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# Gives Information, Views On Area Junior College

(The following article concerning the forthcoming election for an area junior college was prepared by Robert Hartley, Marion county superintendent of schools.)

The people in Marion county have been interested in education above the high school at the local level for over a quarter of a century. Centralia has continued to improve its junior college since its origin. The latest accomplishment was full accreditation by North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. This achievement required much planning of physical improvements, organization and higher educational standards. Dr. McClintock and Dean Bolerjack, along with the board of education, deserve much credit for the time and effort given to this project.

The Centralia Junior College has been serving the area well for many years. The people of the area are appreciative of the fine job that has been done, but are not willing to stop and stand still. The people of the area are now interested in bringing about additional improvements in education at the post high school level.

The junior college movement has become a state-wide project. In 1962 the state of Illinois started the development of a Master Plan for Higher Education. One important phase of the Master Plan includes a system of junior colleges for the state.

One of our problems today is that institutions of higher learning are not open to all students who wish to continue their education. This is not as it should be in a democracy where people should enjoy equal opportunities. The students who may be in the greatest need for help through further education are deprived of the opportunity. The plan for commuter junior colleges throughout the state, where students could stay at home and attend college for about half the cost of going away to school should go a long way in helping solve the problem for additional education. This will be especially true if we can have good programs of vocational-technical training in a terminal two-year program.

This can best be done with a tax base large enough to offer a broad program of studies. It seems that such a tax base

should be five million or more to insure a good curriculum that would apply to students preparing for further study and for those who want a good two-year terminal education.

By 1980 it is estimated that there will be 320,000 youth of college age (18-21) in Illinois. It is estimated that 555,000 will be enrolled in our colleges. The figure is not an entire guess, but is based on children already born. It is to be assumed that most of them will live to be 18-21 years old and want to go to college. These figures make it mandatory that some provision be made for them to go to school. If they can be sent to junior colleges for half the cost of sending them to four-year colleges away from home then there is only one answer to the problem, junior colleges.

The present petition calling for an election to establish an area junior college was not a wild dream that developed overnight. It has been the thinking of many people in the area for many years. It seemed logical that with the Master Plan for Higher Education being proposed and likely to pass that it was time to make definite plans for an area junior college school district. It is located in the area that would be of-fered. At present the state and federal government will probably take advantage of the financial unincorporated territory, at least one member of the board shall be a resident of such unincorporated territory. If 30% or more of the taxable property in such school district is located in unincorporated territory, at least two members of the board shall be residents of such unincorporated territory. There are two ways in which adjoining territories may be incorporated. If the local community or area come a part of an existing junior college it was the thinking that they must pay part two-thirds of the cost of construction and operation. There are those who believe that the state or federal government should pay all the cost. If that were the case then probably be by state and federal government. The plan for financing as proposed seems to be a compromise concerning the thinking of the people in Illinois.

The proposed tax rate for the area included in the petition is .175 rate for educational purposes and .075 building rate. This is the same rate that is presently paid by the existing junior college at Centralia. It seems that the amount raised by direct taxes plus state aid would bring in an amount sufficient to carry on a good program.

The requirements for establishing a class I junior college as to population and assessed valuation are 30,000 inhabitants and \$75,000,000 assessed valuation. The present petition more than meets this requirement. The population is about 75,000 and \$250,000,000 assessed valuation. However, it would seem that a further increase of these figures would be desirable.

The junior college would be controlled by a state board consisting of nine members; eight members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, along with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The local control will be in the hands of a board of trustees elected by the voters of the proposed area. These two groups will control the location, building and operation of the junior college. All members of both boards serve without reimbursement.

If more than 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property in any class I junior college district is located in unincorporated territory, at least one member of the board shall be a resident of such unincorporated territory. If 30% or more of the taxable property in such school district is located in unincorporated territory, at least two members of the board shall be residents of such unincorporated territory. There are two ways in which adjoining territories may be incorporated. If the local community or area come a part of an existing junior college it was the thinking that they must pay part two-thirds of the cost of construction and operation. There are those who believe that the state or federal government should pay all the cost. If that were the case then probably be by state and federal government. The plan for financing as proposed seems to be a compromise concerning the thinking of the people in Illinois.

(1) By a petition signed by a majority of voters of the territory or such district having an equalized assessed valuation of not less than \$5,000,000 which is on the border of such district and the disconnection of which will not destroy the contiguity of the district may be disconnected in the manner described above.

Many people spent a lot of time and energy to try to include in the present petition those people who indicated they would like to be a part of the area junior college district. I am sure that you are aware if you have had experience with this type of work, that it is difficult to satisfy everyone. It is unfortunate that some of the areas who wished to be included in the area at the time the petition was drawn have since changed their position.

June 3 a hearing on the petition was held at the Centralia High School cafeteria. The hearing was continued until June 10 in the office of the Marion county superintendent of schools. At the end of the hearing an administrative decision was given. The petition was approved. No date was set for the election. It must be at least 40 days after the hearing.

If the petition is approved by the voters then an election must be called within 30 days to elect a board of trustees, when they are elected they take over the operation of the area junior college.

I would like to state my position as follows:

- (1) We need an area junior college.
- (2) I hope that the proposed area may be enlarged.
- (3) Any delay in establishing an area junior college would be detrimental to the best interests of education in this area.

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# PLACE JUNIOR COLLEGE PLAN UP TO KERNER

## Creates Two Classes; May Charge Third of Operating Cost for Student Tuition

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The proposal differed from the master plan recommendation, which specified that tuition may "not be charged to any Illinois resident."

The problem of tuition had been a stumbling block for the Board of Higher Education, which created the plan, and for Democratic and Republican leaders and education authorities who conferred with Gov. Otto Kerner about the program.

The original bill would have allowed Class 1 junior college districts to charge up to one-fourth of the operating expenses and Class 2 to charge one-third.

# ASK MEETING ON 4-COUNTY COLLEGE PLAN

## Chamber of Commerce To Study All Plans Before Endorsing Any Proposal

Chamber of Commerce directors, in their July meeting at the chamber office Monday night, voted to ask Mayor Lawrence Finazzo to set up a public meeting at the city hall Thursday night for the purpose of hearing an explanation of a proposed four-county junior college district that would embrace Franklin, Williamson, Jackson and Perry counties.

Such a meeting was recently held for discussion of a proposed 6 to 9 county district and the offer of the Rend Lake Conservancy district of a lakeside building site.

The chamber action Monday night proposed that Mayor Finazzo invite Leslie Stille, Williamson county superintendent of public instruction, or someone he might designate to attend the Thursday night meeting and explain the four-county district proposal.

Most of the three-hour Monday night chamber meeting was devoted to a discussion of various junior college district proposals.

The directors appeared to be in agreement on two things — that the chamber and the West Frankfort community should continue to explore all aspects of the various proposals before making a decision and that, when the decision is finally made, the community should "for once, present a united front of togetherness in support of the plan that it is believed will best serve the children of this community."

### Site Least Consideration

It was the thought of most of the directors that the site on which a junior college is to be erected should be of least consideration. Roy Patton, a member of the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board and a chamber director, urged the "togetherness stand" and said that, when once the chamber group has made a decision he will support it.

"My heart is certainly at home and it will not embarrass me to support whatever this group decides on," Patton said. He said it was his opinion that a district embracing several counties would better serve the area than would several small districts but urged that the chamber and community "engage in thorough study and explore all the possibilities."

Rannie Odum, chairman of a chamber junior college committee, which includes Patton and Robert Brown, said the committee had attended two junior college meetings since appointment of the committee by Chamber President Owen

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Drew. The committee would, he said, attend another meeting Monday night at Benton sponsored by the Rend Lake group, at which Jefferson county supporters of the Rend Lake site proposal had said they would like to know the attitude of Franklin county toward the plan.

### Study All Proposals

The chamber directors agreed that further consideration should be given to the various proposals before a decision is made by the West Frankfort chamber. Such a report will be made by the chamber committee at the Benton meeting it was agreed.

Discussion developed a proposal that it might be to the best interest of the West Frankfort community to plan and propose a new district laid out around Franklin county. The suggestions that a study group be set up to consider such a plan drew support from several speakers.

Sentiment appeared to favor a large district if agreement can be reached on such a plan. A district to consist of from six to ten counties was discussed, as was the possible need for a professional study to determine the type of district and school that would best serve the area. Such study would, it was pointed out, probably suggest several alternate locations for such a school.

A study of chamber minutes revealed that, although the four-county district proposal was influenced by chamber action in April, the chamber directors had actually never formally endorsed any junior college plan. It was agreed that no position should be taken immediately and that full exploration of all proposals should continue.

### Seek Full Information

It was explained that the request for the mayor to set up a meeting for presentation of the four-county district plan was prompted by the desire for the community to be fully informed concerning all proposals. The Rend Lake proposal was discussed at a similar meeting at city hall recently.

John Vincent and Victor Penrod, membership committee co-chairmen, again reminded the directors that the chamber will be in financial difficulty before the end of the year unless prompt action is taken. "We have funds to see us through October and then we will have had it," Vincent said.

Plans were again set up for "teams of commandos" to attack the problem later in the week in "confrontations" with holdout and delinquent business concerns who have not paid their chamber dues. Vincent pointed out that expenditures during June amounted to \$1,169.40 and suggested that "it is now up to West Frankfort business concerns and professional interests to decide whether or not we are to have a Chamber of Commerce."

Euel Johnson, a chamber executive secretary, reported on continuing negotiations with several industrial concerns.

# FOUR COUNTY COLLEGE PLAN IS EXPLAINED

## Local Persons Hear Plan Reviewed By Leslie Stilley; Waiting on Franklin Co. Decision

Representatives of several West Frankfort civic groups heard Leslie Stilley, Williamson county superintendent of public instruction, explain plans for a four-county junior college district, embracing Williamson, Franklin, Jackson and Perry counties, at a meeting at the city hall Thursday night scheduled by Mayor Lawrence Finazzo at the request of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Stilley told the group that circulation of petitions as the initial set-up in creating the district is being delayed until Franklin county residents decide whether they wish this county to be a part of the district.

The meeting was requested by the Chamber of Commerce after the proposed Rend Lake location for such a school had been discussed at a similar meeting last week.

Oren Drew, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in presenting Stilley to the Thursday night meeting, explained that the West Frankfort chamber had "forced the issue" in the formulation of the proposed four-county district after it had become apparent that Franklin county was being "carved up" by various junior college district proposals.

"We felt that we should have a voice in the setting up of the district of which we are to be a part," he said, "and the four county district proposal is a result of our efforts."

### Not Exerting Pressure

Drew explained that Stilley had been invited to the West Frankfort meeting, not to exert pressure for the four-county plan but to explain the proposal in order that West Frankfort residents might have the benefit of facts in deciding which of the proposed districts they prefer.

Stilley told of the early stages of the formation of the four-county plan. Nine counties were represented at the first meeting, held in Herrin, at which time they were invited to join the movement if they felt that it would be to the advantage of their communities.

Educators from some of the counties did not prefer to participate in the organization plan but that they might petition in later Jackson and Perry county officials were said to have indicated that they favored the plan over a proposed district to the west of them.

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Stilley said the district would include all of Williamson county except the small Stonefort area; that educators have indicated that all of Jackson county except the small Tricot area would join the four-county plan, that parts of Perry county are certain and others are interested, and that "we are now more or less waiting on Franklin county."

### Map of 4-County Area

Stilley, chairman of the four-county steering committee, said he would now like to have maps of the four counties indicating the areas that prefer to be included in the plan. Petitions asking for creation of the district can be circulated and filed within two weeks after receipt of the maps, he said. He estimated that the college could be ready for operation within two years.

Leaders in Williamson county had indicated that they felt that the proposed Rend Lake site would be too far removed from Marion to serve their interests, Stilley said. He said he recognized that "the north part of your county might prefer to go with the Rend Lake plan," adding that "you know your feeling better than we."

Stilley said a Jackson county official had indicated that that county would not want to go with the Rend Lake plan and that Murphysboro and Du Quoin had said they favor the four-county plan. He said the district will be set up regardless of the Franklin county decision.

In reply to questions concerning the location of a junior college within the four-county district, Stilley explained that the law provides that the building site in any junior college district will be designated by the seven-member board of education that will be elected following creation of the district by referendum.

### Subject to State Board

The site selection will then be subject to approval by a nine-member state board that will include the state superintendent of public instruction and eight members to be appointed by the governor, he explained.

No one can say in advance of the election of the board where the school will be located, he emphasized. He said it would be his hope that the communities embraced by the four-county district would agree to an arrangement that would see one member of the seven-member board elected from each of the major population centers, with the required two members from rural areas.

The four-county district would, if all of all four counties were included, have an assessed valuation of \$331,282,203 on the basis of the 1963 assessment, Stilley said. He estimated that, with development under way in all counties, the tax base would be considerably increased by the time the district becomes a reality.

Potential enrollment for such a school was estimated, on the basis of 20 per cent of high school enrollment, at 1,804. Stilley estimated that the junior college enrollment would, on the basis of projected college enrollment, also increase materially during the first few years of operation.

He said he expected the school to attract many tuition-paying students from lower Southern Illinois counties.

### Tax Structure

It was recognized that the four-county district tax base (assessed valuation) would be decreased if portions of Frankfort county elected to go into the proposed Rend Lake district.

Stilley explained that the four-county junior college would be expected to offer both academic and vocational courses. Such a program, he said, would enable two-year academic students to transfer to four-year schools at the end of two years and at the same time offer training to students not seeking college degrees.

Discussed was the fact that Southern Illinois University is not at present admitting high school students in the lower third of their classes to the fall term. Stilley envisioned the possibility of further restrictions as demands on colleges increase.

Williamson county had 230 high school students last year who were in the lower third of their class, Stilley said.

Emphasized was the fact that creation of the four-county junior high school district is now awaiting a decision on the part of Franklin county residents concerning whether this county will be a part of the plan.

The Rend Lake site proposal which was presented here a few weeks ago, will again be discussed at a meeting in Benton Monday night. The Rend Lake plan is also seeking a decision on the part of Franklin county residents.

The question at the moment: Which way will Franklin county go?

## Name Junior College Study Committee

Formation of a steering committee of interested, Franklin and Jefferson County people to explore possibilities of a junior college district was voted during a meeting in Benton last night.

Elected co-chairmen of the committee and given authority to appoint representatives from each county to the group were H. L. Browning, of Valier, Franklin County Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Curtis A. Parker, of Mt. Vernon.

Invited to last night's meeting, the second similar affair, were representatives only of the two counties. About 35 persons were on hand including 18 from an apparently pivotal town, West Frankfort.

West Frankfort, originally a motivator in the move for a four-county junior college somewhere in Williamson, Franklin, Perry or Jackson counties, has been the scene of meetings in recent weeks explaining both that proposal and the proposal of a junior college located on Rend Lake. Last week, proponents of the four-county junior college said they would wait for further moves until West Frankfort signifies its intentions.

West Frankfort, apparently is not quite ready to take sides. Raney Odom, chairman of the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce education committee, said last night his committee will continue to explore both the Rend Lake and the four county proposals, "having in mind the welfare of the children and our pocketbooks." He said his committee probably will meet in the next two or three days and after that the Chamber soon may take a position in the community on the proposals.

Benton persons expressed approval of the Rend Lake junior college idea. Holland Simmons, Benton druggist, and a member of the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission, said he did not feel there was any opposition to the Rend Lake plan in Benton and "should not be any in the county."

Franklin County Board chairman G. L. Wynn said, "I can see no better spot for a junior college than that anywhere." Benton postmaster H. Fred Holaway appealed for area thinking on the plan. "We need this school, need it bad and need it big," he remarked.

Mt. Vernon representatives indicated they are willing to abandon their city location for a junior college and locate it elsewhere in an expanded district. At the earlier meeting, it was indicated Mt. Vernon favored the Rend Lake proposal.

The meeting opened under the direction of Charles Covington of Mt. Vernon, member of the Rend Lake Board of Trustees who briefly explained the proposal by the board of a junior college site possible on the Ina peninsula of Rend Lake, a state-owned area. Covington concluded that the Board had "gone as far as we can" in the matter and indicated it was up to the others at the meeting to continue.

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## Set Six County Meeting on Junior College

Members of the Rend Lake Junior College steering committee decided last night to invite people from a six county area to an Aug. 9 meeting in West Frankfort.

The steering committee held its first meeting last night at Robinson's Steak House near Whittington and one of several decisions was to hold another meeting to determine interest in a junior college district expanded from the original two-county thinking.

Co-chairman H. L. Browning of Valier, Franklin County Superintendent of Schools, said representatives of Williamson, Wayne, Perry, Hamilton, Jefferson and Franklin will be invited to attend the purely "exploratory" meeting Aug. 9 at a place in West Frankfort not yet designated.

The steering committee also went on record as favoring no particular site, rather as co-chairman Browning noted, "the best site chosen by the group to serve the best interests of the district."

It was also agreed to enlarge the original two-county steering committee as other areas become interested, to aim for equality in number of board members from the entire junior college area, to appoint Mt. Vernon attorney Donald Musick as secretary of the committee, and J. L. Buford of Mt. Vernon, former superintendent of schools there, as a public relations representative for the committee.

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# Think Big — For Whom?

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1965

A two-county meeting at Benton Monday night, called by Rend Lake Conservancy District officials for the purpose of exploring the possibility of the creation of a multiple-county junior college district, with Jefferson and Franklin counties as the nucleus and the offer of a building site on the shores of Rend Lake as one of the inducements, consisted largely of "sales pitches" on the part of Mt. Vernon enthusiasts.

Members of the Mt. Vernon delegation frankly admitted that they had "turned south" after Mt. Vernon and Centralia, both of which have small junior colleges that will be in difficulty under the new higher education law, had failed to agree on a Jefferson-Marion county district that would embrace Mt. Vernon, Centralia and Salem.

Appeals to Franklin county residents for area thinking and planning, emanating from a community that has been unable to reach a workable understanding with its natural neighbors on so important a matter, is being received in many local quarters with raised eyebrows.

Failure of Mt. Vernon and Centralia to agree on the formation of a district that would encompass and serve their communities appears, from remarks made at the Benton meeting, to have resulted from the fact that neither community was willing to run the risk that the school would be located in or near the other. For the school to have been located in the Salem area would, it would appear to us, have served the two counties admirably and saved face for the uncooperative larger towns.

We would not minimize the importance of community cooperation but it would appear to us to be as important in the Jefferson-Marion county area as in the Jefferson-Franklin county area. Big thinking, like charity, should begin at home. We don't recall that Mt. Vernon has previously demonstrated an interest in the welfare of Franklin county communities.

Our opposition to the proposed Rend Lake site for a school to serve a "dream district" of from six to nine counties that we believe to be impossible of achievement is not based upon any selfish community rivalry since we do not anticipate that, in any combination of counties, the school would be located in or near West Frankfort.

We favor the proposed four-county district, embracing Franklin, Williamson, Jackson and Perry counties, because we believe it would better serve our area at less cost to our people. The four-county district would have the tax base and student potential to assure an academically efficient and financially sound institution.

We know of no good reason why a junior college should be located on the shores of Rend Lake. The lake will be a popular mecca for tourists, vacationers, local sportsmen and, in the opinion of some, an industrial complex of lake-side plants and smokestacks. These are the purposes for which it was designed. As welcome as these developments will be, we do not believe they provide the proper locale or atmosphere for an institution of higher learning.

Rend Lake will be big enough and grand enough to stand on its own laurels. We do not believe it should become a catch-all for all our future advancements in the realm of education, culture and the arts and sciences. These achievements should grace and enhance other parts of the Southern Illinois area.

Thinking big does not, in our opinion, in this instance involve lake-shore thinking. Let's not be carried away by the ebb-and-flow of the Rend Lake tides or lulled into a "community coma" by the sedative influence of the lashing of restless waves against the showplace shores of this new area interest center that will soon be taking shape.

It is our understanding that the proximity of Crab Orchard Lake to Southern Illinois University, several miles away, has created problems that have necessitated the closing of beaches at dusk. Junior college district planners would do well to look into this trouble potential before approving an on-shore school at Rend Lake.

Rend Lake should, in our view, become the port of entry to a Southern Illinois area rich in "fringe attractions" that will enhance the appeal of our cities and towns to the thousands who will travel Interstate 57 and pitch their tents in our midst.

Let's not forget that a junior college is a place of learning, not a tourist attraction — and that Rend Lake was not designed as a center of culture and educational pursuits.

We believe the four-county junior college district will best serve our people.

# Jefferson and Franklin Group Propose Plan

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The proposed district would include Hamilton, Perry, Wayne and Williamson counties, an area with a tax base estimated to be at least three times the required \$75 million assessed valuation for such a district.

It was highly questionable that Williamson county would go along with the original plan proposed by the Rend Lake Group.

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### Local Representatives

Local representatives on the steering committee who attended the meeting at Robinson's Steak House at Whittington were R. A. Bonifield, local businessman, and Ural Campbell, principal at Central junior high school, representing Clyde Corn, unit school superintendent, who was unable to attend the meeting.

One of the actions taken at the meeting was to separate the junior college district proposal from a site at Rend Lake as had been proposed.

The steering committee went on record, it was said, not to favor any particular site but said that the site should be chosen that will best serve the interests of the area as established. It was reported that a Rend Lake site would probably be among those considered if a district was established.

It was also agreed, it was said, that an objective would be for equality in the number of board members from various areas in the junior college district.

### Name Officers

The steering committee appointed Don Musick, Mt. Vernon attorney, as secretary and J. L. Buford, retired Mt. Vernon school administrator, as public relations representative of the committee.

Invited to attend the exploratory meeting here, it was decided, would be administrative heads of high school districts in the proposed six-county district, who in turn would be asked to each bring

two lay people from their high school districts and the county superintendents in each county.

It was also agreed, it was said, that the steering committee would be enlarged to accommodate additional areas as these areas indicated their interest in joining the six-county proposal. Stresse was that the six-county area was not fixed but would be expanded to include other areas if desired.

# Odum Proposes New Concept for College

Rennie Odum, chairman of the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce education committee, outlined for chamber directors, at a special meeting of the board Monday night, his concept of a "heartland" junior college district that would embrace but not be limited to substantially the same area encompassed by the so-called four county district currently under consideration.

Odum proposed that the school be known as the Little Egypt Junior College, as a means of establishing definite area identity. Composition of the "heartland" district is based upon Odum's recognition of four growth centers, Benton, Marion, Carbondale and Du Quoin, each located in a corner of the proposed district.

The four county district, like Odum's "heartland" district, embraces all or most of Franklin, Williamson, Jackson and Perry counties.

Following is the full text of Odum's remarks:

"I believe that names of public properties can and often do have a characterizing effect. Our proposed junior college needs a name and ultimate official title that will denote area ownership. Regrettably, names now in vogue imply allegiance to a lake, a limited number of counties, an airport or various area urban centers. We long ago acquired a nationally known nickname of good repute for our beloved area — namely, Little Egypt.

"May I suggest that we start now by referring to our concept as the proposed Little Egypt Junior College or L.E.J.C. if you prefer.

"The geographical area we must concern ourselves with is the very heartland of Little Egypt. This heartland region currently has no existing junior college facility. Within its confines one recognizes four separate growth centers with their radical spheres of influence. These four centers are located at each corner of a square, all sides of which are roughly 18 miles in length. You are familiar with these corners as the cities of Benton, Marion, Carbondale and Du Quoin.

"Their dominance of the heartland region is a tangible thing, both inside the square and outside to the limit of their influence. The range of their influence averages approximately ten miles. We find an area roughly bounded by — but not limited to — a greater square which has sides equal to 38 miles, whose total community life is largely controlled by four separate centers. This greater square area is the natural heartland district that must reckon with our problem of creating a junior college.

"Highway engineers have a rule of thumb that guides their planning for our public highway systems. It is stated as follows: Always first construct that highway that best serves the greatest number of people, for the least cost to the people and for the greatest span of time. I suggest that we substitute the words 'junior college' for the word 'highway' into their rule and apply it to our proposition now under debate.

"Taking the three points of our rule, one at a time, let us briefly consider first the factor of 'greatest number of people to be served.' It is difficult to imagine anyone unable to agree that, generally speaking, these people are the youth of our heartland district. These young people may be further identified as recent high school graduates who aspire to attend an institute of higher learning for two years by commuting daily from their place of upbringing within the district.

As Little Egypt Junior College is intelligently located and fully developed, as to both physical facilities and curriculum, there can be no doubt as to its upgrading impact upon the lives of area citizens. One could elaborate at length upon point number one of our rule but let it suffice to conclude the subject with the observation that there is no present nor projected shortage of home grown students clamoring for admittance to our proposed college. Actually the hour of decision is late since the need has been with us for several years.

"Now for a word on the second point of our adopted rule — namely, that of constructing and maintaining the best facility at the least cost to be people. The major cost to a student enrolled in a college is that of providing himself with adequate housing, food and clothing. It can be proven that he can do this most economically by living at home, just as he did during his high school career.

"Next let us consider ourselves as taxpayers within the Little Egypt Junior College district. We will give financial support to this institution through increased taxation upon our properties. The more properties levied upon, the smaller will be the levy per property, hence the desirability of having the district encompass as large an area as is practical for its purpose.

"Also, under a new state law, Illinois will disburse funds to provide in part for the construction and operation of our college. All residents of this state pay into that fund from which those monies will be released. We will pay into the state fund whether or not we



July 27, 1965

# C. of C. Endorses 4-County Proposal for Junior College

## Recommendation of Committee for Rend Lake Plan is Rejected By the Directors

Directors of the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce, in a special board meeting Monday night, voted unanimous endorsement of the proposed four county junior college district after rejecting a recommendation by the chamber's education committee that the Chamber request a joint meeting of the Rend Lake and four county district steering committees in an effort to form a multiple-county district.

The Chamber education committee, consisting of Rannie Odum, Roy Patton and Robert Brown, had recommended that the chamber request that the Rend Lake and four county committees "get together and try to form a junior college district with as many participating counties or parts thereof as is feasible."

The recommendation also proposed that "upon agreement reached by the two steering committees, the West Frankfort Chamber agrees to accept the proposal."

### Another Plan

The committee recommendation was presented by Odum, as chairman of the education committee. Patton and Brown were not present. Odum later presented his own concept of a "heartland" junior college district that would embrace but not be limited to substantially the same area as is encompassed by the four county district.

Opposition to the committee recommendation on the part of the directors centered largely around the proposal that the 30-man chamber board agree in advance to accept any agreement reached by the two junior college committees.

The recommendation of the education committee follows:

That the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce go on record requesting that the four-county committee and Rend Lake committee get together and try to form a junior college with as many participating counties or portions thereof as is feasible for two reasons:

"(1) To provide the finest facilities available for the students.

"(2) The larger the tax base the cheaper the taxes will be on each individual in the county.

"Upon agreement reached by the two steering committees, the West Frankfort Chamber agrees to accept the proposal."

### Evade Responsibility

Members of the board said they felt that to agree to the last part of the recommendation would be equivalent to a surrender of their responsibility to the community to pass upon any matter affecting West Frankfort interests.

The action was taken after two hours of discussion on the part of the directors.

The Rend Lake proposal, for which two 10-member steering committees were created last week, stems from an offer by Rend Lake Conservancy District officials of a building site on Rend Lake. The plan seeks the creation on a six-to-nine county district that would include Jefferson, Franklin and Williamson counties.

Heading the Franklin county committee of 10 is Lee Browning, county superintendent of public instruction. West Frankfort representatives on the committee are Clyde C. Corn, Unif School District 168 superintendent, and R. A. Bonfield. Browning is also a member of the four county steering committee.

### Heads Jefferson Plan

The Jefferson county committee of 10 is headed by Dr. Curtis L. Parker of Mt. Vernon.

Chairman of the four county steering committee is Leslie Stillely, Williamson county superintendent of schools.

Walter C. Schaffer, who recently resigned as general manager of Radio Station WFRX to accept a position as vice-president and general manager of Radio Station WGNU at Granite City, resigned as chamber director and member of the executive committee.

Schaffer and his family will leave West Frankfort early in August.

## Two Groups Prepare to Seek Vote on Separate Junior College Proposals

With all attempts at a compromise or reaching of an orderly procedure apparently ending in failure, work has gotten underway on two separate junior college district proposals in Southern Illinois, with both groups including Franklin County within its border.

Supporters of a district which would include six counties have set October 1 as a target date for securing petitions calling for a vote on the proposal.

The six counties are Jefferson, Franklin, Wayne, Hamilton, Perry and Williamson. This district is the one commonly known as the Rend Lake proposal. While no concrete site has been selected, early talk has been centered around a site on Rend Lake, which would be easily accessible by north-south and east-west interstate highways.

The other proposal is a four county district originating in Williamson County involving the counties of Williamson, Franklin, Jackson and Perry. Some of the principal supporters of this proposal are seeking establishment of a site in the Marion area.

Leslie Stille, Williamson County school superintendent, said he will proceed with the four county proposal in spite of the proposal of the larger district. In some areas feelings have been running high on the proposals.

An illustration comes from West Frankfort where directors of the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce overrode the recommendation by its own education committee that a larger district be studied, and endorsed the four county concept.

The chamber education committee, consisting of Rahnle Odum, Roy Patton and Robert Brown, had recommended that the chamber take the lead in urging the two opposing groups to "get together and try to form a junior college district with as many participating counties or parts thereof as is feasible."

After a two hour discussion the recommendation was defeated and the Marion proposal backed.

In order to pass, a junior college district must receive a majority of the votes in all the incorporated areas in the proposed district, and must also receive a majority of the vote in all the unincorporated area of the district. If it is beaten in either the incorporated or unincorporated areas, then the proposal is defeated.

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## Meeting in West Frankfort Monday on College Proposal

County Superintendent H. L. Browning, Benton, and the following Franklin County Administrators: Earnie P. Genisio, Benton; Robert M. Munday, Thompsonville; C. B. Pierce, Christopher; Clyde C. Corn, West Frankfort; Gene Allsup, Sesser, and William L. Ramsey, Zeigler-Royalton, have been invited to attend a meeting in West Frankfort Monday night, August 9, to hear plans for a proposed Southern Illinois Area Junior College. Two laymen from each district have also been invited.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall at West Frankfort. Representatives of six counties have been invited.

Dr. Curtis Parker, Mt. Vernon, and H. L. Browning, Franklin County Superintendent of Schools, are co-chairmen of a screening committee that called the briefing session for school and lay leaders of the junior college movement.

Counties included in the original planning are Wayne, Hamilton, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, and Jefferson.

## Junior Colleges in State Aim for Class I Rating

**Editors's Note:** This is the first of two articles on junior colleges in Illinois. It analyzes how the new master plan for higher education adopted by the

1965 General Assembly will affect the development of junior colleges. A subsequent story will deal with the organization and expansion of junior colleges on the local level.

By LARRY KRAMP  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — All 29 public junior colleges in Illinois fall short of Class I designation, but one official predicts all will have made it by 1970.

The Class I designation was created by the General Assembly passage of the state Master Plan for Higher Education.

To qualify for Class I, which means more state aid for build-

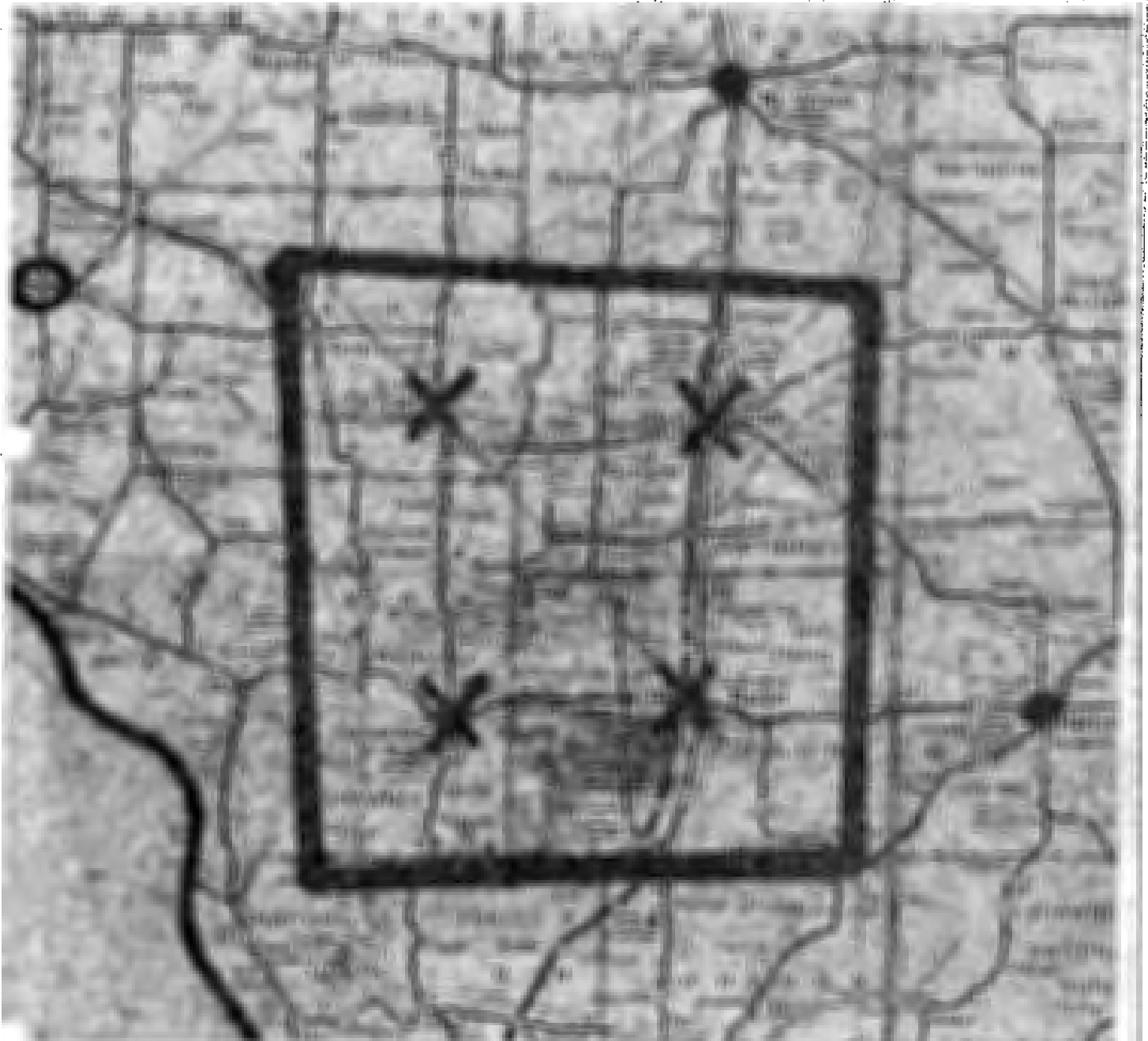
ings and operations, a junior college must have its own board of education, campus and tax rate. These cannot be shared with high schools.

This top rating also gives a junior college a freer hand in operating. Its board can disregard teacher certification and select a faculty equipped to produce the kinds of higher and technical education wanted and needed by the area it serves.

The master plan is also designed to make sure that all

students are within commuting distance of public higher education or nearly equivalent education. One goal is to find room for the 150,000 additional students expected on college campuses by 1970.

The prediction that all the present junior colleges will have a Class I rating five years from now was made by Robert O. Birkhimer, supervisor of junior colleges in the state school superintendent's office. Birkhimer also predicts:



A "Heartland" junior college district, based on four separate growth centers with their spheres of influence — Benton, Marion, Carbondale and Du Quoin — has been suggested by Rennie Odum, chairman of the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce education committee. The district (shown above) would be based on a "heartland" square cornered by the four cities and would embrace but not be limited to substantially the same area encompassed by the so-called four-county district proposal. Odum has suggested that the district could be called the Little Egypt Junior College District.

## Cooperate — Whose Way?

The Benton Evening News is all worked up over the fact that the West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce recently rejected a proposal by its education committee that the chamber request a meeting of the Rend Lake junior college committee and the Franklin-Williamson-Jackson-Perry county committee for the purpose of discussing a compromise district.

We wonder if the Benton Chamber of Commerce — or the Evening News — would have agreed in advance to abide by any decision that came out of such a meeting. That is what the West Frankfort chamber was asked to do.

We fail to understand how the chamber board, consisting of 30 West Frankfort men elected to represent and protect the interests of their community, could be expected to surrender their responsibility to a conflict-of-interest conference that would include among its 20 to 30 members only two West Frankfort residents.

Their refusal to do so did not mean that they might not have agreed with the recommendation of the two groups — providing the two committees were able to agree on a recommendation — concerning the formation of a junior college district. It did mean that they were not willing to agree to accept in advance a pig-in-a-poke recommendation with no knowledge of what it might propose.

The chamber directors were entirely right in reserving themselves the right to examine and evaluate any proposal affecting the welfare of West Frankfort students and taxpayer. Cooperation does not include the "blind date" surrender of the right of decision in so important a matter.

Cooperation is a two-way street. It involves give-and-take on the right of all parties concerned to determine what is best for them and their interests. Two principals, a "willing seller" and a "willing buyer," are involved in most property and title transactions. In the case of the proposed Rend Lake junior college district, Jefferson county is the "willing seller." We are the "prospective buyer" — but we are not willing. That is our privilege, our choice and our decision.

We have not quarreled with Benton because of that community's apparent decision to become a "willing buyer" of the Rend Lake junior college proposal. That is Benton's business. West Frankfort's decision is West Frankfort's business.

If we believe that Rend Lake is not a suitable place for a junior college and do not wish to participate in the cost of such a plan, that is our right and privilege. The West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce was a prime influence in the creation of the so-called four county junior college district. The Franklin county superintendent of schools participated in setting it up and is a member of the steering committee.

The chamber has endorsed it. We offer no apology for being for it and we believe Benton should cooperate by helping to make it a reality.

You write like the Russians talk, Jim: "Let's cooperate — our way."

## NCA Accreditation Can Be Transferred

JULY 29, 1965

# Area Jr. College Would Get Rating

By Charlie Bundy

If voters approve the establishment of the proposed Kaskaskia Area Junior College, the North Central Association membership now held by Centralia Junior College would automatically be transferred to the new institution.

Dr. Richard Davis, an official of the North Central Association, said the transfer of NCA accreditation would be automatic to any new area college district which includes the present CJC district as a part.

Centralia and Belleville have the only NCA-accredited public junior colleges in Illinois south of Joliet and LaSalle-Peru.

In fact, there are only five Illinois public junior colleges outside of Cook County which

have NCA membership. They are Centralia Junior College, Belleville Junior College, Joliet Junior College, LaSalle-Jeru Junior College and Black Hawk College at Moline.

Making possible immediate NCA accreditation is one of the largest contributions that CJC could make to the new institution, said Dr. Eugene McClintock, superintendent of Centralia Township High School and Junior College.

"The area college could become accredited by the North Central Association on the day it came into being," he said.

If CJC was not a member of NCA, it would probably take from three to five years for the new college to become accredited, he said.

The Centralia college, which has been in existence for 25 years, gained NCA accreditation on April 9, 1964. The accreditation climaxed several years of effort in preparing self-study reports, receiving evaluations, and changing facilities and programs to meet requirements.

Any area junior college district formed which includes a public two-year college that is not NCA-accredited will have to do all preliminary work necessary to gain NCA membership. This would take at least three to five years, McClintock estimated.

If the proposed Kaskaskia College is approved, the new institution would still receive periodic visitations from NCA officials who would evaluate the staff

and programs to see the institution remains equal to or better than CJC. However, no new self-survey or requests for accreditation would be necessary.

Date for a referendum on the Kaskaskia district has not been set. The district would include all of Clinton and Marion Counties, the northern half of Washington County, and the portion of Jefferson County already in the Centralia and Salem districts.

The basic purpose of the North Central Association is to contribute to the improvement of higher education in the 19 state area it serves. An evaluation is made in terms of the purposes, and objectives of the institution and how well these goals are served.

# RULING MAY DELAY VOTE ON JR. COLLEGE

## Next Action Must Await New Board

SALEM — A legal opinion from Springfield may delay a referendum on a proposed four-county area junior college district.

Unless legal advice is received to the contrary, no further action can be taken concerning the proposed Kaskaskia Area Junior College District until Gov. Otto Kerner appoints a junior college board.

Robert I. Hartley, Marion County superintendent of schools, said today he has received word from N. E. Hutson, legal adviser for the state superintendent of public instruction, that all further action should be withheld until the state wide junior college board is appointed.

The law says the governor has 60 days to appoint eight members of the nine-man board. The district received its approval July 15, meaning Kerner has until Sept. 15 to make the appointments. The ninth man on the board will be the state superintendent of public instruction, Ray Page.

The campaign to establish the Kaskaskia district has advanced to the referendum stage and Hartley had been expected to set an early-fall date for the vote.

The proposed district would include all of Marion and Clinton Counties, roughly the northern half of Washington County and those small portions of Jefferson County which already are part of the Centralia and Salem township high school districts.

Hartley said he understood the law does allow him, as superintendent, to initiate action under the new Illinois Master Plan for Higher Education before the existence of the junior college board, but he said he plans to accept Hutson's decision and await further advice.

Hartley, following public hearings, had previously approved petitions calling for the referendum after they had received approval from Page's office.

"Our 90 days for calling the election will be up Sept. 8," said Hartley. Hutson informed Hartley the 90-day period is given as an advisory restriction, not a mandatory waiting period.

It is now Hartley's responsibility to set the election date but on the advice of Hutson, the date would have to be set by the new board after its conception.

Proponents of the district have said they believe late September or early October would be the best time for presenting the referendum. Upon the advice from Hutson, the entire proceeding have come to a standstill pending the establishment of the new state board.

## Non-junior College Regions Must Pay Part of Costs

By Charlie Bundy

Even if your high school district has no junior college, your tax money may soon help finance a junior college.

Under the new Illinois Master Plan for Higher Education, which went into effect Sunday, a high school district must help pay the way for a student who attends junior college in a neighboring district which does have a college.

It works this way:

Operating costs per pupil will be figured by junior college districts. High school districts not included in any junior college district will pay a portion of these operating costs if students from the high school district at-

tend the college.

The provision was included in the new master plan to encourage all portions of the state to become part of a college district.

Dr. Eugene McClintock, superintendent of Centralia Township High School and Junior College, said it appears that each high school district not in a college district will be paying in excess of \$200 for each one of its graduates who attends a junior college.

The out-of-district junior college student will continue to pay tuition. The tuition charge and the state aid per pupil received would be added together. The difference between this total and the operating cost per student

will be paid by the high school district in which the student resides.

To explain it simply, if an out-of-district student pays \$220 tuition, and state aid provides \$380 per pupil, this would total \$600. If the operating cost per pupil is \$800, the student's home district would be required to pay the other \$200.

If 100 students from a high school district attended a junior college, the high school would have to pay about \$20,000.

The law provides the student can attend any junior college in the state, so non-junior college

high school districts might have to send payments to several different colleges.

The student must notify his local board of education of his intent to attend a junior college by July 1 of each year.

High school districts may pay the amount billed to them by junior college districts out of the common school fund or from a special permissive three-cent tax. This three-cent tax cannot be levied after 1968, since authors of the master plan felt that by that time all high school districts will have had opportunity to become part of a college district.

Areas already included in a junior college district will not be affected by the plan.

McLEANSBORO, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1965

McLeansboro, Illinois  
Thursday, August 5, 1965

### Invited to Attend Session on Jr. College

County Supt. of Schools Willis R. Gholson, Dahlgren School Supt. Charles Raglin and MTHS Supt. Carl Nation have been invited to attend a meeting in West Frankfort Monday to hear plans for a proposed area junior college.

Two laymen from each district have also been invited.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall. Representatives of six counties, including Wayne, Hamilton, Perry, Franklin, Williamson and Jefferson, have been invited.

## Junior College On Rend Lake Seen Necessity

### Kiwanis Takes On Task of Informing Public of Project

At the request of two school administrators, the McLeansboro Kiwanis club Monday agreed to help organize, sponsor and hold a meeting of explanation with regard to county participation in a junior college on Rend Lake.

After hearing an explanation of the proposed district and a plea from MTHS Supt. Carl Nation and County Supt. Willis Gholson that the club assume leadership in endeavoring to learn the thinking of the county, the group voted to work as a sponsoring agent.

Club president Dale Drew named a committee composed of Francis Kittinger, Mel Farlow, Carl Dietz, Tom English, Ed Kirkpatrick, Carl Nation and Willis Gholson to direct the organization in the undertaking. Farlow was later named chairman of the group.

Already a meeting has been set for Monday, Aug. 30th, at 8 p. m. in the MTHS cafeteria to explain the Junior College plan to all persons interested. Kiwanians will be working individually and as a group to encourage attendance at the meeting by key residents of each township.

Prior to Sept. 13th this county must indicate to the Rend Lake Junior College group if it is interested and suggest a boundary for the district in this county.

The Rend Lake Junior College is seeking to serve an area including most of Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Perry and

Wayne counties. Under the new state law a minimum of \$75,000,000 assessed valuation is required. The total assessed valuation of these five counties would top \$250,000,000. A larger district is more beneficial to the taxpayer in that it spreads the tax thinner by including more people.

A Master Plan adopted by the state legislature this year calls for the establishment of Junior College districts offering, in essence, grades 13 and 14. If constructed within the next five years, federal and state government will pay up to 75 percent of the building costs, it is reported.

Present plans call for the erection of a Junior College on Rend Lake, probably somewhere in the Whittington area. This would make driving time from most

points in Hamilton county 30 minutes or less. Junior Colleges will be commuter colleges, in that no dormitories are contemplated. Once this college is in service, the Mt. Vernon Community College will no longer exist, but would be absorbed, administrators explain.

Attendance figures indicate that nearly half-million youth will be seeking admittance to state colleges by 1975. In 1950, 138,000 were attending colleges in the state. This year it is estimated 276,000 will seek admittance. As state colleges and universities are already nearing a capacity, and the cost of attending continues to spiral, the move is toward Junior Colleges, so that the student may live at home and still further his education.

Efforts will be made to acquaint individuals from all parts of the county and from various fields of endeavor with the proposals, the benefits, the costs and the necessity at the Aug. 30th meeting.

Attending the Kiwanis meeting with Supts. Gholson and Nation was John Wesley Davis, president of the MTHS board. The men have attended several area sessions on a Junior College in recent weeks.

# Salem Times

## Town Meeting Tonight To Discuss Area Jr. College

A town meeting will be held tonight and the main topic of discussion will be the proposed area junior college.

The meeting, sponsored by the Community Development committee, will be at the Farm Bureau hall, Route 37 North, beginning at 7:30.

Robert Hartley, county superintendent of schools, and others associated with the junior college movement will be present to discuss the proposal and answer questions.

The Community Development committee has issued an invitation to rural area residents, as well as Salem citizens, to attend the meeting.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1965

## AREA JUNIOR COLLEGE PROPOSAL AIRED AT TOWN MEETING HERE

### Salem Citizens Ask Tentative Agreement On Campus Location

A willingness to work out a tentative agreement on fair representation on the board of trustees was expressed by Centralia guests at a town meeting here Thursday night concerning the proposed area junior college.

The meeting was called by the Salem Community Development committee to give local citizens a chance to get information on the proposed college district, for which an election will be held later.

Guests from Centralia included Verle Besant, president of the Kaskaskia College Foundation, which is promoting the area college, Dr. Eugene McClintock, superintendent of Centralia High School and Junior College, and Virgil Bolerjack, college dean.

Several Salem citizens expressed the thought that many people here have hesitated to support the proposed district because of uncertainty about where the new college would be located and out of a fear that Centralia would dominate the board of trustees.

An election for trustees would be held within 60 days following the election on establishing the district. Seven trustees would be elected from the district at large.

Gerald Sinclair pointed out that the Salem High School district has over \$50,000,000 assessed valuation and, although it has something to gain from the proposed college district, it also has something to offer. Centralia, he said, should be willing to "bargain" over representation on the board of trustees.

(It is the board of trustees that will make the decision on where the campus will be located.)

Besant said he and others would be willing to sit down and talk about representation. There were indications that a meeting for this purpose would be held sometime prior to the election on establishing the district.

During the discussion, Attorney John M. Kagy of Salem, a member of the SCHS board of education, said he is now "wholeheartedly" in favor of establishing the district.

Previously, Kagy has criticized the proposed district, saying it ought to include more territory. Kagy said Thursday night that he still believes the district should be larger. However, he said, the residents of this area are faced with the reality of voting for or against the establishment of this particular district and he believes

in his remarks, Besant said he believes the district as proposed can support "a fine junior college," and one that, in the future, will entice other areas to annex. He said that portions of Bond and Fayette counties have expressed interest in joining.

Robert I. Hartley, county superintendent of schools, said that if there is evidence that other areas might be interested in annexing later, a positive approach should be made to them and a direct invitation issued. The possibility of future annexations, he said, would be an important factor in the trustees' selection of a campus location.

Kagy said he feared that "we are stuck" with the present territory because the law's requirements for annexation will make it difficult for any substantial area to come in.

There are two ways for areas to annex after the district is formed. One is by a petition carrying the names of two-thirds of the registered voters in the area; the other is by a referendum after a petition has been filed carrying the names of one-fifth of the voters. (The same provisions apply to detachment from the district.)

Dr. McClintock said some experts have predicted that every area in Illinois will be a part of some junior college district within the next five years. The purpose, and the ultimate result, of the recently enacted public junior college law, he said, will be to create a statewide system of junior colleges.

As to the question of location of the college, Dr. McClintock said, the people of Centralia have "more to lose" than any one else in the proposed district. They now have a college in their city, he said, but they don't know where the new college will be.

Besant said the Kaskaskia Foundation is planning a campaign to "sell" the junior college district to the voters. A series of four mailings is being planned, he said.

About 30 persons attended the "town meeting" held at the Farm Bureau hall.

AUGUST 19, 1965

## Added Starter in Junior College Race

The Junior College race got an added starter this week when Du Quoin area residents opened a campaign for a third alignment of counties to form a junior college district.

If the Du Quoin project is successful, it will disrupt the program of the other two proposed districts.

A group meeting in Du Quoin authorized the Du Quoin City Plan Commission to sponsor a drive to make a junior college district within the four counties of Perry, Jackson, Randolph and Washington counties.

It is the second "four county" proposal. Perry and Jackson are also included in a Marion-based drive to create a district in those counties along with Franklin and Williamson counties.

The third, and largest, of the proposals is a district composed of several counties which would have easy access to the Rend Lake area.

The group meeting at Du Quoin was told that if the project was successful, Du Quoin would be centrally located and a potential site for the college.

## Six County Junior College Plan Explained

Supporters of a six-county junior college were busy last night holding meetings in McLeansboro and Pinckneyville preparing for a Sept. 13 "line up" meeting in Sesser.

With nine of 12 Hamilton County townships represented in a group of 120 persons attending a meeting at the McLeansboro high school, all present showed by a vote they desired to be included in the district for which a Rend Lake site has been proposed.

Meeting chairman Ned Farrow of McLeansboro said he believed all of the county will be committed to the district by the time of the Sept. 13 meeting and other statements in support of it were made by others attending.

The proposed district was outlined by Rend Lake junior college steering committee co-chairmen H. L. Browning, Franklin County superintendent of schools and Dr. Curtis A. Parker of Mt. Vernon, by Howard Mendenhall, Rend Lake Conservancy District manager and Howard Rawlinson, dean of the Mt. Vernon Community College.

A similar explanatory meeting was held in Pinckneyville at a meeting of the Rotary Club. Local people there promised to outline the proposal to school boards in the area in time for an expression at the Sept. 13 meeting in Sesser. Dr. Allen Baker of Pinckneyville, chairman of the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission said the proposal has "great merit."

Another meeting is set for tonight in Dahlgren and one Sept. 10 in Fairfield.

Marion Daily Republican, Marion, Illinois—Thursday, August 5, 1965

## Junior College Meeting Set In W. Frankfort

Seven representatives from Williamson County, headed by Leslie Stille, county superintendent of schools, will attend a meeting in the West Frankfort City Hall Monday at 7:30 p.m. to hear plans for a Junior College.

In addition to Stille, those scheduled to attend include Remo Castrale of Johnston City, Orland

Stanley of Marion, Mont. Davis of Crab Orchard, Lee Booth of Herin, James Coffel of Hurst-Bush and Taft Baker of Cartersville.

Dr. Curtis Parker, Mt. Vernon, and H. L. Browning, Franklin County superintendent of schools, are co-chairmen of a screening committee that called the briefing session for school and lay leaders of the junior college movement.

Counties included in the original planning are Wayne, Hamilton, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, and Jefferson.



McLEANSBORO, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1965

# Important Public Meeting On Area Junior College Is Next Monday Night

An important public meeting concerning Hamilton County participation in the formation of a proposed Junior College school district is to be held next Monday, Aug. 30, at 8 p. m. at MTHS.

Purpose of the meeting is twofold. First, it will provide information to all attending regarding the Illinois Plan for Junior College in general and the proposed Rend Lake Junior College for this area in particular. Those present will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The meeting is of prime importance in that local officials must report to an area session in September regarding the boundary in Hamilton county.

Secondly, the meeting will seek to determine which parts of Hamilton County wish to participate in the formation of the Rend Lake Junior College District.

In an effort to assure maximum public interest in the meeting throughout the county, members of the Kiwanis club are seeking to contact persons in each township to en-

courage their attendance. The meeting, however, is open to all and anyone may attend. In fact, it is hoped that at least one member of each family will attend.

## Establish Grades 13, 14

During the last session of the Illinois General Assembly, the Illinois Plan for Higher Education was established. Included in this plan was the provision for a state-wide system of Junior Colleges, which in essence added grades 13 and 14 to the school system in Illinois.

With enrollments in senior colleges and universities increasing at a faster rate than campus facilities, these schools are, by necessity, now having to limit enrollments, thus excluding many capable youth. Cost of schooling also is eliminating some.

Junior Colleges will be setup as commuter colleges, wherein students may continue to live at home and commute to a college in their area.

## Invited Into District

Hamilton county — all or a part — has been invited to part-

icipate in the organization of a Junior College District composed of the counties of Perry, Jefferson, Wayne, Franklin, Williamson and Hamilton, with the campus being located somewhere north of Benton on the Rend Lake's east side.

This is to the advantage of county residents as a Junior College district must have assessed valuation of at least \$75 million. This six-county area has an assessed valuation of \$382,053,114. The larger district spreads the tax thinner by including more people who each pay less to support it. The bigger district also assures a better college.

Time is of the essence, too, as Junior Colleges under construction in the next five-year period are assured greater help through federal and state funds. The size of the district at the outset figures materially in the amount of aid it receives.

Monday's session will be held in the MTHS cafeteria or auditorium, depending upon the size of the crowd.

AUGUST 24, 1965

# Junior College Building, Campus Nears Completion

Wabash Valley College is nearing completion with the finishing touches now being applied to the furnishings inside and to the campus outside.

The school has long since exhausted its budget and private donations of time and money have been necessary to complete the undertaking for the college opening on September 7th.

Inside, the painting of the concrete blocks was made possible by donations from Nick Ring, Hoytt Keahey of Hayes Drilling Company, Albert Morris, Hoyt Lovelace and W.E. Brubeck. The Local Painters' Union 325, with Herschel Black as coordinator, performed the painting job at a discount labor price, and Mac's Paint Store arranged for the paint without a mark-up or profit.

Next week an acknowledgment will follow for those who are making such a tremendous effort to shape up the campus of the college.

On September 2, 1965, a preview of the college will be available for those who will attend a smorgasbord being given in the college multi-purpose room. The smorgasbord is being prepared by the Tau and Kappa Zeta Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The proceeds of the preview will be used for college furnishings. Those wishing to attend should call Mrs. Gaylia Cariton, 262-5161.

AUGUST 27, 1965

# Wabash Valley College Sponsors Business Seminar

As part of the Mt. Carmel Sesquicentennial, Wabash Valley College will sponsor a one-day seminar on Tax-Planning for Businessmen, Thursday, Oct. 7th, in the College Conference Room.

In announcing the seminar, Edwin Pearson, dean of the college, stressed that it represents a special opportunity for businessmen and executives of the area to learn of latest techniques and procedures to legitimately reduce a company's Federal income tax expenditures.

The seminar will be presented by Executive Systems, Inc., management consulting firm Lawrenceville, Chicago, and New York. The course is designed to bring to the businessman an executive understanding of how present tax laws can affect his business and his income. Panel members and instructors for the seminar will include William P. Ausman, certified public accountant, Arthur J. Hestburg, attorney, Frank S. Laner, president of Congressional Life Insurance Company, J. Patrick Rooney, president of Executive Systems, Inc., and John G. Selig, Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

Registration fee for the seminar is \$15.00, which includes a lunch that will be provided at the college. Since Executive Systems, Inc. is doing their services for the college, the entire proceeds will be used for the colleges. Further details and registration information available from Mr. Angelo Abbot, Mid-Management Coordinator, Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

Probable Windup At Fairfield

SEPTEMBER 9, 1965

# Junior College Meeting Set Tonight At Zeigler

Zeigler Rotarians and other civic leaders of the community will be told tonight how a steering committee hopes to establish a junior college to serve at least a six-county area.

C. J. Covington of Mt. Vernon a trustee of the Rend Lake Conservancy District, and J. L. Buford, former president of the National Education Association, will speak to the group. Buford is retired superintendent of Mt. Vernon city schools.

Buford is chairman of the steering committee's public relations committee. Covington is chairman of the conservancy district's education committee.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in The Den at Zeigler. There will be another gathering at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Fairfield to brief Fairfield and

Wayne City groups on the plans. The sessions at Zeigler and Fairfield will probably be the last two briefings before a boundary drawing meeting Monday night in Sesser.

When the committee draws its boundaries — the first legal step preparatory to calling an election — it hopes to include high school districts from Wayne, Perry, Williamson, Hamilton, Franklin and Jefferson counties.

The steering committee has proposed recommending to the school board on the shores of Rend Lake if the junior college district is approved by voters.

A peninsula between Ina and Whittington in Franklin county has been prominently mentioned

as a good location for the campus. Such a location would fall at about the center of the anticipated district.

Actual selection of the site would be the responsibility of a seven-member junior college board that would be elected if the district is voted in.

In recent weeks committee members and trustees of the conservancy district have appeared before groups throughout the six-county area to talk in behalf of the two-year college.

The steering committee has set October 1 as the date by which they hope to circulate petitions asking for an election.

By Conservancy District

SEPTEMBER 10, 1965

# No Financial Benefit Seen In College Land Agreement

There will be no financial benefit to the Rend Lake Conservancy District if a junior college is located on banks of the lake, Zeigler Rotarians were told last night.

C. J. Covington of Mt. Vernon made the statement in a talk on behalf of a junior college on the lakeshore.

Covington is a trustee of the conservancy district and chairman of its education committee.

The speaker said if such a college site is selected it would depend on "exactly what part of the lakeside is chosen as to whether or not we would work out a \$1 a year lease or some equally equitable arrangement."

Covington also discounted possibility of a junior college being constructed at or near highways 64 and 57 southwest of Mt. Vernon.

"There will be no way for traffic to get off those highways at such a location," he declared.

Zeigler Rotarians questioned

Covington and J. L. Buford, another speaker, on these lines:

"Why Rend Lake, is there too much on Rend Lake?"

"What's on Rend Lake?" countered Covington.

"When we get to questions like that let's consider Marion where they apparently are determined to locate a college. Marion has got everything for 20 years," declared Covington.

Buford cited the increased demand for college training and noted that most four-year colleges are limiting registration due to crowded conditions.

Another gathering will be held at 7:30 p. m. tonight in Fairfield to explain plans for the proposed junior college to Wayne City and Fairfield groups.

A boundary drawing session will be held Monday in Sesser when the junior college steering committee hopes to include high school districts from at least six counties in its proposed district.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1965

# JUNIOR COLLEGE VOTE MAY BE CALLED SOON

*Await Word From State Board;  
Oct. 16 Possible Election Date*

A decision may come next week on when the election will be held on the proposed area junior college.

Robert Hartley, county superintendent of schools, said the newly-formed Illinois Junior College Board has been asked to issue a directive authorizing him to call the election.

The board will hold its first meeting on Monday and it is possible the Kaskaskia Junior College will be on its agenda.

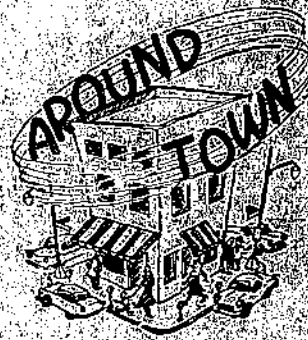
Hartley said a letter has been sent to the board by Dr. Eugene McCintock, president of Centralia Junior College, describing the steps that have already been taken toward establishment of an area junior college and asking the board, in compliance with the new junior college legislation, to authorize Hartley to call the election.

Last June 10, Hartley approved a petition that had been filed with him, asking that an election be held on the question of establishing a college district comprising the counties of Marion and Clinton and part of Washington. The 90-day period he has in which to schedule the election will expire on Wed-

nesday, Sept. 8.

If he receives the go-ahead signal from the state board, Hartley said, he will probably announce the date of the election on Tuesday.

Hartley said he hasn't decided definitely on an election date but he is considering Saturday, Oct. 16.



# County Shows Interest In Junior College District

Residents of several Hamilton county townships indicated they personally favored their particular communities becoming a part of a Rend Lake Junior College district Monday night at a county-wide meeting held here.

Although nearly every individual was reluctant to speak for his community as a whole, each expressed keen interest in the project and promised to sound out others in his immediate township.

Purpose of Monday night's session, sponsored by the Kiwanis club, was two-fold. First, it was to provide information to all attending, the general nature of the Illinois Plan for Junior Colleges in general and information particularly regarding Rend Lake Junior College.

Secondly, the meeting sought to determine which parts of Hamilton county wish to be included in the boundary of the district. Unfortunately, too few were in attendance from some townships to clearly indicate the feeling of the area. However, those present from the townships were enthusiastic.

### Broughton Meeting

To further explain the Junior College plan Rend Lake district

to persons in the Broughton area, a meeting is to be held at Broughton school next Thursday evening, Sept. 9, at 8 p. m. This is open to all residents.

The Kiwanis committee, headed by Mel Farlow and assisted by County Supt. Willis Gholson and MTHS Supt. Nation, advised this week that it would be glad to attend, assist or talk to meetings arranged in any other townships within the next week.

Because the Hamilton county group, working with the area

### Dahlgren Favors Jr. College District

Representatives of Dahlgren high school district indicated interest in being included in the proposed Rend Lake Junior College area Tuesday.

The nod of approval came at a meeting attended by some 35 persons, including school administrators and board members. The high school district had the support of the elementary system.

Supt. Charles Raglin presided at the session which served to further inform some and to gain a decision from all.

committee, must advise them of a proposed boundary for the district in Hamilton county by Sept. 13, time is of the essence, and explanation meeting must be held within the coming week.

Farlow emceed the session held Monday night at the MTHS auditorium. Attending the meeting for the screening committee were Dr. C. A. Parker, Mt. Vernon, and Lee Browning, Co. Supt. of Schools in Franklin county, co-chairman of the Area College planning; Dr. Howard Rawlinson, dean of Mt. Vernon Community College and Howard Mendenhall, manager of the Rend Lake Conservancy District.

The planning committee has proposed a junior college district including areas in Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, Perry, Wayne and Williamson counties.

Dr. Rawlinson told the group about the development of the Illinois master plan for junior colleges and noted the growth of the Mt. Vernon school. Enrollment there last year was 342, he said. This year it is already 568. He said the enrollment has increased more than 400 per cent since it began oper-

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ation in 1956.

He also advised that the type Junior College sought on Rend Lake is a "superior" not a Class II junior college. He stressed the difference in "fit" which in funds and service to the student. He also pointed out that the Mt. Vernon Community College was willing to fade into non-existence once the Rend Lake school is operating.

Mr. Mendenhall told how the Rend Lake board developed the idea of offering a site for the Junior College to still the clamor of it being located in any one community. He also emphasized the needness of all necessary utilities, plus the beauty promised by the lake and surrounding service facilities.

Dr. Parker, advised of the efforts of the planning group to get the citizenry aroused and informed. He pointed out the potential future of the area, the nearness of the school site to many cities and towns and the importance of the two interstates to the area and to the school.

Dr. Parker also briefly touched on the tax rate, pointing out that the maximum is 75 cents on \$100 for educational purposes and 10 cents on the \$100 for building. It was stressed, however, that this is maximum and that presently the Junior Colleges in Mt. Vernon, Centralia and Harrisburg have a rate around 17 cents.

It was also emphasized that state and federal help is promised on schools constructed within the next five years.

Browning joined the group in answering questions asked of the four.

Farlow said the state legislature by its recent action had added grades 13 and 14 to the overall school program, and opined that it was only a matter of time before all areas of the state would be included in some junior college district.

Special Meeting At Fairfield

# Wayne City Backs Rend Lake College

FAIRFIELD—The Wayne City high school district has asked to be included in the original boundaries of a proposed Southern Illinois Area junior college and the Fairfield high school board has called a special meeting to consider similar action.

The college is being promoted as a new two-year institution to be located in the Rend Lake area.

The Fairfield and Wayne City high schools comprise two of the larger high school districts in Wayne county. The addition of both districts would represent a sizeable chunk of assessed valuation, one of the criterions of a "superior two-year school."

In a meeting here last night the principal of the Mills Prairie High School at Mill Shoals in White county said his board "would be interested in hearing more about this."

This introduced still another possibility for promoters of the area school.

The statement by Leland Fish, principal of the school at Mill Shoals, was made during a meeting in which representatives of the junior college steering committee and Rend Lake Conservancy District spoke in behalf of the two-year college.

**Special Session**  
It was after their presentations that the Fairfield board decided to call the special session.

During the discussion Dr. Curtis Parker, Mt. Vernon, announced he had received the commitment from Wayne City.

He said a letter and map, detailing the Wayne City district, had been sent to him by J. Conrad Allen, principal of the school.

Parker told the group he and co-chairman Lee Browning, have received written commitments from high schools that would give the proposed junior college district an assessed valuation of \$160,154,278.

He said "we feel there is the strongest possibility that by Monday night we will have enough districts for a total assessed valuation of more than \$250,000,000."

Parker and Browning, superintendent of Franklin county schools, are co-chairmen of the junior college steering committee.

Parker's reference to Monday night was in regard to a meeting to be held in Sesser at which original boundaries will be drawn.

Other areas, it was explained, may be accepted up until October 1 when the committee hopes to declare its district and begin circulating petitions asking for an election.

**From Outside**

The committee has proposed to include high school districts "from six counties or more" in the junior college student area.

The invitation by Fish represents a possibility from outside the six-county area.

Potential inclusion of White county districts was first suggested by Logan Hodges, a member of the Fairfield board.

He remarked that "they might like to hear more about this because of Highway 64." He meant Interstate 64 which is to be built as an east-west expressway.

Fish then explained his board would like to know more about the plans.

Other speakers at the meeting were J. L. Buford, former president of the National Education Association and Frank Feltmeier, a member of the Rend Lake Conservancy District board of trustees.

Buford detailed "advantages of a district large enough to provide superior education for ALL the people."

He said no one community in southern Illinois can support the proper type of college so we must go to the area concept."

He said developments on shores of Rend Lake would mean "utilities would be placed within our reach."

**No Jealousy**

He stressed a lake site's freedom from jealousy among towns, declaring "that spot just couldn't possibly belong to anybody."

Buford spoke of the advantages of business "we would have in each community by keeping our young people home two more years."

Feltmeier noted that "the large acreage of ground needed" would be available at Rend Lake but "might be difficult to obtain at reasonable cost at or near any city or town."

"The big thing," he remarked is accessibility—the interstate highways. Without them we couldn't do what we are doing."

He said Interstate 57 runs north and south along the east shore of the lake.

Interchanges at Whittington and Iria, he added, make a peninsula between the two communities the "logical place for the college."

Such a location, Feltmeier commented, would also be served by Route 183, to be an east-west crossing of the lake that would funnel traffic to the peninsula from Sesser and other points to the west.

**"What Steps"**

After the three men had spoke Jack Vertress of the Wayne County Press at Fairfield advanced the question, "what steps do we take to get in?"

It was explained that the steering committee "is following the self-declaration method" and it would take a written commitment, preferable from the school board.

He said the committee will expand its scope "so as to include persons from throughout the district in policy-making groups."

# Rend Lake Junior College Plan Could Cost Taxpayers Here \$187,000 Yearly

## Let's Go Slow

(An Editorial)

It is to be hoped that the Fairfield High School board will move slowly in taking action on the proposal made here Friday night to join the Rend Lake Junior College plan.

In time, it could prove out that the Rend Lake Plan is best for us, but before there is any final action on the matter, the public should have far more information than it has now.

The Mount Vernon men here Friday night beating the drums for the program were very careful not to discuss what this could cost the taxpayers of Fairfield High School district in added taxes.

The Press interviewed high school attorney Kelley Loy Monday (today) and after some careful study of the law Mr. Loy found that once Fairfield High School district joins up with the Rend Lake plan that it could be taxed a maximum of 85c per \$100 property valuation for its part of the educational and building expense of the new junior college there at Mount Vernon's back door.

Based on present assessed valuations, such a maximum rate could mean a cost to Fairfield High School taxpayers of \$187,000 annually, Mr. Loy pointed out. That's almost as much as we pay to run the high school here.

It is unlikely that the Rend Lake board would make the maximum levy at the start, but the fact remains that it would have the statutory power to do so if the need came.

Considering that about 200 pupils from the Fairfield high school district are attending college this year, the \$187,000 would mean a cost of about \$900 per pupil. And assuming that not all of them would care to attend the Rend Lake college, the cost per pupil therefore would run much higher. Such a cost would pay their tuition in the finest colleges in America.

Maybe as more information is made available we will revise our view about the proposal, but at the moment it looks like an effort to let Fairfield High School taxpayers provide the Mount Vernon area with something else to blow its horn about . . . this time a junior college . . . while at the same time the King City retailers continue their unremitting effort to cut the heart out of Fairfield's shopping district by the constant use of radio commercials and handbills to woo the affection of Fairfield shoppers.

Let's beware!

## Boundaries May Be Set Tonight

The Fairfield High School board is expected to dispatch a delegation to Sesser Monday evening (tonight) to hear further discussion about the proposed Rend Lake Junior College, south of Mt. Vernon.

A special meeting of the high school board is slated for 5 p. m. Monday (today) and one board member told the Press Saturday that very likely there would be a decision to put the FCHS district into the Rend Lake plan.

He said the five members attending an unofficial meeting Friday night seemed favorable to the plan.

However, today, as discussion on the matter proceeded, some board members seem inclined to delay any action at this time. Attorney Loy also holds this view.

Boundaries of the junior college district are to be set at the Sesser meeting tonight.

Fairfield High board members, plus members of the Wayne City, Cisne and Mills-Prairie boards and school administrators got a word picture Friday night of plans for developing a Rend Lake Area Junior College within two years.

### Wrong Figure

But they did not get a correct picture on what such a plan could cost the district's taxpayers.

A flashy printed folder circulated by the Mt. Vernon delegation at the meeting here Friday night said, "FOOTNOTE: The new law permits maximum levies of 50 cents for education and 10 cents for building."\*

According to High School Attorney Kelley Loy that figure is incorrect. The maximum of 75c for education and 10 cents for building.

If the maximum was levied it could cost Fairfield High School taxpayers \$187,000 annually.

### A Tricker

Another tricker in the law is that a referendum vote would mean virtually nothing to a district like Fairfield, because the district's vote is not counted separately but rather it is dumped

into the district-wide total giving control over the election to the heavy populated areas . . . in this case Mount Vernon and Jefferson county.

### Favor Proposal

Following the Friday night meeting held in the FCHS library, five members of the Fairfield board gathered in unofficial meeting and discussed the proposal. One board member told the Press, "All of us present Friday night feel that the Rend Lake promoters have come up with a sound plan for an area junior college. The trend is definitely to the area junior college."

Whether Cisne or Mills-Prairie will send delegations to tonight's meeting at Sesser is uncertain. The press was told by Wayne City school officials they have committed their district to the Rend Lake proposal.

### Cisne Might Split

Cisne's principal, Bill Frye, told the Press residents of his district would be split on the proposal "with those in the eastern half, near Mt. Erie, in favor of joining an area junior college at Olney, and those in the western part of the district, in the Johnsonville area, more favoring Rend Lake."

Mills-Prairie Principal Leland H. Fish was at the Friday meeting to learn of the proposal. He said two meetings have been held the past week in White county discussing the area junior college but no decisions have been reached in which direction that county might go.

### Mr. Buford Spoke

Principal speaker at the Friday meeting was J. Lester Buford, former Mt. Vernon principal and NEA president. He called this a college age, and noted that SIU and the U. of I. were to the point of turning down freshman student applications because of overcrowding enrollment.

He noted that the Illinois master study plan for education predicts 920,000 Illinois young people of college age by 1980. That compares with a 579,000 figure at present. "And each year, more and more of our young people are entering college," he observed.

### Six County Area

Mr. Buford urged that the Rend Lake Junior College be formed "now" from a six county area . . . Wayne, Jefferson, Perry, Franklin, Williamson and Hamilton. "Let's get started building a college, while we can get the federal and state governments to pay 75 per cent of all costs. After 1971, they will contribute only 50 per cent," the Jefferson county educator declared. The state will pay

50 per cent of the operational cost.

He said that the Rend Lake college must offer superior education to all, young people and adults. Mr. Buford declared it would not be "a Mt. Vernon Junior college . . . it's actually closer to Benton than Mt. Vernon . . . but would truly be an area college in a beautiful 150 to 300 acre campus setting on Rend Lake."

### Promises Acreage

He predicted a 2,000 enrollment

by 1970 and added "we should make arrangements for a 3,000 enrollment." The Rend Lake Conservancy District has promised the acreage necessary for the college at a nominal fee. This assurance was emphasized by Frank Feltmeier, a board member of the conservancy district, who was present Friday night.

The proposed location is on a peninsula of the Rend Lake, near the Ina and Whittington highway interchanges.

"Your merchants should be for this plan, since it will keep young people in their home communities for an extra two years, as Rend Lake Junior College will be a commuting college, for students living within an hour's driving distance. Fairfield is just over 45 minutes time but completion of Interstate 64 in five years would cut this to 30-35 minutes driving time," Mr. Feltmeier estimated.

### To Circulate Petitions

Following the Sesser meeting, it is planned to circulate petitions in the high school districts joining in, with these to be presented by early October to the Illinois Junior College Board.

If approved, then an election would be held, with a majority vote approval required in three separate groupings . . . the Mt. Vernon Junior College district, in incorporated areas and in unincorporated areas.

If voted into existence, a seven man board would be elected to direct the college building, program and operation.

### Tax Base Required

It has been estimated that if the six county area comes in, the Rend Lake Junior College would have a tax base assessed valuation of better than \$350 million.

dollars, far above the \$75 million minimum required by the state. A population minimum of 30,000 is also required but would be more than met by the six counties.

# 9 High Schools Join College Move

## OTHERS INDICATE INTEREST

Nine high school districts from four counties committed themselves to a Rend Lake area junior college at Sesser last night, giving the proposed two-year school an initial tax base of more than \$156 million.

Based on expressions of interest from other schools at the meeting the junior college steering committee set up the machinery to broaden its boundaries to include schools from five or six counties with a total assessed valuation of between \$200 and \$250 million.

Other schools have until at least October 1 to declare themselves a part of the proposed junior college district.

School districts who last night became a part of the tentative boundaries include:

**High School**  
Sesser Unit District 196, with 73 seniors enrolled; Wayne City High School District 226, with

### Rend Lake Junior College Speakers 'Ready To Travel'

Dr. Curtis Parker, co-chairman of the Rend Lake area steering committee, declared last night "we are following the self-declaration method."

He added "we will go anywhere in the area to provide details on our proposal. We are ready to travel."

"We have a good product. Our need is to tell the people of what we have to offer. We won't force ourselves on anyone."

He made the statement during the boundary-declaration session in Sesser.

61 seniors; Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201, with 402 seniors; Bluford High School District 204, with 25 seniors; Waltonville Unit District 1, with 42 seniors; Benton High School District 103, with 120

seniors; Thompsonville High School District 112, with 26 seniors; Dahlgren High School District 97, with 11 seniors, and McLeansboro High School District 53, with 113 seniors. The

total senior population of the schools is 923.

Representatives of high schools at Fairfield (Wayne county), Pinckneyville (Perry county), Mill Shoals (White county), and Zeigler-Royalton (Franklin county) attended the session and expressed an "interest in (eventually) joining this district."

The total tax valuation, projected enrollment, area and population, projected enrollment, area and population of the districts that enrolled last night are well above the minimum standards set up by law for a Class I junior college.

### Expansion Measures

Two measures aimed at expansion and reorganization of the steering committee to include additional school districts were approved at the meeting.

One would permit other interested high school boards to send representatives to policy-making meetings as ex-officio members.

The other establishes an advisory group of each of the county superintendents and two laymen of each county in the district.

Co-chairmen Lee Browning and Dr. Curtis Parker explained that the advisory group will be asked to establish a format by which the steering and other policy committees will be reorganized to include additional areas as they join the proposed district.

Browning is superintendent of Franklin county schools. Parker is a Mt. Vernon optometrist.

Another meeting of the steering committee was called for 7:30 p.m. next Monday, again at Sesser.

### Speaks Tonight

J. L. Buford of Mt. Vernon said he will speak tonight at Pinckneyville to members of the high school and other civic leaders of the community in behalf of the school.

Other similar briefing sessions are being set up at Fairfield, Mill Shoals and other interested areas between now and October 1.

The steering committee has set October 1 as the tentative date by which it will begin legal work for preparation of petitions calling for an election.

At last night's meeting Weldon Hendrick, president of the Fairfield High School board, said the board has held two special meetings to discuss the "proposed Rend Lake college and we want to know more about it." Also attending was Logan Hodges, another member of the Fairfield board.

Harley Quillman, superintendent of Pinckneyville High School, said "we are not in the center of any proposed (junior college) district. We are here for information. If we were not interested we wouldn't be here. We are near three proposed junior colleges. We are more interested in a good junior college than where it is located."

### Dr. Allen Baker

Dr. Allen Baker, a Pinckneyville optometrist, of the Greater Egypt Planning Commission, made the suggestion that interested schools be permitted ex-officio membership at policy meetings.

William Ramsey, superintendent of the Zeigler-Royalton Unit District, said his school board "retains an interest in this proposal and would like



AT PINCKNEYVILLE SEPTEMBER 15, 1965

# REND JR. COLLEGE GETS NEW SUPPORT

A proposed Rend Lake area junior college today has the support of the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber of the Perry county seat last night voted to recommend to the school there that it join the junior college district.

Pinckneyville and other eastern high school districts of Perry county are looked on as keys to an expanded junior college district.

The proposed two-year school already has nine high school districts from four counties in its fold. But none, at present, are from Perry county.

Pinckneyville, DuQuoin and Tamaroa high schools are all considered as possible additional areas to be included in the lakeside school.

The action of the chamber at Pinckneyville was taken after a joint meeting of the school board and administrators, city officials and the chamber.

Three members of the Tamaroa High School board also attended.

J. L. Buford, Mt. Vernon, former president of the National Education Association, and C.J. Covington, a trustee of the Rend Lake Conservancy District board of trustees, were speakers at the meeting.

They will speak to the entire Tamaroa board and other community representatives at a public meeting there at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

At Pinckneyville, Covington and Buford reviewed the move for a Rend Lake College and told how the general lake area was first proposed as a site due to its highway accessibility that would "provide an area and tax base large enough to give us a superior college."

Covington said conservancy district trustees had advanced the possibility of a lakeshore campus after discovering "through work with our Inter-city Water Co. that towns could be welded into a single unit rather than fighting each other."

"It seemed that was what was happening (bickering among communities) in the junior college move. But we knew it didn't have to be that way," Covington declared.

Buford said high school districts with schools at Sesser, Benton, Mt. Vernon, Wayne City, Dahlgren, Blufford, McLeansboro, Thompsonville and Waltonville voted at Sesser Monday night to join the pro-

SEPTEMBER 16, 1965

# Zeigler-Royalton 10th High School Joins Lake College

In a special meeting last night the Zeigler-Royalton unit school board voted to include its district in the proposed Rend Lake area junior college boundaries.

Zeigler-Royalton superintendent William Ramsey said he notified Lee Browning, Franklin county superintendent of schools, of the decision this morning.

Ramsey said he will submit formal written notice of the decision and furnish necessary data to the junior college steering committee in a meeting Monday night at Sesser.

The district has an assessed valuation of \$6,731,000. There are 61 seniors enrolled in the high school.

The addition of Zeigler-Royalton gives the proposed Rend Lake area school a current enrollment of 10 high school districts with a total assessed valuation of more than \$162,700,000 and 984 seniors registered.

The Zeigler-Royalton unit district lies in the extreme southwest corner of Franklin county. Several other high school boards have said they will make decisions on joining the Rend Lake junior college before its boundaries are declared in final form. Among them are Pinckneyville, Fairfield and Tamaroa.

A public meeting will be held in Tamaroa tonight where representatives of the junior college steering committee and Rend Lake Conservancy District will speak.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1965

# Tomorrow Night Jr. College Program Set At Enfield

A proposed Rend Lake area junior college will be discussed at a public meeting in Enfield at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Three members of the junior college steering committee said today they will speak at the meeting requested by the high school board at Enfield.

To be on the program will be Dr. Howard Rawlinson, dean of the Mt. Vernon Community College; Dr. Curtis Parker, co-chairman of the steering committee, and J. L. Buford, former president of the National Education Association.

The board at Enfield, which is in White county, has said it is studying the Rend Lake area college proposal along with other suggested junior colleges in southern Illinois.

Eltis Henson, superintendent of the Mt. Vernon Township High School and Community College, recently spoke at Carmi on the junior college move before a number of persons from throughout White county.

At present high school districts from Hamilton, Wayne, Perry, Jefferson and Franklin counties have declared themselves a part of the proposed Rend Lake two-year school.

Several other school boards including Enfield, Mill Shoals, Fairfield and Cisne said they are studying the proposal.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1965

# Speaks At Carmi Jr. College Panel Is OK With Henson

CARMI—Eltis Henson of Mt. Vernon told a White county group here last night he would be willing to represent the proposed Rend Lake area junior college in a public panel with representatives of other junior colleges.

Henson is superintendent of the Mt. Vernon Township High School and Community College.

He spoke on the junior college subject here last night to about 75 representatives of all the high school districts in White county. The meeting was held in the Carmi High School.

Richard Travis of Grayville, White county superintendent of schools, explained that all the White county districts "are interested in exploring all the possibilities in the junior college move." Travis had called the meeting and arranged for Henson as the speaker.

Henson reviewed the junior college move in general and explained the new law controlling the two-year schools that was approved by the last general assembly.

He said the Mt. Vernon high school and Community College boards have adopted a resolution favoring the proposed Rend Lake area college.

"We are willing," he said, "to close the doors of our good college in favor of a superior area college."

He said representatives of the White county districts are welcome to attend meetings of the Rend Lake area group.

It was noted that Enfield "is the closest of all the White county districts to the proposed Rend Lake site."

Interest has also been expressed by the principal of the high school at Mill Shoals.

It was revealed that several representatives of White county schools attended the meeting in Sesser Monday night when original boundaries of the lakeside school were drawn.

It was suggested during the meeting here that schools in Wayne, Hamilton and White counties might bind together in a district of their own.

It was noted that the Wayne City district and practically all of Hamilton county have enrolled in the Rend Lake district. The Fairfield High School board has indicated it is considering a similar move and will make a decision on the matter before final boundaries of the Rend Lake area school are declared.

Travis said he has and will continue to discuss junior college affiliation with the Wabash Valley College at Mt. Carmel and Southeastern at Harrisburg.

Henson was asked: "Would you be willing to be a part of a panel with other junior college representatives, to publically discuss this matter?"

"Most certainly," he replied.

# Special Meeting of High School Board Tonight For Junior College Tuition Levy

## The Christopher Progress

June 16, 1965

### Meeting Scheduled To Discuss Possibility Of Jr. College Site

The Rend Lake Conservancy District trustees have called a meeting for tonight at 7:30 at the Benton Public Library to discuss the possibility of a junior college site in the Rend Lake area.

C. J. Covington, chairman of the education committee, and Frank Feltmeier, chairman of the planning committee, will present pertinent details on the proposed Rend Lake site.

Area high school principals and superintendents, together with their board members, have been invited to attend, along with Lee Browning, Franklin County superintendent of school, and Oggie Ellis, superintendent in Jefferson County.

A special meeting of the Fairfield high school board will be held at 7 o'clock Monday evening (tonight) to adopt a special tax levy to provide funds to pay tuition of FCHS district graduates to area colleges.

The levy will be .03 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, and will bring in approximately \$7500 a year tax money to pay such tuition.

Board Attorney Kelley Loy predicts this will be sufficient to pay any tuition the FCHS district might be obligated for under a new Illinois junior college law. This law provides that a high school district not joined in any area junior college must pay tuition for any of its graduates who attend such two-year colleges.

Available July 1st, 1966

The new tax money will become available after July 1st, 1966. At tonight's meeting the board is not expected to renew consideration of a proposal which would commit the FCHS district to the Rend Lake Area Junior College district with action on the levy might well indicate that the board is off for at least one year. Supporters of that junior college plan hope to have all high school districts committed by this Friday. Only Wayne City's high school district in Wayne county has formally committed to the Rend Lake college. Fairfield and Cisne

#### Any Move "Tabled"

FCHS Principal Weldon Kendrick said he considered the FCHS move into any area junior college "tabled" for the present. He predicted the board will make further study into the various proposals, emphasizing from Mt. Vernon, Olney and Mt. Carmel. All have area junior college plans in the proposal stage.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS...

BY JACK VERTREES



Frankly, we think Rend Lake is so far for daily commuting by young people of our town. That would mean an hour and a half to two hours a day driving — and we've seen some awfully ice or snow packed highways in our winter months. Think about that.

A Mt. Vernon preacher, Rev. Frank Trotter, in Thursday's paper, said the Press was in error on its tax figures. Yet we would suggest the good reverend read Article III, Section 3-1 of House Bill No. 1719, the Junior College Act, and he will find, at least we find, that the maximum rates for education and building are not to exceed .75 and .10, respectively, as the Press printed. How come the Rend Lake College folder says a maximum of .50? We suggest, Rev. Trotter, that you ask the Mt. Vernonites. Also, how many school districts do you know who are not changing the maximum rate possible, and who are not wishing they could change more?

We hope that the proposal for a vocational technical school here will be fully explored. It sounds like an excellent facility which might well be better accepted than a junior college and it might well serve as a further inducement to new industry.

We feel that the Rend Lake College proposal, so far as Fairfield is concerned, was not adequately presented to the public in so far as details of the plan and time to consider it. In the end, it may well be the one to join. But as Cisne High School Principal Bill Frye told us, "Why the rush? They will be glad to have us anytime."

Let's listen to the Mt. Carmel and Olney area college proposals, too, get all the facts on all the proposals before we decide which way to go.

We still believe that the Fairfield high school district could far more cheaply pay the tuition of any of its graduates wanting to attend an area junior college than the cost involved in joining the district. Actually, we suppose that eventually every county will be a part of a junior college district but

**SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY**  
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At 11:30 a.m., the group assembled for the second general session. Dick Walsh presided. Cheryl Bond gave a report on the workshop allowance. Ila Cherney, Illinois Teachers College, North, gave a report for the Constitution Revision Committee. Leila Raske reported on the newsletter and newsletter bulletin.

It was announced that the 1966 fall convention will be held at the Palmer House and at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle on Nov. 18 and 19. Any chapter that would like to serve on a committee for the convention should contact Dr. Madeline Shalabi, Karen Viemeisel or Student IEA president Dick Walsh. Any Student IEA member interested in working on the Constitution Revision Committee or the Nominating Committee should contact Dick Walsh.

The noon luncheon was held at the First Methodist Church. Robert Brown, president of Kappa Gamma Chapter of Mt. Vernon Community College, presided. Following the introduction of guests, the Communiquettes of Mt. Vernon Community College presented special music. Group singing was led by Gary

Gregory with Earl Highsmith at the piano. Mr. Reginald Simon, past president of the Student Illinois Education Association, presented an entertaining sketch of the real world of the beginning teacher.

Following the third discussion group, the third general session began at 3:15 p.m. Dick Walsh gave a big thank-you to the 19 chapters and over 160 students and faculty who attended the workshop. He especially expressed his thanks to those students who served as recorders and assistants. Then Dick presented a presidential challenge: All chapters that establish some type of service project, such as a tutoring program, will receive a certificate of recognition at the fall convention in 1966 at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

The workshop dismissed at 3:45 p.m. Tired SEA'ers returned home worn out by a memorable day packed with valuable information. Almost everyone expressed his appreciation of the workshop; several saying it was the "best ever". Almost all seemed pleased to have the opportunity to meet representatives of other S-IEA chapters and to visit in the progressive community in Southern Illinois when "Southern Hospitality brought Success for S-IEA."



**BUSY AS A BEAVER**

Would you like to know what the S-IEA State President has been doing in his "spare" time? Let's look at the record:

**JANUARY 27TH - SPRINGFIELD**

Signing of Illinois Future Teachers Week Proclamation in the office of Gov. Otto Kerner.

**FEBRUARY 23RD - ELMHURST**

Attended SEA meeting of Elmhurst College. President Batchelder of the NEA, gave the address.

**MARCH 30TH - MONTICELLO**

Spoke to STA club on a program with representatives of the IEA staff, Monticello Education Association, and Ill. Association of Classroom Teachers.

**APRIL 14TH - NORMAL**

Represented the Student IEA at the Future Teacher Week Convocation, Ill. State University. Brought greetings from S-IEA to the 300 FTA'ers and ISU administration, faculty, staff, and students. Also introduced the keynote speaker.

**APRIL 15-16TH - ROCK ISLAND**

Brought greetings from S-IEA to delegates of the Ill. Assoc. of Future Teachers of America Convention.

President Walsh attends all these meetings in addition to chairing the executive council meetings. You can help him save time and promote interest for S-IEA by your enthusiasm and contribution to your state organization.

**DO YOU KNOW**

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4. The "Challenge of Change" was voted to be the theme for the convention.
5. The Student IEA definitely needs a handbook. It would help the chapters that host the workshops and conventions, as well as the state officers. Suggestions for the state handbook will be gladly welcomed by Leila Raske, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill.
6. It was discussed and moved that we divide the state into three divisions -- northern, central and southern -- for the purpose of travel reimbursement and advisor representation of the executive council.
7. Dr. Donald Peterson, instead of serving as a state consultant, was asked by President Walsh to become ICTEPS representative for the S-IEA.
8. The S-IEA had another executive council meeting Saturday, April 30, at 2:15 p.m. at the Palmer House at Chicago.
9. There will be a S-IEA Summer Leadership Conference held at Illinois State University, Normal, on August 16 and 17. The chal-

lenging program will be an incentive for all future sea' officers to attend. Further information will soon be in the hands of all local presidents and advisors.

10. The new membership of the Constitution Revision Committee includes: Ila Cherney, (chairman), Ill. Teachers College North, Carol Barr, Illinois State University, Barry Stoughton, Augustana College, Joe Vershuis, Western Illinois University, and one other member to be named by President Walsh.

11. The new mailing policy for all S-IEA mailings is that all communications go to each chapter president and to every authorized chapter advisor.

Are you still with us? Last, but certainly not least;

12. Did you know that the NEA convention this summer is going to be in Miami, Florida from June 20 - July 1? Dick Walsh, Cheryl Bond, and Leila Raske are all planning to go. They are planning to come back with some challenging, great ideas for our Student Leadership Conference. You won't want to miss these days at the conference August 16 and 17, as high-lights of your summer vacation.

SEPT. 22nd, 1965

## Press Article on Rend Lake College Inaccurate, Says Mt. Vernon Preacher

Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
September 17, 1965

Dear Editor—To the majority of the people who live in Wayne County I would need no introduction, in view of the fact that I am a Wayne County boy and have pastored a number of the churches in Wayne County and have often spoken over the local station of WFRX in Fairfield. However, at the present time I am living in Mt. Vernon and serving a church here. (Logan Street Baptist.)

I was somewhat disturbed about your comments in the Press as of September 14 in regards to the Rend Lake Junior College. As yet, I have not understood the reasons for your comments nor the basis of those comments, especially when I stop to think of what such a college would mean to Wayne County. It appeared to me as I read your article that somewhere down deep inside you have a sore spot for Mt. Vernon.

### Mt. Vernon's Sacrifice

For your information and the information of your readers the Rend Lake Junior College would not benefit Mt. Vernon much more, if any, than many of the other area towns. Furthermore, it would mean that Mt. Vernon would have to give up its own Junior College in favor of this new college and as a result our town would sacrifice as much as anybody if and when the Rend Lake College should become a reality.

Your article about the expense

of other colleges likewise was completely inaccurate and from experience, I know. So I hope that you will write another article in the Wayne County Press and seek to not discourage the people in Wayne county for supporting something worth while. (Tax rates quoted in Press were taken from Illinois Junior College Statute, Article 3, House Bill 1710 Enacted by 1965 legislature.)

Would it be better for the people in Wayne county to live 30 minutes away from a college or 2 hours, one that they would have some control over and voice in or one they would not have any control over or voice in? Let us not fool ourselves if our children are to go to a State supported school the tax dollar is going to pay for it whether it is here or somewhere else. I think that you want the young people in Wayne county to pursue higher education and, therefore, to me it would be foolish to discourage such a movement as the Rend Lake College.

Your comment about the retail stores in Mt. Vernon was really not in good taste, in my opinion. Your stores might profit by advertising over this station. This is good business and experience has proven that competition makes for better business.

I consider you a personal friend and that is why I have written you.

FRANK L. TROTIER, Pastor  
Logan Street Baptist Church  
P.S. I agree with Otis Allen of Wayne City in regards to the Rend Lake Junior College.

# Sentinel VOTERS APPROVE JR. COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Defeated in Clinton County But Carries 2-1 Margin

The proposed Class I area junior college district was approved yesterday by more than a 2 to 1 majority.

Yesterday's referendum was the first in Illinois for establishment of a Class I junior college under the new Public Junior College Act and authorized by the State Junior College Board.

Final tally was 6,883 votes for establishment of the district and 2,958 votes against.

The proposal was soundly defeated in both the urban and rural areas of Clinton County, but piled up huge majorities in Mar-

ion County and Centralia School District 200.

Urban areas in Washington County approved the district by more than a 2 to 1 majority, but the proposal was defeated by one vote in the rural areas of Washington County.

The total urban vote in the entire district was 4,823 votes for the district and 1,567 against.

In the rural area of the district, the vote was 2,060 for the proposal and 1,391 against.

Voters in School District 200 approved the district by an overwhelming majority of 3,437 to 179.

The proposal had to carry in urban areas, rural areas and School District 200 to win approval.

Center for compiling votes in the election was the office of Robert I. Hartley, Marion County superintendent of schools, in the Marion County Courthouse.

The polls closed at 7 p.m. and the first precinct total was reported at 7:12 p.m. That was Precinct 43 (city of Kinmundy) where the proposal carried 89 to 4.

A trend was established early as returns from throughout most of Marion County and School District 200 were in by 8:30 p.m. With huge margins piling up from those areas, predictions of victory were being made at that early hour.

The large favorable vote in the rural areas of Marion County seemed to indicate passage of the issue was eminent. Backers of the junior college district had long felt the proposal would carry in urban areas and School District 200, but were somewhat pessimistic about its chances in rural areas.

It was nearly 11 p.m. before the final precinct — Precinct 68 (the east side of Centralia) was tallied. A total of 1,742 voters cast ballots in that precinct.

A 100 per cent endorsement of the district was recorded in the village of Richview, where there were 42 votes for the proposal and no votes against.

The proposal carried in all but 23 of the 72 precincts. It failed in four precincts of Washington County, and in 19 of the 28 precincts in Clinton County.

It carried in every precinct of Marion County and School District 200.

Next step for the district, after its approval by the State Junior College Board, is an election of trustees.

The election must be held within the next 60 days. At least two of the seven members on the board must come from rural areas.

Hartley said he will contact the secretary of the State Junior College Board on Monday and see if he is authorized to go ahead and set the date for an election. If so, he said, petitions for prospective candidates will be available within a week.

### Supporters Pleased With College Vote

Officials who have worked closely with the area junior college proposal since its beginning expressed pleasure last night after the district had received decisive support at the polls.

"I am happy the proposal passed," said Robert I. Hartley, Marion County superintendent of schools, "but I am sorry we had included in the petition such a large area (western Clinton County) that was opposed to it."

"I am glad the election is over; we've had a very busy time. I appreciate the assistance of everyone, especially the county superintendents and school people in all counties. They were very cooperative."

Verle Besant, president of the Kaskaskia College Foundation, said, "I am extremely happy. I want to express thanks to everyone who worked to gain approval for the college district."

"We hope the same large number of voters turns out to select well-qualified trustees for the district so the college can get started successfully and measure up to the confidence the voters have shown it."

"We are extremely pleased," said Dr. Eugene McClintock, superintendent of Centralia Township High School and Junior College. "The results were better than we had anticipated."

(continued) October 17, 1965

**Vote Total**

**INCORPORATED  
Clinton County**

Precinct	Yes	No
1 (Carlyle)	140	70
2 (Keyesport)	13	6
6 (Hoffman)	48	20
9 (Huey)	17	5
12 (Breese)	56	214
14 (Beckemeyer)	63	27
17 (Avis-ton)	2	84
19 (Albers)	6	81
21 (Germantown)	14	166
23 (Bartelso)	2	38
25 (Trenton)	11	252
27 (New Baden)	5	177

TOTAL 377 1,140

**Washington County**

Precinct	Yes	No
29 (Ashley)	89	9
31 (Hoyleton)	78	26
32 (New Minden)	19	18
33 (Nashville)	91	58
38 (Addieville)	8	24
39 (Okawvilln)	63	17
40 (Venedy)	18	7

TOTAL 366 159

**Marion County**

Precinct	Yes	No
43 (Kinmundy)	89	4
44 (Alma)	79	7
47 (Patoka)	95	8
48 (Vernon)	22	3
50 (Sandoval)	177	18
51 (Junction City)	30	7
53 (Odin)	104	8
55 (Salem)	697	67
56 (Iuka)	52	8
57 (Kell)	44	1

TOTAL 1,389 131

**School District 200**

Precinct	Yes	No
52 (Richview)	42	0
53 (Irvington)	73	10
65 (Centralia-west)	546	50
67 (Central City)	208	13
68 (Centralia-east)	1,681	61
70 (Walnut Hill)	26	2
72 (Wamac)	115	11

TOTAL 2,691 137

GRAND TOTAL 4,823 1,567

**UNINCORPORATED**

**Clinton County**

Precinct	Yes	No
3 (Boulder School)	31	13
4 (Shattuc School)	60	57
5 (Huey Station)	16	26
7 (Hoffman School)	46	22
8 (Brink's, Posey)	27	29
10 (Marydale Hall)	17	50
11 (Ford School)	1	30
13 (Farm Bureau)	5	81
15 (Kauling Home)	20	26
16 (St. Rose Center)	7	201
18 (Avis-ton Legion)	5	54
20 (Horstman's Store)	17	70
22 (Starlite Cafe)	3	98
24 (Bartelso K.C.)	4	57
26 (Central TV)	1	94
28 (New Memphis)	2	137

TOTAL 262 1,045

**Washington County**

Precinct	Yes	No
30 (Evans Home)	27	5
34 (Beaucoup Hall)	17	8
35 Schierbecker Home)	55	30
36 (Oexeman Motors)	17	9
37 (Covington Hall)	11	41
41 (Hagebusch Home)	21	24
42 (Meyer Home)	16	48

TOTAL 164 165

**Marion County**

Precinct	Yes	No
45 (Kinmundy Grades)	49	17
46 (Tockstein Home)	98	9
49 (Patoka School)	116	14
54 (Farthing's)	85	3
58 (Young School)	261	32
59 (Stevenson Hall)	101	34
60 (Haines Hall)	98	14

TOTAL 888 139

**School District 200**

Precinct	Yes	No
61 (Riechman Home)	96	6
64 (Jennings Dodge)	129	16
66 (Zion Hill School)	76	6
71 (Centralia Airport)	128	4

TOTAL 746 42

GRAND TOTAL 2,060 1,391

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 200**

Precinct	Yes	No
61 (Riechman)	96	6
62 (Richview)	42	0
63 (Irvington)	73	10
64 (Jennings)	129	16
65 (Centralia-west)	546	40
66 (Zion Hill)	317	10
67 (Central City)	208	13
68 (Centralia-east)	1,681	61
69 (Raccoon Hall)	76	6
70 (Walnut Hill)	26	2
71 (Airport)	128	4
72 (Wamac)	115	11

TOTAL 3,437 179

## Midwest Is Favorite Site of Instructor Felix DyReyes

Economic teacher, Mr. Felix DyReyes, has become a familiar personality around the Mt. Vernon Community College. A native of the Philippines, Mr. DyReyes has been teaching economics at Mt.VCC since the beginning of the school year.

Mr. DyReyes was born on the island of Manila. He received his Bachelor's Degree in commerce there before coming to the United States where he obtained a Master's Degree in economics from Southern Illinois University. His interest in economics stems from the fact that his country needs good economists in order to fully develop the country's assets. Upon the conclusion of his American visit he plans to return to Manila to teach and also to work for the government.

The first boy in a family of nine children, Mr. DyReyes

speaks three languages—English, a bit of Spanish, and his native Philippine language. His favorite hobbies include basketball, movies, and soccer. He helped to organize the college soccer club this year and served as faculty advisor.

Having traveled through San Francisco, Hawaii, Chicago, and Kentucky, Mr. DyReyes believes that he likes the Midwest best because, "Midwestern people accept foreigners without any reservations or prejudices."

Aside from his teaching duties, he has served as sponsor for the "Variety A Go Go," "Mr. Roberts," the soccer club, and is now assisting on the Spring Formal.

Economics students have found him to be understanding and good natured and always in good humor. Mr. DyReyes has certainly been an asset to Mt.VCC and to the Mt. Vernon community.



## Peace Corps Placement Test To Be Given On Mt.VCC Campus

On Saturday, April 30, a special on-campus Peace Corps Placement Test will be given at the Mt. Vernon Community College at 8:30 a.m. This test is intended for those

students who plan to apply for the Peace Corps project after graduation.

All those students interested in taking this placement exam should see Mrs. Betty Ann Ward within the next week.



**SEVERAL MT. VERNON SEA** members were on hand to help visiting students register at the state workshop on March 25. The students are, from left to right, Don Wood, Judy Walker, Karen Gascon, Jane Hart, and Mary Alice Bond.



**WHICH ONE WILL BE THE QUEEN?** These seven sophomore girls have been chosen queen candidates for the Spring Formal to be held on April 23. The girls are, back row, left to right, Paula Williams, Janice Abraham, Teresa Punthey, and Linda Cowen; seated, left to right, Linda McCluskey, Lana Haun, and Carol Lee. (Filliard-Myers Photo)

**Conference**  
**At Allerton**  
 The staff of the English Department at the Community College participated in an articulation conference April 26-27 at Allerton Park, Illinois under the sponsorship of the University of Illinois.  
 The purpose of the conference was to acquaint the junior colleges and the four-year colleges and universities in Illinois with the problems of the English departments in both types of institutions relative to the junior college transfer student.  
 The faculty members attending the conference were Miss Margaret Ann Climbings, Department Chairwoman, Tom Altemang, Barbara Luchsinger, John Traver, and Dorothy Barrett.

