

Move to join Sisters School District with Bend gains momentum

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A movement to join the Sisters School District with the Bend Administrative District is gaining momentum, with petitions being circulated in the Sisters area. At a meeting of the Sisters School Board last night, it was indicated that some 30 signatures have already been obtained.

It is expected that the petitions will be presented to the Rural School Board either at its meeting next Monday evening or at the September meeting. The earliest time that the merger could be consummated would be at the end of the fiscal year next June, in time for the 1964-65 school year.

A merger with another district has been in the talking stage in

Sisters for at least a year, and the board last night reiterated approval of consolidation with Bend, having earlier gone on record to that effect.

It is no secret that the Sisters district has been hurting, tax-wise, for a number of years. The district consists of 194 sections, 146 of these being in the Deschutes National Forest. Revenue from 21 sections, owned by Brooks - Scanlon, Inc., was cut when the Timber Severance Act went into effect last year, reducing the valuation from \$1,013,000 to \$603,000. From the remaining 27 sections, comprising the townsite and private holdings, must come the bulk of the tax money, in years when offsets are low.

The Sisters district, with its large timber area in the public domain, is the poorest in the county. The next poorest district has 300 per cent more value, on the basis of average daily attendance, on which state funds are distributed.

In spite of these conditions, Sisters has a school system which ranks high in the state academically. Of nine high school graduates this year, eight received scholarships. It was in Sisters that teaching of foreign language at the grade level was pioneered.

Sisters residents take pride in their schools, but they need help. Those favoring the merger point out that the some \$18,000 raised last year by taxation in the district would be a drop in the bucket for the big Bend district. Benefits to Sisters are enumerated in the categories of taxation stability and vocational and academic advantages.

Opposition to the plan has been voiced by some Sisters residents, who fear that their high school would be closed. Figures compiled by W. W. Johnston, Sisters superintendent, for presentation to the Bend district board, indicate that it would be more economical to maintain the school, but to transport high school students to Bend for vocational training and team teaching experiments, on a once-a-week basis.

Why, one might ask, would Bend want to take on the responsibility for a district that is rich in resources but poor in tax money? The best answer, educators said, is that it would exemplify the American principle of sharing and giving service.

There are other reasons too. The Sisters area, where there are numerous home-site developments and recreation facilities, is anticipating an influx from congested states, as the subdivision activity pyramids. Property in the Sisters area would be more attractive to purchasers, if it were guaranteed a stable tax structure.

Sisters is close to Bend geographically and socially. Many of the adults there have employment headquarters and economic interest in the Bend area. Forty-six per cent of the school children, on a four-year average, come from homes where the parents live or work on federal land. The Sisters schools are closer to Bend than the extremities of their own district.

Limit on Indebtedness
For many years, Sisters has paid twice as much as other districts in the county to support its school. There is a limit to the amount of bonded indebtedness that a district can assume. In time, the buildings will wear out, or additions will be needed. Proponents of the plan point out that there would be advantages in being a part of a system that has a long-range building and expansion program, and could more easily assimilate a small district.

The procedure enabling the merger was set up by Senate Bill 297, which became a law May 13. Under its terms, three persons in either merging district may present a petition to the Rural School Board. If the petition is accepted by that body, a time is set for discussion. After two publications and a required public hearing, 20 days are allowed in which a remonstrance can be filed.

A remonstrance requires the signatures of five per cent of the legal voters within the district, or 500 signers, whichever is less. If there are remonstrances in both districts, the Rural School Board must set up elections in both. In the case of only one remonstrance, only one election is required. If there is no remonstrance, the Rural School Board may declare the merger effective, and no election is required.

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By the time the police got there the robbers were gone, and so was the loot from the biggest robbery of all time, Scotland Yard announced.

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McNamara says U.S. vastly superior in nuclear power

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara asserted today that the United States, with "tens of thousands" of atomic warheads, was "manifestly superior" to Russia in nuclear power and would risk little in ratifying the test ban treaty.

The limited ban would slow Soviet nuclear progress and prolong U. S. superiority, McNamara told the Senate in the second day of hearings on the historic Moscow pact.

He acknowledged that Russia "apparently" was ahead of the United States in design of super-bombs in the multi-megaton range — a point that has disturbed some Senate critics and military leaders.

But he said that lead resulted from America's "considered decision" against concentrating on such bombs. He said horror weapons of the 100-megaton type, which Russia could develop, had doubtful military utility compared with smaller megaton weapons that America could launch now with precision and in vast numbers.

Says Risks Small
Asserting his "unequivocal support" of the treaty, McNamara said the risks it entails "are either small or under our control and the values under the treaty are substantial . . ."

This was in essence the same thing Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Monday. Rusk was the administration's first witness before the Senate foreign relations, armed services and atomic energy committees to urge ratification of the pact which would ban air, space and underwater tests but allow continued underground blasts.

McNamara elaborated on several points made Monday by Rusk, particularly assuring senators that this country will pursue underground testing and will keep at peak readiness to resume atmospheric testing at once if Russia breaks the ban.

Rusk also said he felt a prime reason the Soviet Union agreed to the test ban was because the Cuban crisis last fall gave Kremlin leaders a look "into the pit of the inferno." Rusk said Russia concluded it was in its self-interest to agree to the treaty, which it had rejected previously.

McNamara said neither an un-

likely successful secret violation nor an abrupt abrogation with surprise testing on Russia's part would threaten U. S. security. Nothing that could happen under the treaty's terms or in violation of them, he said, could change the basic fact that America "will maintain its ability to survive a surprise attack with sufficient power to destroy the Soviet Union."

The Pentagon chief sought to head off several senatorial concerns about the accord's military effects. He said the United States still could build as large bombs as it needed. He said survival of underground missile sites could be insured despite some uncertainties that atmospheric testing could clear up about their vulnerability.

McNamara said America could proceed with development of anti-missile defenses with or without a test ban, using analysis to overcome uncertainties about the way that nuclear blasts might block off defense radar and communications. And regardless of Soviet missile defense developments, he said, American weapons would be able to "penetrate and devastate" Russia if it ever came to that.

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Union denies its blessing to marchers

UNITY HOUSE, Pa. (UPI) — The AFL-CIO high command refused today to endorse the Aug. 28 civil rights march on Washington despite appeals by two union leaders who called for organized labor's backing of the mass demonstration.

A "hands off" policy toward the march was adopted by the AFL-CIO Executive Council over the protests of Auto Workers President Walter P. Reuther and Negro union chief A. Philip Randolph.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president, said he felt most of the council members concluded there was grave doubt about whether the march would hamper passage of civil rights legislation.

The council's statement said AFL-CIO unions were free to join the march if they wished. But it added that the labor federation would stick to lobbying in Capitol Hill and moving against discrimination at the grass roots level.

The decision was a setback for Randolph, national director of the march, and Reuther, another principal sponsor of the demonstration that is expected to attract more than 100,000 Negro and white marchers.

"We are not endorsing the march nor are we condemning it," Meany told a news conference. "We are in complete sympathy with the organizations that are sponsoring this march. The AFL-CIO shares the same goals with the Negro civil rights organizations."

Meany said he personally felt the march was unwise.

He said demonstrators might break away from the main procession and invade Capitol Hill despite the best intentions on the part of march sponsors.

Reuther said the statement was "unsatisfactory, inadequate and failed to recognize the moral issues in the demonstration."

He and Randolph attempted to get all AFL-CIO backing for the march but ran into stiff opposition from Meany and other members of the 29-man council meeting here at a union-owned resort in the Pocono Mountains.

Antlerless deer drawing is set

PORTLAND (UPI)—The State Game Commission said today 16 game management units were oversubscribed for antlerless deer permits.

The commission said a public drawing would be held Wednesday to determine successful applicants. A last-minute rush prior to the Aug. 5 deadline brought the total applications received to more than 34,000, several thousand more than received a year ago.

Weather
High yesterday, 86 degrees. Low last night, 60 degrees. Sunset today, 8:11. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:09. PDT. Chance for evening thunderstorms. Highs, 85 to 95. Lows, 45 to 48. Partly cloudy.



DEATH ESCAPE NARROW — A Bend man, Bill Byers, narrowly escaped death when this plane, a converted bomber used in dropping slurry on fires, belly-landed in the Don William rye field near Lower Bridge. Both engines were ripped off by the impact, and Byers rode the flaming fuselage out into the rye field. He escaped with minor injuries. The plane was valued at around \$27,000. (See story on page 2.)

Motel units are removed from tract

The South City Limits Motel, on South Third Street, has been removed unit by unit from the one-block tract bordered by South Second and Third Streets and Roosevelt and McKinley Avenues.

The motel, operated for a time by the late Kenneth L. Hicks, The Dalles and Bend newspaperman, was, at the time of its construction, near the south city limits of Bend.

Owners of the property are Donald and Ralph D. Edwards, of Salt Lake City. They purchased the land this year from Mrs. Frances Waldron who operated the motel for a short period in late 1961. Mrs. Waldron said this morning the units have been sold to Kenneth Holman, Sr., of Holman Transfer & Storage.

According to Hap Taylor, local realtor, a new motel with convention center facilities may be erected on the vacant site at some future date. The Edwards, Taylor said, are in process of selling the property but may consider entering in partnership with a buyer who would build for this purpose.

The Edwards operate the Arctic Circle Restaurant chain and other enterprises.

Redmond man hurt in crash

A Redmond fireman, William E. Lamborn, 28, was injured about 7 p.m. Monday when his car left U.S. Highway 97 a short distance north of Bend, struck and uprooted a 16-inch juniper and came to rest in the roadside ditch.

Lamborn was brought to the St. Charles Memorial Hospital in the Bend city ambulance. His condition this morning was considered fair, with injuries not yet fully determined.

Lamborn is employed by Whittier Moulding, in Redmond.

Brewster is named U.S. Commissioner

A long-time Central Oregonian, George H. Brewster, Redmond attorney, today was named U.S. Commissioner serving Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties.

The appointment was made in Portland by Judge Gus J. Solomon, presiding judge of the U.S. District Court of Oregon. Judge Solomon made the appointment following a conference with Federal District Judges William G. East and John F. Kilkenny.

Brewster announced today that his office as U.S. Commissioner will be in his Redmond law office.

Primary duty of Commissioner Brewster will be to hold preliminary hearings on federal cases, and fix bail. Persons cited on federal counts will make their preliminary appearance before him.

At present, all federal cases, even those involving trespass and other violations within the federal forest, must be taken to Portland for hearings. As a result, few of the cases have ever reached court.

Under the new arrangement, forest rangers making arrests can take accused violators directly before Brewster for preliminary action.

Actually, the appointment of the Redmond attorney as U.S. Commissioner provides the area with a federal justice of the peace.

Brewster, who admits he is now "more choosy" in the selection of cases than in earlier years and plans to confine his legal work to irrigation matters, was admitted to the Oregon Bar in 1924 and has practiced law in Redmond since that year. His residence in Central Oregon dates well beyond 1925. He is a native of Maywood, Ill., where he was born on March 19, 1895. His residence in Oregon dates to 1960. He attended the University of Wisconsin early in the century, then completed his college work at the University of California.

Brewster served as a water-master in Central Oregon, in his pre-law days, and was on the Redmond city council. He is a veteran of World War I, and has long been active in American Legion work.

Indian officials meet in Bend

Twenty-five superintendents of Indian reservations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, members of their staffs, and representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs are meeting Monday through Thursday at the Bend City Hall to discuss current programs in Indian affairs.

This morning's session of the meeting, sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was opened by Robert D. Holt, Portland area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a function of the Department of Interior.

Fourteen selections will be heard tonight — "A Warrior Bold March," Panella - Yoder; "June is Bustin' Out All Over," Rogers - Yoder; "Iron Count Overture," King; and "Highlights from Happy Hunting," Karr-Dubey.