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## Vote Is Set For Unification Of Butte Schools

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Residents of five rural elementary school districts in the Oroville area will vote on January 23rd on a proposal to unify the districts.

The districts involved are Big Bar, Cherokee, Concow, Las Plumas and Messilla Valley. The voters will be asked at the same time to assume a bonded indebtedness of \$26,000 currently owed by the Concow district.

The unification proposal must pass by a simple majority while the assumption of the Concow debt must be approved by two thirds of the voters.

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## Yankee Hill Personals

**YANKEE HILL** — W. F. Neukam of Las Vegas, Nev., is visiting in the home of Al Legget and family on Deadwood Road.

**HUGH CRAWFORD** has returned from the Veterans Hospital in Oakland last week after having been there two weeks. Last week he was hospitalized in Rheingans Hospital in Paradise.

**MR. AND MRS. TOM JOHNSON** and children, Becky and Bert, traveled to Oroville to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hoskovec. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Johnson and children, Patty, Ezra, Pam, Ard, Jayson, Aron and Loren, of Palermo, and Ernie and Frank Hoskovec of Princeton.

**JENNINGS VON FOSSEN**, his son, Rusty, and Joe Alexander of Quincy were recent hunting guests of the Tom Johnsons.

**MR. AND MRS. ARD JOHNSON** and children of Norfolk, Va., were holiday guests of the Tom Johnsons.

**MR. AND MRS. R. BURNS** and children, Danny, David, and Kenny, spent the holidays in Hines, Ore., visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Owen.

**MR. AND MRS. MERRILL K. PEARL** and family spent the holidays visiting Pearl's mother, Mrs. Olive Pearl, and sister, Mrs. Raymond Koehl, in Chico.

**MR. AND MRS. HANS MUNK** are new residents to the Yankee Hill area. Munk has purchased

the Rock House. They formerly lived in Norwalk. They have two children attending Concow School. Mike is in the eighth grade and Phyllis is in the fifth.

**ON DEC. 29**, Paradise Recreation District sponsored showing of a full-length motion picture, "Treasure Island," at Concow School. It was well attended by residents of the community.

**SATURDAY** at 8 p.m. the regular meeting of Concow Elementary School Governing Board of Trustees will be held in the school. Routine business will be conducted.

**MR. AND MRS. L. H. STONE** and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stone and family in Chico. During the holidays, Cathrine Stone called from Kanab, Utah.

**ROY GREEN** was a holiday

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill K. Pearl.

**MRS. ALVA MILLER** entered University of California Hospital in San Francisco last week for a major operation. She is expected to be there three weeks.

**MR. AND MRS. ALVA MILLER** and family visited relatives and friends in the Bay area over the holidays.

**CAROLE SIMPSON** visited her brother, Robert, in Marysville during the holidays.

**EITHEL BEASLEY**, intermediate teacher of Concow School, and his wife are parents of a daughter born Dec. 30. The arrival has been named Kelly Jenine.

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Las Plumas Balks

## Four School Districts Form Union

Four of five mountain elementary school districts yesterday voted to form a new union district, and a fifth, Las Plumas, unanimously turned the proposal down.

As a result, a new district will be formed comprising Messilla Valley, Cherokee, Concow and Big Bar. Each of the five districts had the option of joining or retaining its present status.

Messilla Valley voted unanimously in favor of the plan, with

38 residents casting their ballots. The district needs a new school house, and has a comparatively low assessed valuation.

The balloting was closest in Big Bar (Pulga), where six voted for, and five against the unionization proposal.

### Concow, Cherokee

Concow, where the plan originated and where strong opposition later developed, favored the plan 31 to 15. Cherokee, the scene of warm controversy over the local

school situation, voted 26 to 16 in favor of the new plan.

All 13 voters in Las Plumas voted against the unionization. This district will have most of its assessed valuation, the Las Plumas power house and homes of workers at the power plant under water when Oroville Dam is completed, and is expected to "go out of business" in less than 10 years.

During meetings considering the plan, residents of the area had in-

dicated they preferred to have the historic district finish out its career as an individual unit.

The four districts favoring the unionization plan voted to have the new district assume the bonded indebtedness of the Concow district, although the vote was not favorable in each district.

### Checking Law

Thomas E. Evans, county superintendent of schools, is checking the law to determine whether the new district will take on the debt.

The vote on the bonds was: Big Bar, 5 to 6 against; Cherokee, 25 to 17 in favor; Concow, 36 to 8 in favor; Messilla Valley, 37 to 1 in favor. The Las Plumas vote was 1 to 12 against, but since Las Plumas voted to stay out of the new district, its vote on the bonds will not count.

Evans will certify the results of the election to the county board of supervisors, and arrangements will be made to hold a trustee election.

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For the first time, a Resident Camp is also planned at the Crain Memorial Park in Concow. Campers will stay for a week at the historical Indian campgrounds within sight of Concow Lake, in an area owned by the district and equipped for outdoor camping.

Here youngsters enrolled, from ages of 10 to 14 years, will enjoy swimming, hiking, fishing, various camping activities and exploring the historic countryside replete with relics and lore of the early days of the Concow Indians.

The fee for the week is \$13.50 per camper, to cover leadership, insurance, food and craft supplies.

Qualified recreation district personnel will provide the camp staff supervision for the co-educational camp program. Staffers will include a camp director, instructors for arts, craft, swimming, a cook, and trained counselors for individual groups. A registered nurse will be available. A camper's health record is required.

No transportation will be provided. Campers are to be brought to the camp, which is reached via the Nelson Bar Road to Concow Elementary School and on along the reservoir road.

No visiting will be permitted by parents or others during the week camp is in session. According to the information leaflet distributed by the district, the concern is for happy campers.

"Your visit may affect your child and does create a problem with some of the children deprived of the same privilege. Parents may visit camp on the first day, Aug. 7 between 9 and 10 a.m. when they bring their children to the camp, and on the last day, Aug. 11, between 3 and 5 p.m., when they call to pick up their children," the officials advised.

Campers planning to enroll at the Concow Resident Camp Aug. 7 through 11 will bring their own sleeping bags, suitable camping, swimming, sleeping and hiking apparel, personal items and entertainment articles if they desire.

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## 8-3-1962

### Swinney Honors Memory Of Ancestor

Darrell C. (Bill) Swinney, Butte County treasurer and tax collector, has taken out a pioneer brick in Native Sons and Daughters Pioneer Relic Building in memory of his late great-grandfather, James Fountain Swinney.

When news of the great discovery of gold at Coloma reached his native state of Missouri, James Swinney was so filled with enthusiasm that he at once made his way to the new gold fields.

He settled in Cherokee in 1849, staked his claim and began his search for the coveted metal.

Later his interests turned to agriculture and he became engaged in the butcher business at Cherokee, raising his own livestock to supply his meat market. His farm was located on Butte Creek about five miles south of Chico, where he also raised horses.

The long hours of hard work while a young man caused his health to fail early in life, and he sold his property and moved to Oroville. There, after several years of ill health, he died at the age of 48, leaving his wife and eight children.

Mrs. Swinney, who was America Friend before her marriage, was a native of Illinois. She crossed the plains with her family in the early 1850s to settle in Oroville.

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# NOTICE

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After This Date

At

8:00 P.M.

**Anyone Inside After**

**This Hour Without**

**Permission Will Be**

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Trustees of Cherokee

Cemetery Association

Jessie Eddy, Sec'ty-Treas.