

# Elections are Tomorrow in School Districts

## Polling Places For School Vote

School district patrons will vote in school buildings in the district in which they live at tomorrow's elections for school board members, budgets, rural school levy, rural school board positions and in the Phoenix district on a bond issue.

Persons 21 years old or over who have lived in their district six months and who registered as a voter at least 30 days prior to the election may vote. The voters must also have lived in the district continuously for six months immediately prior to the election.

Seven polling places will be available for voters in the Medford district. They are:

McLaughlin Junior High school girls' gymnasium—all voters living in the original district 549C who live west of Bear creek.

Hedrick Junior High school cafeteria—all voters living in the original district 549C who live east of Bear creek.

Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ruch, Lone Pine and Howard schools—for those voters living in these school areas.

Medford school officials pointed out there will be two boards at each junior high school polling place to help speed voting.

Other polling places in the county school districts tomorrow will be:

District 6C—Central Point Junior High school, Hanby school in Gold Hill and Sams Valley school.

Ashland—Ashland Junior High school gymnasium (two polling places).

District 4—Phoenix grade school, and Talent grade school (the latter polling place is for residents of the Talent, Wagner Creek and Fern Valley residents).

Eagle Point—Eagle Point High school, Shady Cove school and Elk Trail school.

Districts in which there will be one polling place: Rogue River High school, Applegate school, Prospect High school, Evans Valley school, Butte Falls High school, and Pinehurst school.

Polls in all districts will be open between 2 and 8 p.m.

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## School Officials Observe Practices In Local District

About 75 school administrators and board members from 33 Oregon school districts observed some of the educational practices carried on in the Medford public schools Friday.

The group, which met here Thursday night, was representative of the Oregon School Study Council, which is an association of several state school districts to carry on research into more effective school practices.

The program is assisted by the University of Oregon bureau of educational research, whose director is Dr. Keith Goldhammer. Dr. Goldhammer also serves as executive secretary of the council.

Frank C. Bash of the Medford school board is currently serving on the governing board of the Oregon School Study Council.

The recently organized council has started a practice of visiting a school district considered outstanding in its curricular program and to note first hand certain activities of the host school district.

The conference started Thursday night at Hedrick Junior High school where Bash welcomed the group and discussed the school boards' role in the Medford public school's administrative structure.

Participating in the program Thursday night were Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent; Elliott Becken and Russell Acheson, both assistant superintendents; Miss Gladys Durand, elementary supervisor; Miss Laura York, penmanship supervisor; Les Ragdale, director of physical education; Irving Mirick, supervisor of instrumental music; and Lindsay Vinsel, director of adult education.

The Friday program included an orientation on conference topics and procedures; Medford major work group program, its structure, functions, and objectives; the school building program, both present and future plans; the instructional materials publications, and the partial departmentalization program in grades 5 and 6.

Friday's schedule also included a tour of Wilson school.

## All Residents to Vote on Levy for County District

All residents of Jackson county will vote on the amount of the rural school district budget exceeding the 6 per cent limitation. That amount is \$267,922.25.

The rural school district budget includes that for the county rural school district, the county superintendent's office, and the equalized county levy, according to County Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold.

The total required levy for the rural school district operating budget, not considering any amount which the county court may allocate from the county's general budget, will be \$70,008.62.

Mekvold said the figure is part of the base, or a portion of the money within the 6 per cent limitation.

Total Levy: The total for the county equalized levy is \$2,074,241.82. Mekvold said, which is levied on all districts. Purpose of the equalized levy is to aid those districts with less assessed valuation, and bring them up more nearly equal with other districts in the county, he said.

Tax base for the rural district is \$1,876,328.19, the amount the rural board can levy without a vote of the people. The amount in excess of the 6 per cent limitation is \$267,922.25.

Mekvold said that if the amount in excess of the 6 per cent limitation is approved,

## Voters in Six Districts To Vote on New Budgets

Six school districts in Jackson county will hold elections between 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow on amounts of their respective budgets which exceed the 6 per cent limitation.

They are Medford, District 6C (Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley), Applegate, Prospect, Butte Falls and Pinehurst. A discussion of the amount outside the 6 per cent limitation in the Medford district appears elsewhere on this page.

Legislation approved by the people of Oregon in 1916 established the 6 per cent limitation. It provides that political subdivisions, including school districts, can set up an operating budget and to have it approved by the governing body (in the case of school districts, the budget committee and school board) if it does not exceed 6 per cent more than the highest tax base of the previous three years.

At the time the limitation was approved, the cost of goods and services was relatively stable, and the population increase was normally under 6 per cent annually. Because of that, legislators thought a 6 per cent increase would cover normal rises in costs.

However, school officials noted, experience has shown that during the past 10 to 15 years, costs have increased on an average of 10 per cent or more each year because of a growing population and rising costs.

The 6 per cent increase is allowed on the tax base at the time the limitation was established. Since 1916, that tax base has varied with economic conditions. The tax base has increased only 6 per cent per year during the years of inflationary trends, while costs of services and materials has increased about twice that, or between 10 and 15 per cent per year.

Districts other than Medford in which elections will be held tomorrow the amount outside the 6 per cent limitation are:

DISTRICT 6: (Central Point, Gold Hill, Sams Valley). The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation in District 6 is \$566,526.64. The total estimated budget for next fiscal year is \$1,161,420.25. District 6 officials noted that the millage increase will be reduced to a small amount because of \$162,960 in state offset, an increase of \$47,000 over the present year. The tax offset is not shown on the budget.

Budget committee members of the district are Lester James, Sams Valley, chairman; H. S. Daniel, Gold Hill, secretary; W. C. Hightower, C. Norman Galt, Bill Anthony, Bill Askwith, Jerry Fitzgerald, Dr. Bruce Turner, Wilton White and Don Morrow.

PROSPECT: The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation in the Prospect district is \$25,591.07. The total budget, including bond interest and redemption fund, is \$198,593.56, and the total estimated tax levies is \$155,214.37, of which \$111,880.03 is within the limitation and \$17,955 is not subject to the limitation.

BUTTE FALLS: The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation in the Butte Falls district is \$94,188.16. The total proposed budget is \$126,189.76. Total estimated tax levies next fiscal year will be \$96,602.46, of which \$2,009.14 is not subject to the 6 per cent limitation.

APPLEGATE: The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation in the Applegate district is \$32,177.74. The total budget is expected to be \$69,909.09, and the total tax levies \$33,045.60, of which \$467.86 is not subject to the 6 per cent limitation.

PINEHURST: The amount outside the 6 per cent limitation in the Pinehurst district is \$14,256.77, the total amount of the estimated tax levies on the district's total budget of \$22,491.20.

Elections on budgets in other Jackson county school districts will be held at other times. They are Ashland, May 12; Eagle Point, May 9; Phoenix, May 16; Evans Valley, May 17; and Rogue River, no date set.

Musical Program Set at Jefferson

A program of mixed musical numbers will be presented by Jefferson school students during the Spring Pupil Progress exhibit at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the school gymnasium.

School rooms will be open after the musical program for parents to inspect the children's work. The Jefferson PTA will serve pie or cake in the cafeteria after the program. A baked foods sale is planned.

The program will open with string instrument numbers directed by John Drysdale. The band, directed by Steve Whipple, will play several numbers and will feature some students in individual and group numbers. Chorus Director Mrs. Della Weber has prepared several numbers with the upper grade chorus. Don Littman's physical education classes will present two dance numbers.

Enrollment this year is 7,732 students in all grades, and the number is expected to increase to 8,046 based on actual census children living in the district, next school year.

Further Reduction: School administrators noted that a few years ago state aid averaged 38 per cent, but has now dropped to about 29 per cent, and a further reduction to about 26 per cent is expected next fiscal year. This, administrators noted, shifts the burden from the state level to property at the local level.

The district operates 17 schools and employs 553 people, including certified and non-certified personnel. Buildings, maintenance equipment and supplies are valued at \$9,484,084, furniture, equipment and teaching supplies are valued at \$1,089,939, and land is valued at \$335,600, for a total value of \$10,929,623.

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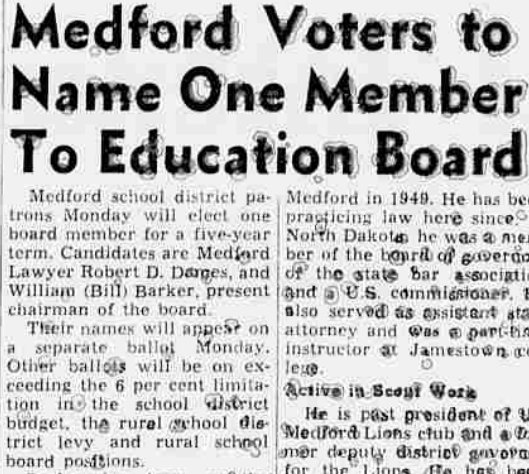
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WILLIAM A. BARKER, Candidate for Medford Board



ROBERT D. JAMES, Candidate for Medford Board

## Medford Voters to Name One Member To Education Board

Medford school district patrons Monday will elect one board member for a five-year term. Candidates are Medford Lawyer Robert D. James, and William (Bill) Barker, present chairman of the board.

Their names will appear on a separate ballot Monday. Other ballots will be on exceeding the 6 per cent limitation in the school district budget, the rural school district levy and rural school board positions.

Barker has been on the Medford school board five years, and has served as chairman for the past year.

A graduate of the University of Oregon, he has been a resident of Medford for 25 years. He was born in Eugene and moved to Medford when he opened Barker's Men's Wear store here.

On Board of Directors: Barker is a member of the Elk's club, and is on the board of directors of the Rogue Valley Art association and the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association.

He has children attending the University of Oregon, two at Medford High school, and one at Hedrick Junior High.

James received his pre-law training at the University of Minnesota and holds a Bachelor of Law degree from St. Paul College of Law. He is city attorney for Rogue River.

Following World War II service, he practiced law in North Dakota, moving to

Medford in 1949. He has been practicing law here since. In North Dakota, he was a member of the board of governors of the state bar association and a U.S. commissioner. He also served as assistant state attorney and was a part-time instructor at Jamestown college.

Active in Scout Work: He is past president of the Medford Lions club and a former deputy district governor for the Lions. He has been active in Boy Scout work here, as a Sunday School teacher, and is on the Boys' State commission for the American Legion. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Medford YMCA.

He is married and has three children, one at Medford High school, one at Hedrick Junior High, and one at Roseville school.

The board of District 549C will remain at five members next year, although five other districts will be consolidated with Medford next year. However, the state department of education has not yet acted on the consolidation, and the district cannot elect a seven-member board until such time as the state department approves the consolidation.

Prior to consolidation, the Medford board and boards from consolidating districts agreed to increase the number on the board as soon as legally possible.

## Phoenix to Select Seven Members to New School Board

Phoenix school district election tomorrow will elect seven members to the new school board.

Another school district election scheduled for the same day since seven members will be elected instead of the usual five. Voting hours are 2 to 8 p.m.

Residents of Phoenix, Talent and Wagner Creek areas will vote on all candidates for all seven positions on the board of the newly consolidated district. Seven zones established for the election to ensure that each section of the newly consolidated Phoenix-Talent district will be represented.

Another new feature is that terms of office for the elected members will be according to number of votes received. The candidate receiving the most votes of the 14 running for election will serve four years. The others will serve shorter terms.

Seeking Election: Those running for election to represent the Talent and Wagner Creek Zones 1, 2, and 3 are James Cyprien, Joyce Goodrich, Samuel James, Lynn Newby and Harold Smeizer. Candidates from the town of Phoenix are Zones 4, 5, 6 and 7 are Paulias Baker, Curtis Barnes, Jeanette Grove, Allen Harris, Mylin Latta, Moris Hawkins, Fred Wilson, A. E. Tenner and Dr. M. Donald McGee.

Other districts and their candidates are: District 6, Central Point, Gold Hill and Sams Valley—H. S. Daniel, 5 years.

District 4—Ray Freshman, Mabel Hanson and Doran Vaughn, all for the one 3-year term.

Butte Falls—Bill Rogers and Andy Harpster, two one 5-year term.

Prospect—Eugene S. Hill and Clinton W. Hane, for one 5-year term.

Evans Valley—Dave Blair and Henry Holsinger, one 5-year term.

Rogue River—Mrs. Floyd G. Jones, Mrs. Carl Sandeen, one-year term; and Harold W. Smith, 3-year term.

Pinehurst—Robert Cooper, 5 years; and Robert E. Miller, 4 years.

Applegate—Henry Hood

Did Vernon Fowler, one year term.

Ashland—Dr. Daniel S. Cole and Chester Coire, one 3-year term.

## 936 Families in Area Participate In Cancer Study

Jackson county has a study in the summer study just getting underway in the American Cancer Society to discover why some people get cancer and others do not.

A total of 936 families in Jackson county are involved in the survey, according to Mrs. Walter Garner, Medford county survey chairman. The families enrolled include 1,858 individuals who have supplied information on their health history and living habits.

The information like that supplied by an estimated 1,000,000 persons in the 500,000 families taking part in the study, will be used by cancer research scientists to test various theories about the causes of cancer which currently is taking the lives of some 289,000 Americans annually. Mrs. Garner said. Each of the families will be contacted each year during the study to check on illnesses, deaths, changes in living habits.

Largest Statistical Study: The study is the largest statistical medical survey ever attempted in America.

Dr. S. W. Meserve, Portland, survey director for the American Cancer Society's Oregon division has announced that 38,000 individuals in 16,948 Oregon families are taking part in the study.

Two hundred group leaders on 100,000 other volunteers called "researchers" who, in turn, signed up the participating families and will keep track of them throughout the study period.

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