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BOARD MULLS CONSTRUCTION NEEDS

Board of education members are expected to meet late this month to consider calling a bond election for new construction totaling about \$1.8 million sometime this fall.

Relief for growing pains in the Union district is normally sought each fall by school patrons at the polls. That relief, however, is never enough, because continuing growth of approximately 15 percent and limits set by state law on the amount that can be voted for new construction prohibits the district from catching up with critical class space needs.

Some of the needs and approximate costs being studied by the board for possible items on this year's proposal, should an election be called, include:

- Phase II of Peters Elementary — \$700,000 (No. 1 Priority)
- Furniture for Phase II — \$10,000 (No. 1 Priority)
- Land Purchase for a new elementary in the southwestern part of the school district — \$300,000 (No. 1 Priority)
- Streets & Sewer at Peters — \$30,000 (No. 1 Priority)
- Streets & Sewer at new site — \$80,000 (No. 1 Priority)
- Kitchen Equipment at Peters — \$107,000 (No. 1 Priority)
- Land Purchase for a new junior high school — \$60,000
- Phase I Bus Garage/Equipment — \$50,000
- Stadium Loop & Sidewalk — \$13,000 (No. 1 Priority)
- Sound System in Music Complex at high school — \$12,000
- Print Shop for Vocational Printing — \$25,000
- Landscaping at Clark & Peters — \$5,000
- Baseball & Softball Field — (no estimate available)

- Master Fencing at high school/watering system — (no estimate available)
- Floor covering in gym lobby — (no estimate available)
- Physical education gyms at elementaries — \$180,000 each
- Phase I Radio Communications — \$10,000

The projects listed total \$1,582,000, which would leave \$218,000 to complete the three projects for which there are no current estimates.

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Union Students Do Well On Standardized Tests

Union students rank above national norms on standardized test scores at nine out of ten levels, and do even better when compared to big city schools, according to Dr. Don Payne, Director of Research.

"Each school year Union students are assessed for achievement by means of standardized tests," he says. "The Union testing program utilizes the Science Research Associate (SRA) achievement series for grades 2-9 and the SRA Iowa Test of Educational Development for grades 10 and 12. The 1978 results places Union students above the performance of the national sampling of students."

Second grade students at Union place 28 percent above the national norm in reading, and 38 percent higher than students in cities of more than 300,000 population. They rank 27 percent higher than the national norm in mathematics and 37 percent higher than big city students.

Third graders rank 26 percent higher than the national norm in reading and 32 percent higher than students in big city schools. They rank 22 percent higher than the national norm in mathematics and 30 percent higher than students in big city schools. Fourth graders rank 18 percent higher nationally in reading and 30 percent higher than big city students. They rank 13 percent higher than the national norm in mathematics and 28 percent higher than big city students.

Scores through the junior year in high school continue in the same pattern, with the gap between Union students and national and big city norms lessening each year. In the high school years, Union students scores tend to fall within the national norm for both reading and mathematics, and to rank 10 to twenty percentile points above scores for big city students.

High achievement in Union schools is responsible to several factors, says Payne. First, the emphasis placed on the basics by the district, and second, "the performance of an outstanding faculty who are assisted in their classroom endeavors by a supportive Board of Education, administrative staff, and helpful parents. It is undeniable that positive things are happening in Union Schools."

Calendar of Events

Date	Place	Event	Time	Room
Aug. 23	District-wide	Teacher's General Assembly Meeting	8 a.m.-12 noon	High School Gym
Aug. 23	Each Union School	Teacher Inservice	1-4 p.m.	
Aug. 24	Each Union School	Teacher Inservice	8 a.m.-4 p.m.	
Aug. 25	District-wide	Presentation for Union & Broken Arrow teachers by Dr. Donworth of George Peabody University	9:30-12 noon	Broken Arrow High School Auditorium, 800 E. College BA
Aug. 28	All Schools	First Day of School		
Sept. 4	All Schools	Labor Day Holiday		
Sept. 5	Junior High	Schl Board Meeting	7 p.m.	Cafetorium
Sept. 21	All Schools	Schools dismiss one hour early for Teachers' Curriculum Department Co-ordination Meeting		
Sept. 26	Briarglen	PTA Meeting	7 p.m.	Cafetorium

From the Superintendent's Desk!

District Grows 500% in Decade



Enrollment for the 1978-79 school year should top 5,000 students. Union is among the few school districts in the state experiencing rapid growth. We seem to fluctuate between a 13 percent and an 18 percent growth rate, depending upon the time of year. I believe 15 percent would be a reliable figure to use for the overall growth from year to year. Union has grown from 957 students in 1968 to the 5,000 mark expected this year.

A remarkable effort is exacted of any school district to cope with that kind of growth. Just coming up with enough money to build a roof over the children's heads is an achievement in itself, and to supply textbooks and materials is quite another, especially when state allocations are based on the previous year's enrollment figures. We have to supply books to all those new students this year, even though we won't get the money for them until next year.

Since school districts, by law, cannot borrow money, growing suburban districts like Union, Jenks, Broken Arrow and Owasso, suffer from extremely tight budgets. Growing demands by state and federal laws for more and more services that must be provided by school districts combines with growth problems to pinch each dollar handled by the districts. Waste is eliminated by sheer necessity, and no matter how each penny is stretched there is never enough money to accomplish all that is expected of the schools.

This year the Union School District, which was second in the state to adopt the middle school concept, will return to the American innovation of the junior high school. The major reason for this move is to accommodate an unexpectedly large growth in student population at the secondary level where space is at a premium.

Elementary construction in recent years has enabled the district to find space there for sixth graders, thus allowing more space to become available at the secondary level. Plans are also underway for a possible movement of the ninth graders, currently housed at the senior high, to the junior high building in 1979-80. Another reason for the move is to give sixth graders an additional year of the intensified elementary reading program.

Union never moved away from a strong program in the basics, as students' scores on national standardized tests show. At every grade level, Union students score well above the national average. However, Union educators continue to strengthen students' basic skills. Five times each year teachers meet in curriculum coordination meetings to evaluate what is being taught, and to find ways to improve when, how and what material is introduced.

The Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Curriculum and the Elementary Curriculum Director both work with principals, with teacher committees, with individual teachers, and with students and parents to continually strengthen student achievement in basic skills.

The career education program at Union is one of the strongest in the state. Special courses are taught in careers at the secondary school level, and elementary teachers incorporate career education into regular classroom material. For instance, when students study earth formation,

they may also take a look at what a geologist does. If one of the students has a parent who is a geologist, the parent may be invited to talk to the class, both about rock formation, and about the pros and cons of a career in geology.

Students graduate from Union with the knowledge of the broad range of possibilities open to them in the world of work, of the training necessary for their choices, and of the standard of living they can expect as a result of their career decision.

We're ready to begin what we expect to be the best year yet in your children's education. We hope you'll help us keep the lines of communication open and give us your ideas, reactions and suggestions. If you have any questions please feel free to either write "The Open Door" or call my office at 664-9400.

Wesley Jarman

THE OPEN DOOR

Q. Who decides what will be included on the ballot at bond election time?

A. The Union Board of Education decides what construction projects will be built with funds from bond elections approved by district voters. The five-member board, as representatives of Union patrons, base their decision on a broad base of input from school administration, teachers, students, parents and advisory groups, and recommendations and studies submitted by architects and metropolitan planning firms.

Q. Will the time schools take up and let out change this year?

A. No. School hours will remain the same. Elementary schools begin classes at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Secondary schools take up at 8 a.m. and let out at 2:30 p.m. Kindergarten hours will be shortened the first week, when students will meet from 8:30 to 10:00 for the morning session, and 1:30 to 3:00 for the afternoon session. The second week, September 4 through September 8 Kindergarteners will meet from 8:30 to 10:30 for the morning session, and 1:00 to 3:00 for the afternoon session. After September the Kindergarteners will attend at the regular hours, 8:30 to 11:00 in the morning and 12:30 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

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Enrollment Dates for New Students Set

Enrollment procedures are as follows:

Elementary Enrollment

New students to the district, grades K-6 will enroll August 14-18 and August 21 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Students enrolled in Union elementary schools last year need not re-enroll this year.

All new students including all Kindergarten students must bring documentation of birth, show residency within the boundaries to the Union School district, and must show verification by doctor, nurse, or authorized health clinic of the following immunizations:

- (1) Four (4) Polio (oral or shot)
- (2) Three (3) D.P.T. (Booster preferred but not required)
- (3) Rubella Measles
- (4) Rubeola Measles

Junior High Enrollment

Seventh graders will enroll August 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Eighth graders will enroll August 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All new students will enroll August 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All new students must also bring documentation of the above immunizations.

Senior High Enrollment

Enrollment will take place in the Union High School Gym Lobby at the following times:



Nearly 50 senior citizens will receive their third annual Gold Key Pass this month in time to attend the first home game of the Union Redskins.

The pass is available to any Union resident living on a retirement income, or who is past the age of 62. Gold Key Passes give free admission to all activities, programs and athletic events offered by Union Schools. Holders will receive monthly issues of The Communicator, so they'll be able to keep abreast of the schools their tax dollars help support.

If you know someone who qualifies for the Gold Key Club, but who has not yet been included, please call the Community Relations Office at 664-9400.

Union Handbook Wins Prize

Looking Forward to Kindergarten, a parent-teacher service publication by the Union School District, won first place in the education handbook category of a statewide publications contest this summer.

The contest was sponsored by the Oklahoma School Public Relations Association. Dr. Wesley Jarman, Superintendent, received the award at a banquet during the summer conference of the Cooperative Council of Oklahoma School Administrators in June.

Seniors - Thursday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon
 Juniors - Thursday, August 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sophomores - Friday, August 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon
 Freshmen - Friday, August 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All High School students (grades 9-12) new to the Union schools will enroll Monday, August 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All new students must also bring documentation of the above immunizations.

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School News

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"There are a couple of things wrong with this proposal," says Dr. Wesley Jarman, Superintendent. "There are too many small projects and it makes no provision for the junior high school. If we do the number one priorities, which are almost a must, it would cost \$1,240,000. This would not leave enough to begin Phase I of a new elementary which would cost over \$1 million. The entire bond issue of \$1.8 million would not give us enough to build Phase I of a new junior high school."

The board will study possible alternatives and take into consideration studies and recommendations by parents, students, teachers, and architectural and planning agencies before reaching a decision.

School Calendar 1978-79

Union students will report for classes Monday, August 28. The 1978-79 school calendar is as follows:

Faculty In-Service Orientation	Aug. 23, 24, 25, 1978
First Day of School	Aug. 28, 1978
Labor Day	Sept. 4, 1978 (H)
Fair Day	Oct. 6, 1978 (H)
OEA State Teacher Meetings	Oct. 12-13, 1978
End First Quarter	Nov. 1, 1978
Start Second Quarter	Nov. 2, 1978
Grade Cards go Home	Nov. 8, 1978
Thanksgiving Vacation	Nov. 23, 24, 1978 (H)
Winter Vacation	Dec. 21, 1978- Jan. 1, 1979 (H)
End Second Quarter	Jan. 19, 1979
Start Third Quarter	Jan. 22, 1979
Spring Vacation	Mar. 19-23, 1979 (H)
End Third Quarter	Mar. 30, 1979
Start Fourth Quarter	April 2, 1979
End Fourth Quarter/Last Day	May 24, 1979
Teachers Last Day	May 25, 1979

Confessions of a School Bus Driver

By Winnie Childers

I am a bus driver, but I wish that I were an Erma Bombeck or Joann Gordon or even Ann Landers because I would love to write an article about the students who ride my school bus. Bus driving is not as boring and routine as you might think. Many crazy, funny, even sad things happen to bus drivers each and everyday. For instance, the notes drivers receive are never, never common.

Witness the note I received from a kindergartener's mother the first week of school: "PLEASE PICK-UP MY CHILD AT HIS CORNER, WHERE THE LITE IS. CRAIG'S MOM." I had several Craigs, and not one who knew his address, and all the 92 stops are at corners with street lights.

A note I receive very often reads, "MY CHILD IS TO GO HOME WITH HIS FRIEND AFTER SCHOOL, PLEASE SEE THAT THEY GET OFF TOGETHER AT THE RIGHT HOUSE. THANK YOU."

Drivers get this note every Friday, in fact they usually get 8-10 such notes. "MY SON TELLS ME HE LEFT HIS SCHOOL PAPERS ON THE BUS, PLEASE RETURN THEM THIS EVENING AS I WANT TO SEE HIS WORK. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO THROW THEM IN THE TRASH."

When arriving at a morning stop I am handed a note which has been written with crayon, on tissue paper: "PLEASE WAIT UNTIL SALLY HAS 1. Gotton up and dressed. 2. Eaten breakfast. 3. Taken a bath. 4. Fed the dog. 5. Finished calling Aunt Polly. BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE BUS STOP. LOVE, SALLY'S MOM."

A very much appreciated note is the one that insists that the student MUST be accompanied by their pet snake — before they can go home. This note always comes to the driver on SHOW and TELL DAY. (I often wonder whether the snake is the most welcome member of the family, or is it the one that knows the best way home?)

Another one I love to see is, "PLEASE DRIVE MORE CAREFULLY AS LAST WEEK MARK'S TADPOLES SPLASHED OUT OF THE MASON JAR, WHEN YOU STOPPED TOO QUICK."

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1978-79 Union Schools Bus Routes

Routes are essentially the same as last year (exceptions in bus numbers, are noted below in schedule.*) Approximate times that the bus arrives in the addition are noted. (First few days have riders out at stops earlier than time noted, until times can be established at stops. Any adjustments in routes will be made at end of the first two weeks of school, unless extreme overloading is experienced. If changes are to be made, the riders will be notified by the driver, and parents of elementary students will be made aware of changes by the school.

The district is divided by elementary school districts and the bus schedule below is given by the elementary districts. Example: If you reside in the Clark Elementary School District, look in the Clark section for your addition and you should find the bus number, time, grade level. Same for the other elementary schools.

BOEVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

TIME (1st pickup)	GRADE	BUS #	SCHOOL
BRIARGLEN PARK			
7:10	7-12	#21	MS & HS
BRIARGLEN MEADOWS			
7:15	7-12	#4	MS & HS
7:55	K-6	#5B	Boevers
BRIARGLEN CENTER			
7:10	7-12	#4	MS & HS
7:50	K-6	#5B	Boevers
ROCKWOOD TRAILER COURT			
7:15	7-12	#22*	MS & HS
8:00	K-6	#16	Boevers
REGENCY PARK			
7:15	7-8	#17	MS
7:20	9-12	#18	HS
All of 94 E. Ave. -94th E. Pl.	7:50	K-6	#18 Boevers
North Horseshoe 90 & 91 E. Ave.	7:50	K-6	#4 Boevers
South Horseshoe 90 & 91 E. Ave.	8:00	K-6	#17 Boevers
HELEN'S NURSERY			
7:50	K-6	#16*	Boevers
ALSUMA PARK			
7:10	7-12	#16	MS & HS
7:55	K-6	#16	Boevers

BRIARGLEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

(ELEMENTARY K-6 WALKING AREA)

BRIARGLEN ADDITION			
34th St. W. of school - 121 E. Ave. N. of school	7:15	7-8	#5 MS
34th St. West of school	7:15	9-12	#9 HS
33rd Pl. off 129th to 33rd N. on 124th E. Ave.	7:20	7-8	#29* MS
34th off 129th to 124th	7:20	7-12	#14 MS & HS
GARNETT PARK			
36th, 114, 38th, & 118 E. Ave.	7:15	7-8	#27* MS
36th, 114, 38th, & out on 41st via 121 E. Ave.	7:20		#9 HS
PARK PLAZA			
121 E. Ave.	7:15	7-8	#27* MS
122 from 41st, to 39th over to 127th, to 38th to 125th, to 37 Pl.	7:25	7-12	#8 MS & HS

CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRIARDALE			
	7:10	7-8	#19 MS
	7:10	9-12	#28* HS
West Half	7:50	K-5	#27*B Clark
East Half	7:50	K-5	#28*B Clark
La Petite, Village & Villa Valencia	8:10	K-5	#28*C Clark
All Briardale	7:55	6th only	#9 Clark
SHANNON PARK			
	7:05	7-8	#12 MS
	7:10	9-12	#22 HS
East Half (109 to Garnett)	8:00	K-5	#14 Clark
West Half (106 to 108)	8:10	K-5	#27* Clark
All Shannon Park	7:45	6th only	#9 Clark
MILLWOOD			
	7:15	7-12	#13 MS & HS
	8:10	K-5	#5 Clark
	7:45 (B)	6th only	#20*B Clark

BUS ROUTES CONTINUED

31st & MINGO AREA					
Brookhollow & Mingo Valley	7:10	7-12	#4	MS & HS	
Lafayette & Stones Throw	7:20	7-12	#14	MS & HS	
Casa Alvarado	7:05	7-12	#22	MS & HS	
All Area	8:10 (C)	K-5	#20C	Clark	
All Area	7:50 (B)	6th only	#20*B	Clark	
GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT					
MELINDA PARK					
West Half	7:20	7-12	#13	MS & HS	
East Half	7:45	K-6	#13B	Grove	
	8:05	K-6	#13C	Grove	
WOODLAND VIEW					
Woodland, I, II, III	7:20	9-12	#15*	SH	
Woodland IV	7:10	7-8	#19	MS	
Woodland IV	7:35	7-8	#6	MS	
Woodland IV	8:05	K-6	#15*	Grove	
East Half Woodland	7:50	K-6	#29*	Grove	
West Half Woodland	8:10	K-6	#29*	Grove	
BURNING TREE					
	9-12 (walk area)				
	7:30	7-8	#6	MS	
	7:45	K-6	#15*B	Grove	
SWEETBRIAR I					
Except SE corner	7:10	7-12	#23	MS & HS	
Southeast corner 79 & 80 St.	8:00	K-6	#23	Grove	
	7:40	K-6	#22*	Grove	
SWEETBRIAR II					
Enter off Memorial by store, N. on 80th E. Ave.,	7:00	7-12	#23	MS & HS	
to 77th, W. to 78th E. Ave., South to 81st	7:30	K-6	#22	Grove	
SWEETBRIAR III					
	7:15	7-12	#23	MS & HS	
	8:00	K-6	#23	Grove	
SOUTHFIELD MAIN ROAD LOOP					
	7:05	7-12	#23	MS & HS	
	7:35	K-6	#22	Grove	
CHIMNEY HILLS MAIN LOOP					
	7:20	7-12	#23	MS & HS	
	7:45	K-6	#22	Grove	
MEMORIAL ST. BETWEEN 71st & 91st					
		7-12	#23	MS & HS	
		K-6	#22	Grove	
PETERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT					
CEDAR RIDGE AND SOUTH					
Mingo, Garnett, & 129	7:00	7-12	#1	MS & HS	
71st between Mingo & 129th	7:45	K-6	#1	Peters	
FLORAL HAVEN LOOP					
	7:20	7-12	#1	MS & HS	
	7:55	K-6	#21	Peters	
COUNTRY AIRE					
From 81 on Dogwood, to Elder	7:25	9-12	#20*	HS	
to Dallas, N. on Fir to 71	7:25	7-8	#24	MS	
Enter College from 145th, to Fir, N. to					
Freeport, W. to Detroit, W. to Gardenia, N.					
to Greeley, to Dogwood, N. to Iola, W.					
to Fir out on 71	7:50	K-6	#24	Peters	
Enter Fir from 81st, N. to Broadway, to					
Dogwood, S. to Commercial, W. to Fir, to					
Dallas, Elder, Dogwood out on 81	7:50	K-6	#21	Peters	
TURTLE CREEK					
Enter off 145 onto Oakridge	7:15	9-12	#20*	HS	
N. on Chestnut out on 81	7:20	7-8	#24	MS	
Louisville North to 81	7:50	K-6	#12	Peters	
Oakridge North to Louisville	7:50	K-6	#8	Peters	

KINDERGARTEN — Those attending AM classes will be picked up by regular buses in your area and taken to school. PM kindergarten students will be taken home by regular buses. The noon deliveries and pickups will not commence until September 11, 1978. Until that time, parents will be responsible for transportation at noon.

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Some days the driver receives two very similar notes, 1. "WHY ARE YOU SO LATE EACH MORNING?" and 2. "HOW COME YOU ARE COMING 10 MINUTES SOONER EACH DAY THIS WEEK?"

There are the parents who ask bus drivers for small special favors like, "PLEASE KEEP SUE ON THE BUS UNTIL FOUR O'CLOCK, AS I WILL BE GETTING HOME LATE."

Some mothers insist that their darlings sit on the front seat away from the mean kids — or so that they won't get hurt — or so that the driver can watch them and remind the children to get off at the proper place. It doesn't matter that the driver has other things to do or that there are only two front seats.

Another great note is, "WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP ON THE MIDDLE OF THE HILL DURING THE ICE STORM? AFTER ALL MY CHILD SIMPLY CANNOT WALK DOWN THE HILL ON ICE."

"DEAR DRIVER: YOU ALLOWED JIMMY TO GET OFF THE BUS BEFORE HE PUT ON HIS MITTENS, SCARF, BOOTS AND COAT. SEE THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILDREN JUST CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO REMEMBER THESE THINGS."

A good rule for safety's sake is NO EATING OR DRINKING ON THE BUS. Yet many mothers will send a note with their child, "PLEASE ALLOW BILLY AND JANE TO EAT BREAKFAST ON THE BUS, THEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO EAT THIS MORNING." And along with the note comes two spoons, 2 bowls of cereal and milk. The bus driver is asked to take care of the bowls until after school.

The saddest thing the driver sees each and every day is the Mom and Dad who do not stop for the red flashing lights on the bus. When the driver asks "Why didn't you stop for the red lights?" Mom replies, "Because I was in a hurry."

I wonder, would they have time for a funeral? Or time to spend in jail? Once I even received a note about this, "DEAR BUS DRIVER: I AM SORRY I DID NOT STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS'S FLASHING LIGHTS, BUT WE JUST MOVED HERE FROM OUT OF STATE AND I DID NOT KNOW THAT A DRIVER IS SUPPOSED TO STOP FOR RED LIGHTS."

Winnie Childers is a many talented lady who drives a bus for Union schools.

LUNCH PRICES RISE TO MEET HIGHER COSTS

Lunch prices will go up 15 to 20 cents this year to meet the skyrocketing inflationary trend in cost of groceries. Food Services have operated at a loss for the past few years, and although the gap will be narrowed, will probably continue to do so this year, according to Food Services Director, Patty Holt.

Elementary school lunches will go up from 40 to 55 cents, junior high lunches from 50 to 65 cents, and high schools students will pay 80 cents for the same meal that cost them 60 cents last year. Adults, including teachers, staff and visitors, will pay one dollar for a lunch, as compared to 80 cents last year.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER TO VOTE

With all the state and national elections coming up this fall, voter registration books will be closed much of the time between now and the proposed dates Union board members are considering for a possible fall bond election.

The books will be open, however, between August 27 and September 9. Persons who have not yet registered to vote may do so during that two-week period at the Church of Christ at 34th and Garnett, Monday through Friday. Good parking is available. Call 663-4380 first to make sure someone will be there.

ATTENTION NEW SENIORS

High school counselors would like to remind all seniors and their parents — it is a good idea to take your ACT test early in the year. Counselors have applications. This test is a required entrance exam for all state-supported colleges and universities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

It's no fun to be caught short of required courses on graduation day. Seniors and/or senior parents may check with counselors at the high school to make sure the necessary courses are taken.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Earn extra money while working with today's finest young people. Bus drivers in the Union District work about two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. Beginning pay is \$4.15 an hour and experienced drivers earn up to \$4.45 an hour. For more information call Harold Stockstill, Director of Transportation, at 252-7202 or 664-9400.

ATTENTION LEADERS

All organization leaders (boy scouts, girls scouts, etc.) need to get in touch with their schools immediately to identify themselves and to fill out the necessary forms to use the school facility. Our schools receive many calls from parents at the beginning of the school year requesting information about these groups. Your help is needed to supply that information.

MOVING?

If you're planning to move out of the district please contact the administrative center at 664-9400 and ask to be taken off the computer mail-out service. We can mail THE COMMUNICATOR to you for about 1.8 cents, but the post office charges 25 cents to return the newsletter to us when you move without leaving a forwarding address. Help us make better use of your tax dollars by keeping us informed.

Rising labor costs were also named as part of the inflationary trend. Union lunch prices will remain comparative to prices charged by surrounding school districts, says Holt.

Holt offered a breakdown of the actual cost of a typical high school lunch as an example of the need for the new prices:

Everyday	Cost
Hamburger pattie	\$.17
Bun	.06
Lettuce/tomato	.06
French fries	.11
Shake	.11
Condiments (catsup, salt, pepper, etc.)	.06
Paper products	.08
Labor	.31
	<u>\$.96</u>

Alternates	Cost
Roast Beef (2 oz.)	\$.23
Burrito w/chili	.23
Ham & Cheese	.22
Etc.	

"Cost of the lunch for the district may vary from 96 cents to \$1.02," says Holt.

There will be four entree (sandwiches) choices every day at the high school and extra food can be purchased on an ala carte basis.

High school ala carte prices will be:

Hamburger	\$.50
Cheeseburger	.50
Foot Long w/chili	.50
Submarine	.55
Roast Beef on Bun	.55
Ham & Cheese on Bun	.55
Pastrami on Rye	.50
Fish on Bun	.50
Burrito w/chili	.50
Bar-B-Que on Bun	.50
Chef Salad w/Crackers	.80
French Fries	.30
Milk Shake	.30
Milk	.05
Fruit	.15

Teachers and employees were told that recent federal audits were critical of adult meal prices in some Oklahoma schools. Regulations require that the adult meal prices cover the "full cost" of the meal.

"Neither Federal or state reimbursement, nor children's payments can be used to subsidize adult meals," says Holt. In establishing the adult meal charge, schools must consider the income for an adult meal in relation to the income from a student meal."

Student prices are based on free meal reimbursement, which breaks down as follows:

Student Cost	\$.6825
Cash Reimbursement	.1525
Donated Food (Value)	.1375
State Reimbursement	.0200
	<u>\$.9925</u>

Children's Interests Stressed**Union Delegate Attends National PTA Seminar**

"PTA Speaks Out!" was the theme — and they got a lot said at the 82nd Annual National PTA Convention.

Jan Brower, PTA Council co-president, was one of 1,500 delegates from around the country and Europe who attended the convention, which was held June 11 to 14 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

In Action Clinics (workshops), study sessions, and numerous discussion seminars, the major issues of the day pertaining to education, the schools, and the health and welfare of children and youth were presented and explained.

"We want PTA members to be informed about the great many vital issues that are currently affecting, directly or indirectly, their children's well-being, academic achievements, and future," said Grace Baisinger, National PTA President, "so that delegates can go back to their communities and act upon what they've learned."

Among the convention's speakers were Carolyn Warner, Arizona State superintendent of public instruction, whose keynote address focused on the role parental participation can play in helping solve today's school problems; and The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, president of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), who outlined how parents and teachers can work together to help children grow academically.

Delegates received a thorough grounding in a wide range of subjects. Twenty-five Action Clinics offered information on energy in the schools, the new federal law regarding education of handicapped children, what PTA can do about abused, battered and neglected children, and various other topics.

All delegates were asked to attend "Back to School" sessions, designed to acquaint or introduce them to various PTA projects and convention procedures. Television violence, legislation, and leadership were covered, and a special "Speak Out" for all delegates gave them the opportunity to directly express their concerns to National PTA officers.

GROVE PTA SELLS SUPPLIES

School supplies in pre-assembled packets, made to teacher specifications, will be sold by the Grove PTA August 23, 24 and 25 at the school.

The packets will cost no more than supplies would cost in local stores and will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the days listed above. Those not wishing to purchase packets can pick up a supply list at the same time.

"Here is a great chance to save yourself time and gas while supporting your PTA," according to Ruthie Zetik, Ways and Means Chairman for Grove Elementary School.

UNION JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Grades 7, 8 and 9
1978-79

Date	Opponent	Place
September 7	Owasso	There
September 14	Sand Springs Central	Here
September 21	Broken Arrow Central	There
September 26	Bixby	Here
October 5	Sapulpa	There
October 10	Jenks	Here
October 19	Broken Arrow Sequoyah	There
October 26	Sand Springs Boyd	Here

All games start at 5:00 p.m. with the 7th grade.

The workshop Jan Brower found to be most relevant to her interests and needs was "Councils: the PTA Connection".

"The Union Council, being less than a year old, has done much to improve communications between the various Union schools. It was exciting to see how the council is working throughout the country. The Union Council committees are meeting this month to map plans for next year," said Mrs. Brower.

Summing up her response to the convention, Mrs. Brower said, "It was interesting to see how busy National PTA is in furthering the interest of the child in our country. And it was exciting to see how we as individual PTA members can fit into the overall picture."

MOMS BOWL FREE AT LEAGUE KICK-OFF

Bowling will be free for anyone interested in joining the Union PTA Bowling League when the group first meets August 31 at 9:15 a.m. at Sheridan Lanes. Official league bowling will begin the following Thursday.

Proceeds have traditionally been donated to the schools served by the league. The Union PTA League serves Union High School, Union Junior High, Grove and Peters.

For further information call Nancy Hester, league president, at 258-4331, or Barbara Anderson, league secretary, at 252-2420. Free coffee and cookies will be served at the kick-off party.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING**DRAWS SIX**

Six PTA leaders from the Union district attended the state PTA Leadership Workshop July 24 and 25 at OU in Norman.

Delegates included Jan Brower, UNION PTA Council Co-President; Corkey Bowerman, Council Co-Vice President; Alison Moore, Council Secretary and Union Junior High PTA President; Ellen Coop, Grove President; Judy Taylor, Peters Co-President; and Nancy Williams, Peters Council Delegate.

Mrs. Karen Leverage, Oklahoma State PTA President, conducted the training for the unit and council officers, and, according to Mrs. Brower, "asked to be invited to visit a Union PTA Council meeting this year". The request is a healthy sign of state recognition for the Union Council, which is one year old.

**UNION HIGH SCHOOL
VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**
1978-79

Date	Opponent	Place
September 8	Catoosa	Here
September 15	Owasso	Here
September 22	Sand Springs	There
September 29	Tahlequah	There
October 6	Bishop Kelley	There
	(Cascia Hall Field)	
October 13	Mason	Here
October 20	Bixby	Here
October 27	McAlester	There
November 3	Jenks	There
November 10	Webster	Here

REDSKIN TALK**Redskins Full of Enthusiasm**

by
Gil Cloud
Director of Athletics

The school year is fast approaching and the sports season is sure to follow.

Our football program is in full swing as G.W. Emerson prepares for the 1978 season. This year we will compete in the Metro "7" Conference. This will be the first season of competition in the conference and the schools that are members are truly excited about this outstanding new conference.

Coach Emerson has around 80 young men currently working and looking forward to the first scrimmage on August 26 against Pryor at Union Stadium. The home opener will be September 8 against Catoosa. Our junior high teams (7-8-9) will open at Owasso on September 7.

Don Jones will welcome over 30 girls for the fall softball season this year. The girls are hoping to avenge a regional loss to Broken Arrow last year and return the State Championship trophy to the Union trophy case.

The immediate goal will be to win the Metro "7" Conference title. The first conference game will be at Jenks on August 29. The home opener will be the Union Softball Classic which will start on August 31 at the recently improved Union Field.

Coach Jim Bradshaw and the girls cross-country team will be looking for their third consecutive trip to the state championship. This year Coach Bradshaw will coach the boys as well and will be developing the same kind of quality program that the girls now have.

METRO 7 CONFERENCE SOFTBALL**1978 Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place
August 29	Union	Jenks
	Kelley	Owasso
August 31	Open	
September 5	Owasso	Union
	Jenks	Kelley
September 7	Open	
September 12	Kelley	Union
	Jenks	Owasso
September 14	Kelley	Jenks
	Union	Owasso
September 19	Jenks	Union
	Owasso	Kelley
September 21	Open	
September 26	Union	Kelley
	Owasso	Jenks
September 28	Open	

Comment:

As we begin the 1978-79 school year we are filled with anticipation and hope for the coming year. The coaching staff that we have assembled for this school year is outstanding. They will strive to do the best job of coaching that they can. Our athletes will produce as much as they are capable of and we hope our fans will continue to support our athletes and the Athletic Department staff as they have in the past.

If questions arise about the athletics or physical education department you can call my office and we will try to help you. Our office has been moved to the Administration Center, 9134 East 46 Street and the phone number is 664-9400.

Coach Deanna Jones will begin her first year as the gymnastics coach. This past year was an interim year for gymnastics. This year we hope to compete against Jenks, Broken Arrow, Mason and Edison. Our home meets will be in the high school gym. The practice season will begin August 28.

As we approach this fall season our season tickets are now on sale. The following ticket plans are now in effect.

PLAN I

Varsity Football Season Reserved Ticket \$ 8.00 each

PLAN II

Varsity Football Season Reserved Ticket \$ 8.00

Varsity Basketball Season Ticket 10.00
\$18.00

PLAN III

Plan I and II

Season ticket for all sports, grades 7-12 \$20.00

PLAN IV

Varsity Basketball \$10.00

PLAN V

General Admission Season Ticket \$20.00

Tickets can be picked up at the Administrative Center from 9 til 3 daily.



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