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\$1,170,000 Bond Issue Set Sept. 28

September 28 is the date set for Union schools \$1,170,000 bond election. The issue will provide funds for the construction of a prototype elementary school in "Section 19," which is the square mile between 31st, 41st, Mingo and Garnett Roads.

Nearly 600 elementary students live in that area now and housing additions are still expanding. Administrators expect the proposed elementary school, which will have a capacity of 750 students, to be full when the doors open in September, 1977. Sec-

tion 19 is the second most populous square mile in the Union district. District planners see the school as a major step toward providing neighborhood schools in all densely populated areas.

All Union schools are full and most of them are handling more students than they were designed to contain, say administrators. At Grove, Briarglen and Boevers classes are being held in such common areas as the media centers and the cafeteriums which are not designed for such use. The new elementary school will relieve much of the current overcrowded conditions at the kindergarten through 5th grade levels.

The prototype elementary school design is to be based on the needs and experiences of Union users and is expected to be used for other elementary schools in the future. Planners say they expect to make some modifications in future construction when needs change, but that the basic plan will stay the same.

The facility will be air conditioned and will be carpeted in most areas. Classrooms will be self-contained spaces and students will have access to common areas such as multi-media areas. Input from parents and teachers alike has been the motivation for eliminating open classrooms and returning to the self-contained spaces. Planners say there will be better educational control of the students within the classroom and that the acoustics will be much improved.

Land for the school was purchased in the spring and includes nearly nine acres at a cost of \$12,800 an acre. The area will include enough space for four softball diamonds and separated play areas for the kindergarten children and older students. Special playground equipment will be provided the kindergartners to help them develop gross motor skills.

New Students Report Daily

New students are still enrolling daily at all Union schools, according to reports by principals. The first day of school 3,968 students reported for classes. 4,236 students were attending classes by Sept. 3, a gain of 268 pupils in the first week and a half of school.

"In a growing situation like this we expect to see new students enrolling every Monday morning all year," says George Hayes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Personnel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Boevers PTA	September 16	7:30	BoC
Grove PTA	September 20	7:00	GC
Middle School-Indian Education Meeting	September 20	7:30	MSC
Middle School-Cub Scout Meeting	September 21	7:30	MSC
High School PTA	September 21	7:00	HSC
Curriculum Coordination Meeting-All Schools (schools dismissed early)	September 22	1:00	
Union Elementary PTA	September 23	7:00	MSC
High School Stadium Dedication	September 24	7:30	HS Stadium
Grove-5th grade Dental Health Program	September 27		
Middle School PTA	September 27	7:30	MSC
Middle School 4-H Meeting	September 27	2:45	MSC
Grove-5th grade Dental Health Program	September 29		
Middle School Cub Scout Meeting	September 30	7:30	MSC
Grove-5th grade Dental Health Program	October 5		
Grove-5th grade Dental Health Program	October 7		
Fair Day	October 8	No School	
Homecoming	October 8	8:00	HS Stadium
Briarglen PTA	October 11	7:30	BrC
Grove Open House Kindergarten thru 2nd grade	October 11	7:30	
Grove Open House 3rd thru 5th grade	October 14	7:30	

MSC — Middle School Cafetorium BrC — Briarglen Cafetorium
BoC — Boevers Cafetorium HSC — High School Cafetorium
GC — Grove Cafetorium

From the Superintendent's Desk!

Important Bond Election Sept. 28



On September 28 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Suncrest Baptist Church and Briarglen Elementary, a most important election will take place. Approval will be sought for a \$1,170,000 bond issue for an elementary school in Section 19.

The firm of Day, Ragland and Yadon has been approved by the board of education to design a prototype elementary facility to fit our elementary education program. Many staff members have been involved in designing this program, which is not radically different from what we are doing now. The plan merely expands and refines the present program.

It is extremely important that we approve these bonds in order to relieve the student load at Boevers and provide for the expanding student population. If you have questions about the bond issue call the Administrative Center at 664-9400. We will be mailing fact sheets soon and have arranged to participate in all the September PTA programs with a slide-tape presentation entitled "Union Pride — Moving UP." I urge all patrons to see this presentation.

Our football stadium will be formally dedicated on September 24. The stadium should be about 90 percent complete at the time of the first home game. Everything will be operational but will need some finishing touches that hopefully will be complete by the second home game. We invite all of you to attend the games this season as many of our students participate in some phase of the football season.

We are off to a very smooth start this year and it is our desire to meet the needs of the students in the Union district.

THE OPEN DOOR

Q. Will the Union District be able to build new classrooms fast enough to keep up with the growth in student population?

This depends on two questions, i.e., (1) how fast will the enrollment increase? and (2) how fast will the tax base accelerate? Our current growth rate has been averaging around 15-20% per year. We anticipate this growth to continue and perhaps increase. The tax base has been increasing at the same time so that hopefully the resources will be available for construction. With the planning effort that has been made during the past year and with plans now being laid, we will be able to respond to our district's building needs more quickly. We will build our new elementary prototype this fall and this alone will save us dollars in the future since we won't have to spend monies for design on future elementaries. We also are studying the district for future school sites which will allow us to program the school site into the development for good access for students. Overall the planning effort and the prospect of industrial development should allow us to keep pace with demands of a growing student population.

Q. What are the priorities in the construction program? After the new elementary school is built, what's next?

The first priority, of course, is the new prototype elementary in section 19. I will list some projects below that have been considered by the board of education but have *not* at this time been prioritized. Conditions will have to be looked at constantly and

projects changed to meet the needs. It is imperative that we be flexible as conditions over a one year period may move a project from one place to another.

Some projects listed to date are:

- (1) Renovation of present middle school
- (2) Vocal and Instrumental Music facility at high school
- (3) Classrooms at high school
- (4) New elementary in south portion of district
- (5) Auditorium
- (6) Additional school sites for elementary, middle school, transportation and maintenance center, and administrative center.

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Thousands To See Stadium Dedication

Thousands of spectators are expected to attend the dedication of the new \$1,750,000 football stadium which will kick off Friday, September 24, with the Redskins first home football game against Claremore.

Congressman James R. Jones will be the featured speaker and the Redskin Invocation will be given in Creek by Jess Hainkey, an elderly Creek Indian who has lived in the Union area all of his life. A traditional invocation is also scheduled.

The 9,000 seat stadium is located in the southeast corner of the 40-acre Union High School complex on Mingo Road. Construction is being financed by the Union Trust Authority. Contractors are racing against time to have the entire stadium ready for the dedication, but admit the possibility that the east side may not be ready for spectators. The west side of the stadium, which is the home side, will be ready for the game.

The Union High School Band

and Vocal Music Department will perform during half-time ceremonies. Concession areas will be open with Canteen Company of Oklahoma serving food and drinks. Tickets will be on sale at the gate.

School to Let Out Early

Students will be dismissed one hour early on five different days this year to give teachers time for department and curriculum planning. The first date set for these meetings is September 22. Later dates are November 10, February 2, April 6 and May 11.

The specific purposes for these meetings, according to George Hayes, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Curriculum, are:

- Curriculum coordination within the individual schools.
- Transitional curriculum planning between the various phases of school assimilation.
- Teacher input to curriculum needs and organizational structure.
- Formulization of a uniform instructional phase in all elementary and secondary schools in the critical areas such as reading, science and math.

TJC Adult Evening Program To Offer 20 Courses at HS

"Let's Go Fishing" and "How to Grow and Care for Indoor Plants" are just two of twenty courses to be offered Union patrons through the popular evening program at Union high school sponsored by Tulsa Junior College. Most classes begin Sept. 22.

Courses are part of the community college public service program and are non-credit. These programs are instructionally self-supporting through tuition and fees.

Other courses offered are "Shorthand Fundamentals I," "Typing for Beginners," "Ac-

counting Fundamentals I," "Medical Receptionist Training," "Income Tax for the Small Business Owner," "Intermediate Photography," "Conversational Spanish I," "Fundamentals of Portrait Painting," "Drawing and Sketching," "Introduction to Macrame," "Creative Quilting," "Basics of Bridge," "Bridge Workshop," "Creative Fiction Writing," "Basic Interior Design," "How to Plan a Landscape," "Guitar I" and "Guitar II."

For further information call either the Special Programs Office at 587-6561 or Bob Powell, Union Coordinator, at 252-2581.

Weekly Lunch Tickets Carry Over

Weekly lunch tickets have been welcomed by Union parents but some confusion has resulted during shortened school weeks, according to Ladeema Deese, director of Food Services. The weekly tickets may carry over to the next week or until all five lunches have been used, she said. If children want to take their lunch after a weekly ticket has been purchased the remainder of the ticket may be used at a later date. Actually, this procedure keeps cafeteria managers from being swamped by ticket purchasers on Mon-

days, she says.

Low-fat milk will be served in the cafeterias this year at the recommendation of the State Department of Education, School Lunch Division. Pediatricians recommend that children drink low-fat milk to keep down the cholestral intake.

Applications for free or reduced-price meals and free milk for children from low income levels may be made at any time of the year. Forms and further information may be found at your school or call Mrs. Deese at 664-9400.

Help Wanted

Substitutes for kitchen help are needed by Director of Food Services Ladeema Deese. Anyone who would like occasional work filling in for regular kitchen help when they are unable to report should call Mrs. Deese at 664-9400. Hours vary and pay is \$2.30 per hour.

Lost — Class Ring — Reward

John Riley lost his '77 class ring in the vicinity of the Middle School gymnasium in late August. The ring has a red stone and is set in antique silver. The initials JSR are engraved inside. Call 492-3974.

REDSKIN TALK!

Union Sports Picture Looks Good

by Gil Cloud
Athletic Director

Our athletic season is rapidly unfolding and thus far we have been fairly successful.

The girls softball team won the Prague Tournament recently. The outstanding thing about their win is that this was the first sanctioned softball contest in the state of Oklahoma. We feel very proud of our girls and we are hoping for another first place trophy from them. The girls on the team include: Tina Schell, Marcia Matthews, Marilyn Foster, Kim Harris, Liz Weeks, Kelly Briggs, Teresa Noonkester, Debra Hayes, Kayleene Anderson, Tammy Hale, Wren Brower, Thonda Ruiz and Paula Grove.

Our boys and girls cross-country team will get our first meet under way September 18th when they travel to Midwest City. The Midwest City meet is one of the finest in Oklahoma and will provide our team with the competitive experience they will need when it comes time for the state championship meet.

The football season is now in full swing. Coach Darrell Wolff feels that the past two scrimmages have provided him and his staff with enough information to adequately place the players in the proper positions. In our early scrimmages the Redskins showed signs of brilliance and success in the future appears to be apparent.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Special services for Indian students are in full swing again this fall through the Title IV Indian Education program headed by Director E. R. Satepauhoodle. Services include counseling, tutoring, student supportive services and cultural enrichment. Offices are located at the Union Middle School and the phone number is 252-4477. Visitors are welcome, says Satepauhoodle.

The freshmen football team, coached by Bob Powell, has scrimmaged Bixby and Claremore. The freshmen are progressing and are preparing for their opening game September 16th with Sapulpa.

The 7th and 8th grade programs have a total of 100 boys participating. This, of course, we have to coach at each grade level in order to give the boys a chance to learn the basic fundamentals of football. The 8th grade coach is Steve Miller and Don Bailey is the 7th grade coach. Our 8th grade team will open on September 16th with Sapulpa and the 7th grade opened on September 6th with Catoosa.

Just a reminder that students can buy season tickets for \$3.00 that will entitle them to attend all 14 home games this season. This is a savings of over \$15.00. Plenty of reserved seats are still available at \$6.00 for the five varsity home games.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our home opener in the new stadium on September 24th. Congressman James R. Jones will be the keynote speaker. See you at the game.

New This Year! *Union High School PTSA*

You are invited to join with other parents, teachers and students in this first year of Union High School's own PTSA.

The purpose of this separate organization is similar to that of a PTA with the important difference of student involvement. The PTSA will continue to promote scholastic excellence, Christian principles, respect for authority and family importance. Our unit will also seek to improve the three-way communication.

Membership fees are 75¢ per person. Later there will be a homeroom membership contest. Our goal is 1,000 members.

Officers are:

*Presidents — Charles and Corky Bowerman 492-5465
Vice Presidents — Vaughn and Jan Brower 492-9674
Treasurers — Jim and Marilyn Hinkfent 252-2479
Secretaries — Bill and Jean Redmond 663-2793*

To you new teachers — welcome to Oklahoma's best high school. To all teachers — help make our PTSA meaningful. Join and participate.

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— PARENTS —

The children at Union Public Schools need
YOU to HELP
them know about the

WORLD OF WORK

Children need to become familiar with all phases
of work — no field should be excluded.

PEOPLE	need	PEOPLE
SHARING	is	IMPORTANT
WORK	is	DIGNIFIED

Please say you will help. Fill out and return this card to your student's English teacher.

NAME: Father _____ Mother _____

ADDRESS _____ Home Telephone _____

Father: Place of Business _____
 Address _____
 Business Phone _____
 Occupation _____
 Some of your duties _____
 Are there uniforms, pictures, materials, etc., used in your
 work that would be of interest to the children? _____

Do you speak a foreign language? _____

Would you be willing to come to school to talk with a group of
 students about your occupation? Yes _____ No _____

COMMENTS: _____

Would a speaker from, or a field trip to, your place of employment
 be possible?

Yes _____ No _____ COMMENTS: _____

Mother: Place of Business _____
 Address _____
 Business Phone _____
 Occupation _____
 Some of your duties _____
 Are there uniforms, pictures, materials, etc., used in your
 work that would be of interest to the children? _____

Do you speak a foreign language? _____

Would you be willing to come to school to talk with a group of
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COMMENTS: _____

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Yes _____ No _____ COMMENTS: _____



Texaco geologist Larry Richardson shares the mysteries of the earth's crust with Grove fourth graders.



Dear Parents:

There is a new program in the Union Public Schools to acquaint students with the "working world" of our community. The students will be in direct contact with workers. They will study on-going activities related to career choice and career involvement. Person-to-person contact is the key to expand understanding of the "world of work."

The students will visit some of the industries and businesses of our community to see work actually being done and to talk with workers. Workers will be invited to visit our classrooms to discuss their occupations and their personal reactions to their work. Interviews, role playing and other activities will follow contacts with persons from outside the school.

The plan is to use the parents of many of our students as resource persons. You, as an adult in the working world can help provide children with new ideas and interests and help make classroom academic activities more meaningful. Would you be willing to come to our class to tell about your occupation? to tell about the training required? to demonstrate the tools or machines used in your trade?

On the back of this letter is a form for your response. Please let us know of your availability to work with us. We will make the necessary arrangements. If you desire more information about our project, please contact me at 664-9400.

Sincerely yours,

Don Davidson

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Career Education Director