

County School Office Members' Duties Described

The duties of officers in the county superintendent's office are set along established lines, according to Alf B. Melvold, county school superintendent.

The Jackson county school superintendent hears appeals from parents, teachers, voters, and school boards on all school problems or associated matters. He also acts as secretary to the rural school boards, who disburse monies on an equalized basis; to the non-high school board which provides tuition and transportation for high school students in a district that has no high school; and to the district board.

The district boundary board considers changes in school boundary lines, when petitioned.

The assistant superintendent, Mrs. Una B. Inch, is administrative assistant to the superintendent. Specific duties assigned include the educational testing program in county schools, special education, and enforcement of compulsory school attendance.

The testing program offers advanced courses to students who show special aptitudes in various fields while the special education program is devoted to the proper orientation of problem and mentally retarded children.

County elementary supervisor Bruce Hitt advises teachers, with the school administrator, on problems in elementary education. The county supervisor works with state and local officials on standardization and evaluation of prevailing curricula, and submits progress reports to judge the efficiency of present studies. Hitt also carries on the duties of curriculum coordinator.

The county schools office provides numerous other services to the schools and teachers of Jackson county in the area of audio-visual aids. The audio-visual aids department, including the school-owned educational film library, valued at \$15,000, and the department of public information and service is headed by Jim McDonald.

In the face of an increasing school population and a rapidly

expanding education program, a close link between state and local school districts must be maintained. The county school superintendent's office preserves this link in its capacity as coordinator, consultant, and intermediary between the districts. It offers a wide range of services of considerable interest to Jackson county residents and educators and works with professional and lay groups.

The county office posts notices of proposed changes in school boundary lines and notices of the operating budgets of the rural school board and the non-high school board. A continuing audit is made of all office accounting as well as the books of the school district clerks.

Another function of the county school office is to distribute publications of the state department of education. These publications acquaint teachers and the public with new and improved concepts in instruction and guidance of students. These books and booklets can be purchased by interested persons either from the state department of education or the county school superintendent's office.

Other services of the county school office are teacher placement, transportation systems, textbook selection and cooperative purchasing.

PETROLEUM GAS SALES

Chicago—Farmers are the best customers for liquid petroleum gas dealers, according to a survey of 2,250 outlets by the National Liquid Petroleum Gas Council. The council said farmers account for 45 per cent of total dollar retail sales against 38 per cent for small town residents and 17 per cent for suburbanites.

THE MARBLES

Memphis—Mothers in a neighborhood here started checking when their youngsters came in from play smelling strongly of camphor. It was discovered that one boy had taken moth balls, painted them various colors and traded them to the neighborhood children as "perfumed" marbles.

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APPLYING LEG AND TOE PRESSURE to Major Einar Thunander, jiu-jitsu expert, is his student, pretty Margareta Blohm, in training for Stockholm, Sweden, police force. Her delighted classmates look on as the major winces. (International Soundphoto)

Rogue River Expects Enrollment of 520

Rogue River — Rogue River grade school expects an enrollment of 340 students, and the high school one of 180 this year, according to Loran Casebier, elementary principal. School opens Sept. 5.

New teaching appointments for the elementary school are Charles Bornemann, sixth grade; Roy Headley, fifth grade; Wallace Parmeller, eighth grade and physical education; Donald Catnach, eighth grade and physical education; Mrs. Pearl Palmer, third grade; Eugene Price, second grade; Mrs. Phyllis Slavos, first grade; and Mrs. Lois Kamberg, seventh grade.

Returning teachers are Robert Wilkes, sixth grade; Joada Leonard, fifth-sixth grades; Elizabeth Balch, fourth grade; Alyce Young, fourth grade; Minnie Jensen, third grade; Annie Garlson, second grade; and Camilla Kerns, first grade.

Parents Should Note First Grade Rules

County school officials report that parents who have children entering the first grade should take note that state law says a child must be six years of age, or have his birthday prior to Nov. 15 to be eligible for admission this school year.

The schools do not have to admit students with birthdays after that date. However, local school board policy sometimes permits entrance up to birth dates of January 1, if the child meets mental maturity requirements.

Permits for such mental maturity tests can be obtained from the local school administration, and the test is administered by appointment with the county school superintendent's office.

Most schools require a birth certificate at the time of registration. Physical and dental examinations are necessary and may be obtained from the family physician or the county medical officer. The Golden Rod medical report form, used for entering

first graders, may be obtained from the county health department.

School Openings Begin Sept. 3

Jackson county schools begin opening Sept. 3, with the last ones to start operations Sept. 9, according to the county school superintendent's office.

Schools opening Sept. 3, are Elk-Trail, Shady Cove and Pinehurst elementary schools.

Butte Falls and Lone Pine open Sept. 4; Rogue River schools open Sept. 5, and Evans Valley and Prospect schools open Sept. 6.

All other schools have openings set Sept. 9. These are Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Eagle Point, Phoenix, Griffin Creek, Ruch, Jacksonville, Talent, Applegate and Howard.

Segregationist Kasper Plans to Move West

Little Rock, Ark. — Moving segregationists John Kasper plans to arrive here within two weeks to spearhead a drive against integrated schools.

He said Wednesday his arrival, planned one week after Little Rock schools are integrated, would start things rolling to pull integration "out of the fire."

However, his presence apparently was not looked forward to by segregation leaders. "We do not want Mr. Kasper," one said.

WHO? ME?

East Hampton, Conn. — Robert Hausman, 23, joined a crew of volunteers dragging a lake for a supposed drowning victim but didn't stick with the job long. He learned the fellow they were searching for was himself.

PROTECTION

Henryetta, Okla. — Henryetta firemen had to take quick action to prevent their new fire truck from losing its bright red color. They erected an awning over the west side door to the fire house to protect it from the sun.

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