

School Consolidation Patrons in Districts To Vote in 2 Weeks

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories on the proposed consolidation of six school districts in Jackson county. Included in the series will be figures and statistical information compiled by school boards in the districts concerned.)

The most sweeping school reorganization proposal in the history of Jackson county will be voted on two weeks from today.

Patrons in Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ruch, Lone Pine, Howard and Medford school districts will vote Monday, April 6, on a proposal to consolidate into one district.

The proposal, which was motivated by the county school reorganization law passed by the 1957 state legislature, has been recommended by the Jackson County Reorganization committee as part of the overall school district reorganization plan for the county.

Alf B. Mervold, county school superintendent, pointed out, however, that consolidation is being proposed on a voluntary basis by the districts under an old law. Thus the compulsory features of the new law are avoided.

Consolidation Defined

Consolidation is when district patrons petition the county boundary board that it wishes to join another district. An election date is set by the boundary board through its secretary, the county school superintendent.

If the consolidation is approved by voters in all districts involved, the change becomes effective at the start of the next fiscal year, which is July 1.

Voluntary consolidation by school districts in Jackson county to conform with the 1957 reorganization law is encouraged by the county reorganization board.

If, however, voluntary consolidation under the old law fails, the county reorganization board will authorize an election on the program it recommends to the state under the 1957 law. Reorganization under the 1957 law is mandatory, Mervold noted.

Economical Operating Limits

The 1957 law provides that school districts be organized into efficient economical op-

erating units with an education program for their children in grades 1 through 12. The law eliminates school districts without high schools, and is designed to provide a program to meet minimum standards adopted by the state board of education.

On Oct. 7, 1957, a committee of lay people was organized to carry out provisions of the new law, under which reorganization must be completed by July 1, 1962.

The nine-member committee is responsible for studying the size, kind, location, and other aspects of existing school districts. After the study, it recommends to the state board of education a plan whereby school districts become what the committee believes are efficient, economical operating units.

Advisory Capacity

School board members in each school district serve in an advisory capacity to the county reorganization committee.

The committee asked individual school districts to consider voluntary consolidation as a solution to requirements or state law.

If voluntary consolidation is rejected in the April 6 election in the six districts involved, the county reorganization committee then takes full responsibility.

The reorganization committee must submit its final plan to the state board of education no later than Oct. 7, 1959, and within 30 days the state board holds a hearing on it. If the plan is not approved by the state, a revised plan must be submitted within 90 days after notice of non-approval, Mervold pointed out.

After the committee's plan is approved, an election is called in the districts concerned. If the plan is rejected, a second election on the same plan may be called after one year following rejection. A third election on the same plan may be called not earlier than one year from the second election.

The county reorganization committee may revise the plan if the first is rejected by the voters. The revised plan is then submitted to the state for approval, and the same procedure as before is followed, Mervold noted.

If the proposed plan recommended by the reorganization board is rejected by the voters twice, the plan is referred to the state board of education. The 1957 law provides that the state board of education may prepare reorganization plans for school districts in counties where the committee fails or refuses to comply with state law.

School officials pointed out that through consolidation, school districts may voluntarily conform with state law rather than face the possibility of mandatory reorganization by the state.

School board members of the six districts involved in the consolidation election April 6 have approved the plan as the most practical and realistic way of carrying out the reorganization committee's recommendations.

School officials said that those who have studied the law generally believe consolidation of school districts is inevitable. Officials believe the practical and realistic way to do it is by voluntary action on the part of districts concerned.

Public Hearing Set on Ordinance

A public hearing on the proposed county subdivision ordinance will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16, in the courthouse auditorium, the county court said this morning.

"Although the county planning commission held a public hearing I feel we should hold another one to give everyone a chance to express his views," County Judge Earl Miller said today.

The planning commission hearing was March 11. Following the hearing the proposed ordinance was referred to the county court with the recommendation that it be approved.

Considerable discussion was held during the March hearing on whether the proposition should be placed on the ballot. However, the planning commission decided against making such a recommendation to the county court. The county court has not definitely decided if such a vote should be taken. It is not required by law, it was stated.

Salem - (UPI) - The House passed and sent to the governor a bill providing for a fine of from \$25 to \$500 for persons who willfully abandon dogs or cats.

FBI Arrests 11 Persons on Conspiracy Charges in Connection With Paper Puzzle Contest Swindle

Washington - (UPI) - FBI agents arrested 11 persons today in a crackdown on a nationwide swindle involving newspaper puzzle contests.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the 11 were picked up on charges of conspiring to violate the federal mail fraud statutes and laws covering fraud by wire or telegraph.

Obtained in Advance
Hoover said the FBI investigation showed that answers to two puzzle contests prepared by two New York City feature syndicates were obtained in advance and used in winning more than \$45,000 from Nov. 1958, through February, 1959.

The FBI chief said the ring leaders in the alleged conspiracy subscribed to the puzzle feature syndicate, using the name and address of a non-existent newspaper, "Supurban Publishers, Lt., 220 Epworth London, Ontario, Canada."

The FBI acted on complaints by two Portland newspapers, The Oregonian and The Journal.

Hoover said that, as is the custom in legitimate contests, the features services did not supply contest answers to the newspapers. Rather, he said, answers were sent to various banks which were to hold them in confidence until the contest deadline had passed.

Hoover said the ring leaders got around this by devising a fictitious bank, called "The Middlesex Trust Co.," listing its mailing address as Box 699, Byron, Ontario, Canada.

Picked Up by Leaders
Hoover said all puzzles and answers sent to the non-existent newspaper and bank were picked up by the ring leaders in Canada.

With the puzzle and solutions in their possession, the ringleaders induced persons in several parts of the country to submit entries. Winners, he said, were allowed to keep a small share of the prize money, but the bulk of the cash was sent by mail or tele-

graph to headquarters of the ring.

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IKE, MACMILLAN JOIN IN FINAL CONFERENCE



SEARCHERS TAKE BREAK-This group of searchers took a coffee break around a campfire Sunday during search operations for Andrew Kolstad, Pleasant Creek. Those with helmets are members of the Civil Air Patrol unit here. Approximately 200 persons were searching at one time Sunday. The operation continued with two teams of 15 men each today and included forest service personnel.

Search Continues For Man



BLOODHOUNDS IN SEARCH-These two hefty bloodhounds owned by Ed Strieby, Lakeview, are being used to track the whereabouts of Andrew Kolstad, 81, of route 1, box 184, Pleasant Creek. Posing with the hounds is Troy Riblett, Lakeview, who assisted Strieby. Late this morning the dogs were on a trail which extended for six miles.

Jury Selection Starts In Click Murder Trial

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder said this morning in circuit court he would not ask the death penalty for Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 46, of Ashland, charged with first degree murder in the shooting of her husband.

His announcement came while a jury was being selected in Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly's court. Trial proceedings got under way at 9:30 a.m. today.

A veteran court observer predicted jury selection would take three days. The district attorney's office has stated the trial would probably last all week. A special panel of 60 jurors was called in addition to the regular panel.

Mrs. Click, mother of nine children, was arrested by Ashland city police on Jan. 6 after the fatal shooting of her husband. Houston James Click, 47, in their Ashland home.

Ralph Bass, Chicago, a record company employee, he received \$1,100 from the Chicago American for winning a puzzle contest last January.

James Francis Theodore, a Milwaukee dance studio operator, who won \$2,710 last November by furnishing correct puzzle answers to the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Oregon Disc Jockey
Billy Ronald Taylor, Portland, a juke box maintenance man.

Fitzgerald (Eager) Beaver, a Portland radio disc jockey and co-owner of a record shop. The FBI said he won \$1,700 for a puzzle in the Portland Oregonian last December.

Andrew Kolstad Reported Missing Early Saturday

The two bloodhounds owned by Ed Strieby, Lakeview, were reported late this morning on the trail of Andrew Kolstad, lost 81-year-old Pleasant Creek man.

Sheriff's deputies said they are hopeful this is the trail which would lead to the lost man since the dogs, at last reports, had been on this particular scent for six miles.

The only clue found so far in the search, which started Saturday, was a gum-wrapper on one of the logging roads in the Pleasant Creek area. This was not far from where Kolstad lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Leroy Tollefsrud, route 1, box 184, Pleasant Creek.

Men Hospitalized After Accident

Two valley men were hospitalized late Sunday following a two car accident at the Talent junction of Highway 99.

Reported in fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital is David S. King, 60, of 6075 Houston rd., Medford. Michael Willard, 54, of Phoenix, was reported in good condition at the same hospital.

According to Talent police, a pickup truck, operated by G. A. Swinford, 228 Patterson st., Ashland, collided with a vehicle operated by King.

Michael Swinford, 3, son of the driver of the truck was taken to Ashland General hospital and transferred to Rogue Valley Hospital Sunday it was reported. Local hospital officials said he was released this morning.

Other passengers in the pickup truck were Karen, 6, and Glenn, 4, children of the driver. Willard was a passenger in the automobile operated by King. The two men were brought here by Medford Ambulance service.

Details of the accident have not been learned by police, who said no citations have been yet issued.

Fox Escapes Dogs, Nabbed by Firemen
A fox who took refuge from dogs Sunday afternoon in a tree at Mt. Pitt ave. and Hamilton st. was rescued from its perch by Medford firemen.

Making the rescue were Firemen Ray (Frank Buck) Minger and Larry (Jungle Jim) Briggs. A noose was slipped over the fox's neck and it was put in a burlap sack, then placed in a cage at the central fire station.

It is planned to keep the fox for a while to see if the owner, if any can be located. Otherwise the animal may be given to the Ashland zoo.

Unified Approach Will Be Left To Foreign Ministers

Steps Mapped for Summer Parley

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan called a final conference today to round out strategy for winning worthwhile agreements from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at the proposed summer summit meeting.

The two leaders, during their week end talks at Camp David, sketched the broad outlines of concessions and demands for the summit. They left it to their foreign ministers to work out with the other allies a unified approach.

The final meeting of the "big two" was set for the White House at 1 p.m. (p.s.t.). Officials said the broad plan mapped by Eisenhower and Macmillan for the approach to the summit consists of the following steps:

Note Due Later

1. The western note agreeing to a summit conference only after a May 11 Geneva foreign ministers meeting, will be sent to Russia later this week if it receives the anticipated endorsement of French President Charles de Gaulle and the 15-nation NATO Council in Paris.

2. The Big Three western foreign ministers, meeting in Washington March 31 and April 1 will hammer out, with the assistance of the West German foreign minister, final agreement on specific positions to be taken on Berlin, Germany and other tense European situations.

3. The council of NATO foreign ministers, which meets here April 2 to 4, will then be asked to endorse the plans evolved by the Big Three.

4. The Russians, at the Big Four foreign ministers conference proposed for Geneva May 11, will then be given the task of working out a broad list of subjects which the western powers will insist be discussed at the summit. The West will make clear at this meeting that they will not confine negotiations at either the foreign ministers level or the summit to Russia's demands concerning Berlin and Germany.

5. If the Russians agree at the foreign ministers meeting to carry on worthwhile discussions, the actual date for a summit conference would be set. It would last about one week, presumably sometime in July or August, depending upon how quickly the foreign ministers finish their task.

At the summit, Eisenhower and Macmillan have decided that they will give Khrushchev a new firm guarantee against resurgent German militarism or attack from the West. But they will tie this in, as they have in the past, with their demand for a general European security system which would also give protection to the NATO countries.

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"Okay, I'll Come Down To Escort You Up"



Agreement for Summit Conference Generally Endorsed

Washington - (UPI) - Members of both parties in Congress today generally endorsed the agreement of President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Macmillan to attend a summer summit conference with Russia.

There also was outspoken approval of their insistence on holding a foreign minister's conference first. However, some congressional foreign policy experts cautioned against expecting too much from the summit session.

'Pleased At News'
Sen. Theodore Francis Green (D-R.I.), former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was "pleased" at the "very important news."

"I have been hoping for it for a long time," Green said. "Now Macmillan can go back home with pride."

Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), ranking GOP member of the foreign relations group said that "I think it is all to the good. . . I like the idea that there must be first a foreign ministers' meeting."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said "I have always taken the position that we should be willing at all times to discuss with the Soviets all questions affecting the peace of the world."

He warned, however, that "the American people should realize that this may be just another summit meeting. We had better not place too much hope in this undertaking."

Another member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. John L. Sparkman (D-Ala.), said the announcement was very encouraging.

Earlier, a report from Taipei, Formosa, quoted a Nationalist Chinese cabinet minister as saying that the anti-Communist revolt in Tibet had spread into Communist China. This official urged the Free World to assist the Tibetan revolution lest it become another Hungary.

The entire Tibetan community here - the largest outside of the ancient Himalayan kingdom - is making a determined bid to persuade Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to interfere and "save Tibet."

Won't Intervene
Nehru, in a speech to Parliament in New Delhi today, said India would not intervene in the revolt against the Red Chinese. Nehru said the situation in Lhasa, where widespread fighting erupted last week, apparently had quieted down.

There are at least 10,000 Tibetans living in Kalimpong, including hundreds who fled from Communist domination.

This morning, 500 leaders from different Tibetan kiduks (social organizations) held a meeting for the first time to rally support for their countrymen fighting against the Reds.

In Taipei, Li Yung-hsin told UPI the Tibetan revolt had spread across the border to the Chinese provinces of Sikkim and Chinghai. Li is chairman of the Nationalist Chinese government's Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission.

The little girl's body was found covered with pine boughs in a remote area 12 miles northwest of here.

Legs Tied Together
Her legs were tied together at the ankles with parts of her own slip.

Coroner William Jones said the girl, daughter of a divorced couple, had been raped and that death was due to strangulation.

Parts of her slip were found around her throat. The body was covered with underbrush except for one knee. Jones said death probably came on the night she disappeared.

Detectives James C. Spencer of the Spokane police department said there were no clues to the murder.

Airmen Find Shoes
Officers were led to the remote area late Saturday night when two airmen hunting in the vicinity found a pair of shoes belonging to the little girl. The search was resumed early Sunday morning in the area in which the shoes were found, and the body was discovered about 20 feet away covered with pine needles.

Funeral March 25 For Dr. I.D. Phipps
Dr. Ira Dell Phipps, 80, dental surgeon who practiced his profession in Medford for 55 years, died Saturday at his home, 923 East Main street. Dr. Phipps, born and reared in Medford, was the son of a pioneer couple, Ira Dell Judson Phipps and his wife, who came to Oregon a century ago.

The Phipps have been extensive landholders in Medford and Jackson county, and several buildings of interest stand on property once owned by the family.

Dr. Phipps, who never married, once served as a member of the Medford district school board.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Conger-Morris Funeral home with the Rev. Melvin Dixon of St. Luke's Methodist church officiating. Committal will be in IOOF cemetery and the ceremony will be private.

Skelton Congratulates Tax Group on Subpoenas
Salem - (UPI) - Congratulations were given today by Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), co-chairman of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, in a letter to Rep. Clarence Barton, chairman of the House Tax Committee, for using subpoenas to four members of the Portland Oregonian editorial staff.

The four, including Herbert Lundy, editor of the editorial page, were to testify at 3 p.m. today.

Delighted at Action
Skelton said he was delighted at the action for several reasons.

"First of all," he wrote, "it will insure to the committee a wealth of information regarding tax matters. The gentlemen who have been subpoenaed have made many suggestions about Oregon taxes throughout the years, and I am sure that each one is an expert in his own right, and certainly in his own opinion."

"These expert opinions should be put to work for the people of this state," Skelton said, "and their worth should have been recognized long ago, perhaps, after the hearing, all of our tax problems will be solved."

Dramatize Desire
Skelton closed his letter by stating that he thought the action would dramatize to the people "our desire to get to the bottom of each question, and our interest in getting information from all sources."

"In addition," Skelton concluded, "It should serve notice upon all that we will not be browbeaten by editors, but that we do desire and insist upon having their constructive suggestions."

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Cooler tonight. Airport low tonight 32. High Friday 62. TEMP. Highest yesterday 64. Lowest this morning 41. Prec. to 10 a.m. today .02

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:26 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:39 a.m. Full moon 5:32 p.m. Moonrise today 5:32 p.m. Moonset tomorrow 3:32 p.m. PROMINENT STAR Venus, in the west after sunset. ARCTICUS, rises 7:28 p.m. VERTICUS, rises 7:28 p.m. VENUS, in the west after sunset. MARS, high in west 8:38 p.m. JUPITER, rises 11:58 p.m. SATURN, low in southeast 3:21 a.m.