

Election Next Step in School Reorganization

Rogue River - Evans Valley school patrons learned at a public hearing on reorganization at their school last night that it would be difficult for them to remain independent. D. W. Patch, state director of school reorganization, told approximately 100 persons from Rogue River and Evans Valley school districts the next step would be an election if the state board of education approves the plan presented by the Jackson county reorganization committee. A majority of the voters in both districts must approve the proposal to join Evans Valley and Rogue River and 60 per cent of the voters in one district must vote "no" for the proposition to fail. If the proposition should fail, the reorganization committee would be asked to make some changes in the plan, if necessary, and another public hearing and vote would be called, Patch said. May Be Approached He indicated that the reorganization plan probably would be approved by the state board if it seems at all reasonable. It is difficult for a group outside a school area to improve on a plan worked out by people on the spot after careful study, the state school official said. The state board must point out where a reorganization plan is wrong and show how it should be improved when it rejects an over-all county reorganization approval, he explained. Patch pointed out that non-high school districts will legally cease to exist after July 1, 1960, which means that county tax money no longer will be used to help support districts which do not have high schools. "Using simple mathematics, this means that an independent Evans Valley school district would have to pay \$470 per pupil attending Grants Pass High school and \$490 per pupil for those attending Rogue River High school," R. C. Gail, a reorganization committee member, said. "This means a total of \$26,000 in annual tuition for high school pupils. It would mean 26 mills in taxes to each Evans Valley district resident figuring a base of \$1 million valuation." Join Josephine Unit Keith Hoekersmith, county reorganization committee chairman, said "it is very unlikely" that Evans Valley could join with the Josephine county school district unit. Applegate school district residents have proposed the same thing and the committee has yet to hear an official "yes" or "no" from Josephine county school officials. Patch said state law now does permit school districts to extend themselves across county boundaries. David S. Blair, Evans Valley school district board chairman, reported that his district would have enough millage now and with state school support money could cut the millage involved in tuition payments to considerably less than Gail's figure. Among arguments favoring reorganization were: an administrative school district, including a high school, formed with a school board representing both districts, with members elected by all residents; "as far as can be determined now" the Evans Valley school building would operate the same as it is now; reorganization is a sensible solution economically. Per Pupil Cost John Harr, Rogue River superintendent, pointed out that the present per pupil cost

Syrian, Israeli Forces Exchange Shots at Border

Departure Ordered By UN Commission

Damascus - (UPI) - Syrian and Israeli border forces exchanged fire at dawn today and Israel probably suffered casualties, a Syrian Army spokesman announced. The incident followed Jerusalem reports that the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission Tuesday night ordered Syrian troops to leave the demilitarized zone that has been the scene of a week of border clashes. A United Arab Republic spokesman in Cairo said: "There are no Syrian troops inside the demilitarized zone." Israel Serves Notice Tuesday night's U.N. withdrawal order to the Syrians was issued by Belgin Col. Raymond Pilot, chairman of the armistice commission. Israel had served notice that unless the U.N. cleared the area, it would do so itself. Reports conflicted on the responsibility for the Sunday night-Monday morning battle at Tawafik in which Syrian and Israeli troops were killed and wounded. Tawafik was the most serious incident since renewed violence started a week ago in the demilitarized zone between Israel and the U.A.R.'s Syrian region south of Lake Galilee. Blame Each Other A UAR spokesman said today "It was the Jews who occupied Tawafik, and we repelled them." An Israeli spokesman has charged that Syrian soldiers disguised as farmers moved into the village, set up a fortified post, and subsequently were driven out by Israeli forces. Troop concentrations on both sides of the border were reported today.

Ike Raps Generals For Defense Stands



GENERALS RAPPED - President Eisenhower, at his news conference in Washington today, sharply rapped generals and others for what he called a too parochial viewpoint of missile and space development. He said he still thought the present U.S. program was eminently capable of deterring an enemy attack. (UPI Telephoto)

President Feels Retaliation Ability Excels

Parochial Viewpoint Said Not Disturbing

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower today sharply rapped generals who have challenged his defense plans and declared he believes the United States could retaliate destructively against any Red attack. Eisenhower mentioned no names, but he rejected the proposal of Gen. Thomas S. Power, chief of the Strategic Air Command, for a 24-hour airborne alert against surprise attack. All Sorts of Ideas Speaking in a spirited mood, the President told his news conference that he could not be disturbed by a particularly parochial viewpoint that the bosses are all wrong. He said too many generals have all sorts of ideas. He emphasized that he has utmost confidence in Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Eisenhower said he was amazed at the talk about catching up with the Russians in the attempts to enter space as well as development of military missiles. He then said the U. S. has what is needed, a deterrent to any surprise attack. Policies Defended Eisenhower firmly defended his space and missile policies. He also staunchly supported Gates who has publicly disputed Power's arguments for the SAC alert. Other news conference highlights: -Eisenhower said he would like to see the Constitution amended to provide four-year terms for House members so they would run at the same time presidential elections are held. He also favored a constitutional amendment to give the President authority to veto specific items out of appropriations bills. This, he said, would defeat pork-barreling. Studying Tax Increase -He said the U.S. should liberalize its laws applying to atomic information to permit this country to share with nations in which it has the fullest confidence its nuclear know-how and weapons already known to Russia. -His administration is studying a possible request for an increase of one-fourth of 1 per cent in social security taxes to provide greater care for the aged. No conclusion or final decision has been reached. Like's Nixon's Prospects -He said Vice President Richard M. Nixon certainly looked to him like the next Republican presidential candidate and he was not dissatisfied with this prospect. Eisenhower, however, said this was not getting into the business of nominating a man for the office, and he still believed there were a number of top Republicans who could occupy the White House with distinction.

Three Directors Are Named for Festival

Ashtland - The Oregon Shakespeare Festival has announced directorial assignments for the 1960 season. They include one director, festival veteran James Sandoe, who will handle more than a single play. Sandoe will direct "The Tempest" and "The Duchess of Malfi." They will represent his 15th and 16th directing assignments here. Sandoe is professor of humanities at the University of Colorado as well as an anthropologist and crime fiction critic for the New York Herald Tribune. Directing "The Taming of the Shrew" will be Robert Loper, who will be handling his fourth such assignment at the festival. Loper, drama professor at Stanford university, is currently on leave while engaged in special study and research in London theater. Riso Returns Richard Riso, former festival actor who directed "King John" last season, will head the production of "Richard II." He is now in Paris studying at the French academy as a Fulbright scholar. Directing "Julius Caesar" will be Jerry Turner, who acted in festival productions for three seasons before making his directorial debut last year with "The Masque of the New World." Turner is professor of drama and director of the Sequoia theater at Humboldt State college, Arcata, Calif. William Patton, the festival's general manager, reported that membership sales as of Jan. 31 had nearly doubled the total reached by that date in 1959. Sale of individual tickets is also ahead of last year's tally by a sizeable margin, he reported.

Election Set in District Thursday

Central Point - Patrons of school district 6C, which includes Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley, will vote tomorrow afternoon on a \$295,000 bond issue to help finance a building program. Polls will be open between 2 and 8 p.m. in the band room at Hanby gymnasium in Gold Hill, the auditorium of Sams Valley school, and the gymnasium at Central Point Junior High school. The building program is the result of a study of district building needs by school board members, and will bring the district's facilities up to state department of education standards, board members noted. Additional information about the election appears on page 6 of today's Mail Tribune.

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Mountain passes out of the valley were reported to have new snow this morning and state police advised all motorists to carry chains. Chains are required on the Green Springs, Highway 66, where two inches of new snow were reported this morning. High winds reported in the area made driving hazardous, police said. It was reported to be snowing on the Siskiyou, Highway 99, this morning with automobiles pulling trailers said to be having "some difficulty." Two inches of new snow fell this morning at Mt. Shasta and it was reported to be snowing hard, while a light snow fell at Klamath Falls with one inch reported.

Ashland Council Accepts Bids on Five Vehicles

Ashtland - The Ashtland city council last night accepted low bids from Jim Busch Ford Sales, Ashtland, for three new cars and two new pickups for the city. Two of the cars will be assigned to the police department and the third will be for the city superintendent's department. One of the pickups weighs three-fourths of a ton and the other two are half-ton models. Busch's bids were \$4,400 for the pickups, \$1,700 for the police cars, and \$895 for the third auto. The winning bids were \$200 lower than the closer of the other two bidders for the pickups; \$500 lower for the police cars, and \$105 lower for the city superintendent's car. Gasoline Bids Bids for gasoline and diesel fuel were received from seven firms, with Tidewater the low bidder for both regular and premium gasoline and Richfield the low bidder for high grade and standard diesel fuel. The council agreed to buy 300 acre feet of water from Talent Irrigation district. Considerable discussion followed the water committee's favorable report, but council decided it would agree to purchase only 300 acre feet at present with the possibility of buying more, if needed, in the future. The water eventually will be used for domestic purposes but it first must be filtered and poured into the system. It is not known when this will be done. The council instructed City Attorney Harry Skerry to draft an ordinance limiting the height of fences and hedges to 42 inches. The ordinance also will control setback and corners but will not be retroactive in regard to fences. All fences and hedges, however, will be subject to regulation if they are adjudged hazardous to safety, the council agreed.

Burns Kill Son Of Medford Pair

Corvallis - (UPI) - Timothy Lee Kurth, 3, son of an Oregon College student couple from Medford, died of burns Thursday night after he accidentally set fire to his pajamas with a cigarette lighter while his father was studying his lessons. The boy suffered burns over 90 per cent of his body and died about two hours after he was taken to a hospital. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston W. Kurth, who live in a dwelling on the campus. The father had gone to another house to talk to another student about an engineering problem for about 15 minutes. When he returned he found the boy in the living room screaming and enveloped in flames with the lighter clutched in his hand. The father put out the blaze and rushed the boy to the hospital. The mother had gone to visit a neighbor. According to public school records here, Kurth attended Griffin Creek school and was a son of Mrs. Charles Miller, 249 South Riverside ave. He completed the 17th grade in 1946, records show. No local high school records on him were located.

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Fruit Growers Seek Emergency Funds

Two members of the Fruit Growers League of Jackson county will petition the state emergency board in Salem Friday for an appropriation to continue the Medford district pear decline study, Paul Culbertson, league official, said last night. The money would be used for the local study until the state legislature can act on another two-year appropriation, Culbertson explained. Culbertson, chairman of the league's extension service and experiment station committee, will be accompanied to Salem by Charles Henry, league president. Oregon State college and the fruit growers league have been cooperating in the project. The growers have spent about \$27,000 for study of the disease which has affected 15 per cent of the Rogue valley pear trees, Culbertson said. Depends on Budget How much the growers will ask for will depend on how much money Oregon State college can include in its budget for the research, the fruit grower explained. "The pear decline is a serious problem and there is no answer to it yet," Culbertson emphasized. "The fruit industry here could well be in jeopardy because of it." Prof. Henry Hartman, OSC horticulturist, was conducting the study here until he suffered a heart attack in December. However, he is compiling his notes now and expects to make a report to the growers some time this month. He feels some headway has been made, Culbertson said.

Ashland Councilman Resigns His Post

Ashtland - Ashtland City Councilman Walt Bosshard resigned because of the demands of business Tuesday night and his resignation was accepted "with regret" by his fellow councilmen. In a letter read by City Recorder E. Bartlett, Bosshard said he had spent considerable time arriving at his decision and that it had been a "great pleasure" to work with Mayor Richard L. Neill and the council. He declined a request by council to reconsider his decision. Display Windows in Store Damaged Sunday Five large display windows on the south side of Sears, Roebuck company store were shot by a pellet gun sometime Sunday afternoon or night, city police were notified Tuesday. Each of the windows measured five by nine feet in size and were valued at more than \$100 each. Ralph Elmer Jacobson, manager, reported that all of the windows would have to be replaced. Governor Author of Magazine Article Salem - (UPI) - Gov. Mark Hatfield is author of the cover story in the February edition of Guideposts magazine. Pictures of the governor and his family accompany the article.

Labor Contractors Face Permit Loss

Salem - (UPI) - Oregon Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen declared today that six of the 84 farm labor contractors licensed by the Labor Bureau last year will not have their licenses renewed this year unless they clear themselves of investigators' charges. Complaints against the contractors were revealed in an annual report by Nilsen to the inter-agency committee on migratory farm labor. The charges include failure to pay wages, "exploitation of workers' alcoholic weaknesses and undeclared commercial activities."

Hatfield Urges Water Programming

Salem - (UPI) - Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield told the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee meeting today that water needs and political strength "are going together." He said something must be done to program water resources of the Pacific Northwest to put them to full use. Hatfield warned that the water-hungry southwestern United States in increasing population and political power and if the programming is not attended to in the northwest, "we may see our water rent elsewhere." Robert Root, Medford, chairman of the Oregon Water Resources Board, outlined the board's functions and future plans for the committee. Portland - (UPI) - Willard P. Hawley Jr., 69, prominent Portland-area business leader, died Monday.

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UNSCHEDULED STOP - A Chinese junk skippered by British-born Brian Platt makes a perilous and unscheduled stop at Noyo Harbor at Fort Bragg, Calif. Platt, 29, left Hong Kong - alone - in the 40-foot teakwood junk seven months ago bound for San Francisco. Since leaving Eureka, Calif., where he put in for repairs, he had spent seven almost sleepless days in heavy seas "fighting every wave". He arrived at the mouth of the Noyo river last Sunday but decided not to risk the heavy breakers to get into port and went back to sea. He plans to sell his junk in San Francisco and go to Canada to find work. (UPI Telephoto)

Continuous Air Alert Favored as Attack Deterrent

Washington - (UPI) - Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp agreed "in principle" today with Gen. Thomas S. Power's appeal for a continuous airborne alert to deter any possibility of a Soviet attack. But Sharp disagreed with Power's pessimistic appraisal of U.S. defenses. "I think if we do the things we plan to do we will not be in danger," Sharp told the House Space Committee. He testified as President Eisenhower assailed some generals and others for what the President called a parochial view of missile and space work. Sharp said the U.S. will be militarily stronger than the Soviet Union for the next three years. The secretary said Power, head of SAC, had put forward a "sensible solution" to the defense threat that the general forecast. The SAC commander, warning that Soviet missiles in time could wipe out America's striking power, proposed to keep some of his long-range bombers in the air at all times as a deterrent. Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. on Monday described Power's warning as "unrealistic." But Sharp testified: "I agree in principle. We are moving toward the possibility of an airborne alert. It will be a necessary and important part of our defense. But it is difficult to say exactly when."

Accident Victim Is Returned to Medford

Mrs. Elaine Griffith, 19, of 213 North Holly st., was returned to Medford Tuesday by Mercy Flights Inc., from Chico, Calif., where she was injured in an automobile accident Sunday. Mrs. Griffith was reported in good condition at Sacred Heart hospital this morning. Her husband, David Hess Griffith, 28, was killed in the accident which involved three vehicles on Highway 99E, about 11 miles northwest of Chico.

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