School Reorganization Benefits Underscored By Top State Official

"County - wide reorganization would give Klamath County a flexible school system in which both students and teachers could be moved to make the best use of slack space and to alleviate overcrowded conditions," James Turnbull, deputy state superintendent of public instruction, said last week in an exclusive interview at the Herald and News.

Turnbull was in the city last week to meet with the county school board. He also attended the joint meeting of the Klamath Falls Citizens' Committee and the three county school boards.

The deputy superintendent told the Herald and News he has been interested in reorganization for a long time as a possible solution to recurring problems that plague the school administrators.

"There is always the possibility of duplication when there are several school districts in a county," Turnbull emphasized. "Populations shift leaving empty classrooms in one district while they overtax the space in another district," he said.

One of the benefits of a single county district is more equitable distribution of the tax load, the Herald and News was told. "Tax resources in general are conserved when the entire county sets up a single school plan and works toward it," Turnbull said.

"From an educational standpoint, the single district answer seems to have countless possibilities," Turnbull stated. Students could enjoy a greater diversity of instructors and teaching methods. Systems such as team teaching might be employed. A specialist (in science, possibly) could give the benefit of his skills to children in the entire county instead of just students in one school.

This specialist, with a team of assistants, could move from school to school on a planned schedule thereby giving a greater number of science students the benefit of his knowledge.

New innovations such as the use of classroom television could be taken advantage of in the larger districts. "New methods of instruction such as TV are expensive," Turnbull emphasized. "Only the larger district could make such a system economical. The more children in the district, the larger the tax base to pay for the system," he stressed.

Another advantage of the single district is in the distribution of instructional materials. "Instructional materials are expensive," Turnbull said. "These materials could be moved from school to school on a scheduled basis if the schools are under one district rule," he said. Materials that would be too expensive for one school to buy alone could be purchased by the district and shared by all the county schools.

In a special bulletin published by the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Wisconsin the following summary appeared concerning a study being made on reorganized school districts in Wisconsin: "The evidence in Wisconsin favoring school district reorganization included higher arithmetic scores, greater total achievement, more special teachers available, better instructional materials on hand, better reading comprehension and greater achievement in science."

OLD RELIC — This old medal came to light recently when it was discovered hanging to the back of a couch owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lords. A son Howard, right, traded it to Mike Lewis, who values old objects, for an agate. The medal was issued to members of the Pioneer Association, marked with the year of arrival. The words Klamath Pioneer are on the bar and the inscription "We Blazed the Way" encircled a log cabin. The date was 1886. It is believed to have been owned by George Biehn who received it from his father, Ludwig Biehn, who came here in 1882.

Factor Cash Given Party

WASHINGTON (UPI) — John (Jake the Barber) Factor, victim of a gangland kidnaping in 1933, and his wife apparently were bipartisan in their contributions to the 1960 presidential campaigns.

The couple gave a total of $10,000 to the Citizens for Kennedy Organization, according to records of campaign expenditures.

A spokesman for Factor, who was granted a Christmas pardon by President Kennedy on a 1947 mail fraud conviction, indicated in Los Angeles that Factor also contributed to the Republican party.

The Republican National Committee said Factor was not on its list of major contributors, but a GOP spokesman did not rule out the possibility that Factor might have contributed $10 or $15 in the 1960 campaign.

The newspaper Chicago's American said Wednesday that reports filed with Congress after the 1960 election "disclosed that Factor had been one of the largest personal contributors to the Kennedy campaign with $20,000."

A partial check of records kept by the clerk of the House of Representatives showed that John Factor, 1185 Loma Linda Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif., and Bella Factor, 1184 Loma Linda Dr., Beverly Hills, contributed $5,000 each to the Kennedy organization.

The spokesman for Factor said he "contributed to both parties, but I do not recall how much." The spokesman said Factor had a cold and was not taking telephone calls himself.

The presidential pardon nullified deportation proceedings against Factor, based on the 1940 conviction, started by the U.S. Immigration Service last week.

Factor said he was kidnaped in Chicago by Roger (The Terrible) Touhy, who served 20 years for the crime and was shot to de[ath] in 1959 22 days after his r[elease] from prison.

The late Federal Judge John P. Barnes once ruled that Factor had faked the kidnaping, but he was overruled by an appeals court.

Portlanders Visit Tulelake

TULELAKE — Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schweitzer had a Christmas Day guests a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Merriam, and their two children, Cindy and Shirley, of Portland, a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schweitzer, Stronghold, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson, Tulelake.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriam, who lived in Klamath Falls several years ago, left Wednesday for Twin Falls to visit a married daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Wilhite.

Angry Young Man Quits Australia For America

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Walter Padell, 30, an angry young man, arrived back in the United States Wednesday from Australia where he lived three years and had some terse advice for Americans. "Don't go there."

Padell said he was lured to Australia in the winter of 1959 by what he called the Australian government's "enthusiastic talk" about jobs, climate and Australians in general.

Instead Padell said he found the weather unbearable — "summer too windy and winters harder than Denver, with no central heating."

Padell said in 13 months in Adelaide he made only two friends. "Australians are only friendly while drinking beer — and I don't drink."

He also said he was out of a job for 18 months, but received unemployment payments of four pounds a week, two of which went for rent.

"I'd have nothing to eat at all from Tuesday through Thursday, and I'd stay in bed the whole three days so I wouldn't burn all my energy," Padell said.

"I never realized how lucky I am to be an American."

One reason for this statement, he conceded, is that the American government lent him the money to return home.

"I think I'll go back to Denver and go into business, even though I have no money," Padell added.

Deaths Soar In Europe

LONDON (UPI) — Holiday deaths in icy Europe soared today into the hundreds.

At least 250 persons were known dead since last weekend, and reports from many nations were incomplete and unofficial.

The toll jumped Wednesday night when at least 16 persons were killed in a collision between a speeding express and a standing train near Liverpool, England. The accident happened during a snow storm.

Some parts of England reported their coldest Christmas since the turn of the century. For London, with temperatures down to 20 degrees, it was the coldest Yule since 1944.

The unusual wintry conditions in Europe extended even to the normally balmy areas of Italy, France and Spain along the Mediterranean. Some ski resorts in the Alps were cut off from the outside for extended periods.

Britain led the traffic toll, with 97 persons killed in auto crashes during the four-day period ending with Christmas Day.

London's heaviest snow of the winter blanketed the city Wednesday night.

Freezing temperatures hit much of Spain, causing severe damage to the country's vital citrus crops. Barcelona's worst storm in 30 years covered the city with about three feet of snow.

Rain, cold and snow plagued Rome's Christmas Eve-Day shopping mind up at the resorts near the Italian capital. Storms were reported all over Italy, and in Sicily and Sardinia.

Grange Slates Mistletoe Hop

There will be a mistletoe hop for high school and college students Friday night, Dec. 28, at the Midland Grange Hall located at the corner of the Joe Wright Road, past the airport and the Old Midland Road past KLAD.

All young people will be welcome who want something to do that night. Admission will be 25 cents. Dancing will be from 8 o'clock to midnight. Prizes will be given in several dance contests and other prizes will be given during the evening. Prizes have been donated by Klamath Falls merchants.

The dance is sponsored by Midland Grange Youth.

Red Chinese Talk Peace

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China today made friendly moves on its borders with Pakistan, India and Outer Mongolia.

In New China News Agency reports monitored here, it announced "complete agreement in principle" on its frontiers with Pakistan, hailed its new border treaty with Outer Mongolia, the Soviet satellite in central Asia, and reported new troops withdrawals along the Indian border.

The agreement with Pakistan was announced just before the start of talks between Pakistan and India on the Kashmir dispute. Its effect was immediate. An Indian source at the negotiations in Rawalpindi expressed regret over the agreement and indicated it would hamper the talks since the border fixed by China and Pakistan includes the part of Kashmir controlled by Pakistan.

Scientists See Order In Particles

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI)—Scientists who know the names and numbers of players on the team of nuclear particles may soon be able to figure out what positions they play.

In fact, they may be able to predict who will be coming out for the team.

University of California scientists Dr. Sheldon H. Glashow and Dr. Arthur H. Rosenfeld told the American Physical Society conference today that recent discoveries suggest the possibility of a sort of chart for these particles as was set up for chemical elements in the last century.

Presently there are 70-odd nuclear particles that have been discovered but not classified. If the new theory works out, it could bring order out of the chaos that has been created by the discovery of these particles in increasing numbers in recent years.

When the "periodic chart of the elements" was discovered last century, it led to identification and prediction of the elements by relating logically the ones already found.

The new theory for nuclear particles, if verified, might do the same sort of thing.

The new discoveries appear to bear out a theory proposed independently about a year ago by Dr. Murray Gell-Mann of the California Institute of Technology and Israeli Army Col. Y. Ne'Eman.

The new theory for nuclear particles is a system of arrangement called the "eightfold way." This term is used because more of the particles fall into groupings of eight than any other. There are four groups of eight particles, one singlet and one collection of 10.

Essentially, the same particles occur at higher energy states, their characteristics being the same as at lower states but with a higher spin so that they have a greater mass.

With such a system it is possible to predict new and undiscovered particles if they exist.

Experimental work at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory during recent months seems to confirm the "eightfold way."

The physicists are meeting in a three-day joint session with the American Geophysical Union in a conclave which will bring more than 1,200 scientists and engineers to the campus to hear more than 500 papers read on scientific subjects.

Strike Starts

BUENOS AIRES (UPI)—Transportation workers here walked out at midnight, starting a 24-hour "general strike" designed to stop everything that moves by land, sea or air.

The strike was expected to paralyze the nationalized railway lines, but its effectiveness in other fields was expected to be spotty.

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