

Douglas County School Reorganization Plans Progressing; Public Hearings Next On Slate

10 School Units Would Operate 12-Year Plans

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Douglas County's school districts are being reorganized as the result of a state legislative law passed in 1957.

Under a preliminary plan as it stands at present, the 26 school districts in the county would be reduced in number to 10. The Glendale and Elkhorn school districts are the only ones in the county where, except for minor boundary realignments, no changes will be made.

Purpose of the statewide school district reorganization is to organize all territory within the state into administrative school districts which operate a 12-year program. Better education for value received will result, educators say.

County Committee Named

In Douglas County, the following persons were appointed and are serving: Norman Weatherly, Elkhorn; William Wirth, Myrtle Creek; Wilbur Merlich, Sutherlin; Keith Van Krevelen, Yoncalla; Rudy Paetz, Riddle; Clyde Nunnally, Reedsport; Louis Brady, Glendale; and Arthur Marsh and Harold Glover, both of Roseburg.

Five alternates also were appointed. They are: Howard Hatfield of Roseburg; Laverne Murphy of Umpqua; Tom Myers of Drain; Fred Booth of Yoncalla and Frank White of Gardiner.

The committee made up a preliminary plan and met with school boards throughout the county to obtain the local school boards' views on their plan. The law did not require the committee to do this, but it did require the preliminary plan to be completed before the holding of public hearings.

Next step is the holding of the public hearings, but the law does not specify how many hearings or where they are to be held.

Nine Hearings Slated

Nine hearings have been set up by the reorganization committee. The first will be Nov. 19 at Oakland High School for Oakland, Umpqua and Sutherlin school districts. Other dates follow:

Nov. 26, at Green School for Roseburg and Reedsport.

Dec. 17, at Glendale multi-purpose room for Glendale.

Jan. 2, at Camas Valley High School for Camas Valley and Dillard.

Feb. 4, at Tri-City Elementary School for Canyonville, Riddle and Myrtle Creek.

Feb. 18, at Glendale High School for Glendale and Cow Creek, section of Canyonville.

March 4, at Days Creek for Tiller and Days Creek.

March 25, at Gunter (3:30 p.m.) and at Yoncalla High School (7:30 p.m.) for Yoncalla, Drain, Curtin, Scotts Valley and Gunter.

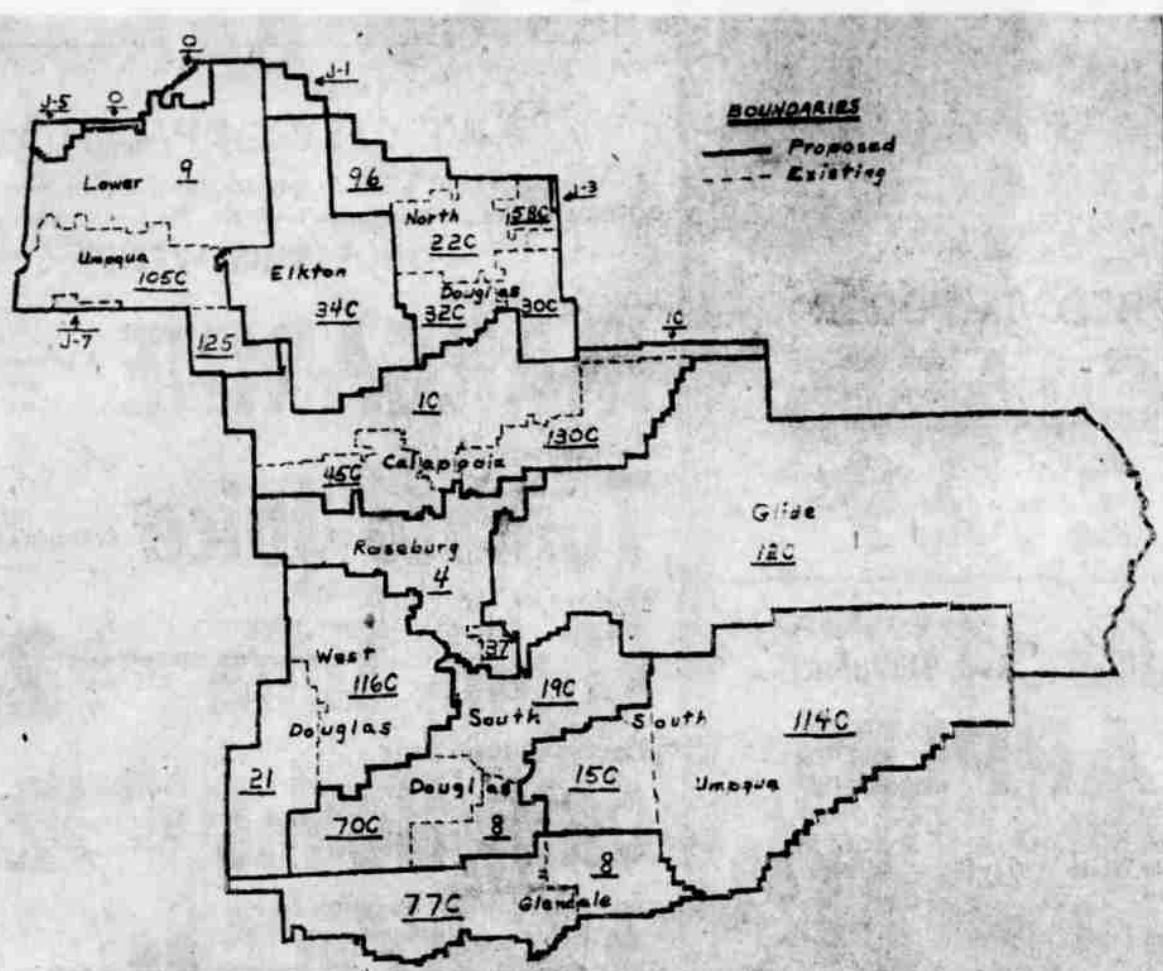
April 1, at Elkhorn High School gymnasium for Elkhorn.

April 15, at Ash Valley (2 p.m.) and Reedsport (7:30 p.m.) for Reedsport, Ash Valley and Gardiner.

After the last hearing the committee will meet to form a final plan, which will be submitted to the State Board of Education.

Consolidations Proposed

After the hearings the reorganization committee will meet to make up a final plan. Under the preliminary plan as it stands now, the committee has recommended consolidation of the Myrtle Creek and Riddle school districts with the northern portion of the Canyonville district, along with unification



DOUGLAS COUNTY'S 26 school districts would be reduced to 10 under a preliminary reorganization plan now under consideration. Existing school boundaries are marked by a dotted line in the map above and proposed boundaries show up as solid lines. Numbers on the map denote these districts: Oakland 10, Roseburg 4, Canyonville 8, Gardiner 9, Glendale 12, Days Creek 15C, Myrtle Creek 19C, Camas Valley 21, Drain Elementary 22C, Scotts Valley 30C, Yoncalla Elementary 32C, Elkhorn 34C, Roberts Creek 37, Umpqua 45C, Curtin 58C, Riddle 70C, Glendale 77C, Gunter 96, Reedsport Elementary 105C, Tiller 114C, Dillard 116C, Ash Valley 125 and Sutherlin 130C. The joint districts probably would be added to adjacent districts. They are: Linslow J-1, Latham J-3, Florence J-5 and Lakeside J-7. Drain Union High School District includes Drain Elementary, Curtin and Gunter districts; Yoncalla Union High encompasses Yoncalla Elementary and Scotts Valley, and Reedsport Union High includes Reedsport Elementary, Gardiner and Ash Valley.

of the Glendale district with the Cow Creek watershed portion of the Canyonville district.

Days Creek and Tiller school districts would be consolidated. These two districts were grouped with Canyonville in the initial recommendation.

The following districts also would be consolidated: Gardiner, Reedsport, Ash Valley and the portion of Lakeside in Douglas County, Scotts Valley, Yoncalla, Drain, Gunter, Curtin and the Douglas County portions of Linslow and Latham; Umpqua, Oakland and Sutherlin; Roseburg and Reedsport; Dillard and Camas Valley.

The final plan must be submitted to the state Board of Education after the hearings and by April 19. The final plan will be approved or rejected by the state board. If it is rejected, the county reorganization committee must work out a new plan within 90 days after it is sent back to the committee.

Election To Be Called

If the final plan is approved by the state board, it will be returned to the committee and County School Supt. Kenneth F. Barneburg will call elections within 30 days after the plan is returned. The elections must be held within 60 days after the plan is returned.

A school district can remain out of any reorganization plan if 60 per cent of the voters in the district vote against consolidation. If this happens, a petition against consolidation must be filed within 30 days and the petition must have the names of 50 per cent of the voters who voted in the first election.

If such a petition is filed another election would be held in the rejecting district within 60 days after the first election. If half or more of the voters approve the formation

of the district, the new district is organized. If a majority is opposed, the new district is not organized.

Even though 60 per cent of the voters in a district vote against the measure the first time, consolidation will take place if no petitions are filed.

If a school district votes down consolidation a second time it can remain separate and the reorganization committee would draw up another plan which the residents of the district would vote on.

Opposition Expressed

Several of Douglas County's school districts have come out against consolidation. The Gunter School District has requested that it be left out of all organization plans.

During the meetings of the county reorganization committee and school boards, Camas Valley's School Board was opposed to consolidating with the Dillard School District. Curtin did not send a representative to a meeting in northern Douglas County.

Policies, minimum standards, objectives and criteria on reorganization have been set up by the state Department of Education. Among the minimum standards adopted by the state board is the statement that each administrative school district shall be, as nearly as possible, a natural social and economic community.

In the election which the county school superintendent will call, he will be responsible for the printing of ballots, determining locations for the election, publishing and posting of notices, appointing clerks and judges. He will also be responsible for functions of the reorganization committee after the county committee has been dissolved.

Barneburg said he believes he will use the same polling places

which school districts use during the annual school elections.

Districts Being Reduced

Oregon's school districts are gradually being reduced through reorganizations bills. In 1940, there were 2,000 districts as compared to 724 now. The present reorganization law has the students' education as the principal consideration while in the past taxes have been a chief consideration.

Roseburg School Lunch Menus To Be Published

Because a demand has been evidenced for menus to be served in the Roseburg schools, The News-Review will again carry them at the beginning of each month.

The menus are prepared by Mrs. Doris Jones, school lunch coordinator.

Week of Nov. 17-21

Monday: Hamburger or Sloppy Joes on bun, Buttered Corn, Blackberry Pie, Bread and butter (seconds), Milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger Gravy on mashed potatoes, Buttered peas, Corn bread and butter, Jello dessert, Milk.

Wednesday: Chili, Tossed Salad, Hot rolls and butter, Pears Milk.

Thursday: Meat pie, Coleslaw, Pudding, Bread and butter, Milk.

Friday: Soup (Cook's choice, no meat), Jello Salad, Peanut butter sandwich, Baked custard, milk.

Week of Nov. 24-28

Monday: Frankfurter on bun, Buttered corn, Peaches, Spice cake, Bread and butter (seconds), Milk.

Tuesday: Tatarini, Coleslaw, Hot rolls and butter, Applesauce, Milk.

Wednesday: Turkey and gravy on mashed potatoes, Buttered green beans, Cookie, Ice Cream bar, Bread and butter, Milk.

Thursday: Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday: Thanksgiving holiday.

American Motors Plans Another Big Increase

DETROIT (AP)—American Motors, which has advanced its Rambler production schedule five times since August, plans another increase.

Effective immediately, it announced, assemblies will be advanced to 1,280 units a day from the current 1,150. AMC automotive plants in Kenosha and Milwaukee now are working two shifts a day, six days a week.

A record total of 36,124 Ramblers were built in October.

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Red China In Trade Talk With West Germany

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP)—Communist China is banking at a renewal of its private trade agreement with West Germany.

Trade sources in the Ruhr believe Peiping is applying pressure to wrest some form of recognition from its biggest trade partner in Europe.

The 110-million-dollar trade pact concluded last year between the West German Industries Assn. and the "China Committee for Promotion of Foreign Trade" expired Oct. 12.

WILL QUIT PRISON

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP)—Rudolph Martin, warden of the Pueblo County Jail, says he will quit the prison where he first went to work in 1931. Martin said he has decided the job is too dangerous.

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John and Mary had waited a long time, but now they were about to realize their ambition and own their own home. The house was not new, but it was large, comfortable and well located. John and Mary dealt directly with Bill, the owner and seller of the house. Bill showed the house to John and Mary and gave them all the time they wanted to inspect the house, but John and Mary, seeing no evidence of termites, did not ask Bill whether the house had them. Actually, the house was infested with termites. Bill knew the house had termites and said nothing about it. Bill's price was agreeable to John and Mary and they signed a contract.

The contract said nothing about the physical condition of the house. In a short time the title papers were ready, and John and Mary paid Bill the balance of the purchase price, received a deed and moved into the house.

After John and Mary had moved into the house, they started some remodeling work and discovered that the house had been badly damaged by termites, and that it definitely had been infested with termites when they agreed to buy it. They looked at their contract, but it said nothing about termites. They got in touch with Bill and demanded that he make a settlement with them. Bill contended that he had not duty to tell a buyer about the termites unless the buyers asked about termites.

Was Bill correct?

Yes! The law ordinarily is that the buyer must beware. The seller

is under no duty to disclose defects, even though he knows of defects which cannot be discovered readily. If John and Mary had asked Bill if the house had termites and Bill knew that it did have termites, then it would have been Bill's duty to disclose the existence of the termites. If Bill had denied the existence under such circumstances, John and Mary would have been entitled to relief.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, a buyer can secure no relief for such defects if he is given the opportunity to make an inspection. If the buyer inspects the property, he can have no relief even if the seller misrepresents the situation and tells the buyer that the defect does not exist. The buyer is presumed to have relied on his inspection and not on the seller's representations.

It is true that John and Mary could not have discovered the termites by inspection, but Bill was under no duty to volunteer the information unless they asked him.

WOULD BE DUELIST—Vincenzo Caputo, above, Nov. 6 challenged British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery to a duel for his remarks about Italy's fighting qualities. Caputo described himself as "national president of the Italian Nationalist Association." (AP Wirephoto)

11 Muscle Men Up A Tree Seeking Screen Tarzan Role

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HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Eleven movie muscle men are up a tree. They're fretting over which one will be elected the screen's Tarzan the 19th.

And I mean literally up a tree. At least they were the other day when the 11 hopefuls reported to the world jungle compound at 1,000 Oaks to pose for photos and movie tests.

Another fellow who's fretting is Sy Weintraub. He's the new producer of the longest-running movie series. He has to decide which fellow wins the job. Before he took off for Europe to see three foreign possibilities, I sat with him while he watched the screen tests.

One by one, the lads stalked through the brush, peered around

furtively, stooped to pick up a piece of evidence and then uttered the famed Tarzan yell. Fortunately, the tests were silent.

Cites Finalists

Weintraub cited three or four who will be in the final running. These were in his qualifications for the 19th Tarzan:

"He's got to have the graceful movement of a Joe DiMaggio and the build of a Charles Atlas, but he doesn't need to have the acting ability of a Laurence Olivier. He must be well-built but not muscle-bound; we want a man who is lithe and looks as though he lived in a jungle."

It's a pretty tall order, and Weintraub must make his decision soon. His crews will be taking off for Africa to film the first of the new series.

"We're making it hard for ourselves and calling it 'Tarzan's Greatest Adventure,' he reported. "How are we going to top that? I don't know. Maybe we'll do 'Son of Tarzan's Greatest Adventure.'"

Hepped Up On Future

Weintraub, a young, enthusiastic man, is hepped up about the future of the Tarzan epic. He cited figures of a half-billion dollars in returns from the films, which date back to the early sixties.

"In recent years, there has been only about one film every 15 months," he said. "We plan to make two a year. It's better to keep a continuous publicity campaign going than to build one every time you put out a picture."

"Besides, there is a surefire audience. Every Tarzan plays 15,000 theaters, dates that's more than for 'Bride on the River Kwai.'"

Among the previous Tarzans there have been many who have revolted at their contracts, which limited them to the jungle.

Here's a note for the jungle-type babes: No need to apply for the role of Tarzan's mate. Weintraub says there will be no Jane in the new picture.

"Tarzan was getting too suburban," he explained.

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