

School District Programs Are Discussed at Howard Meeting

H. P. Jewett, superintendent of district 6C schools, and Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford 549C, discussed their respective school programs and future plans at a meeting of Howard school district patrons Thursday night.

The public meeting, attended by about 175 residents of the Howard district, was called to obtain information on the districts so residents may participate in an opinion poll being conducted in the Howard district in connection with consolidation.

The Jackson County Reorganization committee has recommended that Howard be consolidated with district 6C, which now includes Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley. In the reorganization committee's recommendation also was consolidation of Rogue River and Evans Valley into district 6C.

Some residents of Howard district have expressed a desire to consolidate with Medford district 549C, and the Howard School District Reorganization Information committee was organized to obtain information about consolidation.

Jewett and Becken pointed out that school curriculums in both districts are similar with the exception that Crater High school in district 6C offers vocational agriculture and Medford does not. Medford offers industrial and commercial arts courses, which

Crater does not, officials noted. Becken and Jewett pointed out that through a cooperative program, district 6C students wishing to take industrial or commercial arts may attend Medford High school, and district 549C students who wish vocational agriculture may attend Crater High. Tuition in both cases is paid by the school district in which the student lives if the student wishes the course offered by the other district.

Provide Transportation
Both school districts provide transportation to and from their respective high schools.

Medford school district now has an area of 23 square miles, Becken noted. Jewett said there are 250 square miles in district 6C.

The school districts have agreed that, whether Howard is consolidated with 549C or 6C, students attending high schools in Medford and at Crater will continue to do so, but all students entering high school after consolidation will attend the high school in the district with which Howard is consolidated.

Jewett pointed out that district 6C, with the present construction program, would be able to take care of a normal increase in population for two years. The Medford district, with its construction program, would be able to handle a normal increase in population for approximately six to eight years.

Review Programs
The recommended consolidation of Rogue River, Evans Valley and Howard with district 6C, and Jacksonville, Griffin Creek and Lone Pine with district 549C would necessitate immediate review of both construction programs, officials pointed out.

District 6C is based on eight year elementary schools, and a four year high school, while the Medford district is based on six year elementary schools, three year junior high schools and three year high school.

Officials pointed out that the Medford district could handle about 350 to 400 more students in the junior high school system, and 400 to 500 more students in the high school with present facilities because of recent construction of an additional elementary school.

The Medford district also has purchased a 35-acre tract in the northeast section for an additional high school if needed.

Nick Gier, chairman of the Howard information committee, pointed out that if Howard district consolidates with Medford, Lone Pine, Jacksonville and Griffin Creek, the assessed valuation would be about \$43 million. If the district consolidated with district 6C, Rogue River and Evans Valley, the assessed valuation would be about \$15.2 million.

Both districts, 6C and 549C, would utilize existing facilities in the consolidated dis-

RC Commends Blood Project

Paul H. Bird, administrative director of the Pacific Northwest regional blood center, American Red Cross, Portland, has commended the staff and blood donors from Jackson county who participated in a recent project to provide blood for open-heart surgery in Portland.

Several pints of AB negative type blood was collected in various southern Oregon cities for the operation, which was later reported to have been successful. Bird said "the entire complicated procedure went off without a hitch, thanks to careful planning and preparation by everyone in your chapter. Any minor problems that arose were solved with efficiency and dispatch."

He expressed the center's thanks to donors, volunteers for the Red Cross, and Red Cross officials here in the project.

Jackson county residents who volunteered to donate blood were Mrs. Amelia Cook, Mrs. Lila Elliott, James Hays, Harry Jewett, Mrs. Maude Ziegler, Eric De Place, Fred Wilson, Raymond Graves and Mrs. Maxine Jamison.

Gier pointed out. Gier urged residents in Howard district to return the opinion poll ballots before Dec. 22, when the county reorganization committee holds another meeting to consider consolidation of districts.

New Army Recruiter Named for Medford

M-Sgt. William J. Power has been assigned the new Army recruiting office in Medford. The Army recruiting office is located in the Medford post office building.

Sergeant Power, who lives at 722 West 14th st., has been in the Army more than 16 years and is a veteran of the Korean conflict and World War II. He came from Ft. Lewis, Wash., originally. His recruiting area includes

Kuykendall in Line for Bench

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent
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the man who took the lead in handing down the controversial Hells Canyon decision by which Idaho Power company received a license to develop the Middle Snake river.

Jerome K. Kuykendall, 51, chairman of the Federal Power commission, of Pomeroy, Wash., is one of several prospects being considered for a vacant district judgeship for eastern Washington state, informed sources said Saturday. Kuykendall has been head of the FPC since the Eisenhower administration the gov-

ernment's power policy in 1953. Last year President Eisenhower reappointed him for another five-year term on the FPC. The Senate confirmed the appointment after a long battle in which northwest senators led an unsuccessful attempt to block Kuykendall's retention in this key post.

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