

Committee Agrees on Plan For School Reorganization

An overall plan of school district reorganization for the county was agreed upon by the Jackson County District Reorganization committee last week.

The committee pointed out that it recognized that boundary changes will have to be made later in the original plan in order to comply with the criteria set forth in state law.

The master plan includes nine proposals, some of which already have been carried out through consolidation with other districts, and some of which are in the negotiation stage between districts. The nine proposals in the master plan are:

1. Consolidation of the Eagle Point District 9, Elk-Trail district 45, and Shady Cove district 89. The three districts consolidated into district 9C effective July 1 this year after approval by the committee.
2. Pinehurst district 94 should become part of the Ashland district 5, the committee agreed.
3. The committee agreed that Prospect district 94 remain largely as it is because of road conditions and travel distances.
4. In order to fulfill its obligations under the law, the committee agreed that Butte Falls district 91 should become part of Eagle Point district 9C.

Northwest Section

5. Districts in the northwest part of the county, the committee agreed, should be included in one administration district. Districts involved include Rague River district 35; Evans Valley district 62; Central Point district 6C, and Howard district 100.
6. The committee made no further decision on disposition of Applegate district 40.

Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent and secretary of the reorganization committee, was instructed to secure information from Josephine county concerning its proposals in compliance with the reorganization law and what decisions they have made concerning Applegate district 40.

Submitted Plan

Elmer Fleming, Josephine county district superintendent, said Josephine county already has submitted its plan, which requested the continuation of the present county unit system. He said no action had been taken by Josephine county relative to any area that might wish to become a part of the Josephine county system.

Committee members noted that any such action would have to be initiated by the county reorganization committee or the district itself which might wish to become

part of a district in another county. Should the law be changed to permit the continuance of the county unit, amendments would have to be made to the county unit law before any area in another county could be added, members said.

7. The committee agreed that Lone Pine district 10, and Griffin Creek district 2 should become a part of Medford district 549C.

8. A decision on the disposition of Jacksonville district 1 and Ruch district 3 was postponed because the Jacksonville district is conducting a public opinion poll seeking the opinion of residents on reorganization of the district. Ballots were sent out at the time of the school census, but the ballots have not as yet been canvassed.

Work On Consolidation

9. Keith H. Ocker-Smith, chairman of the reorganization committee, said the Phoenix district 4 and Talent district 22 are now working toward consolidation. The committee adopted a resolution recommending the consolidation of the two districts.

Attending the meeting, in addition to Mekvold and Hockersmith, were D. H. Barber, Glenn W. Smith, J. A. Hoffbuhr, William H. Prentice, Douglas B. Finch, R. C. Gail, Dr. F. Lee Mellish, Cecil Kee, and Dale S. Collins.

The reorganization committee will meet again Nov. 17 in the county school superintendent's office in the county courthouse.



PRESENTS CHECKS - Dr. Frank Wilson, president of Crater Lions club, Medford, presents checks to Mrs. B. Brandt Bartels, center, and Mrs. Joan Harrett, to provide fencing and a furnace installation for the kindergarten for the deaf at the corner of McAndrews rd. and Priddy ave., Medford. The money was raised in the Crater Lions sponsored water ski tournament here. One check was made out for \$341.35 for the fencing, and the other \$1,100.65 for installation of the furnace. Mrs. Bartels is director of the kindergarten, and Mrs. Harrett is president of the Junior Service League, sponsors of the kindergarten.

Scientists Claim a Major Breakthrough: A Popcorn to Be Chewed But Not Heard

Washington—UPI—Scientists are claiming a new major breakthrough: They've invented noiseless popcorn.

A National Geographic society news bulletin reports that the silent type makes little or no noise when chewed. The silence in movie theaters could become nerve shattering with nothing to be heard but the sound track.

Unfortunately, there's a drawback. The noiseless sort isn't actually popcorn. It's made from sorghum and expands only 17 times its original size when popped—a comparatively small ratio. For this reason, the product with the low decibel count isn't yet commercially appealing.

Indians Were First

Nonetheless, scientists at the Agriculture Department and at Purdue and Cornell universities are carrying on popcorn research that began 20 years ago.

The first corn popping was carried out by the American Indians long before there were any theater lobbies, or for that matter, white men in this country.

White settlers took up the idea but popcorn really didn't get going until around 1890, the National Geographic reports. During World War II, the scarcity of sweets contributed to its popularity and the introduction of popcorn stands in the movie houses created the present day boom.

Some Won't Pop

The popcorn business now grosses hundreds of millions each year. More than 251 million pounds are grown annually — primarily in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and other Midwest states.

Scientists are still trying to figure out exactly why popcorn pops and why some hybrids explode nicely while other don't even try.

They're determined that the ability to pop is related closely to the percentage of soft starch in a kernel—the softer the starch, the poorer the popping.

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Adlai Says GOP Congressmen Are Too Placid

Chicago—UPI—Adlai E. Stevenson, striking at the "failure of White House leadership," was to leave here for Minneapolis yesterday to campaign for Minnesota Democrats.

The twice-defeated candidate for president charged here Thursday night that Republican congressmen were too placid in their acceptance of the Eisenhower administration's claims that "all was well at home and abroad."

"For six years now, in the face of mounting crisis at home and abroad, the White House has been reassuring America that all was well at home and abroad," he said.

Republicans Concur

"And the Republicans in Congress have done nothing but concur."

"The void left by the failure of White House leadership is being filled by Congress," he said, "and what will be done will depend to a great extent upon Congress."

Stevenson, who has been campaigning for Democrats as titular head of his party, also accused Republicans of defeating the Kennedy-Ives labor bill in the last Congress, thus denying GOP charges that Democrats caused the bill's death.

The bill, he said, "would have given honest workingmen a chance to drive out the racketeers who have infiltrated some unions."

President Andrew Jackson's mother and two brothers died in the Revolutionary War.

burn areas in the county. Forestry officials explained that fire danger in the woods is still high and is expected to remain so until more rain falls in the county.

Two 4-H Clubbers To Receive Awards

Truman Elmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elmore, Applegate, and Ann Higday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Higday, Eagle Point, will receive 4-H awards for their work in the swine phase of the 4-H national awards program, according to Marilou Garner, county agent for home economics.

The county medals are donated by the Moorman Manufacturing company.

Miss Higday, an eight-year 4-H member, has been active in the Antelope beef, swine and dairy clubs.

Truman Elmore, a nine-year member, has participated in beef, sheep, electricity and junior leadership projects, besides his work with swine. Truman has been chosen as vice president of the Jackson county 4-H Empire Builders council for this year. He has served also as junior leader for his local club.

Two Slash Fires Controlled by State

Two slash fires in Jackson county and one in Josephine county were controlled by state department of forestry personnel and loggers Thursday evening after they were reported out of control earlier in the day, forestry personnel said Friday.

The fires were reported in Elk creek, Yale creek, near Little Applegate, and Kerby peak in Josephine county. Rain Friday morning in Josephine county lowered fire danger on the east side, officials said. Night crews were reported on the various slash

Court Hearing Is Continued Friday

A district court hearing scheduled Friday afternoon on a demurrer in the case which charges two valley men with possession and displaying a game of chance was set over for two weeks, Deputy District Attorney John C. Aniker, reported.

Aniker explained that the defense attorney, Robert Dickey, requested the extension of time pending the arrival of a court transcript.

The demurrer was filed in district court following a complaint signed by the Central Point city police against Ernest Lytle, 49 South Eighth st., Central Point, and Henry Aylmar Dittmanson, 221 1/2 North Holly st., Medford.

The hearing on the demurrer is scheduled for Nov. 14.

INCONSISTENCIES?

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| <p>INCUMBENT CLAIMS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Efficiency in the clerk's office has saved thousands of dollars. 2. Labor-saving machines have replaced clerical help. 3. Economical operation in the clerk's office. 4. Modern standards of business administration and methods of operation have been applied. 5. Registration slowest during term of office. 6. No ambition or desire for personal gain, politically or otherwise. | <p>THE FACTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budgets have increased annually and this year by \$15,000.00. 2. There are more employees today than there were five years ago. 3. \$1,000.00 fee for outside legal council was not necessary or economical when services by district attorney could have been had free. 4. Voters pamphlets were mixed in mailing, G.O.P. ballots printed with error, state industrial accident withheld erroneously from county employees, certificates of nomination issued with errors. 5. County Clerk reluctantly allowed volunteer workers to register over 2,150 voters which was outstanding drive in the state. 6. Incumbent allows deputy to support candidacy in primaries by paid political adv. illegally. |
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