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MADERA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION TO MEET HERE

FEBRUARY 21, 8:00 P. M.
IS DATE OF IMPORTANCE

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

The Madera County Committee on School District Organization will hold a public meeting in North Fork in the school auditorium on February 21 at eight o'clock in the evening.

This is a very important affair and deserves the presence of all adults in the community.

It is the beginning of a study on what will be best for the pupils living in the foothill areas of Madera and Fresno counties, in the field of education.

This study should plan for the schooling of the children in this area for the next quarter of a century, consequently it should have the support of all who live in the area.

On pages two and three of this issue of The Mono may be found questions and answers which should be helpful to all interested people.

On page four of this same issue is additional information as to how the study is formed, how it will function and a general idea as to what may be accomplished by the study.

Plan to attend the meeting on February 21 at the school auditorium.

Clyde Cavin, Chairman

Robert Mortimer

John Allred

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Paul Boggs

Ferne Weatherly

Lewis Duncan

Wesley Faust

Dick Farlinger

Malcolm Lutz

Ernest Kauffman

Pete Badorine is the Secretary for the Madera County Office of Education.

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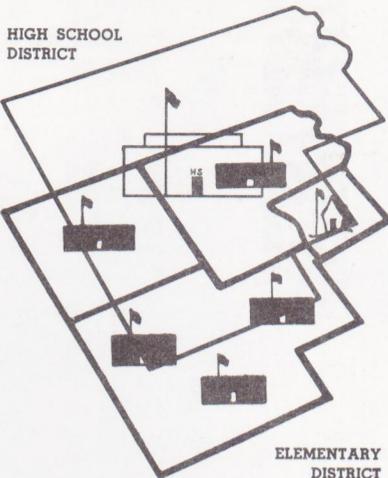
WHAT IS A UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT?

A **unified school district** is one that operates both the elementary and high schools within a given geographic area. And a unified school district also may operate a junior college.

A unified school district maintains several elementary schools and one or more high schools. The enrollment in the high schools is composed mostly of students who attended the elementary schools.

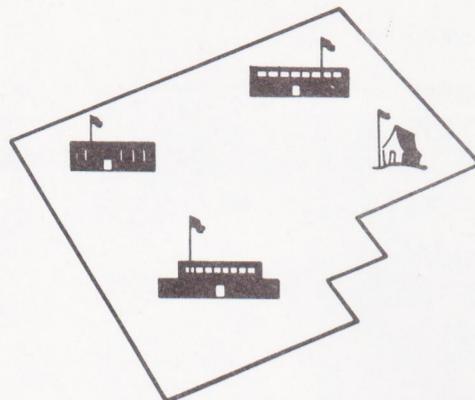
Unification is the act of forming a **unified school district**. Unification can be carried out only when the people who live in the planned unified school district grant permission. To grant this permission a majority of the voters must vote in favor of unification.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION



A separate high school district serves the same area that is served by several elementary districts.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



One district operates all schools—elementary and high schools—in the given area.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	Yes	
	No	

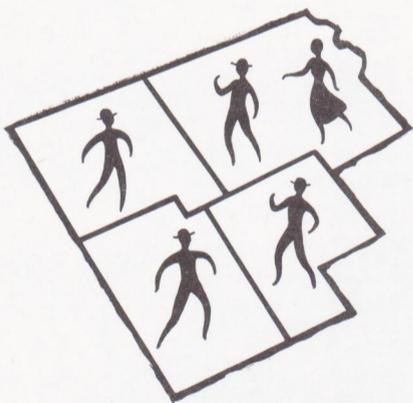
Whether the voters will grant the permission depends upon whether they believe that the public schools in the district can be best operated by a unified school district or by independent elementary and high school districts.

GOVERNING BOARD

The affairs of a unified school district are controlled by a **single governing board** of 5 or 7 persons.

The members of the governing board are elected at large by the voters of the school district. However, the district may be divided into trustee areas so as to guarantee each geographic area representation on the board. Board members serve 4-year terms.

TRUSTEE AREAS



If a unified school district is divided into trustee areas, the membership of the governing board must include a specified number of residents of each area.

SCHOOL BUDGET

A unified school district operates on a **single budget** providing for the expenses for all schools in the district. Maximum flexibility in the use of funds is thus permitted.

TAX RATE

A unified school district has only **one tax rate** for general operation of schools of all levels.

The California statutory maximum tax rate for a unified school district is equal to the combined maximum rates allowed for elementary school districts and high school districts.

Statutory tax rate limits for a unified school district can be increased only by a favorable vote of the people in the school district.

FINANCE

During its first five years of operation a unified school district, formed on the basis of a recommendation of a county committee on school district organization, **receives an increased foundation program**. This increase is 5 per cent the first year, 4 per cent the second year, 3 per cent the third year, 2 per cent the fourth year, and 1 per cent the fifth year.

TRANSPORTATION AID

During the first five years of its operation a unified school district, formed through action of a county committee on school district organization, is **reimbursed for any additional transportation equipment** required as a result of consolidating schools or reorganizing attendance centers and also **for the additional operating cost during the first year**. **Continuing transportation aid is more favorable** to a unified school district than it is to separately organized elementary and high school districts.

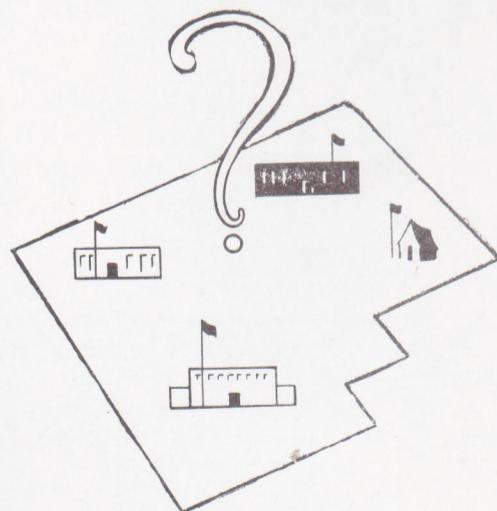
PROFESSIONAL STAFF

A unified school district **employs one administrative staff** that does the same work that would be done by two or more staffs if separate elementary and high school districts were operated in the area. Assignments of **specialists and teachers** are made so as to **provide maximum service to all children** on each grade level at a minimum of expenditure.

BUREAU OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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ROY E. SIMPSON, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Sacramento

THE MONO

At the last meeting of the Madera County Committee on School District Organization, a motion was made and carried that the Madera County Committee on School District Organization make a study of the area comprising all the school districts of Eastern Madera County (Ahwahnee, Cunningham, Bass Lake, Oakhurst, North Fork, Spring Valley, Raymond Knowles, Coarse Gold, Raymond Granite Union High School) and all those school districts in Fresno County comprising the Sierra Joint Union High School District (Auberry Union, Big Creek, Chawanakee #1, Chawanakee #2, Sierra Union, Pine Ridge, Sierra Joint Union High School).

When an area has been selected for study, the members of the governing boards involved then become members of the county committee and the committee is then known as the augmented committee for the study of the particular area involved.

"For the purposes of constituting a quorum at the committee meetings, all of the members of the governing board of one school district attending the meeting shall count only as one member of the committee. For the purposes of voting upon a recommendation, each school district so represented on the committee shall have only one vote and shall be entitled to vote only if the recommendation would affect that district. The district vote shall represent the decision of a majority of the members of the governing board of that district." (Education Code Section 4902.05)

The first meeting of the augmented committee will be held at the North Fork Elementary School on February 21, 1958 at 8:00 p.m.

We hope you will be able to attend.

MONO SUPPLEMENT

Subject: Teen-Age-Dances
Reference: Bass Lake Parents Club
Chairman: Bill Caldwell

The issue of Teen age Dances- Sponsored by the Bass Lake Parents Club, every two weeks on Saturday night, has brought about several questions from parents and school teachers in and around the Bass Lake area. Therefore, the information requested is as follows:

- Item 1. Question: What ages are involved?
Answer: The Teenage years 13 to 19.
- Item 2. Question: Can children under 13 years attend?
Answer: Yes, children of 12 years can attend as long as they conduct themselves as teenagers.
- Item 3. Question: Can boys and girls over teenage attend?
Answer: Yes, they can attend, but must abide by regulations controlling the dance.
- Item 4. Question: What method of control is used?
Answer: (1.) Parents Club members have volunteered their time and experience as chaperones in order to make this venture a most enjoyable one for both the teenagers and the Bass Lake Parents Club.
(2) All persons attending the dance must sign the register upon arriving and leaving the dance, as is the formality in most teenage dances.
(3) If they leave, and want re-entry, they shall pay again to enter.
- Item 5. Question: Is this teenage dance for all communities?
Answer: Yes, this dance is for all interested teenagers.
Note: To date, two dances have been held and we have had teenagers from three counties and all local county areas.
- Item 6. Question: Is there any charge for the dances?
Answer: There is a charge of 25¢ to defray the cost of food, clean-up and soft drinks involved.
- Item 7. Question: Is this a profit making organization?
Answer: No, all proceeds from the dances are used for operation of the dance.
- Item 8. Question: Are the dances designed to blend with the future programs of the county as far as recreation programs are concerned?
Answer: Yes, at the present time the dances are in accord with county plans.
- Item 9. Question: How often are the dances scheduled, and at what time are they conducted?
Answer: The dances are held every two weeks on Saturday nights from 8 P.M. to 12 P.M.

William K. Caldwell
Teenage Chairman
Bass Lake Parents Club