

Problem of Merging Oregon's School Districts Under Way

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Salem — The next 14 months should pretty much settle the fate of the little red school house in Oregon.

In all the state's 36 counties, nine-member committees are tackling the difficult problem of moulding 778 operating school districts into about one-third that number of new administrative districts.

At least that's the hope of most of Oregon educators and the intent of the school reorganization act passed by the 1957 Legislature.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam and Dennis Patch, who heads the Board of Education reorganization effort, both agree the county committees are taking to their tasks with intelligence and very little emotionalism.

These committees have until April of 1959 to examine their local school districts, hold public hearings and come up with a reorganization plan which will meet Board of Education approval.

Oregon citizens will get a progress report from the committees in March.

In general, the purpose of the 1957 law is to create new administrative districts that will provide both elementary and high school education. The new districts will incorporate all districts within their borders and may even cross county lines if this will create a better economic or social unit.

The idea is to divide the state into the most logical districts to provide the best possible education.

Actually, consolidations have been going on in Oregon for some time. In 1940 there were 2,000 school districts as compared with 778 now.

But the 1957 act for the first time puts some pressure on the counties to consolidate and forces, first of all, a local examination of school districts by local people.

The composition of the county committees is largely rural — farmers and lumbermen — which should allay somewhat fears of the State Grange that reorganization will destroy the little red school house and put all the children on buses to a distant school.

Naturally, many small districts will disappear, but educators don't expect too much opposition because small rural districts have a difficult time meeting state building standards and finding qualified teachers.

The Board of Education hopes that county committees will plan so that no small districts are left out in the cold so every pupil will be educated relatively close to home.

Opponents of reorganization will have a chance to speak up at hearings before county committees and later may protest to the Board of Education.

Most complicated feature of the 1957 law is its election formula.

This provides for an election in the proposed new district after the county reorganization plan has been approved by the board.

If a majority in the new district favor it, it will be formed.

If at least 60 per cent of the voters oppose it, formation is delayed 30 days while the opposing district tries to gather the names of half of the voters who voted in the first election.

Second Election Possible

If petitioners are successful, another election is held and a majority vote against the administrative district would keep the opposing district out. Otherwise the objecting district is in.

If the opposing district holds out, another election will be held for consolidation without the opposing district. This must also get Board approval.

Finally, if the entire proposed administrative district is opposed to consolidation, another election can be held a year later.

Once created the new district would be governed by a seven-member board with each director coming from a different zone of the district except in the larger cities of Portland, Salem and Eugene where zoning would not be required.

Gisele MacKenzie Marries Manager

Las Vegas, Nev. — Singer Gisele MacKenzie and her manager, Robert Shuttleworth, 44, were married Monday in the Presidential Suite of the Flamingo Hotel.

The couple flew to this gambling resort from Hollywood Sunday night, took out a marriage license at the round-the-clock bureau and were wed by District Judge Frank McNamee about two hours later.

The wedding climaxed a six-year romance of the 31-year-old songstress and Shuttleworth, who has been her manager for 12 years. This was Gisele's first marriage. Shuttleworth was divorced in Toronto, Canada, in 1950.

The average haul of bituminous coal is 289 miles.



SWALLOWING nuts, bolts in bizarre attempt at suicide, Jack Sobie, 54, jailed Soviet spy, is reported recovering in New York hospital after surgery. (International)

Man Trapped for 8 Hours in Well Cave-in Rescued

Cambridge City, Ind. —

Rescue workers digging carefully with spoons freed a 42-year old man trapped for eight hours Sunday when a well cave-in buried him to his armpits.

The situation was so delicate that state police re-routed highway traffic away from the area for fear vibrations would loose more gravel on the nearly buried man.

Wilbur (Pete) Harold was caught 16 feet below the surface when the sides of the well caved in as he was digging for a broken drill point in the basement of his home in nearby East Germantown.

His helpers, Paul Stone and Park Sourbeer, alerted police and about 100 rescue workers rushed to the scene.

Oxygen Used

A barrel-like structure was placed over Harold to prevent him from being buried alive by falling gravel, and oxygen was administered throughout the long ordeal. Because of the narrow size of the hole, only one man at a time could dig, and the cramped workman had to be relieved every half-hour.

The rescuers used a small spoon about four inches in diameter to painstakingly scoop away the gravel. The dirt was placed in a five-gallon can and hoisted to the top of the well. Concrete blocks which Harold had used to line the well collapsed in the cave-in and had to be removed.

Rescuers said Harold remained in good spirits throughout the operation. He was hospitalized for a check-up, but physicians said he apparently suffered no ill effects except for shock.

Rubber consumption in the U.S. amounts to about 20 pounds per person each year which is far more than the world average of only about one pound per person each year.

English Pull Strangler on Facia While We Merely Pull Choke on Dash

By EVERETT R. IRWIN
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Chicago — Should an English-speaking motorist pull the choke on the dash panel of his sedan or the strangler on the facia of his saloon?

And when he's meeting an automobile (or motor car, if you please) at night, does he touch his foot to the dimmer or the dipper?

Two Englishmen and an American banded about the vocabulary of motoring and wound up wondering if they speak the same language.

James S. Lewis, an automobile editor for a Chicago newspaper, touched off the friendly battle of words.

He complained that while driving an English-made car last week he had to pull off Chicago's outer drive and check the manual before he could decide whether to set the heater lever at "screen" or "boost."

He discovered that "boost" means "full blast" and that

"screen" directs warm air to the "wind-screen" for "de-misting."

"The windshield is the windscreen and the demister is the defroster" Lewis wrote. "Why can't the English learn to speak?"

Defends Mother Tongue

Hugh Dempster, British actor, and Gordon Q. Evison, commercial consul for Great Britain here, came to the defense of the mother tongue today.

"We use a demister when we get in a motor car after a party and breathe heavily," Dempster said. "A defroster is a heating machine that takes away frost from the outside."

"Lewis admitted the reasoning was logical."

"Excellent for England," he added. "But look outside and you'll see why we Americans use defroster."

Outside the snow was heaped two feet high and the mercury shivered at 10 above zero.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

New York — Former President Truman, replying to a GOP senator's statement that Truman should work for bipartisanship in the conduct of foreign affairs:

"The bipartisanship policy I left the Republicans has been largely disrupted by them. They haven't been able to completely ruin it, but they sure have tried hard enough."

Chicago — Grover C. Hall Jr., editor in chief of the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, in charging that Northern politicians "caterwaul about Jim Crow" in the South, but fail to deal with it in their own back yards:

"Your Illinois politicians caterwaul about Jim Crow in Montgomery, Ala., but grapple not with the fact that . . . there is more residential segregation in Chicago than in Montgomery."

Hollywood — Italian glamor girl Sophia Loren, in saying that American beauties are all carbon copies of Marilyn Monroe:

"American girls have imitated her shamelessly. They all look the same—long blonde hair, eyes closed and mouths hanging open. It's a phony sex appeal."

Wall Street Experts Rig Interpretations In Style of Greeks

By ELMER C. WALZER
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New York — The Delphic Oracle of the ancient Greeks was an expert on double talk, subtly done so that it was always right.

Wall Street experts, skimming over recent developments, have rigged up some fancy interpretations of current items, Delphic Oracle style.

These interpretations are good or bad, according to the way you feel about them. Their listing explains some of the confusion in the market place. Here are a few:

Sharp rise in the short interest to nearly 4,000,000 shares — good, because that stock represents potential purchasing power; bad because the short sales represent a vote of lack of confidence in the market.

Cut in Federal Reserve requirements to pump \$3 billion credit into the economy — Good because it provides funds for business; not good because it doesn't make credit demand any greater.

Crude Oil Cuts Needed

Cuts in crude oil processing — Excellent to help get rid of top-heavy inventories of petroleum products; bad for crude oil producers.

Cuts in oil imports — Excellent for domestic crude oil producers; bad for international trade and foreign relations.

Cold weather and heavy snows — Wonderful for sellers of fuel oil, gas, coal and electricity; bad for retail trade, construction, railroads, etc.

Tax cut — Good for general economy; bad because it would indicate the recession was worse than most people had thought.

Industrial output down to 133 per cent of the 1947-49

Local Man Injured When Horse Falls

Richard Sturgill, 30, of route 3, box 68C, was reported in good condition at the Rogue Valley hospital Monday noon after he was injured Sunday when a horse he was riding fell on him.

Sturgill was taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service about 1:15 p.m., according to officials. He suffered undetermined injuries. The accident took place at Hillcrest Orchards.

Senator Carl Hayden, a Democrat, has represented Arizona ever since it became a state, 45 years ago, in the House and then in the Senate.

or dashboard. "A dashboard is a splash-board," he said.

He said the British are picking up some American expressions, like "automa-

tion" to "make the language crisper."

"And we must permit you a little deviation from the pure mother tongue," he conceded with a smile.

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