California School Merger Deal Talked At Macdoel

MACDOEL — A capacity crowd filled the Mt. Hebron schoolhouse recently to discuss with county school officials and school trustees the proposed unionization of the Mt. Hebron, Macdoel and Red Rock elementary districts.

Mrs. Margaret Abell, member of the Mt. Hebron school board, greeted the group and then turned the meeting over to County School Superintendent W. E. Roberts of Yreka.

Roberts introduced the five members of the 11-man county committee on school district organization who were able to be present: Carl A. Franson of Yreka, Ellis J. Louie of Gazelle, Erling Hjertager of Callahan, W. J. Weitkamp of Tulelake, Claude Olson of Dorris and also George E. Luttrell, his assistant superintendent.

Roberts expressed the hope that no petitions urging unionization would be presented to him, forcing a special election. He explained that by working through the school district organization committee the maximum of state aid funds would be returned if the merger of the districts was found feasible and if the voters of the districts approved it. But, according to Roberts, unionization without the committee's sanction would automatically lose the new big district a large amount of state money.

Roberts declared that patrons of the three school districts should look at the proposal in the light of what was best for their children. He said unionization might not mean lower taxes but it would mean more education per dollar spent and characterized a larger, graded school as being best for a child's welfare educationally, socially and physically.

The county school official declared that, if something is not done soon and if Macdoel school enrollment keeps increasing, it will be necessary to have school in shifts.

He called attention to the fact that if unionization comes to a vote, any district which rejects it will no longer be eligible for state aid for a new building.

Luttrell stated that if Macdoel builds a new school alone, the minimum tax raise would be 40 cents.

Objections from the audience that a union school would mean keeping the smaller children waiting for the bus to take them home were answered with the information that the primary teacher would take care of them until bus time.

Roberts announced that the county school district committee plans to hold three study meetings, open to the public, on the unionization idea within the next few weeks to gather more opinions and hear more arguments pro and con before making its decision.

ROBERT ELDER

Elder Named To New Job

Robert M Elder, former municipal judge here, has been promoted to district supervisor of eight Southern Oregon counties for the Oregon Motor Vehicle Division.

Since January Elder has been at Roseburg as a branch manager for the state motor vehicle division. His new headquarters will be at Medford and he will have charge of operations in Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lake and Harney counties.

The promotion came after Earl T. Newbry, secretary of state, revised the division administration into four state districts recently. Elder said that the move was made to further services to the motoring public.

Elder will be replaced at Roseburg by Ted Barton, formerly of Portland.

Farm Prices Still Drop

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department reported Monday that farm product prices as a whole decreased two-fifths of one per cent in the month ended Nov. 15.

This was the fourth consecutive month that prices received by farmers for their crops and livestock went down. By comparison, farm prices are 9.72 per cent below a year ago and 20.4 per cent below the record set in February, 1951.

Commodities which declined during the month included hogs, eggs and cotton. Products which increased were milk, wheat and several commercial vegetables.

Prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in family living and in production increased one-third of one per cent in the month.

With the decline, the level of farm prices in mid-November dropped to 90 per cent of parity, the lowest since May, 1941. Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices, declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices pay. Prices were 91 per cent of parity a month ago, 98 per cent a year ago, and 122 per cent for the record set in October, 1946.

Prices received by farmers in mid-November averaged 249 per cent of the 1910-14 average compared with 250 per cent a month earlier, 277 per cent a year ago and the record of 313 per cent, set in February, 1951.

Prices paid by farmers in mid-November averaged 277 per cent of the 1910-14 average, compared with 276 per cent a month earlier, 282 per cent a year ago and the record of 290 per cent, set in May, 1952.

PUZZLER

BOSTON (AP) — The Massachsetts Legislature will consider a measure next month which would allow the state to issue free hunting licenses for the blind. The proposal does not explain how blind people would go about hunting.

Cinema Actress

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6 She is a —— performer
11 Form a notion
13 Type of gun
14 Term in horseshoes
15 Last
16 Easter (ab.)
17 Satellites
19 Masculine appellation
20 Conducted
22 Perch
23 Greek letter
24 Compass point
25 Measure of cloth
26 Pounds, shillings, pence (ab.)
27 Parent
29 Note in Guido's scale
31 Aged
33 Near
34 East (Fr.)
36 Eternity
39 Conclude
42 Driving command
43 City in The Netherlands
44 Fish eggs
45 Age
46 Weapon
48 Powerful explosive
50 Distant
52 Tell
54 Fixed looker
55 Perched
56 Domestic slaves
57 Accomplishments

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1 Unit of length
2 Standards of perfection
3 Irritates
4 Zeus
5 Entry in a ledger
6 Fortifies with soldiers
7 Ordinal (ab.)
8 Leaps over
9 Foray
10 Paradise
12 Eaten away
13 She has a —— nature
18 Lubricant
21 Lower in rank
23 Click-beetle
28 Indian mulberry
30 Musical note
32 More profound
34 Herons
35 Sailor
37 Poem
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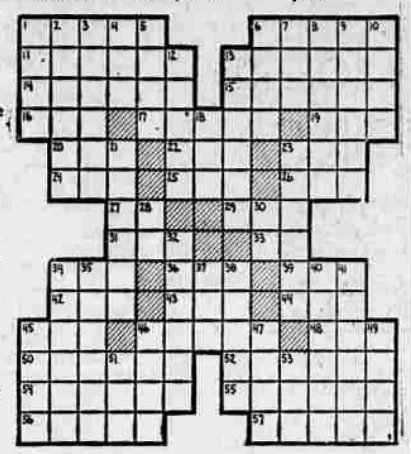

Andrew Loney Wins Award For Outstanding Service

Andrew Loney Jr., director of music education in the Klamath Falls Public Schools, was the recipient of a plaque for his outstanding contribution of "leadership and inspiration to his fellow music educators." The plaque was presented him at a surprise testimonial dinner given at Lloyd's in Portland by the Northwest Band Master's Assn., Nov. 27.

Loney was one of four Northwest music educators given this honor at which more than 70 members in the music education field were present. Three others receiving this honor were Capt. Arthur S. Haynes, retired English and American Band Master; John Stehn, 21 years professor of Music and Director of Bands at University of Oregon; Wallace Hannah, Director of Music Education, Vancouver, Wash.

For 11 years Loney has been director of music education in the Klamath Falls public schools, coming from a similar position at La-Grande where he worked for 11 years. Before this time Loney was a professional musician.

The Klamath Falls public school music groups have received awards at every contest entered indicating a high rating, especially the a cappella choir which Loney personally directs.

The plaque presented Loney at the testimonial dinner reads: "To Andy Loney, musician and friend, in appreciation for his contribution of leadership and inspiration to his fellow music educators."

Fort Klamath Scouts Meet

FORT KLAMATH—Cub Scouts of Fort Klamath Scout Troop 34 held a pack meeting in the CI Clubhouse Friday evening, Nov. 27, with Cub Scoutmaster James F. Van Wormer, Den Mother Mrs. James F. Van Wormer and Assistant Scoutmaster, Wilbur B. Hescock in charge.

Also present was Donald P. Veatch, institutional representative.

Richard H. Wilson, treasurer of the Cub Scouts, gave the financial report of the group and a new member was welcomed, Lynn Lee Hescock, who received his Bobcat pin as a Cub Scout.

During the first week in December, the Cub Scout charter will be sent in to the Modoc Area Council of Scouts, and on Friday evening, Dec. 4, a Scout Pack meeting of Troop 34 has been called for 7:30 in the clubhouse. Scoutmaster Frank Strahan will conduct the pack meeting, at the conclusion of which refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in scouting and youth activities is cordially invited to attend.

Lumber Firm Tells Of New Deal

PORTLAND (AP)—The Willamette Valley Lumber Co. has acquired Veneer Plywood Corp., William Swindells Willamette president, said Monday.

Swindells declined to say how large is the interest and what sum was involved. Western Veneer has a plant near Lebanon.

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Legion Auxiliary Holds Meet In Malin

MALIN — Malin Unit No. 84 of the American Legion Auxiliary met at the Malin Fire Hall Nov. 19 with Mrs. Patricia Ottoman in the president's chair.

A report was made that 17 boxes of homemade cookies were packed by members Nov. 7 at the home of Mrs. Lorene Bauer. The president reported on the dance supper served the night of Nov. 11 at the Broadway Hall.

It was decided to serve supper at the Thanksgiving Dance Nov. 26. Mrs. Emma Wilde was appointed chairman; assisting her were Mrs. Irene Freitag, Mrs. Anna Schmidt, Mrs. Illa Bungs and Mrs. Anna Lahoda.

Displayed at the meeting were gifts donated by the members to be sent to the Gift Shop in Portland. Items for the bazaar were also brought to this meeting.

The members voted to send ten dollars each to "Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave" and for the Camp White Cigarette Fund.

Mrs. Anna Lahoda asked the members to make "ditty bags" from their scrap material for the Roseburg and Portland hospitals.

A potluck supper and Christmas gift exchange was planned for Dec. 7 and will be held in the church parlors with the American Legion members. Also on the 7th will be a handkerchief shower for Mrs. Mary Lahr of Ashland, District No. 4 president, who will make her official visit then. After the potluck the American Legion will hold their meeting at the Fire Hall.

Carol McCulley and Lois Street were initiated into the American Legion Auxiliary. Following the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Agnes Schreiner and Mrs. Anita Stephens.

Members present were Mrs. Helen Loosley, Mrs. Patricia Ottoman, Mrs. Ethel Roberts, Mrs. Hazel Kalina, Mrs. Ethel Hamilton, Mrs. Anna Schmidt, Mrs. Lorene Bauer, Helen Schmidt, Mrs. Carol McCulley, Mrs. June McCulley, Mrs. Bess McCulley, Mrs. Anna Lahoda and Mrs. Wilde.

Mundt Will Speak Here

The scheduled appearance of Senator Karl Mundt of South Dakota as the speaker at Thursday night's Knife and Fork Club dinner is hailed by officers of the organization as one of the outstanding events on their 1952-53 program.

The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Willard Hotel.

Senator Mundt will speak on "The American of the Future." He is recognized as one of the nation's outstanding lawmakers. He went to the senate in 1948 after serving South Dakota 10 years in the House.

During the 1952 Republican campaign, Senator Mundt directed the GOP Speakers Bureau. As a legislator, he is perhaps best known for his work as acting chairman of the House Committee investigating Un-American activities. He presided at committee hearings which resulted in the conviction of Alger Hiss.

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