

Standards Of Schools Upped By State Aid

OEA Achievements Told to Institute By Executive Secy. Posey

Through the securing of state aid, rapid strides have been made in the betterment of education in the state of Oregon. Cecil Posey, executive secretary of the Oregon Education Association, told a gathering of over 400 Douglas County teachers in a 30-minute address during the Institute Monday in the Junior High auditorium.

In 1942 only one per cent of funds for educational purposes were obtained from the state, he said. Today 38 per cent comes from this source, principally from the diversion of state income tax money to educational uses. Securing of these funds he considers as one of the principal achievements of the OEA.

Oregon's education standard resolutely has risen to the point that teacher salaries have increased from 21st place in 1942 to 12th place, and some surveys say ninth, in the nation. The latter survey places Washington eighth, and California, where living costs are higher, 14th.

Top Level Not Enough
Oregon high school standards now rank fourth in the nation, while elementary schools are out-ranked by 17 states. In teacher-pupil ratio, Oregon ranks seventh, the average being 21.3. Oregon rates the highest in the nation in money spent per child.

But this is not enough, the speaker pointed out. The effort of the OEA should always be toward the betterment of educational standards. The Oregon association now has 10,000 members, the national association, 900,000. The attitude of the members should never be "What can I get out of the organization, but what can the organization do to better educational standards." He emphasized the importance of a strong organization. The lobby of the association for legislation should never be for ourselves, but for the cause of free education in the United States.

Two measures the OEA has sponsored will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot, said Posey. One is the "right to vote" measure, which would permit all registered citizens over the age of 21 and residents in the school district six months the right to vote on school measures. Now only property holders may vote on budget matters.

The other is House Joint Resolution 15, referred to the people, providing for election on the question of establishing a new tax base in counties, municipalities and districts after the legal voters have authorized a tax levy in excess of the six per cent limitation for two consecutive years, and limiting such new tax base to the average of the total amounts levied in the year of such election and the two years immediately preceding it. The present law, Posey pointed out, requires a vote on any issue above the six per cent limitation.

"The present law may require the people to vote additional funds for the next 30 years in some districts," he said. "The superintendents must continually think about budget matters, and cannot devote their needed time to education. It keeps the entire community in an uproar thinking of budgets." He pointed out that assessed valuations do not keep pace with population increases.

Additional state aid is being sought for districts in their building programs. Districts may now tax only up to 10 per cent of their assessed valuation for new construction.

Higher Pay Goal Sought
Teachers salaries, according to Posey, were increased two years ago to a minimum of \$2400. The goal now is \$2800, with top educators receiving \$3000 to \$6000 yearly. He discussed planned selective teacher recruiting. Last year Oregon schools turned out only 268 teachers, whereas 600 were needed. Only 649 were enrolled in teacher training, and the number should have been 2400, he declared. The program would be not to encourage everyone to become a teacher and earn \$3000 a year, but to encourage qualified individuals to go into education as a career.

Columbia Basin Area Would Halt Erosion

ARLINGTON, Ore., Sept. 28.—(AP)—Ranchers and county agents planned ways of halting the erosion of Columbia basin wheat lands today after hearing the region is the worst in the nation. Ray Kent, Pendleton, district supervisor of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, told a Department of Agriculture hearing

Kids Crowd Governor Warren



(NEA Telephoto)
Republican vice-presidential nominee, Earl Warren (center), signs autographs for youngsters at Cincinnati's Union Terminal as he mills through crowd of several hundred who greeted him.

U. S. Needs More Power to Handle Soviet, Solon Says

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (AP)—The United States must be so militarily strong it can sit down with Russia and insist on an understanding as to the future of the world, says Senator Cain (R., Wash.).

"The Russian situation is not good and the United States today is not prepared to insist upon settling questions now troubling the world," Cain told a reporter. "We must strengthen the Army, Navy and Air Force."

"Russia," said Cain, "is determined to enforce its philosophy upon the world and build up a totalitarian government in each nation."

"We are engaged in a war of ideas, of freedom against slavery. And in my judgment, it must be a war to the finish."

"If we are strong enough to insist these problems be settled at a conference table we can continue to uphold our way of life and that of the freedom loving nations of the world."

"Every American must be ready to fight to the finish for our way of life, ready to see our nation strong enough in a mili-

tary sense to insist that Russia sit down and reach a conclusion on our differences."

Cain said he believed that all that has been done in Germany up to now "is appeasement pure and simple."

He recently returned from a trip to Europe and asserted the United States should not lull itself into a false sense of security.

"Communism is still literally guided by principles of world revolution and domination just

as it was in the days of Marx and Lenin," he said.

"We should unify our nation and be ready for war, be prepared for it. Therein lies our security."

"By being strong and ready for war we can prevent war."

"Any weakness will be taken advantage of by the Communists."

Cain said he could see "no possibility of peace" now and asserted "we are living in a very uncertain future."

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Stonewall Jackson Home Now Camp Site for 4-H Club

AP Newsfeatures
JACKSON'S MILL, W. Va.—The boyhood home of Stonewall Jackson in this north central West Virginia area has been swallowed up by the nation's pioneer 4-H camp now covering 523 acres.

The great Confederate general's boyhood home was on the original tract of five acres donated by the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company in 1921 for use in 4-H and farm leadership training work.

An old mill in which Jackson worked as a boy still is standing on the site, and from that structure the camp has received its name. Jackson's home was destroyed by fire before the 4-H

center was established by the state legislature shortly after 1921.

Today, the camp is a part of the agricultural extension service facilities of West Virginia university and it represents an investment of more than \$500,000.

In addition to 4-H boys and girls, state and national farm, church and educational groups head the list of organizations that meet here on a schedule that takes up virtually every day in the year.

Since 1923, when only one cottage and the upper floor of the old mill were available for housing, the camp has grown to comprise 13 cottages, many of them made of stone, with housing accommodations for 350. Each cottage has hot and cold running water.

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