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Clark Elementary Gains Six Classrooms

Six more classrooms will be built at Clark Elementary this summer out of building fund monies, according to Superintendent Dr. Wesley Jarman.

The rooms, which will cost \$167,753, were considered as an alternate at the time of the bidding of the project, and were approved by board action April 25.

The move means Clark will open with 18 classrooms this fall. The remaining 14 rooms will be built from bond monies to be approved by voters possibly this fall.

Union was unable to vote enough funds to build the entire facility when the county tax assessor belatedly announced the district valuation to be below predictions late last summer. District planners had counted on a considerably larger valuation than the assessor's office confirmed. Assessor Wilson Glass said re-evaluation due to flooding was the primary reason for the low figure.

The announcement was made a few weeks before the bond election and the news was carried by both major newspapers, and the Southeast News. Some district patrons say they are still confused about why the complete elementary school cannot be built out of these bond funds, although every penny of the bond money is going to Clark elementary costs.

State law sets the maximum amount of bonds that can be voted at 10% of the district valuation less outstanding bonds. While district planners had counted on at least 1.7 million, lowered tax evaluations reduced the amount of bonds allowed to be voted to 1.17 million, \$600,000 short of the minimum amount architects projected would be needed to build the complete facility.

"Still, at that point we could not tell how much the school would cost," says Dr. Jarman. "A great deal of time elapses between planning, the election, and the opening of the bids. During that time construction costs continue to rise. We opened bids December 9 and were not fully aware until that night exactly how much that school would cost. We made a commitment that night that we would make every attempt to commit building funds to the six additional classrooms.

"The school district has no control over the amount of bonds we can vote each year, but every bit of those funds are committed to the Roy Clark Elementary school."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 20	Grove Elementary	Fun Day (A.M. Kindergarten) (P.M. Kindergarten)	9-11 am	Playground
May 21	Middle School	Six Flags Over Texas Trip by Drill Team & Foreign Language Club	12:15-2:15 pm	Playground
May 22	High School	Baccalaureate	2:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow
May 23	Briarglen Elementary	Talent Show (fifth grade)	9:00 am 7:30 pm	BrC
May 23	High School	Senior Breakfast	8:00 am	Furr's Cafeteria
May 23	High School	Commencement	8:00 pm	Mabee Center
May 23	Grove Elementary	Fun Day (First Grade) (Second Grade)	9-11 am 12:15-2:15 pm	Playground Playground
May 24	Grove Elementary	Fun Day (Third Grade) (Fourth Grade)	9-11 am 12:15-2:15 pm	Playground Playground
May 24	Briarglen Elementary	Awards Assembly	9:30 am 1:30 pm	BrC BrC
May 24	High School	Senior Picnic	10 am-1pm	LaFortune Park
May 25	Grove Elementary	Fun Day (Fifth Grade)	12:15-2:15	Playground
May 26	Grove Elementary	Awards Assembly (3-4-5 grades) (1-2 grades)	9:00 am 1:00 pm	GrC GrC
May 26	Middle School	Band Concert	7:30 pm	MSC
May 27	Boevers Elementary	Awards Assembly (Primary) (Intermediate)	9:00 am 10:00 am	BoC BoC
May 27	All Schools	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		



Retiring Union High School art instructor W. W. Johnson assists Richie McCormick with color preparation and brush strokes. Sharon Folleson concentrates on work in the background. Related story appears on page 7. (Photo by Mike Creider)

From the Superintendent's Desk!

School Funding Concerns Us All



Our construction projects are progressing at a very good pace at the moment. The additional six classrooms at Roy Clark have been approved by the Board of Education and because of the scheduling by the contractor should not be delayed to a great extent. The contract on the road into the site has been let and completion is set for no later than June 15, 1977.

We are still hoping for a Sep-

tember 1, 1977 completion date on Roy Clark if there are no major work stoppages due to weather, labor strikes or material shortage. The gymnasium is now scheduled for completion on August 1, 1977.

One concern of some persons is the food service. At this time it is our plan to serve both a Type "A" lunch through the school cafeteria service and also maintain a snack bar at the high school for those interested in that type of menu. During night events the snack bar will operate as the concession stand.

Representative Bill Poulos of Tulsa has requested that the State Supreme Court assume jurisdiction to enforce the constitutional provision in distributing ad valorem taxes on public utilities on a statewide basis. At present those districts who have a utility plant in their district enjoy the benefits for their school while an adjoining district may suffer. In our area its effect will be minimal since most of our taxable valuation is not composed of utility property.

The problem arises in that bond issues may be held up until all the litigation is settled. The last time this happened bond issues were delayed for about 18 months. This is a real problem for districts such as Union, Jenks, and Broken Arrow, who are growing so rapidly that a bond issue is voted each year. The Supreme Court will hear the case sometime in June to determine if they will assume jurisdiction. It is my opinion at this time that they will assume jurisdiction. Hopefully the case can be settled without too much delay.

Let's not forget to honor our graduating seniors this year. It represents a milestone in their lives and also the lives of the parents.

Wesley Jarman

THE OPEN DOOR

Q. How would schools in Oklahoma be affected by full state funding?

A. Representative Townsend's proposal basically replaces the ad valorem tax for school purposes with a sales tax and a corporate income tax.

At present schools are partially financed by an ad valorem tax on both personal and real property. Here is a breakdown of those taxes:

- (1) 15 mills allocated by the State Constitution
 - (2) 5 mills allocated by the Excise Board
 - (3) 10 Mills local support voted each year
 - (4) 5 mill emergency levy voted each year
 - (5) 5 mill building fund voted each year
 - (6) 4 mill county levy authorized by Constitution
- 44 mills total

Other taxes for school purposes involves the sinking fund or a levy used to pay off the building bonds voted by the patrons. At present that levy is 17.41 mills. It varies each year according to the outstanding indebtedness and net assessed valuation.

Townsend's proposal would eliminate all but the (1) building fund and (2) sinking fund and replace it with an extra 2% corporate income tax. He contends that this would bring in more dollars overall and allow the money to be distributed statewide. It would standardize the expenditure per pupil across the state and help those poor districts whose per pupil expenditure is below the state average.

Q. Would there be any special advantages or problems for Union under the plan?

A. Union, with a fairly high tax base, would not be hurt financially to a great extent by this legislation since a save harmless clause is present. This means that our revenue received would not be reduced. It would also mean that our bonding capability would not be reduced.

Q. If the bill were passed by the legislature would my taxes be substantially reduced?

A. Your ad valorem taxes would be reduced but one of the provisions of the proposal is that cities and counties would have the option to use ten mills of the ad valorem tax to operate city and county government. You would have to pay an additional 2% sales tax and probably corporations would gain by paying an extra 2% in income tax rather than the ad valorem they had been paying.

This proposal at this time is getting ready to come out of committee in the House of Representatives most likely with a "Do Pass" recommendation. It will probably not be in a form to be presented to the voters before next year sometime.

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Education: A Bargain

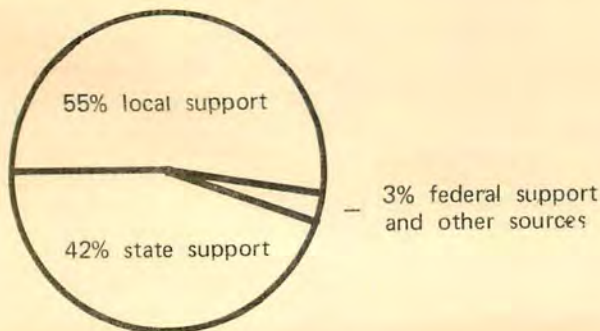
by Robert B. Grove
Deputy Superintendent

This school year, 1976-77, Union Public Schools will have an expenditure of some five and one-half million dollars categorized as follows:

- Current Expense — \$4,600,000
- Building Fund Expenditures — \$300,000
- Sinking Fund Obligation — \$600,000

When we relate these figures to some 4500 students we are projecting an annual per student expenditure of \$1,200.

The dollars for operating our schools come from several sources, namely local support 55%, state support 42%, federal support and other sources 3%.



SOURCES OF INCOME
FOR THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

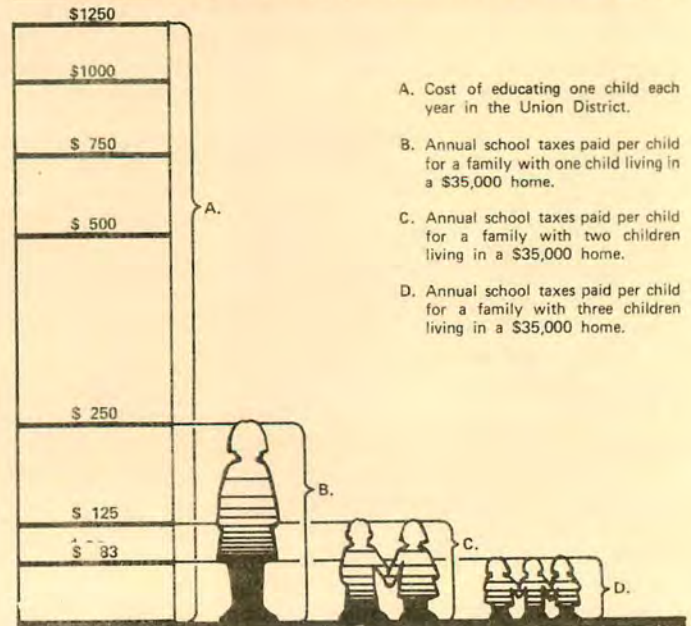
Knowing the tax dollar contributed by the average home owner is about \$500, and that the school tax of 57 mills only reflects some 56% of the home owners tax bill, we immediately see that when the average tax payer complains of costs for education they should reflect that their tax dollar does not pay even half the cost of educating one child in Union Public schools.

EDUCATION: You're Getting More For Your Tax Dollar Today Than Ever Before

Year	Total Tax Dollars You Pay per Thousand Dollars Assessed Value of Your Home	Total Assessed Value of Union School District
1962-63	\$53.40	\$ 2,953,524.00
1967-68	53.84	5,801,412.00
1972-73	55.00	15,768,460.00
1976-77	57.41	61,474,880.00

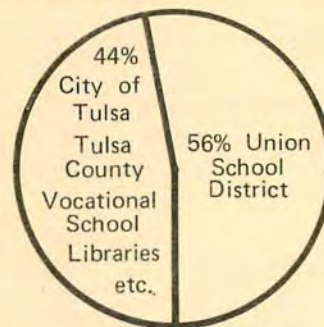
While real estate values have sky rocketed in southeast Tulsa, property taxes paid to schools have edged upward only slightly. Considering those dollars buy less today than in 1962, Union residents may be assured they're getting more for their school tax dollar in 1977 than ever before. Most of the cost for the district's new building construction is borne by new industry in the area and new residents who have added their tax dollars to the budget.

Union School District



NOTE: Figures are approximations since assessed values of similiary priced homes may vary.

What happens to the remaining 44% of the 57 mill property tax? That money goes to the city of Tulsa, Tulsa County Tax, Vocational School Tax, Library Tax and etc.



YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR: WHERE IT GOES

The educational services as reflected in the \$1,200 per student cost is possible only through other revenue from public service utilities, commercial and industrial establishments located in our school district. Since our ability to build additional facilities is measured in our assessed value of property and this property increases 15 to 20% each year we can theoretically vote to increase our Bonded Indebtedness (Sinking Fund) each year and not increase our school taxes.

The educational costs in our school district are a super bargain when we reflect on accomplishments of the last few years, comparisons of facilities, programs, and services the Union Public Schools offer now and will offer in the future.

SCHEDULE OF SUMMER EVENING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

In cooperation with the Union Independent School District the following courses will be offered by Special Programs of Tulsa Junior College at the Union High School, 6701 South Mingo Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday evenings, and most classes begin June 14, 1977.

Special Programs are an important element in the Tulsa Junior College concept of the "Community College." Special Programs has the responsibility to provide non-credit public service programs to meet community needs. These programs are instructionally self-supporting through tuition and fees.

EVENING CLASSES

PERSONAL TYPING 18 Hrs—\$23.50 6 Weeks

This course is designed for the "hunt and peck" typist who needs to learn keyboard techniques for personal use. Emphasis is on personal correspondence, term papers, manuscripts and simple forms.

Zap #XS07 Union June 14 to July 19
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

MODERN BUSINESS ENGLISH 21 Hrs—\$27.25 7 Weeks

Update your English grammar skills by reviewing punctuation, correct word usage and sentence structure. Teaching methods emphasize a practical approach which will help students apply correct grammar skills to composing, editing, and proof-reading business materials.

Zap #XS16 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30 to 9:20 pm

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS 21 Hrs—\$27.25 7 Weeks

Improve your relationships with co-workers, business and professional associates, and family by eliminating the "failure to communicate." Emphasis is on personal, rather than public communications skills. Learn to recognize non-verbal signals, eliminate misunderstandings, and hear the real meaning in a spoken message.

Zap #XS53 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 21 Hrs—\$27.25 7 Weeks

Small business owners who have been in business a year or more will study management principles geared to the profitable operation of a small business. Subjects included are pricing, credit and collection, inventory management, sales and marketing techniques, short and long term planning, operations control, risk management, and dealing with employees.

Zap #XS77 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

DRAWING AND SKETCHING 21 Hrs—\$27.25 7 Weeks

The beginning student will learn varied basic techniques using the various media, such as pencil, charcoal, and inks. Composition, perspective, shading, and tonal quality will be emphasized. List of supplies will be provided at first class meeting.

Zap #YS01 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

BASIC INTERIOR DESIGN 21 Hrs—\$27.25 7 Weeks

The essentials of color, backgrounds, textiles, lighting, accessories, floor and wall coverings, plus room arrangements will be covered, with sessions designed to augment the knowledge of home furnishing salespeople and still appeal to the homemaker.

Zap #YS37 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

TOLE PAINTING 21 Hrs—\$27.25 7 Weeks

You need no art training to learn tole painting. Paint decorative items on wood or metal for your home, or gifts. Supplies will cost approximately \$12.00.

Zap #YS11 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP 12 Hrs—\$16.00 4 Weeks

A "career" is more than a job—it's your life's work and may change several times during your working years. This short course is for working people who want to discover their real career preferences. Gain the motivation and direction you need to plan a career which will help you realize your full potential and make your working years happy, exciting, and fulfilling for you.

Zap #XS44 Union June 14 to July 5
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

BASIC HOME MAINTENANCE & REPAIR 18 Hrs—\$23.50 6 Weeks

There are some basic home maintenance techniques you should know to keep your home in good repair. Save money and time while learning about tools and how to use them, dripping faucets, and when to call the plumber, how to repair or replace an electric plug, glass and screening for windows and doors, locks, keys, and doorknobs, and first aid for sick furniture. Discussions, demonstrations, and participation.

Zap #YS40 Union June 14 to July 19
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

BEGINNING DOG OBEDIENCE 11 Hrs—\$13.75 7 Weeks

Learn to train your dog in basic obedience by voice and hand commands. Dogs should be no younger than 9 months and no older than 5 years. Owners will be required to bring proof of dog's vaccination for distemper and rabies the first night. The first class will meet 2 hours and will be lecture without dogs.

Zap #ZS46 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30-8 pm

BREAD DOUGH ART 3 Hrs—\$4.75 One Class Only

Learn how to make "bread" baskets, kitchen ornaments and items for gift giving. Bake in your own oven at home. Bring to class your oven-proof bowl the size of desired bread-basket, a cookie sheet, paring knife, and a rolling pin. Other materials furnished.

Zap #YS34 Union June 21 Only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

GUJARATI 12 Hrs—\$16.00 8 Weeks

Learn the basics of guitar playing. This course designed for beginners will cover reading music and deal with popular styles of music for the guitar. Daily practice is encouraged. Bring to the first class a standard or classic acoustic six-string guitar.

Zap #ZS03 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 7-8:30 pm

AEROBIC MOVEMENT/ EXERCISE TO MUSIC 9 Hrs—\$11.25 6 Weeks

Learn what aerobic movement/exercise can do for you, and have fun while doing it. Wear loose fitting exercise clothes to first class.

Zap #ZS12 Union June 14 to July 19
Tues 7-8:20 pm

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY 24 Hrs—\$30.00 7 Weeks

Learn photography by doing. Study the fundamentals of photography, the camera and how it works, exposure and development (film and paper) and the elements of composition. Darkroom procedures will be discussed. Critiques, discussions, and demonstrations provide opportunities for improvement. Students must furnish their own cameras and provide their own printing and film processing.

Zap #YS90 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 7 Weeks 6:30-9:30 pm

WOODWORKING 21 Hrs—\$27.25 7 Weeks

Learn to build and finish, or refinish, projects of your choice in a well-equipped school shop. How to use woodworking tools, safety, and planning are part of this introductory course for men and women.

Zap #YS50 Union June 14 to July 26
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

CONTAINER GARDENING 3 Hrs—\$3.75 1 Class Only

If space limitations require that your outdoor plants be contained—make the most of it! You'll be surprised what can grow in a windowbox or in pots on the patio or balcony.

Zap #YS74 Union June 14 Only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

PLANTS AND SHRUBS FOR YEAR 'ROUND COLOR 3 Hrs—\$3.75 1 Class Only

Some yards "peak out" in Spring and then are pretty drab the rest of the year. This class will help you choose, select and care for a variety of plants of seasonal beauty.

Zap #YS71 Union June 21 Only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

BROMELIADS 3 Hrs—\$3.75 1 Class Only

Learn how to grow bromeliads in this class, which will emphasize identification, soil and feeding requirements, light temperature and maintenance.

Zap #YS83 Union June 28 Only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS 3 Hrs—\$3.75 1 Class Only

Knowing more about the care requirements of the many varieties of cactus and succulents helps insure successful growing. What special care, soil, and feeding do they require? Identification, propagation, and maintenance will be stressed.

Zap #YS77 Union July 5 only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

FERNS 3 Hrs—\$3.75 1 Class Only

Are you a fern fancier? What special care do ferns need to flourish indoors? Identification, propagation, care, feeding, and maintenance will be stressed to make you and your ferns happier.

Zap #YS65 Union July 12 Only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

ORCHIDS 3 Hrs—\$3.75 1 Class Only

The exotic orchid has long held fascination for the plant lover. Learn how to grow orchids and their special requirements as to soil, food, light, and temperature.

Zap #YS68 Union July 19 Only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

BEGONIAS AND VIOLETS 3 Hrs—\$3.75 1 Class Only

Keep your violets viable and your begonias blooming by learning the proper care of these beautiful plants. Identification, propagation and specifics of growing requirements are included.

Zap #YS80 Union July 26 only
Tues 6:30-9:20 pm

More than 100 Special Programs classes are being offered this summer. To request a brochure with the complete schedule, please call Tulsa Junior College, 587-6561 and ask for the Special Programs office.

Kindergarten Pre-enrollment Continues Through Summer

Kindergarten pre-enrollment will continue at the elementary schools until May 27. From May 31 throughout the summer parents may enroll their children entering kindergarten at the Administrative Center, 9134 E. 46th Street.

The child must reach the age of 5 years on or before November 2, 1977, to be eligible to enroll. Parents need to provide:

1. Immunization records required by the State Health Board consisting of four polio (oral or shot), three D.P.T. (booster preferred but not required) Rubella Measles, and Rubeola Measles.

All immunization records must be signed by a doctor, nurse and/or authorized health clinic.

2. A documentation of the child's birth date (birth certificate, etc.)



Safety in choosing a proper bike for a child's size is demonstrated by Steve Siboles of Fayes Bicycle Shop. His visit was part of the career education program and centered around what is involved in selling and repairing bicycles. (Photo courtesy of Tulsa World)

Job Rush Begins

The spring rush for teaching positions is in force at the Union Administrative Office. Counts for a one-week period show 43 applications made, 13 requests for application forms by mail, and an average of six requests each day for application forms by phone.

The assumption that teachers laid off by the Tulsa system would be looking for work at Union has not held true. A check of applications received during another one-week period in April shows only two came from teachers currently employed in Tulsa. Two others came from out of state, 16 from teachers employed elsewhere in Oklahoma, four came from substitutes currently working with Union, and 31 came from teachers who are not currently employed.

Testing Program Successful

Parental and teacher cooperation were cited as major reasons for success in getting 98.7 percent of all Union students scheduled for testing into the classrooms and through the tests. The Short Test of Education Achievement (STEA) and the Science Research Associates Test (SRA) were given to students in the second through the eleventh grades last month.

"Anytime you get that high a percentage of students tested then you've had a lot of cooperation from parents and from teachers in encouraging the students to get to school."

Orientation Eases Transition

Boevers 5th graders should find the transition to the 6th grade easier after Orientation activities at Union Middle School May 19.

Students explored the middle school building, received answers to their questions, and were given information on school rules and eligibility for cheerleading, student council officers, the drill team, class officers, the athletic teams.

GROVE WINS TRACK MEET

The 9th GRADE BOYS TRACK TEAM won their conference championship by an overwhelming majority. The 9th GRADE GIRLS TRACK TEAM also won their conference championship, taking nearly every running event.

GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRACK TEAM won the district title at the Union District Elementary School Track Meet May 12. Over 500 students participated in the meet. Grove physical education teacher Jeannie Buck and the team captains were presented the Superintendent's Cup by Dr. Wesley Jarman. The trophy will remain at Grove until next spring when it will come back to be awarded the winning team of next year's elementary school track meet, according to meet organizer Athletic Director Gil Cloud.

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Art Teacher Ends 33 Year Career

Teachers have come a long way since 1935 when W. W. Johnson began his career. The retiring Union High School art instructor started that year as a principal-teacher in a two-room schoolhouse for \$60 a month. He earned \$5 extra for building the fires in the winter and sweeping out the schoolhouse.

Johnson has been at Union since 1964, the year after the district won the Class C State Football Championship.

"I love football, so I decided to come here where I could enjoy the games. I haven't missed a home game since I've been here. I've never missed a day of school, either.

"As a matter of fact I haven't missed many home basketball games or football games away. The last four years I haven't missed a game, home or away. Now I follow the girl's softball team, too."

After 33 years of teaching (he left the profession twice for several years, but returned each time) Johnson will get credit for 29 years of experience toward retirement.

"With my sign painting and art work, and perhaps a few private art lessons, I'll be fine. . . . I've got my eye on two or three fishing holes on the Illinois River I plan to go see."

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1977-1978

UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New Teacher Orientation	August 24, 1977
Faculty In-Service Conference	August 25, 26, 29, 1977
First Day of School	August 30, 1977
*Labor Day	September 5, 1977
*Fair Day	October 7, 1977
OEA State Meeting	October 20, 21, 1977
End First Quarter	November 3, 1977
Begin Second Quarter	November 4, 1977
*Thanksgiving Vacation	November 24, 25, 1977
*Winter Vacation	December 22, 1977 — January 2, 1978
Classes Resume	January 3, 1978
Second Quarter Ends	January 20, 1978
Begin Third Quarter	January 23, 1978
End Third Quarter	March 16, 1978
Begin Fourth Quarter	March 17, 1978
*Spring Vacation	March 20-24, 1978
End Fourth Quarter/Last Day	May 26, 1978

*Days school will not be in session.

Union Students Win Honors

DANNY WALLACE, high school senior, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by Ray and Nadine Peters, owners and operators of the Oklahoma Greenhouses, in recognition of the service volunteered by Union students after the fire at their business location last May.

"The staff and students of Union Schools appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Peters' gift. This kind of community support contributed to the growth of our school in academic achievement, in tradition, and in spirit," commented Ms. Connie Williams, high school counselor, upon announcement of the scholarship.

PAT VAUGHN, Union High School senior and track star, has been given the Oklahoma Athletic Hall of Fame Award by that organization. He has reportedly signed a letter of intent with the University of Arkansas. A

scholarship may be in the offing.

The Tulsa Elks Club has awarded BETH HENTHORN third place as Most Valuable Student.

TERESA NOONKESTER won an award as Outstanding Dental Assistant at Vo-Tech and DONA CORD was awarded Outstanding Student at Vo-Tech for Professional Secretary.

The Union Middle School STUDENT COUNCIL sponsored a canned food drive at Christmas in cooperation with the Salvation Army. Dale Stuckey, Principal, was awarded a plaque last week when it was announced the school had placed second in the city-wide drive.

Union Redskins EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM won first place in the Tulsa Girls Softball Federation Southside Tournament Tuesday, May 3 by defeating the Nimitz Nuggetts 14-10.



LOOKOUT! Here come those claim jumpers. Mark Starks, left, and Tony Sloat defend the land they staked out in the Boevers land run during '89er Day Celebrations. The boys are first graders from Ms. Jeanette Bailey's room.

REDSKIN TALK!

1976-77 The Year In Review

During the past nine months many things have changed in our district Athletic Department. In the fall we fielded teams in girls softball, girls cross-country, boys cross-country and football. Our softball team finished 17-5 and won the state championship in Edmond in early October, a unique accomplishment because this was our first year to sponsor girls softball. We were selected to host the regional tournament in girls softball.

Our boys cross-country team lead by Pat Vaughn showed improvement throughout the year. The girls team finished undefeated and won the state championship in only the second year of school competition. We had four at all-state in Cross-Country, Pat Vaughn, Liz Barton, Janine Cunningham and Rhonda Newton.

The football season brought a new era to Union Athletics. Union stadium was dedicated while a crowd of over 5,500 watched. While our season didn't show many victories, a definite willingness to win was evident even as we moved to a much more difficult schedule. The future is ahead of us in football.

With the onset of the winter season, the Varsity Wrestling and Basketball teams spent one last year in the "old gym".

The wrestlers were hindered by lack of facilities and numbers, but showed promise. John Martin placed fourth in the state tournament and fourth in the grand state (all classes). We had good numbers in our junior high program so improvement in our wrestling program is certain.

The boys basketball team showed signs of ability to play but the tough schedule certainly made it difficult for us to win more than 7 games.

The girls had a good season that was filled with excitement and aggressive play. The 19-7 record and a near victory in the area finals almost sent us to the state tournament. We were just 3 points short.

The spring sports certainly had us busy ... with boys and girls track, baseball, tennis and golf.

The boys and girls track team was hampered somewhat because of the lack of a track. The boys team never failed to score points in every meet which they entered. Again, Pat Vaughn was a mainstay. Pat this year has remained undefeated in Oklahoma in the mile and 2 mile. He traveled to New Mexico, Texas and Kansas this year to run the mile and two mile.

The girls team won 5 championships this spring with the highlight being the victory in the Tulsa Classic, Edison Relays and a 2nd in the Regional Track Meet.

The baseball team has stayed around the 500 mark all year and at times has played very well. With 6 starters returning, the future is bright.

Tennis was added this spring with over 30 participants. The program is definitely on its way to becoming a very successful sport at Union.

Golf is also a new sport. The golf team had tremendous success. All the top five team members will be returning next year, with four returning the next. A 7th place finish in the regional, only 20 strokes from going to state, makes golf an exciting part of our sports program. We hosted the 3A Golf Regional.

In closing, this year has been a good one. With increased facilities to match our growth we will certainly continue to improve the programs we offer our young people. We must remember while athletics is not the most important phase of education, it is truly an important part of the total education of our youth.

COMMENT

The future is bright at Union. The Health and Physical Education staff is most encouraged about a planned curriculum K-12 for our youngsters in Physical Education, a totally coordinated program in each of our ten sports. The new stadium and the new field house will certainly add to the total picture in physical education as well as athletics. We have been through a very exciting period in Union History, but the best is yet to come!

ANNUAL BOOSTER CLUB ICE CREAM SOCIAL

June 13 at 7:30 p.m.

In the home of Gene Gray

13011 E. 68th Street

All members, prospective members,
and athletes are invited.

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