

Better Ed Committee Holds Meet

A group of Klamath Falls citizens, out to spark public interest in school affairs, held their third meeting April 15 in the county library in an effort to launch a Citizens Committee for Better Education.

Spokesmen for the group, many of them teachers, listed a number of objectives at a joint meeting of city school boards at Klamath Union High School cafeteria Monday.

The organization, if it gets off the ground, will:

1. Inform the community of Klamath Falls public school administrative policies and functions.
2. Sample public opinion and report to school boards and administrators.
3. Study policies, actions, charges by the public, and questions of real public interest.
4. Invite qualified persons to participate in study groups.
5. Publicize legislation and elections affecting public education.

Group spokesmen say they have no quarrel with the way local schools are being run. But they are out to stir up interest in school affairs, which touch people in their pocketbooks and which affect them decisively in other ways.

Statistics show that an average of just 15 per cent of the city's registered voters cast ballots in local school elections, they stated, as an instance of public apathy.

The organization promises to be non-partisan and to act as a liaison between public and school administration.

Persons so far affiliated with the group are Howard Bailey, Dorothy Buck, Amos Burnett, Fletcher Conn, Rod Groshong, the Rev. Robert Groves, Bill Hamilton, Jewell Huston, Lyle Kellstrom, Gordon Kensler, Jack Kennitzer, A. J. McSwain, Nina Pence, Rosemary Perry, Don Piper, Martha Powell, Ed Stonebreaker and Tom Ward.

They have met with members of the county PTA council and with Parents and Patrons of KUHS.

Sect Expects Major War

WACO, Tex. (AP) — Members of the Davidians, a religious sect, gathered in force today with the expectation a major war will flare in the Middle East by April 22.

Mrs. V. T. Houtess, who serves on the order's ruling council, said 400 had registered, representing nearly every state and parts of Canada.

The Davidians are an estranged offshoot of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Their leaders have advised them to sever earthly ties and sell all property they can't bring to national headquarters here in central Texas.

The Symbolic Code, a publication of the sect, has stated that war in the Middle East "will pit nation against nation and Christian against non-Christian . . . after which the way will be open for those Christians who survive to establish the kingdom of God in Jerusalem."

Huge Satellite Planned By U.S.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — The United States plans to be able to launch 25,000-pound satellites within two to three years, and 200,000-pounders in about five years.

The Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency disclosed its space timetable today at the world congress of flight.

Rear Adm. John E. Clark, ARPA deputy director, said in a prepared talk that the combining of current rocket boosters into clusters will be advanced to the point of flight testing by autumn of 1960. This program will provide a gain of two years over other approaches to obtain the tremendous thrust and at about half the cost, Clark said.

County Spending Groups Give Requests To Board

By TOM STIMMEL

The County Budget Board, which must decide how much money the county may spend in the next fiscal year, now has before it requests from the county's 38 spending agencies.

The requests range from \$1,035,326 for the county road department down to \$400 for the county schools institute.

Most agencies have asked for more money next year, a few budget requests are unchanged from last year, and two departments think they can get along with less money.

So far the budget board and the county court have held four day-long meetings since April 6 to hear requests from each department. The next step is to review specific budget requests with specific departments.

Finally, probably in May, a budget will be decided upon and will be advertised publicly.

Responsible for deciding how county money will be spent in the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, are R. P. Ellingson, Klamath Falls lumber operator; Lester C. Offield, Klamath Falls banker, and Frank W. Brown, Langell Valley rancher—members of the budget board. Their meetings are held with the three-member county court.

Of the budget requests submitted—but not yet approved—eight agencies have asked for substantial increases. Here are those increases, with reasons given by department heads:

Assessor—Increase of \$42,633 to new request of \$114,460. "We need the money to appraise and classify lands on the Klamath Indian Reservation that will become taxable property," Assessor Hap Caldwell said. With the increase, Caldwell would hire five new appraisers and one office girl and buy additional equipment. He said two appraisers and the office girl would become permanent employees; the other appraisers to work only until approximately 485,000 acres of land are added to county tax rolls.

Library—Increase of \$28,261 to \$75,718. Approximately \$5,000 of the increase would be used to buy more books. Mrs. Betty Cote, acting librarian, said the book budget "has been inadequate for several years" and the library now faces "increased (county) school enrollment and greater needs from the general public." An additional \$5,000 would be used for second floor shelving, also "inadequate for several years." Additionally, the library wishes to buy a new bookmobile, approximately \$7,500; replace its secondary truck, about \$1800, and increase operating expense budgets "to a realistic level."

Juvenile office—Increase of \$26,476 to \$67,516. Juvenile Officer Francis Mathews requested \$20,000 to start a sinking fund for a new juvenile home. Additionally, he said the office needs one new counselor and salaries must be increased in line with similar salaries in other Oregon counties.

County schools—Increase of \$12,039 to \$341,101. Superintendent Carroll Howe said the increase represents an enrollment increase of 332 students at a rate of \$22.63 per student. "It is an automatic increase fixed by law," Howe said.

Courthouse and jail—Increase of \$40,260 to \$207,630. The county court said most of the increase is represented in a larger request for a courthouse addition sinking fund. The fund was started three years ago, and last year the court added \$117,000 to the fund. This year it hopes to add another \$150,000 toward a courthouse addition. A smaller amount represents a possible remodeling of the third floor of the courthouse for a second circuit courtroom—still tentative.

County roads—Increase of \$42,387 to \$1,035,326. County Engineer Bill Canton said most of the increase represents another 100 miles of road added to the county system. He said the county's budget per road mile is lower than last year, and that road fund receipts will be higher. He also seeks some salary and wage increases.

Experiment station — Increase of \$16,450 to \$32,500. Major increases represent a request for \$12,000 housing for a foreman and family "so we can keep qualified help."

Other items, most of them non-recurring, include \$4,000 for development of pasture experiments and potato disease control, said station supervisor Gene Gross.

Fair board—Increase of \$14,980 to \$40,535. The increase represents, for the most part, request for a sinking fund toward replacement of fairground barns. Al Haltan, fair board member, said the board is "trying again" after a similar request was denied last year.

Refreshingly different were the requests from the armory board and the welfare department. Those requests were down. Mrs. Julia Brown, welfare administrator, explained that the slight dip in the welfare commission budget (down \$2,273 to \$194,332) represents commission feeling that "the case load seems to be going down." Most welfare funds, of course, are provided outside the county.

Britain Hits U.S. Decisions

LONDON (UPI) — Britain was reported still "unhappy" today about U. S. high-level flights to Berlin over Soviet opposition but anxious to avoid an open break with Washington. The United States insisted the flights would continue.

Moscow Radio said U. S. defiance of Russian efforts to impose a 10,000-foot altitude limit on flights to Communist - encircled Berlin is merely a sample of America's "deliberate policy of provocations."

The Berlin Communist organ Neues Deutschland today echoed the Moscow line, describing the high-altitude flights as "American provocations in the air corridors" linking the former German capital with the West.

It said Wednesday's Soviet-barraged U. S. flight at the "forbidden height" of 25,000 feet was a "provocative violation of safety regulations."

The West Berlin newspaper Der Tag expressed concern over Britain's apparent unwillingness to stand up for Allied rights in Berlin.

Der Tag said the dangerous methods Russia is using to block the exercise of legal rights, rather than U. S. steadfastness, creates the chief threat to the East-West negotiations that begin in Geneva May 11.

"It is deeply disturbing that Britain does not realize this," the newspaper said.

An English-language broadcast by Moscow Radio heard here Thursday night linked the U. S. refusal to accept a 10,000-foot ceiling on Berlin flights with America's defense of Communist-threatened areas in Asia and the Middle East.

It blamed "U. S. brass hats" for the American refusal to give in to Russia's demands.

HISTORIAN NAMED

Donna Drago of Merrill has been chosen historian of Associated Women Students on the campus of Lewis and Clark College, Portland. She will take office early in May to begin planning fall activities. Miss Drago will record all AWS functions. She is a sophomore majoring in business administration. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Drago of Merrill.

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MUSIC OF THE WORLD, recorded and ready for use by anyone, is a feature of the Klamath Falls City Library. Addie May Nixon arranged a few of the nearly 400 albums in stock for this picture to boost public awareness of National Library Week in progress until Sunday.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Klamath County contains dozens of libraries, when county branches and elementary and high school units are counted. Each, in its own way, is observing National Library Week, which ends Sunday.

Mrs. Addie May Nixon, Klamath Falls city librarian appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for observance of the week, listed the following aims and activities in progress in local school libraries:

Miss Vivian Alloway, librarian for Klamath Falls elementary schools, says her aim is to make each child an independent library user. She is teaching use of basic reference material such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases and almanacs. She endeavors to give children a love of books calculated to enrich their lives.

Roy Tidwell, librarian at Klamath Union High School, says his workers give orientation lectures to freshmen and assist English departments with book reviews and supplementary material. They help science and other departments needing references.

Heavy attendance at KUHS means the library is used constantly for recreational reading. Seniors are given basic requirements for college research. The library also is an aid to teachers, furnishing material, borrowing books from the State Library and giving reviews of new books in teachers' fields. Tidwell also conducts a professional library.

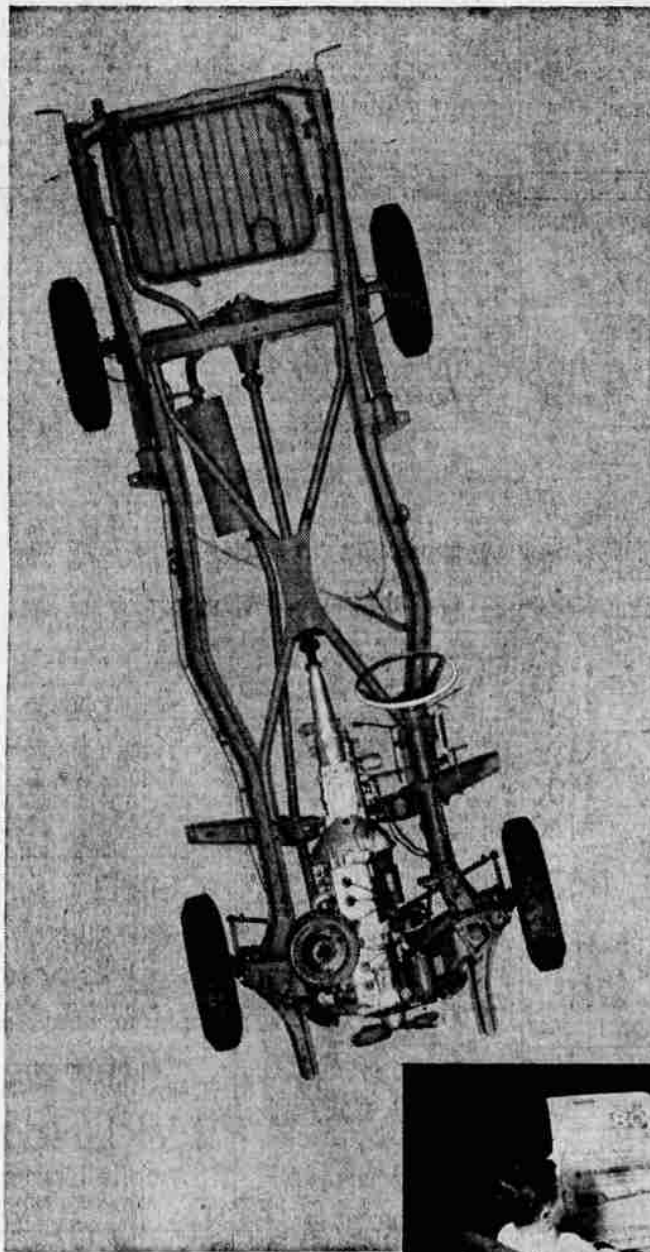
Sacred Heart Academy has both an elementary and a high school library. Its aim is to acquaint children with basic reference material and to teach use of a library so that youngsters feel at home in any library and are able to find what they want and need. It teaches awareness of the library as an educational and recreational headquarters, and that knowledge acquirable is limitless if one knows how to use a library.

Both city and county libraries, aside from serving the public, work closely with schools in the county.

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