SCHOOL ORGANIZATION, REVENUE EXPLAINED

GIVES HEARING AID — George White, left, local Tonemaster Hearing Aid company representative, to Debbie Rick, 5, center, Central Point, as Mrs. Norman E. Jahn, Medford, instructor at the Junior Service League kindergarten looks on. A hearing aid donation is made each week by the company to a person whom dealers have recommended. Debbie attends the class for the deaf at the league kindergarten where she is taught lip-reading, and hearing with a hearing aid.

Meetings Slated Early Next Month On Budget Plans

Financial Studies Nearing Completion

How are school districts organized in Jackson county? Where do they get their money?

The 20 district in the county, including first, second and third class, rural school and non-high districts, are completing budgets this month and preparing for annual school meetings May 5.

Officials face an annual problem of explaining a complicated education program. County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold last week discussed major questions which face district residents.

All individual districts are responsible for making their own budgets, determining the required levy and calling an election to exceed their tax base, he said.

The five first class districts —Ashland, Central Point, Phoenix, Medford and Eagle Point — have limited tax bases and have had to call elections each year to authorize their boards to make the necessary additional levies to cover budgets.

The second and third class districts have no tax base. Their required levies, after income from state and county funds are considered, therefore must be authorized by a vote of electors in each district, Mekvold explained.

All districts are part of the rural school district.

Legislation passed in 1957 provides that the county rural board "shall levy a tax in an amount which, together with any other funds available to it . . . shall equal the amount of the rural school board's own budget . . . plus an amount which is 50 per cent of the estimated local school tax levies for operating purposes . . ."

The latter amount is 50 per cent of the net operational levies for the current budgets, 1957-58. Since the 50 per cent is taken on net operational levies only, and does not include any capital outlay items, and since it is expected that budgets will increase generally, the amounts received by the districts from this fund will be considerably less than 50 per cent of the total required levy for the coming year.

The superintendent said that the total required rural school levy as explained above is $2,004,303.07 for next year. The tax base of the total county rural district is $1,669,925.41 and represents the amount that the board can levy without a vote of the people in the county.

This is the 83.3 per cent of the total. The balance of $334,377.66 must be authorized by a vote if it is to be added to the county levy to equalize income to the various districts.

If Defeated

If the county-wide rural school budget were defeated, it would be forced to operate on the $1,669,925.41 tax base.

The rural school income reduces the income requirements of the individual districts through a tax offset after a district budget is approved. It does not, however, show in individual district budgets.

Both the rural school and state funds lower the district levy by being certified directly to the county assessor —rather than passing through the hands of the local district.

They are Griffin Creek, Ruch, Lone Pine, Applegate, Elk-Trail, Evans Valley, Pinehurst, Shady Cove and Howard.

Individual budgets of these districts do not include levies to pay the tuition and some transportation costs for the high school pupils who must attend in another district maintaining a high school.

Because of that, the non-high board must prepare a separate budget to cover the tuition and transportation expenses.

The total required non-high levy after deducting state and county receipts is $22,650 in the new budget. As the non-high budget has no tax base, an election will be called in the nine districts to approve the entire levy.

A favorable vote is necessary if these districts are to have funds to educate their high school pupils, Mekvold declared.

Summarizing the county district picture, he said the county rural district makes a county-wide levy to equalize a part of the districts' cost, after state funds and some federal funds are deducted, and the local district must levy for the balance to provide high school tuition and transportation.

Purpose of Reorganization

The purpose of district reorganization, which has begun in the county, is to put all areas in each county into one or more districts providing education for grades 1-12, Mekvold continued.

A simplified and more easily understood financing of schools will result from the completed reorganization, he stated.

In many counties, the picture is further complicated by union high school districts, joint districts, county high schools and others. "Comparatively speaking," Mekvold declared, "Jackson county has a much less complicated structure."

Sources of school revenue in Oregon for 1958-59 are the state, which provides 39 per cent; local districts and county property tax, 59 per cent; and federal funds, 2 per cent.

State aid arrives from the basic school support fund of income and corporation taxes, based on a legislative appropriation of $105 per school census child, (aged 4 through 8), and from the common or irreducible school fund of approximately 85 cents per census child.

Federal help comes through the school lunch program, vocational agriculture and home economics, and national forest receipts.

The county school fund is levied by the county court to provide a minimum of $10 per census child. The rural school district, through its county-wide equalizing levy, provides an amount determined by a formula which is approximately one-half of the districts' net operating levies for the previous year, and apportioned to districts according to average daily enrollment.

District Levy Defined

The local district levy covers the amount necessary to balance the adopted budget after all other receipts have been considered.

Mekvold added that the figures are average for the state as a whole and that there will be variations by districts. One reason for the variance is that a portion of state basic funds are apportioned on a "basis of need" so the so-called "poorer" districts will receive proportionately more.

Furthermore, he said, the county school fund is apportioned according to average daily membership.

Some districts will qualify for some federal funds through vocational agriculture and home economics and from other legislation, while others will not. Some may include capital outlay items in their regular budget instead of covering them by a bond issue.

Another facet in the finance picture is the payment on interest and principal on bond issues which each school is responsible for levying.

The common or irreducible school fund comes largely from the sale of the 16th and 36th sections in each township, granted to the state by the federal government.

Another amount goes to some districts through Public Law 874, which is intended to provide federal assistance to those districts where federal properties have created an unusual problem, the superintendent explained. The help, however, is relatively small as only eight districts in the county qualified for approximately $36,000 last year.

School districts also receive 6¼ per cent of the proceeds from national forest lands which amounted to from $2.40-$2.80 per census child in past years.

In further explaining the complicated school financial set-up, Mekvold quoted from the Oregon Tax Research of November, 1957, which showed that property tax levies were reduced in 12 Oregon counties in 1957-58 compared with 1956-57, and was raised in 24 counties.

Although Jackson county was reported with an 8.6 per cent raise, the publication reported in February that only three counties had a smaller cost per pupil than Jackson county when put on an average daily membership basis.

Thirty-two counties had a higher per pupil cost, Mekvold pointed out.

The cost per child per year, figured on an average daily member basis (essentially a per pupil basis) ranged from $391.69 to $800.89 in the 32 higher counties.

Jackson's was $383.72 per pupils, while the three lower counties ranged from $303.08 to $381.96.

Mekvold added he would like to see present information "on the total tax structure," including national, state and local, to show what a small portion of the tax dollar actually goes toward education.

Talent Schools Plan Hearing

WARNING — Testifying before the House space committee in Washington, Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover (above), the "father" of the atomic submarine, warned that if the defense establishment is allowed to grow it "soon" will control the entire country. Rickover said he strongly favors civilian control of space programs.

Talent—The public hearing on the Talent public schools' budget is scheduled for April 23 at 8 p.m. in the high school building, Supt. R. B. Parr announced Friday.

The total budget, bonds, interest and general fund expenditures for the school year 1958-59 is $238,275.84. Of that amount, bonds and interest are $23,075, leaving a balance of $215,200.84 for the general fund expenditure.

The general fund total is $6,794.78 less for next year than that for the current year.

Parr said the reduction in the budget for 1958-59 was made possible by the elimination of the special art program in the elementary, consolidation of classes eliminating one elementary teacher, and rescheduling to eliminate one high school teacher.

He added that if there is a millage increase for next year, it will be slight.

HELP NEEDY JAPANESE

Tokyo—(AP)—The U.S. Army said Saturday about 500 Japanese institutions and needy people have benefitted from about one million dollars in money and services donated by Army sources. Army camps, chapels of all faiths, women's clubs and fraternal organizations contributed toys, baby clothes, firewood, dairy foods, rain boots, ping pong sets, furniture, time and labor.

CUTS DISCOUNT RATE

Copehagen, Denmark—(AP)—Denmark's National Bank has lowered its discount rate from 5½ per cent to 5 per cent in a move designed to further employment and support the slumping agriculture. The old rate went into effect in July, 1954.

JACKSONVILLE

Clean-Up Day Scheduled

By BETTE HOSKINS

Jacksonville—The city council has announced that Saturday April 26th will be general city clean-up day. Jacksonville Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops will be active on the project, the details of which are to be announced later.

Mrs. Nellie Algar of Salem will be a house guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Long for the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Smith and son of Grants Pass were last Sunday visitors at the W. E. Long home.

Mrs. Velma Long recently honored her grandson, Tony Rae McCay, with a first birthday party at her home. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. L. McCay and daughter, Pam, of Medford and other family members and friends.

Harry Scroggins is recovering from broken ribs resulting from a recent fall.

Mrs. Jack McDaniels, North Stage road is home from the hospital recovering from a recent automobile accident. She is able to have visitors.

Mrs. Ida Wright has been sick this week and friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abraham and son Steven newly arrived residents here, spent the Easter weekend in Portland. They were accompanied by Mrs. Paul Bulkin and daughter, Natasha, of Shady Cove, former Jacksonville residents.

The community was saddened this week by the death of several local residents. Tom Dunnington died after a long illness at a local hospital. Burial services were held Saturday, April 12, at the Jacksonville cemetery.

Dunnington owned and operated the Jacksonville meat market for about 30 years. Survivors include his wife Luella, a son, Thomas Dunnington Jr., of Palo Alto, Calif., a sister Miss Gertrude Dunnington of Aberdeen, Wash., a brother, Clinton Dunnington of Springfield, Ore., and two grandsons, as well as many other relatives here.

Services were held at the Phoenix cemetery Monday, April 14, for Mrs. Emma A. Jones, a long-time southern Oregon and Jacksonville resident.

Surviving is her husband Ed. R. Jones, seven children, Melvin and Leo Fields, Medford; Earnest Fields, Klamaath Falls; Clifford Fields, Rogue River; Mrs. Lee Orr, Springfield and Clayton and Kenneth Fields, Jacksonville, in addition to 18 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Ben Jack son of Sacramento, and Mrs. Ella O'Neil of Portland.

Services for Mrs. Alida B. Martain, a resident here for 12 years, were held at the Jacksonville cemetery Wednesday, April 16. Her husband, Hugh Martin, preceded her in death here last December. Survivers in this area include Mrs. Omar Culy and Mrs. Willard Moss, daughters, both of Jacksonville.

Burial services were also held here last for a former Jacksonville and Medford resident, Fletcher Stout. In 1903 he lived in Jacksonville and was associated for many years with the late Dr. Robinson as a drugist. He moved to San Diego six years ago. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Earnest Niedermeyer of Medford.

Miss Melba Graham and Miss Cora-Bell Ravenor were hostesses for a surprise birthday dinner held at the Graham home honoring Cora Bell's mother, Mrs. Blanche Ravenor April 4. Other dinner guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Job Berrimen and the E. O. Graham family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Moore of South Third st. announced this week the birth of a granddaughter born to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pat and Ron Lucier, of Ashland. The baby was born on her parent's wedding anniversary April 15. She weighed sevent pound 11 ounces and has been named Janice Eileen.

Mrs. Glenn Wardrip of Globe, Ariz., was a guest at the Warren Hazen home recently. While here she and Mrs. Hazen visited the Richard Lawtons of Central Point, Mrs. Fred Strubbe of the Applegate valley and John Jantzer of Grants Pass.

Mrs. Pearl iKtchen visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Tryon, in Grants Pass last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Noble accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman to Roseburg last Sunday to attend a "shoot" in which Coleman participated.

Recent "drop-in" guests at the home of Mrs. Carl Hosinks, were Mrs. Milton James and Mrs. G. W. Godward, Mrs. Curtis Fitch, her daughter, Hawley, and a friend, all from Scotia, Calif. Mrs. Fitch is a former resident here.

Mrs. Alice Hibbert has as house guests this week her son and daughterin-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hibbert of Klamath Falls and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Robin of Bly, Ore.

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Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Camp White — This is the sixtieth anniversary of the Spanish American war which began April 21, 1898. The ranks of the soldiers, sailors, and marines who took part in this baptismal engagement overseas to set the stage for the United States as a world power, are getting thinner day by day.

It is noticeable at Camp White as their numbers are being reduced by transfers to hospitals nearer their homes.

One of the few Spanish "bamboo' veterans was a marine in the Philippine insurrection in 1902, has remained with memories of the history-making part he played in the progress after the war. He is William Hunter.

It may be said that he kept going from the outbreak of the war with Spain until the start of the next great war — also in April — World War I. He passed the baton in this race to the buddies who compose the largest segment of men now domiciled at Camp White.

In 1907, Hunter went as a construction worker to help build the Panama Canal. He stayed until the canal was opened in 1913, and sailed in the Cristobal, first ship to go through the locks from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Hunter has a letter from Maurice H. Thatcher, Washington attorney, who was civil governor of the Canal Zone between 1910 and 1913, reviewing the details of this more constructive aftermath of that war.

"I am glad to know that you are yet living and I trust you are in good health and strength," he wrote.

Camp White came into its own for recognition Sunday with the visit of National Commander Roudebush of the VFW and the Second Annual Wheel Chair Parade sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

VFW and Legion officials from Medford and other parts of the state were present. They were welcomed by Manager E. K. Ricker, Assistant Manager Banks Paul and Dr. Wallace Pianka, Chief Medical officer.

The VFW commander-in-chief told of his visit with President Eisenhower at which time he outlined the need for a larger appropriation than was allowed in the budget for needed repairs of existing facilities throughout the country. An extra $10,000,000 has been added, he reported.

Hary Birch, department commander, mentioned the two vital needs in the hospital program for Camp White and the pension for aging WWI veterans which he said the department is backing to the limit.

Roudebush was accompanied by the National Director of Public Relations, John Smith, of Racine, Wis. He related that in meeting Manager Ricker, who introduced the speakers, he found to his surprise he had met him before.

"I knew him when he was at Ft. Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis, Ind., and had lost track of him since then," Roudebush said.

Mrs. Earl B. Bigelow, hospital director of the American Legion auxiliary was chairman of the wheelchair parade, organized by Polly Offutt and Special Services.

Robert Dames, Medford attorney, was MC of the wheel chair parade, held in conjunction with the Medford Pear Blossom festival. Reinhold Sandau, with his fire engine, won first place; Earnest Fairchilds came in second with his rocket, and Arthur Hill, third with a flower garden. A fourth prize was awarded to Edward Bailey, for his steamboat.

Flowers for decorating the floats were furnished by auxiliaries of the legion in various parts of the state. Mayor John Snider, County Judge Rodney Keating and Assistant Manager Paul were judges of the wheel chair floats.

The favorable turn in the weather has stimulated all sports enthusiasts at the domiciliary to revert to type and choose his favorite pastime for months to come.

Al Birman, in charge of this phase of the recreational program, has already made preliminary arrangements for a summer equal to if not surpassing the emphasis made last year with the inauguration of stadium games.

The first question — will there be a Rogue Valley hard ball league this year?—is hard to answer. A Camp White team has been formed under Pete Hale as manager, and they have been practicing at the Medford high field.

"We hope to have a league, but if not, the Camp White team expects to play independent ball during the season," Al declared.

The Dairy Maids will continue as top attraction and will play with the Medford Softball association as well as special games with other women's teams, including the Lind Florists of Portland. Then for four days early in August the girls state softball tournament will occupy their attention.

Memorial Field is gradually being put in condition and grass is expected in the outfield to remedy that disadvantage.

Golfers and fishermen have already made a start with the pitch and putt and miniature courses open. The fishing club has arranged for trips every other week on Thursday. Immigrant lake will be the first spot visited, followed by a trip to Willow Lake.

Less strenuous exercise is provided with horseshoes and shuffleboard. Some of the ex ball players have been tossing a few in the yard.

It is reported that Al Williams, former golf pro at the Roge Valley country club, will resume his instructions on the pitch and putt course, which is in fine condition now.

The VFW and American Legion auxiliaries stationed at the domiciliary have completed their big poppy order and shipped well over 300,000 of the little red flowers to posts of their respective departments for Memorial Day sales.

The work of making the poppies is a seasonal occupation starting in October for a large number of disabled veterans who are able in this way to earn a little extra money. Postmaster Art Scarseth handles the mailing of the containers.

Enid Holmes, domiciliary librarian, entertained two former Camp White librarians at her home Sunday. Helen Webster, now librarian at the Medford Public Library, and Dorothea Glass, who left to return to Caalifornia, were her guests.

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