

School Reorganization Act Receives Do-Pass Vote by House Committee

Salem — (UPI) — The House Education Committee has voted unanimously that House bill 40, the school reorganization act, be recommended out of pass.

The bill as amended makes some changes in the school reorganization act passed after much discussion by the last Legislature. It was recommended by the Interim Committee on Education.

One of its new provisions is that when reorganization committees of two counties cannot agree on disposition of territory of a joint district in preparing plans, an arbitration board shall be established.

Comprehensive Plan
Also called for is preparation of a new comprehensive reorganization plan if the first reorganization effort fails.

In the formation of new administrative school districts which may cross county lines, the new districts would take the number of the most populous district within its boundaries.

The Committee postponed action on a bill by Rep. Shirley Field (R - Portland) and Rep. Evelyn Nye (R-Medford) which provides all public, private and parochial schools would have to have new buildings over one story high passed on under rules of the state fire marshal.

Three years after the act became law, no building

could be used unless it complied with fireproof building standards established by the fire marshal.

Harry Dillon, president of Linfield College, testified that under the three year section of the bill, Linfield would "have to close its doors." He said it would cost the college \$3 to \$4 million if concrete buildings were required.

G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette University, also said complying with the state code three years hence probably would cause four Willamette buildings to be shut down.

Rep. Field and the committee agreed to amend the bill so that institutions of higher learning would be omitted.

But Rep. Fayette Bristol said the bill probably would create a tremendous problem for parochial schools. He estimated 90 per cent of them might have to close down too.

More Study Needed

The committee thought that the bill required more study and might even have to be given to an interim committee for a thorough investigation.

Miss Field said the bill was inspired by the disastrous Chicago School fire this past winter.

The House Committee on Financial Affairs unanimously passed a bill calling for including of the so-called "uninsured motorist" clause in auto insurance policies.

The additional coverage would protect persons, insured under basic policies, who are legally entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of uninsured cars because of injury, sickness, disease or death resulting from the accident.

Coverage shall be in amounts or limits presently prescribed.

The clause would be in all policies issued or renewed after Jan. 1, 1960.

Clause Requested
Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) said he realized that some people were for compulsory insurance. But he said that most states that had compulsory insurance had come back to their Legislatures asking for the uninsured motorist clause.

Rep. Pat Metke (D - Portland) said the bill would be one of the most significant for the good of the people to be passed this session.

Howard also is working on a bill recommending an advisory committee to study the small portion of people not now covered by insurance.

A bill to apply ad valorem taxation to equipment of truck and bus companies was opposed by representatives of those companies at a House

Taxation Committee meeting.

More Contribution

Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), a sponsor of the bill and chairman of the tax group, said it was felt motor transport companies should make more contribution to support local government. Under the bill the state would collect the money and distribute 60 per cent to counties and 40 per cent to cities. Barton said it would bring in about \$5 million each two years.

Eugene Laird, Salem attorney representing the Oregon Motor Association, said the bus business had suffered because of more private automobiles and could not afford the additional tax.

Rep. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg) opposed the bill saying it would not include logging and farm trucks. He also ob-

jected that the measure gave the impression that motor operators do not pay for support of local government.

Appropriation Approved

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill appropriating \$440,000 for completion of the library building at Portland State College.

Rep. Leon Davis (R-Hillsboro) said the State Board of Higher Education originally asked for \$1,000,000 for the building. However, the 1957 Legislature appropriated only about half the money asked for higher education building needs.

Davis said that because of the urgent need for the facility, construction was begun.

Total cost of the library now will amount to some \$945,000, including furniture and equipment.

ILLINOIS VALLEY

Ham Dinner Scheduled

By RUTH RAUSCH

Cave Junction — A ham dinner will be served in the Masonic hall at Kerby on Sunday, Mar. 15, under the sponsorship of the social club of Western Star chapter Eastern Star.

Worthy Matron Ina Vandell will be in charge of the affair. Charge for adults will be \$1 and children under 12, 50 cents.

Plans for the dinner were arranged at a recent meeting of the club. Also under discussion was the Centennial Homecoming project which will be headed by Mrs. Bill Weingart, slated for July 3. Mrs. Weingart expects to appoint her work committees at the next regular meeting, April 7.

U.S. Army Air Force Sgt. Bud Green and his wife and five children were guests at the Fred Salvage home this week, stopping briefly on their way to Anchorage, Alaska, where they will be stationed for the next three years. Mrs. Green is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knipple, former Valley residents.

Sgt. Green has been in Alaska for the past two months and returned to Riverside, Calif., to move his family to their new home in Anchorage. They are traveling by car to Tacoma, where they will board a plane for the final lap of the journey.

Mrs. Blanche Lackey presented 12-year-old black locust trees to the Evergreen grade school at the Tuesday night meeting of the P.T.A. The local chapter of high school FFA boys will plant the trees.

President Larry Cushing announced that money has been budgeted to cover the proposed black topping of the school grounds and to provide bronze screen for the south side of the building.

Announcement was made of the scheduled appearance at the high school on April 23 of Dr. Loren Messenger, child psychologist from Southern Oregon college, who will be guest speaker on the program of the high school PTSA meeting.

Mrs. Jim Allen announced the next Well Child clinic will be March 25.

Mrs. Vernon Larson was named as chairman of the nominating committee and Mrs. Robert G. Smith with Mrs. Marshall Burrows will serve with her. Election of officers will take place at the April meeting.

A film on map reading was shown by Mrs. Dave Wilson as the main feature on the program. Refreshments were served during the social hour.

The high school FFA Parliamentary team placed third in the sectional contests held recently at Crater high. The boys were in competition with Harrisburg and Central Lynn.

The organization is now making plans to attend the

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state FFA convention which will be held in Corvallis Mar. 18-21. They plan to prepare a skit for presentation there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Robinson (Irene Sherier) were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dick, stopping over on their trip from Fairbanks, Alaska, to the Bay area and Los Angeles.

Barbecued moose meat was the special fare served at the family gathering on Sunday, with 25 members present. The moose meat was brought down from Alaska by the Robinsons, who also showed colored film of their recent hunting trip.

From out of town for the barbecue was Mr. and Mrs. Roger Babcock and children from Klamath Falls. The Robinsons plan to stop off again on their return trip home.

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