

School Board Meeting Held

FORT ROCK—Board members of the Fort Rock-Silver Lake School districts met here this week with representatives of the county's reorganization committee to consider the alternate plans of organization for Lake County schools.

Phil Quisenberry of Lakeview served as chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Anne Sprague, Lake County superintendent of schools, is secretary of the reorganization planning.

Mrs. Maurice Ward of Fort Rock is Fort Rock-Silver Lake representative on the study committee and Frank Pitcher, Silver Lake, is an alternate.

The purpose of the meeting, Mrs. Ward pointed out, was to enable all board members to fully understand the proposed alternate plans and to freely discuss what they considered would best serve this area.

The plans offered are: one administrative district to include the entire county; two administrative districts of Paisley and north and south of Paisley; three administrative districts of Silver Lake and Fort Rock, Paisley and Ana River (Summer Lake) and south of Paisley.

Many favored the first plan but some felt doubt about a system that would place local board members in an advisory capacity only, removing their policy making rights and the privilege of hiring their own teachers.

Silver Lake board members expressed hope for the establishment of a high school there when growth in the area permits. It was pointed out that the per pupil cost of establishing a secondary school with required subjects is prohibitive with fewer than 40 pupils since many changes would be required in the physical plant of the old high school.

The feeling was almost unanimous that the present policy permitting pupils to attend high schools outside Lake County should be continued.

This frequently enables young people to stay with relatives during these years.

Roy Perry, Bob Weir, Jess Pennington and Jud Harris were other reorganization committee members or alternates attending the session here. This was the first of four such meetings in the county, according to Mrs. Sprague.



MRS. MAURICE WARD is Fort Rock-Silver Lake representative on Lake County's School Reorganization Committee. Mrs. Ward has several years of teaching experience, has served as clerk of the Fort Rock district and recently completed her second term on the Fort Rock School Board. She has two daughters in school, Marilyn at Fort Rock and Teresa, a sophomore at Lakeview High School. Mrs. Ward attended rural schools and graduated from Silver Lake High School.

TYPHOON HELEN

TOKYO (AP)—Typhoon Helen, packing winds up to 120 miles per hour over a 300-mile area, slowly closed in on Japan today.

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Worker Swims To Safety, But His Companion Drowns

COUGAR, Wash. (AP)—A Portland steelworker was swept by raging waters into a dark dam diversion tunnel yesterday. He clung to a watery perch for seven hours.

After frantic efforts to rescue him failed, Charles R. McGhee swam with the current more than 2,000 feet to safety at the other end.

A companion, Earl Snodderly, 31, Portland, was drowned.

McGhee, 53, Snodderly and Frank Moser, of Beaverton, Ore., were thrown into the water near the mouth of the Swift hydroelectric project on the Lewis River at 11:40 a.m. when a beam they were riding suddenly dropped.

Moser was pulled to safety by other workers. Minutes later, Snodderly's body appeared at the other end of the 2,900-foot tunnel. Then frantic efforts began to rescue McGhee, who could be seen some 400 feet inside the tunnel—knee deep in frigid water and clinging to a steel rod that had been left there when workmen drilled the diversion burrow through a mountain.

Several attempts were made to float boats and rafts, with ropes attached, down to McGhee. But the rafts smashed up as they rammed against the sides of the 35-foot-wide tunnel.

Later in the day a rescue team from the Portland air base arrived with a large liferaft. The airman attempted to shoot the rapids in the tunnel, hoping to snatch McGhee as they passed by him. But the current upended the raft and both the airman—1st Lt. Arthur Bennett and S Sgt. Richard Griggs—both of Portland—were swept through the entire length of the tunnel. Both were banged up but not seriously injured.

Then McGhee, apparently seeing that his chances of rescue by raft were slim, decided to jump and take his chances. Shouting, "Here I come. Here I come," he plunged into the dark rapids at 6:40 p.m.

Later, at a hospital, he said he prayed all the way through the tunnel and "all the time I was in there." A nurse at the hospital quoted him as saying: "I was

Both sides refused to comment on whether there was any progress at the opening session Tuesday.

But the fact that they agreed to meet again was viewed by most observers as a good sign that an agreement might be reached soon.

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The 72-foot rocket blazed into action, but an engine cutoff automatically occurred just before the missile was due to blast skyward. A composite three-stage Vanguard has been fired six times, but the only success came March 17 when a 6.4-inch sphere weighing 3 1/2 pounds was shot into an orbit that may last two centuries.

EPIDEMIC CONTINUES
TOKYO (UPI)—The sleeping sickness epidemic sweeping the Republic of Korea and Japan claimed 33 more victims today raising the unexplained death toll to 2,283.

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