

Apprenticeship Council to Meet in Medford Tomorrow

The State Apprenticeship Council will meet Monday at the Jackson county courthouse auditorium, Medford, under a new schedule of advancing quarterly meetings one month for timelier handling of council business. Other meetings this year will be held in July and October.

C. D. Hoffman, state apprenticeship director, reported the May meeting brings plans from state and local trade-training committees on spring apprentice contests, Career days, and completion ceremonies.

First of the events honoring apprenticeship participants will be a banquet in conjunction with the council meeting here.

Completion Ceremony

The largest completion ceremony for 150 new craftsmen will be in Portland May 26 under the auspices of the Oregon Building Congress. A banquet for Portland apprentices taking journeyman rank in the carpenter trade will be held May 17 when awards of a house plan contest will be presented.

Arrangements for selecting the year's top apprentices in various trades are being made by state committees in a series of contests and tests of work performance. Electrical apprentices have been given a July 1 deadline to submit their qualifications for the state championship title. David Ottosen of Eugene was named winner of a Washington-Oregon match in Washington, D.C.

Leading carpenter and millmen apprentices under selection in local areas will compete with saw and hammer at the Albany Timber carnival July 3 and 4. The carpenter and millman winners are booked to enter the western states contest in Helena, Mont.

Oregon apprentices of the sheet metal industry are submitting their four best construction projects in the 1968 national joint sheet metal apprenticeship contest. Plumbers and pipefitters also are making plans to recognize their most skilled trainees in a statewide tryout to be held at Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland.

Winners in Meet

Winners in the two pipe trades will be entrants in an international meet at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 15. Oregon and Wash-

Helicopter Setup To Save Boosters

Fort Worth, Tex. (Science Service) — A helicopter-like system could be added to the main stage of a rocket and would permit the rocket engine to glide back to earth for re-use. This would save millions of dollars.

As proposed by engineers of the Bell Helicopter corporation, a control system would automatically activate rotor blades once the first stage is free of the rest of the rocket so it could float to earth while buoyed by auto-rotating helicopter blades. Preliminary studies of the system have been reported. For slowing or controlling descent, the operation of the rotor blades could be controlled from the ground so that the booster could be guided back to the launching pad or directed to an auxiliary landing pad elsewhere.

All the board members agreed the superintendent was worth as much or more than was offered in the first proposal, and all were reluctant to lower the salary.

However, Keith Hocker-Smith, Frank C. Bash and Ed Branchfield said they recognized that the proposed salary increase, which was originally approved by the school board over objections by the superintendent, was causing some concern, and resulted in undue criticism against the superintendent instead of the board, where the responsibility rested.

Taking this into consideration, they believed that some reduction in salary should be considered, since the superintendent said he believed it desirable and insisted.

Of the total budget reduction, the superintendent's salary was lowered from \$18,000 a year to \$16,800, which is less than the board had offered to pay during the present year. He insisted, however, that his salary not be increased this year as the board had proposed.

Another focal point about which some voters apparently objected was the travel expense for the administration. This item also was reduced—from \$720 to \$600 for the superintendent and from \$480 to \$360 for one of the assistant superintendents.

Currently there are one local committee and six trade committees in the Medford area for the OSAC. There are 200 apprentices in southern Oregon, consisting of Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lake counties.

School Budget

School Board Approves 'Token' Reduction in Budget

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Reduction of the expense account will mean that superintendents will attend fewer professional meetings, which the board considers important and a vital part of keeping abreast of changes in administrative procedures.

Most of the reductions in the budget, however, are not in the academic program, although one resident who attended a board meeting last week suggested that costs for instructional purposes were too high.

No Academic Cuts

The administration and the board are opposed to cutting funds from the academic program in view of the fact it could be seriously jeopardized. They believe that most district patrons agree that Medford is known as one of the better districts academically in the state, and is gaining in national recognition.

Of the total reduction, \$2,039 was trimmed from three areas of the program. These are \$624 from the Saturday recreation program for students; \$315 from the summer recreational program in Jacksonville and Lone Pine; and \$1,000 from the physical education program.

The summer recreational program within Medford had been assumed by the city, but at one time was conducted by the school district. Since there was no program for the Lone Pine and Jacksonville areas, the district planned the program eliminated in the budget reductions.

Costs of operating district school buses to carry students to swimming pools and bowling alleys were eliminated. Since the district does not have facilities for swimming and bowling, which had been a part of the physical education program, the board felt this item could be eliminated without jeopardizing the overall academic program.

\$19,240 Reduced

New Telescope For Nose Cones

New York (Science Service) — A new type telescope, equipped with six photo-amplifiers, will be used to send television-type pictures back to earth of ultraviolet light from beyond the earth's atmosphere.

Scientists at University College, London, developed the flying telescope. It will be tested soon at Woomera range, South Australia. British Information Services reported. The telescope will be sent aloft 100 miles before the pictures are taken.

possibility that the base could be increased at some future date to a more realistic figure.

If, for example, the board noted, with a sufficient tax base, many increases in district budgets can be handled under the 6 per cent limitation, taking into consideration any increased assessed valuation.



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