

School District Reorganization Committee to Draft Initial Plan

The Jackson county school district reorganization committee will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, October 27, to start drafting a preliminary plan for district reorganization as required by state law, according to Keith Hockersmith, committee chairman.

During the seven or eight meetings held previously the committee studied the problems involved in such district reorganization in Jackson county. It also contacted various communities and school boards to find out what they would want to do, Hockersmith said.

So far the committee has encountered a number of difficulties. One is the transfer of property liable to debt retirement of one district to another.

Brought to Attention

A number of these problems were brought to the attention of the state legislative interim committee meeting this summer. It is hoped the state legislature will revise the new district reorganization law according to some of the proposals made, Hockersmith said.

Meeting the first of this month, the Jackson county committee learned that the requested extension of time for filing preliminary plans is not necessary at this time. No extension of time is necessary prior to the March meeting of the state board of education, it was learned.

Purpose of the law, according to theory, is to give the school district residents more for their money by maintaining school districts which are large enough to provide a fully-rounded educational program, Hockersmith said. This would include all grades from the first grade through senior year in high school.

Educators also feel that the student who can stay in the same school system or district for his entire educational career will get more out of his studies. This is contrasted to districts which must send pupils to other districts for high school since some have no high schools.

Transportation and communication facilities are now modern enough to cover large districts. Some duplication also results when several small adjacent districts maintain their own school bus transportation. One district may send busses through an

adjacent district to pick up pupils and the other district may do the same thing. Under consolidation of small adjacent school districts, this would be eliminated, he noted.

To simplify and consolidate district organizations, the last legislature passed a law to set up a "system" for school reorganization for the entire state.

The new law seeks elimination of all "little" school districts by July 1, 1962. By that time, legislators hope, every school district in Oregon will have a high school.

The law is not trying to close any schools, Hockersmith pointed out. It is merely trying to set up administrative units or systems which provide 12-year courses of study. The theory is that this will save money in supervising the districts and will improve education in many small schools which now cannot afford some of the more modern courses in education.

Convention To Be Called
The machinery for carrying out this program starts with calling a convention of school board members in each county. The convention was to elect a "reorganization committee." (This was done a year ago in Jackson county and two meetings of the district reorganization committee have been held since then.)

Next step is to begin studies on how the county's districts could best be reorganized so each would have the financial sources and could give each student a full program of education.

Then a comprehensive plan for reorganization must be formulated. The preliminary plan must be ready within one year of the committee's appointment.

Show Adequacy
Such a plan must show adequacy of the county's education program in both the present and proposed systems, numbers of pupils, assessed valuations, location, condition and future use of buildings and equipment; natural community areas; locations of roads and natural boundaries; pupil transportation; geographic and economic conditions; other matters pertaining to greater equalization of educational opportunities and more efficient economic administration, and a more equitable distribution of

public school revenues. If the county does not come up with a plan, then the state will set one up for it, according to the new law.

After the plan is prepared, the committee will hold public hearings. The committee may then alter its plan. The plan must go to the state board of education for study within 18 months after the committee's appointment.

After studying the plan the state board of education may approve or suggest changes in the plan. After being approved, the plan will be returned to the county. An election then would be held within 60 days of state approval to obtain the voters' backing.

Majority of Votes

A majority of votes may allow for adoption of the plan. However, the votes of each present school district will be counted separately. If 60 per cent or more voters in any district vote "No," then reorganization must be delayed 30 days.

During that time an "anti-reorganization" petition can be filed with the reorganization committee. If such a petition is filed, another election will have to be held within 60 days. This election will be held only in the district or districts which turned down the plan in the first election, and which have filed opposition petitions.

A simple majority in the second election may approve or defeat the plan, but only as it applies to that particular district.

Could Order Election
The state board of education could order a third election in the districts which turned down the plan if the county as a whole favors it.

If the county as a whole turns down the plan, or if a number of districts vote against it, the process is started from the beginning, Hockersmith noted.

Provisions have been made in the new law so that when two or more districts are consolidated, each of the districts will have equal representation on the school board for those districts.

Theoretical advantages of this consolidation program are that it costs less to administer one large district than two or more small districts. With the "wealth" of the districts brought together going into one administration, such an administration should be



NARCOTICS DEATH—A police photographer's flash illuminates a scene that tells the story of the horrors of narcotic addiction better than words. The body of 19-year-old Herbito Rodriguez was found under a Bronx, N. Y., railroad trestle. There was no evidence of violence—no bullet holes, knife wounds or marks of strangulation. The body was taken to the morgue where an autopsy revealed the cause of death—"an overdose of narcotics."

Heart Attack Fatal To Portland Hunter

John Day—UPI—A Portland hunter, George C. Wetle, 65, died Tuesday afternoon apparently of a heart attack in the Izea area of southern Grant county.

He died shortly after killing a deer, authorities said.

Charleston, S. C.—UPI—Rear Adm. Donald C. Varian assumed command Tuesday of the Atlantic Fleet Mine Force following a brief ceremony at the Charleston Naval Minecraft Base.

able to pay better salaries and attract better teachers, buy better equipment, have better facilities and maintain them more easily.

Education would become standardized as a result of this reorganization, Hockersmith said. This would mean then that one district in the county would have the same educational advantages as another.

Stage Lines Get Increase in Fares

Salem—UPI—Mt. Hood stages may increase their fares by approximately 10 per cent Oct. 30, Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan said today.

The company provides passenger and express service between Ontario and Portland; Bend and Albany; Bend and Eugene; and between The Dalles and Klamath Falls.

The company does business as Pacific Trailways. The last general increase was granted in 1956, Morgan said.

Hamman Stage Lines, operating passenger and express service between Bend and Salem, was granted at the same increase.

Special Displays Set at Library For UN, Bible

In observance of both United Nations Day, Oct. 24, and National Bible Week, Oct. 20-26, special book displays have been arranged at the Medford public library, Jackson county library headquarters, this week.

A selection of books on topics concerning the United Nations and world problems includes such titles as "Half the World's Children," "Guides to the Future," "Aims of the United Nations," "Strengthening the United Nations," and "United Nations Agreements."

One Biblical display offers a selection of books for home reading on topics such as the history of the Bible, the Bible


in history, understanding the Bible, and various versions of the English Bible. Among the titles displayed are "All the Women of the Bible," "The Bible through the Centuries," "The Story of the Bible," "Our English Bible in the Making," and "The Bible as History."

Old Printings
Another display in the library's glass exhibit case features old and rare printings of the Bible. Among them are the Elskstone edition of the King James Bible, dating from 1884, the Joseph Turner edition of the King James Bible, 1813, and the 57th edition of the Old and New Testaments set in pearl type and bound with a handclasp.

Residents of the valley who would like to lend displays from their own collections of hobby materials for exhibit in the library's case are invited

to let Library Director Helen Webster know of their interest. Displays are acceptable so long as they can be related to book interests and are free from commercialism.

ELVIS PRESLEY PARK
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