts To Come Under Equalization

A convention of school board members from five school districts which will be annexed into the County Rural School District will be called in the late summer or early fall, County School Supt. Kenneth Barneburg said Tuesday.

The convention is made necessary by the passage of the county equalization bill in the recently adjourned Legislature. The bill now is on the governor's desk.

The County School Board is increased from the present five to seven members, Barneburg said, and two directors must be elected from the five districts which formerly had been withdrawn from the Rural School District. They are Glendale, Dillard, Glide, Roseburg and Reedsport Elementary.

That will start the task of reorganization of the County Rural School District, a move which also

must be made in other Oregon counties which have a county organization like Douglas.

Other points in the law require:

1. That the county school superintendent be appointed, rather than elected. Barneburg last fall was re-elected to the job.
2. That all school districts participating in the County Rural School setup, the "equalization" title of the law will mean that the county may levy one-half of the combined local school districts' levy for operating expenses for distribution back to the districts on a daily membership basis.

This means that some of the districts with a high valuation per student will contribute part of their total school levy to districts with lower valuation per student.

3. The rural board will have no power of budget review, so local school districts now participating in the Rural School District no longer will look toward a county budget before completing a local budget. Each of the county's school districts will prepare only one budget.

4. The county school superintendent will have no administrative functions over local districts.

5. Although local school districts

will make up budgets autonomously, the county levy will be used as a tax offset against the levies which the local school districts themselves vote in.

The convention of the school boards will be held within 60 days after Aug. 20, the date which the new law takes effect, assuming the governor signs it.

One of the two new directors will be elected for a year and the other for two years.

Then, in the fall, the county boundary board is to zone the county into five parts, equal in population and along elementary school district boundaries.

Afterward, one director will be elected from each zone and two from the county at large. Each will serve a three-year term.

Equalization on the county level will start in the 1958-59 school year. It will be done by the county levy of one-half of combined local operating levies in the 1957-58 budgets.

The local school districts next spring will form their own budgets, ignoring the county levy as a revenue. The apportionments from the county levy will be applied automatically as tax offsets in the levies for local school purposes.

Barneburg pointed out that the system will return autonomy to all local districts, including those now participating in the County Rural School District plan.

Under the old County Rural School District plan, first-class districts (those with 1,000 or more enrollment) could withdraw, leaving equalization only among smaller, or generally poorer, districts.

The county tax base to be established will be the base of the now existing County Rural District plus the application of bases from the five districts to be annexed. If the tax bases in the five districts aren't enough to provide full equalization in those districts, an increased tax base may be authorized by their voters. That move failing, the apportionment will be as near to the legal amount as possible.

Barneburg pointed out that the non-high school board will continue to exist for two more years. The board was to have been eliminated on July 1 this year, but the Legislature gave it two more years of life.



THE EUGENE HIGHLANDERS Bagpipe Band will do some high stepping and fancy playing most of the day June 22 when they invade Roseburg for the annual Douglas County Rodeo. The Highlanders will play and march through Roseburg that morning, take part in the annual rodeo parade and then play at the rodeo itself. Above are some of the members of the band which includes 14 pipers, eight drummers and seven dancers. Such bands figured prominently in the early history of Oregon as entertainers at fairs, such as those erected by the Hudson's Bay Co.

Benson PTA Troop Camps Out; To Meet

Boy Scout Troop 34, sponsored by Benson PTA, camped out last week on Rock Creek.

Accompanying the 14 boys were Roy and Jim Barnhart, Dave Evans, Frank Norton, Walter Watkins. The boys went hiking, swimming, and cooked their own meals to gain an education in several phases of scouting.

On one hike, the boys used a map and compass to find hidden

signal mirrors, then had to signal camp when the mirrors had been found. They also learned to identify different trees and plants in the area.

The group will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson school gym.

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Former Roseburg Man Dies At Junction City

Clyde A. Wallace, former resident of Roseburg, died Tuesday at his home in Junction City after a lingering illness.

He was born Aug. 2, 1897, at Murdock, Kan., and came to Roseburg in 1909 with his father, A. L. Wallace, who preceded him in death exactly five years ago on June 4.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; two children, Richard L. Wallace and Mrs. Edmund (Nedra) Crookson, and nine grandchildren, all of Junction City; his mother, Mrs. Mamie Green, and half brother, Norman Green, both of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, O. N. Wallace, sister, Mrs. Meredith (Mildred) Wilson, stepmother, Mrs. Hannah Wallace, step sister, Mrs. Howard (Grace) Crook, all of Roseburg.

Wallace attended Roseburg schools and was a veteran of World War I. In 1920 he was married to Ruby Post and lived in Roseburg until 1931 when he moved to Cottage Grove.

Funeral services will be held at Junction City Mortuary at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, with interment following in Lane County Memorial Gardens in Eugene.

Umpqua Unit Schedules Final Meet Until Fall

Umpqua Unit No. 16, American Legion Auxiliary, will hold its final meeting until fall Wednesday evening at the Legion hall on Harvard Avenue.

Final plans for the state convention to be held in Eugene in August will be made. The meeting starts at 8 p.m.

BASTARDY CHARGED

Jimmy Oldfield, 23, of 1628 NE Eden Ln., Tuesday was subjected to a bastardy proceeding in district court. He was arrested by the sheriff's office.

4 Douglas County Men Commissioned At OSC

Four Douglas County senior men at Oregon State College were commissioned as officers in the armed services at commencement Monday night. They have completed advanced training in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The four are: Richard Lloyd Komp of Sutherlin, Navy; Willard Dean Weiss of Reedsport, Air Force; and Ronald J. Hicks of Roseburg, and John W. Mathews of Drain, both Army.

Saturday, Komp also won the American Legion award of merit at the colorful final dress review of his unit.

JAMES DEAN STORY HOLLYWOOD

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