

40 Governmental Units Operating In Jackson County

How many governmental agencies are in operation in Jackson county, conducting the affairs of its cities and towns?

How much progress, if any, has been made in recent years toward reducing the number of these bodies?

A new report on the subject, issued by the Department of Commerce, makes possible a comparison of the governmental structure locally with that found in other communities.

The data was gathered from all parts of the country as part of the 1962 Census of Governments. It underscores the fact that community affairs are directed only in part by county and municipal governments.

Special Districts
In most places, some of the functions are under the control of school districts or special districts, which have authority over particular phases of local activity.

In Jackson county, the report shows, there are now 40 units of government in operation, 33 of them with property taxing power.

They comprise the county government itself, 10 municipal governments, 11 fiscally separate school districts and 18 special districts.

Number Is Less
The number is 22 per cent less than the 51 units that were counted locally in 1957, when the previous Census of Governments was taken.

By way of comparison, in the United States as a whole there was a reduction of 11 per cent in the five-year period. The Pacific states had a rise of 2 per cent while the number in the State of Oregon went down 4 per cent.

The figures show that the trend, in most communities, is toward a streamlining and simplification of the governmental process. Since 1957, the number of units of government in the United States declined from 102,392 to 91,236.

District Consolidation
Much of the cut is attributable to the consolidation of school districts, which were reduced about one-third in the five years. They dropped from 50,454 to 34,878.

One objective of these consolidations has been to cut the costs of operation. Many of the school districts are small ones which could be combined with neighboring ones at a saving to both.

The report shows that 44 per cent of the nation's school systems run schools for fewer than 150 pupils each.

Summer Program Set in CP Area

Central Point — The summer recreation program sponsored jointly by School District 6 and the city of Central Point starts at 8 a.m. Monday, June 24.

The program, which will continue to Aug. 3, is limited to youngsters aged 8 through 15. The hours will be 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Registration will begin June 24 and for girls will be in the city park, which is located on Manzanita st. and Sixth st. Girls are asked to bring pencils, string, cardboard and rulers. Boys will register at the city ball park on West Pine st. and Taylor rd. Registration fee for the program is \$1 per person.

Included in the program will be baseball, softball, swimming, tennis, arts and crafts, hike hikes and junior olympics in track. Swimming will start July 8.

The bus schedule and route are as follows: the bus will leave Central Point at 7 a.m., travel to Sams Valley via Table Rock rd., from there to Gold Hill via Highway 234, from Gold Hill back to Central Point on Old Stage rd. and Scenic ave.

The same route will be followed when the children are returned in the afternoon. However, there must be at least 20 riders. If the bus is to run.

Instructors for the program will be Marvin Hayes, Miss Ruth Stehl, A. D. Van Horn, and Larry Mason.

Those wishing additional information may call Marvin Hayes at 664-2516.

Plans for Newport Drug Plant Revealed

Newport, Ore. — Plans for a \$250,000 drug plant at Newport were finalized Thursday when Kapson Laboratories, a drug manufacturing firm, and Lincoln Development Co., an industrial development group signed a formal agreement. The plant will be constructed within the next 180 days.

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