

House Puts DST Issue To Voters

School Consolidation

School Attendance Changes Anticipated

(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles in which school districts into one. Today's article concerns changes which would be made in student attendance and administration if consolidation is approved.)

Some changes in where students attend school will be made if patrons of Jacksonville, Ruch, Griffin Creek, Howard, Lone Pine and Medford school districts approve a proposal to consolidate into one district.

Under state law, the most populous school district assumes administration of a new district in consolidation. If consolidation is approved by vote of patrons in all six districts on April 6, the Medford district would assume administration of the new district.

One significant change in student attendance, will be on the junior high and high school levels, especially for students in Jacksonville, and seventh and eighth graders in non-high districts.

High School Students

About 100 sophomores, juniors and seniors at Jacksonville High school will be transported to Medford, while ninth graders would attend McLoughlin Junior high school, should consolidation be approved.

Medford school officials said a generally expanded program in all areas except those subjects already required by the state for graduation will be available for Jacksonville High students.

The expanded program would be most significant, perhaps, in the industrial arts and vocational departments, Medford officials said. The expanded program also would include the opportunity for Jacksonville High school students to take three or four years of a foreign language, and second year chemistry in Medford High school's expanded science and mathematics program.

Medford school administrators point out that Jacksonville has had a good school program within the limitations of enrollment and staff size.

Another significant change will affect seventh and eighth graders of the present non-high districts, which are Griffin Creek, Ruch, Lone Pine and Howard, who would attend the two junior high schools in Medford.

Eighth-grade graduates of those schools now attend the ninth grade at one of Medford's junior high schools, then move into the high school program. The one year at the junior high does not give the student an opportunity to become familiar with the school and its activities and programs available before he moves into high school, officials say.

Medford school administrators believe a three-year junior high school program has several advantages:

Better Oriented

The student becomes better oriented to the school program; he becomes better known to the staff, which then has a better opportunity to provide needed assistance; it places all students entering high school on an equal basis; and it provides the seventh grader with the opportunity of becoming associated with and identifying himself with the junior high.

In a larger school situation, officials note, administrators can provide for individual differences and desires more readily through special programs such as vocal music, art, band, and similar subjects. The larger school program also can provide special instructors in such fields.

The present non-high districts, Medford officials pointed out, now have good but necessarily limited programs in the seventh and eighth grades.

To Attend McLoughlin

Should consolidation be approved, Jacksonville seventh, eighth and ninth graders, of whom next year there will be

nearly 90, will attend McLoughlin, the 103 seventh, eighth and ninth graders from Griffin Creek also would attend McLoughlin.

Going to Hedrick Junior High school if consolidation is approved will be the 120 seventh, eighth and ninth graders at Howard and the 88 seventh, eighth and ninth graders at Lone Pine.

Transportation difficulties may preclude Ruch's seventh and eighth graders from attending McLoughlin Junior High school next year even if consolidation is approved, Medford school officials said. At Ruch there will be 44 seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

On the elementary level, there would be some slight adjustments to enable students to attend a school within their own neighborhood if the proposal is approved. In general, however, the school service areas would remain the same.

Adjustments May Be Made

Adjustments would be made in areas like that near Wilson school, where students living within a few blocks of the new school are transported by bus to Lone Pine school.

Medford school officials said every effort would be made to absorb teachers affected by student changes, should consolidation be approved. Most of them would be provided positions resulting from the normal departures from existing staffs, plus additions necessary to present junior high staffs to handle the increased number of students.

Principals and superintendents of schools affected would be retained in administrative or supervisory capacities within the new district if consolidation is approved, officials said.

Present facilities or programmed renovation work at Medford High school and the two junior highs would accommodate student changes under consolidation, officials said.

The building used by Jacksonville High school students would be used for an expanded elementary school program. The woodshop and district shop at McLoughlin Junior High school will be renovated for regular classroom instruction. Rooms used by the McLoughlin music department will use the renovated woodshop rooms, and the woodshop will move to the area occupied by the district shops.

New Shop, Warehouse

A new shop and warehouse will be constructed on property near Jackson school obtained from the old Jackson County Housing authority.

The new warehouse and shop, and renovation work at McLoughlin, are part of a \$1,786,000 two-year building program, which also included two new elementary schools and remodeling work at other district schools.

Medford school officials pointed out that "while savings may be made in many areas through consolidation, experience has proven that such savings normally are used to improve those schools needing improvement in order to bring them all to the highest level of the others.

"This results in equal educational advantages and opportunities for all students in the new district," officials said.

"The Fool! He's Cutting The Wrong End!"



WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Patchy valley fog early Friday. Airport low tonight 32. High Friday 56.

Highest Yesterday	59
Lowest this Morning	37
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	.29

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	6:23 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:04 a.m.
Moonrise tonight	9:11 p.m.
Last Quarter	March 31

Neptune, a telescopic planet, appears quite near the Moon tonight. This planet, 3 times as large as the Earth, is moving on its orbit around the Sun at a speed of a little over 3 miles per second.

PILE DRIVERS STRIKE; SHUTDOWNS AVERTED

Governor Gets Employers To Withhold Action

Salem Meeting Ends Without Agreement

Portland, Ore.—The Pile Drivers union went on strike today against contractors in Oregon and southwest Washington, but an immediate shutdown of half a billion dollars worth of construction projects was averted.

The strike call came at 8 a.m. after a meeting in the governor's office in Salem.

There are no known members of the Pile Drivers union working in the Medford area, according to reports received by the Mail Tribune today.

A strike by the pile drivers in other parts of the state would not affect construction projects here, it was reported.

The union is affiliated with the Carpenters Union whose members elsewhere refused to cross picket lines of the Pile Drivers union. Union officials here said that since no pile drivers are currently employed in the area, picket lines are not contemplated locally.

broke up at 3:55 a.m. with no agreement on a new contract. Employers said in a statement that they were withholding action on a previously announced policy that "a strike against one is a strike against all." This means that only those whose jobs on which pile drivers are employed will be affected.

Pickets Appear

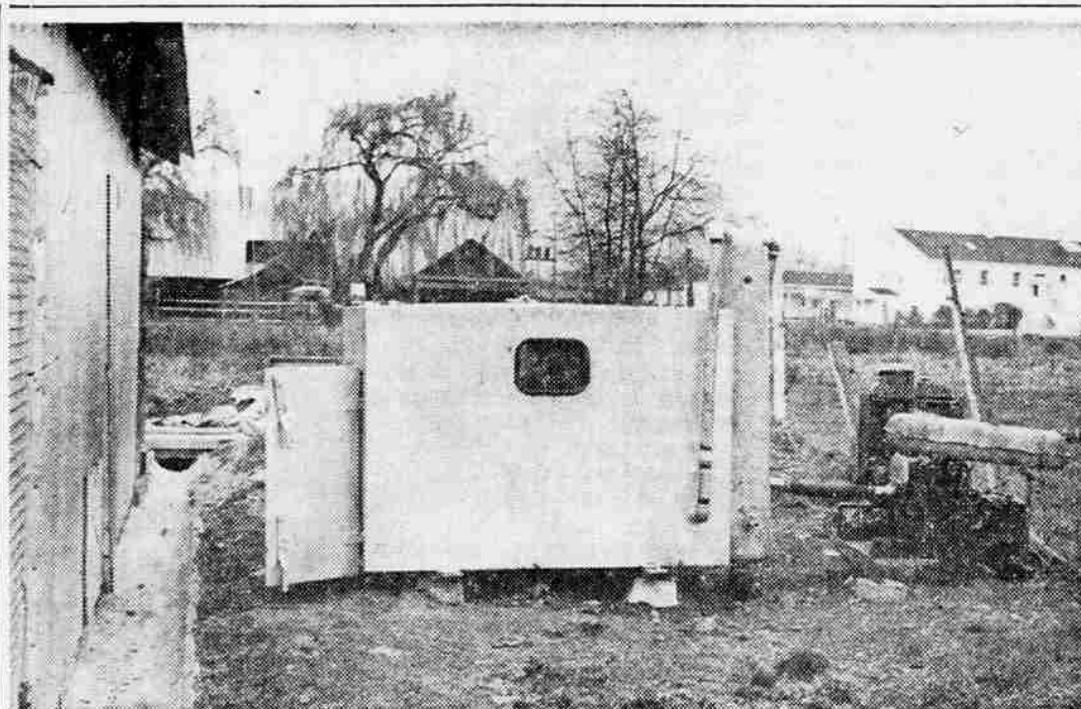
Pile Drivers union pickets have appeared on a highway job in Portland and at the Interstate bridge project between Portland and Vancouver, Wash. A union spokesman said work on John Day dam also would be affected.

The employer statement, issued through Associated General Contractors, said "Acting upon Gov. (Mark) Hatfield's request and appeal, the contractors' committee agrees to withhold action on their previously declared policy . . . and to await results of the referendum votes by the unions as requested by the governor."

'Complete Impasse'

Leo Neal, business agent for the Pile Drivers, said: "Apparently we have reached a complete impasse."

There are about 600 Pile Drivers in Oregon and southwest Washington and some 13,600 carpenters. Three segments of the Carpenters union also are negotiating for new contracts and employers have offered a proposal which included a 53-cent hourly wage increase over three years.



GAS CHAMBER—The new gas chamber at the county dog pound has been in operation for two weeks, pound officials reported today. To operate, the motor at right is started with the exhaust going into the water tank attached to the rear of the chamber. The water filters out the smoke, it was reported, and the carbon dioxide gas is released into the chamber where the dogs are placed. A vent at the front

of the chamber releases the oxygen in the chamber once the motor is started. Both the windows and doors have rubber sealing to make the chamber airtight. Dog pound officials reported that the new septic tank is now in operation and the cement gutter (above, left) was also recently completed. Among construction now underway at the pound is a building for additional dog pens.

Annual Three-Hour Services Scheduled At Assembly of God

The annual Good Friday services sponsored by the Medford Ministerial association will be held tomorrow from noon to 3 p.m. at the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st.

The three-hour period will be divided into nine 20-minute segments so people may come and go during the service. It will be based on "Personalities Around the Cross."

Moderators for the service will be the Rev. John O. Reynolds, pastor of Westminster

Presbyterian church, and the Rev. James W. Neely, First Baptist church.

Ministers who will speak and the person about whom they will speak starting at noon include the Rev. Raymond Hurn, First Church of the Nazarene, Caiaphas; the Rev. Richard Jones, Eastwood Baptist church, Mary; the Rev. William Piper, First Christian church, The Soldiers; the Rev. Henry I. Brown, Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene, The Thief; the Rev. Robert Cull, First Assembly of God, Pilate; Clynton Crisman, Medford Friends, Peter; the Rev. R. H. Mathewson, Four-square church, Judas; the Rev. Cecil Hiser, Church of the Brethren, John; and Dr. D. Kirkland West, First Presbyterian church, Jesus.

Paintings Chosen For State Show

Three judges yesterday selected five paintings by southern Oregon artists to be shown in Oregon's Centennial art show in Portland this summer. The works were chosen from about 100 submitted from all parts of southern Oregon.

Chosen were "Homestead," an oil by Ruth (Mrs. Emmett M. Jr.) Tucker, 333 Linwood ave., Medford; "Spring Garden," an oil by Eugene Bennett, Medford; "Construction No. 7" by Gordon Kensler, Klamath Falls; "Klamath County No. 2" by his wife, Barbara; and "Bean Field" by Howard A. Hall, also Klamath Falls.

Judges were James McGarrell, artist in residence at Reed college, Portland; Andrew Vincent, Eugene, painter and professor of art at the University of Oregon, and Dr. Francis J. Newton, art historian and curator of the Portland Art museum.

The works entered were first juried by Miss Marian Ady, art instructor at Southern Oregon college; Herb Grey, Medford Mail Tribune advertising manager, and Hal Bishop, Gold Hill artist. The Portland-Eugene trio left this morning for central Oregon to judge another of the regional shows being held to select material for the Portland exhibit, but the remaining works entered in the southern Oregon show will remain on display at 40 South Bartlett st., today and Friday. The show was sponsored jointly by the Fine Arts committee of the Centennial and the Southern Oregon Society of Artists. Mrs. Tucker, chairman of the society's exhibit committee, was chairman of the project.

DEVELOPMENT NORMAL

Pear bud development is normal, Clifford B. Cordy, county horticulturist reported today. He said that the bud development could quickly change depending on the weather.

Chiang Promises To Join Tibetans If War Continues

Taipei—President Chiang Kai-shek said today he would lead his Nationalist Chinese forces against the Communists if the Tibetan rebels carry on their fight.

Chiang, in his first statement since the anti-Communist revolt broke out in Tibet, said the Nationalists are "making every possible effort" to aid the revolutionary forces.

Chiang's declaration followed reports from Nationalist intelligence sources that the insurgents have cut the two mainland routes from Red China to the remote Himalayan kingdom.

Wrote to People

Chiang addressed his 500-word message to the people of Tibet.

"If you remain firm and courageous and if you continue to carry on the fight soon I shall lead your compatriots, civilian and military alike, to join forces with you on the mainland and to fight shoulder to shoulder for the successful fulfillment of our sacred mission of national salvation," Chiang said.

The Chiang statement came as the London Times, in a dispatch from Kalimpong on the Indian-Tibetan frontier, said the Kashag, Supreme Tibetan Cabinet, had declared itself independent of Chinese Communist control.

Rogue River Bill Passed by House

Salem—A bill permitting withdrawal of water from the Rogue river for fish, wildlife and recreation purposes passed the House and was sent to the governor Wednesday.

The bill originally would also have permitted industrial use of the water, but the senate knocked out that provision after protests from residents of the Rogue river area.

Rep. Evelyn Nye (R-Medford) told the house it is better not to permit industries to use water from the river because of possible air and river pollution.

Present law permits the water to be used for domestic, stock, irrigation and municipal purposes.

Permit Issued for New Center Building

A Medford building permit for erecting a \$95,000 structure at the East Jackson st. shopping center was issued at city hall yesterday, according to building department records.

A department spokesman explained that the structure has been designated only as "S-1" since no tenant has been found for it as yet.

Measure Calling For Centennial Fast Time Killed

Referral To People To Go To Senate

Salem—The Oregon House today voted to refer the emotional issue of daylight savings time to the people in November of 1960 but killed a measure calling for fast time this year.

A vote to refer the measure in 1960 was 43-12.

If the people approve the ballot measure, daylight time would become effective in April, 1961.

A second measure providing for temporary daylight time until the people had a chance to vote was then indefinitely postponed by a 29-26 vote.

Dead for Session

That action means the temporary daylight time bill for 1959 and 1960 cannot be brought up again this session. The bill referring daylight time to the people now goes to the Senate.

Votes on the two measures were taken only after some of the fanciest parliamentary maneuvering of the session to determine in which order the bills should be considered and in what way to dispose of the temporary daylight time bill.

Rep. F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene) carried the referral bill on the floor, stating that the people had not had a chance to vote on the issue for six years.

Wants Senate in Line

Montgomery and Rep. Shirley Field (R-Portland) sponsored the bill while the stop-gap legislation was the product of the Committee on planning and development.

Miss Field urged referring daylight savings to the people in an effort to get Oregon into line with California and some large industrial states which have fast time.

Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) opposed the bill on grounds the people already had voted down similar measures in 1950, 1952, and 1954. He added that daylight time would harm shows planned during the Oregon Centennial celebration.

Dewey Blackman, 100 Years Old, Dies

Dewey Blackman of Central Point, who celebrated his 100th birthday last Dec. 4, died in Jacksonville yesterday evening.

Blackman, born in Westfield, Ill., had been a resident of this area for the past 25 years.

He spent his last birthday at Mitchell's sanitarium, Jacksonville, where he had been confined for treatment of a broken hip. The only present he requested on that occasion was a glass of blackberry wine.

Funeral arrangements are to be announced by Chapel Mortuary.

Hogue Named To Rail Car Group

Salem—R. J. Hogue, 43, vice president and assistant manager of the Medford Corporation, Medford, today was named by Gov. Mark Hatfield to head the governor's emergency transportation committee for 1959.

Other members of the committee will be named later. Main purpose of the group will be to advise the governor in the present rail-car shortage situation which has threatened to become acute-particularly in the supply of double-door types in the southern Oregon area.

Portland—Eliot H. Jenkins, Springfield, has been elected president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Police Continue Search For Elusive Ex-Convict

Portland, Ore.—Police said today they had no new good leads in the search for an elusive, armed ex-convict wanted for abducting two men and wounding another.

Richard A. Hunt, 27, was believed to have kidnapped a motorist at Amity Wednesday and forced him at gunpoint to drive to Portland after slipping away from a big posse in the Willamette valley.

Hunt kidnapped Harrisburg Police Chief E. G. McPhee Tuesday after he was stopped for questioning in regard to the car he was driving. McPhee said he was forced into the car at gunpoint and taken

Big 3 Notes Favor Talks At Summit

Washington—(UPI)—The United States, Britain and France sent notes to Russia today proposing a summit conference this summer which could deal with a peace treaty with Germany and the Berlin crisis.

The notes insisted that a foreign ministers meeting precede the summit conference and that it "justify" such a top level parley.

The separate notes to Russia suggested the foreign ministers meeting discuss "questions relating to Germany, including a peace treaty with Germany and the question of Berlin."

Agreements Over Wide Field

The U. S. note said the purpose of the foreign ministers meeting "should be to reach positive agreements over as wide a field as possible, and in any case to narrow the differences between the respective points of view and to prepare constructive proposals" for a heads of government meeting later in the summer.

"On this understanding and as soon as developments in the foreign ministers meeting justify holding a summit conference, the U. S. government would be ready to participate in such a summit conference," the U. S. note said.

The British note signified Britain's readiness to participate in a summit conference "as soon as developments in the foreign ministers meeting warrant" it.

French Note Favors Discussion

The French note stated: "If the conference of foreign ministers brings signs of real progress, the French government agrees to accept a conference at the summit at an appropriate date and place. The agenda of such a conference should be discussed by the foreign ministers."

The summit conference, the U. S. note said, "could consider and, if possible, resolve some wider problems" raised by Russia and the western allies in previous exchanges of notes.

The western powers rejected Russia's proposal that Polish and Czechoslovakian foreign ministers be full-fledged participants in the foreign ministers' meeting. But the western Big Three agreed for the two Russian satellites to join in "at a certain stage in negotiations." They would presumably have the status of observers.

Ashland Woman's Children Testify In Her Defense

Sixteen-year-old Beverly Click and her 12-year-old brother, Robert, were chief defense witnesses this morning at the first-degree murder trial of their mother, Mrs. Maxine A. Click, 46, Ashland. She is charged with shooting her husband, Houston, father of eight of her nine children, Jan. 6 in the family home in Ashland.

Judge Edward Kelly ordered the trial moved from the circuit court room in the courthouse annex to circuit court No. 1 in the main building to provide more seating for the overflow crowd.

Both of the children gave indications of their father's brutality to their mother. Further testimony lauding Mrs. Click and her care of home and family was made by Mrs. Clifford Miller, former Welcome Wagon hostess and wife of a Southern Oregon college professor; C. J. Baughman, retired Ashland fire chief; Miss Marian Ady, professor at Southern Oregon college; Mrs. Leonard Wilmes, 332 DeBarr ave., Medford, and Mrs. McNutt, Talbot.

Mrs. Miller described her "very pleasant visit" with Mrs. Click in Jan., 1957, when she called as a Welcome Wagon hostess.

Baughman said he called at the Click home Jan. 5 as chairman of the board of trustees of the Butler Memorial fund at the request of a welfare caseworker to help the children. He said he was at first refused entrance by Mrs. Click, after which her husband asked him in and said "When you come to my house, talk to me and not to my wife."

A close neighbor of the Clicks, Miss Ady said she found the Click children "always neat looking" and well behaved. Of Click, she said "I did not like his attitude."

Answering Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannell's question, "Was it your impression that it was a normal, happy family?" Miss Ady said "yes."

In questioning other witnesses in cross-examination, the prosecution attempted to show that the family had ample food and that no bruises were ever visible on the defendant.

Quiet and under obvious emotional stress, Beverly

Click watched her mother as she answered questions. She told a hushed courtroom of her father's arrival home in December from Missouri, when he entered the house saying, "Ah ha. I've caught you," before knocking her mother down, slapping her and threatening to kill her.

She related how her mother had told her on the Saturday night, before her father's death on Tuesday, that "Daddy and her were going for a walk, and Beverly was 'to take care of the kids' if she didn't come back. It was the walk Mrs. Click told of earlier, when her husband allegedly said that he was going to take her someplace, and if anyone talked to her, he would know she had been unfaithful."

Beverly explained earlier testimony by Mrs. Wilmes that the home contained many cans of catfood, when there was no food for the family. On questioning by Defense Attorney Otto J. Frohnmayer, she said the catfood had been given a younger sister by a school teacher who also gave the child a cat.

Asked if the children were frightened of their father, she answered, "Yes, sometimes."

"Why," asked Frohnmayer, and she answered "Because he scared them all the time."

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Grants Pass Man Held in City Jail

Donald C. Hood, 29, of Grants Pass, was held in Medford city jail today on two charges of reckless driving with bail set at \$100 on each charge. He is expected to enter a plea in municipal court tomorrow.

The warrants were served Feb. 25, the same day Hood was sentenced to 30 days in county jail and fined \$250 plus \$5 court costs in district court.

Hood was arrested in connection with leading local police on a wild chase through Medford and the county early in the morning of Feb. 8. He pleaded guilty in district court. The two municipal court warrants concern the two times when he was operating within the city limits.

When he arrived at the jail today he was still using the crutches he had with him the night of the chase. He said he had broken his leg previously.

Portland—(UPI)—The State Board of Health said today flu cases in Oregon have reached the highest mark since the Asian flu epidemic of 1957.

For the seven-day period ending last Saturday night 1496 cases were reported. This was nearly a 68 per cent increase over the previous week.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 808.58, up 0.11; 20 railroads 159.74, off 0.43; 15 utilities 93.80, off 0.20, and 65 stocks 208.94, off 0.18. Sales today were about 2,900,000 shares compared with 3,280,000 shares yesterday.