

Modoc Board Talks School Bus Plan

ALTURAS—Question of the renewal of the John Hagerman Lake bus contract was under discussion at the special meeting of the Modoc Union High School board on May 20.

The board announced it is considering not renewing the bus contract with Hagerman and taking over the running of a bus itself.

"Since we have an extra bus with the school system, we think it is possible that it would be cheaper for the school to run the bus," a board member stated. The board pointed out that it now pays Hagerman \$4000 a year for the contract, and it is felt the school could run the bus for \$3300 a year.

Upon study of the figures presented by the board, Hagerman reported that several items were not included in arriving at the low cost. The figures the board presented were arrived at on a basis of 39 cents a mile to run the bus, but this does not include an additional 25 miles per day to return to the bus at Alturas each evening. Hagerman now leaves the bus at Lakeview each evening, and this cost would have to be added to the school operation. This alone would add \$9.75 per day to the cost of operation. Also not included in the cost was replacement of tires.

The board pointed out to Hagerman that there had been some complaints as to the early hours for pick-up of the bus children. After discussion, the board admitted it was in error with figures estimating a possibility of saving 1/2 hour in the morning and 1/2 hour in the evening.

Hagerman said it would be possible to pick up the children 10 minutes later in the morning, but it would run a great risk on being late to school during stormy weather. Hagerman and the board estimated the most time that could be saved safely would be ten minutes in the afternoon.

Hagerman also pointed out that bus salaries have increased since last year and suggested the board use the recent year's figures of operation in making its estimate. "I think you will find that your cost of operation has increased considerably and will be more in line with our contract, particularly when you take into consideration the added cost of returning the bus each evening to the school and the cost of tires and big repairs," Hagerman said. Hagerman said when he looked the bus and took over the Lake

run in 1960, he received a verbal understanding from board members that he would be guaranteed at least a five-year contract. "I would never have taken over the bus and invested the \$7000 dollars if I had any idea the contract was not assured for the five years. When we took this contract, there were three years left on the previous five-year contract. Our understanding was that we would have an automatic renewal of the contract at this time," he added.

Mrs. Glenn Jobe, speaking as a parent from Pine Creek, cautioned the board, "I wish when you consider the renewal of the Hagerman contract you would also remember the discipline problems aboard the bus before he took it over. Before the Hagermans took over the bus, the conditions on the bus were terrible with the smaller children being subjected to all sorts of abuse from the older children. The bus was a complete state of disorder and confusion where now the children behave like human beings with respect for one another and the property of the bus," she stated.

John Weber made a motion to reconsider the Lakeview question before the June meeting with the use of this year's figures of operational expense."

In other business, Marks Smith reported there is now a proposal to revamp the agriculture program throughout the area. A series of conferences will be held by the agriculture teachers in the northern counties this summer to outline courses that qualify for college preparatory subjects.

The committee to survey the curriculum will meet before the June meeting and make a report on possible future schedule changes at that time.

It was pointed out that the state actually requires four years of social studies, three years of English, four years of physical education, and one year of health science with drivers' education and first aid incorporated into the class. Other courses are elective, depending on the major the student aims for.

Board member Bob Savage stated, "We should plan a course of electives that can steer a child to either a vocational or college prep field and drop categorization of the subjects."

Principal Marks Smith announced that Robert Cicle of Fall River has been hired to replace J. D. Merridith, who has been assistant coach and P.E. teacher this past year. Merridith resigned.



CHARTER RECEIVED — Proudly displaying the charter of the newly formed Agency Lake Grange No. 944 are, from left, George Anderson, Agency Lake master; Mildred Largent, Klamath County deputy; Alta Faye Rogers, state Flora; and Allen P. Wheeler, state grange master. The formal dedication of the charter was held May 7.

Agency Lake Grange Gets Charter

The formal dedication of the Agency Lake Grange charter by the state grange master, Allen P. Wheeler of Portland, was held in the Williamson River Community Hall on May 7.

Following a potluck supper, the meeting was opened by the master of the Agency Lake Grange No. 944, George Anderson, who introduced the honored guests. They included Allen Wheeler and Mrs.

Wheeler, member of the National Juvenile Committee; Ralph Rogers, Lane County deputy, and Mrs. Rogers, State Flora, Junction City; Mrs. Grace Stork, District 5 juvenile chairman, Klamath Falls; and Mrs. Mildred Largent, Klamath County deputy.

Masters of the subordinate granges present were Bert Mitchell, Shasta View; Lewis Stork, Midland; and Ed Wenz, Poe Valley.

In his speech, Wheeler commented on the help extended by the other granges in the area to enable the new group to organize. He urged the grange to participate in community service projects, realizing that the urge to work and ritualism are the principal reasons the grange movement has lasted so long. The grange is the oldest farm fraternity in existence he said.

The Agency Lake Grange charter is the first that Wheeler has signed since taking the office of state grange master, as the grange is the only new one organized in the state in recent months.

State Flora Alta Faye Rogers presented the subordinate Flora

with a pink rosebud and vase, the emblem of office, and gave a brief talk. Mildred Largent presented corsages to Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Rogers.

The lecturer's program, honoring mothers, was given by Mrs. Zetta Sullivan, Pomona home economics chairman. Gifts were received by Mrs. Lela Tarwater, Shasta View Grange, for being the oldest grange mother present; Mrs. Karen Ray, Agency Lake Grange, the youngest mother, and Mrs. Margie Newnam, Merrill Grange, the mother with the most children in a subordinate grange. Mrs. Bert Mitchell, Shasta View; Mrs. Ora Gieger, Poe Valley, and Mrs. Newnam each read poems and tributes to mothers.

Each of the honored guests addressed the large group present.

African Says Iron Curtain Pulled On Alabama Discord

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UPI)—An African leader charged today that the African summit conference had drawn an "Iron Curtain" around discussing racial disturbances in Alabama. He issued a protest to President Kennedy over "inhuman treatment" of Negroes there.

Uganda Premier Milton Obote made the charges in an open letter released to newsmen as the 30 African heads of state and government began their second summit session.

He accused the President of "scratching an old wound with a new pen" by sending greetings to the conference Wednesday hailing African progress toward freedom and unity.

He said the summit conference here has condemned racial discrimination in Africa, but "one feels there is an Iron Curtain which has been drawn over the events that have been taking place in Birmingham, Ala."

"Nothing is more paradoxical than that these events should take place in the United States and at a time when that country is anxious to project its image before the world screen as the archetype of democracy and the champion of freedom," he added. "The eyes of the world are on Alabama. It is the duty of the free world, and more so of the countries that hold themselves up as leaders of that free world, to see that all of their citizens, regardless of the color of their skin, are free."

The conference delegates today took up the challenge by Emperor Haile Selassie to create a united

Africa now, or be held guilty of having shirked their duty.

Selassie opened the conference Wednesday with an hour-long call for a unified continent that would give Africa a new, powerful voice in world affairs.

Informed observers said first reactions among the leaders were cautious as to whether they could adopt a charter along the lines he sketched. But it was believed that the conference would at least adopt the principles of the new organization.

Selassie's ideas call for the gradual development of unity and

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An open house in observance of National Highway Week will be held at the Oregon State Highway Department's Klamath Falls offices and shops, 2556 Altamont Drive, on Tuesday, May 28, from 2 to 9 p.m.

Informal guided tours will take the public through the various offices and maintenance facilities where displays will be exhibited depicting projects and equipment of the Highway Department. On display will be one of the department's exact scale highway models built by the model-making section in Salem.

Both groups and individuals are invited to make the tour. The public will learn the extent of Highway Department operations in the area, including those of the Parks and Recreation Division.

The open house is being held in observance of National Highway Week, May 28-June 1.

A total of 13 open houses in different cities around the state is scheduled for May 28. The sites of these open houses are Portland, Milwaukie, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coquille, Medford, Klamath Falls, Beed, The Dalles, La Grande, Ontario, and Astoria.

Work Limits Camp Usage

Construction work which is under way in the Aspen Point Campground at Lake of the Woods will limit the use that can be made of the camp facilities this season, according to Klamath District Ranger Bud Twombly. Work is proceeding on water system, flush comfort stations, and new table installations, and while contract crews are in the area it will be necessary to close all or portions of the camp to public use.

When these improvements are completed Aspen Point will be one of the most modern forest service campgrounds in Oregon. Twombly said, but, during the construction period, he asks the public's cooperation and patience.

Other camp facilities at the lake including Rainbow Campground and the White Pine picnic area, will remain open, and the Aspen Point area will be reopened as soon as construction is completed, Twombly said.

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