

Handicapped To Get Aid of Local Organizations

Several local organizations and civic groups have joined in Roseburg's observance of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, which started Oct. 3, and have formed a committee to carry the aims of the program through the entire year.

Erwin Short, American Legion representative, is serving as chairman of the committee. Others include C. E. Hoover, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Arthur Newell, Disabled American Veterans; Robert Phillips, Roseburg Rotary Club; William Livermore, Roseburg Lions Club; J. E. Clark, Masonic order; C. E. Perna, Knights of Pythias Lodge; Randall Hackett, Eagles Lodge; Clifford Fields, Veterans Administration; Leonard G. McIntyre, IWA-CIO; Walter Dage, AFL; Pat Gregory, Oregon State Employees Association, and George Smith, representing "the public."

Similar local committees are at work in 22 other cities in Oregon. Primary work of the committees is to acquaint the public with rehabilitation services being offered to both disabled veterans and non-veterans and to promote jobs for such handicapped persons.

Millions Affected
Indicative of the size of the job to be done in Oregon relative to the handicapped is the following information contained in a "fact sheet" released by the state inter-agency committee, Short said:

"There is no accurate count of the physically handicapped but many estimates have been made. There is a bill before Congress calling for a census of the disabled. However, it will be difficult to establish a standard as to what constitutes a disability."

"Various estimates have been made regarding the number of physically handicapped in the United States. The estimate of from 25,000,000 to 28,000,000 seems to have considerable validity."

"Our present labor force consists of approximately 62,500,000. Of this number, about ten per cent are vocationally handicapped persons. There is thought to be an excess of 500,000 unemployed handicapped persons in the United States in 1948."

"From the records of the Oregon State Board of Health, State Accident Commission, county health departments and other agencies which keep records in this regard, it is estimated that approximately 15 out of each 1,000 of Oregon's civilian population have a substantial physical impairment."

"About seven of each 1,000 are so severely disabled that they must be trained for new occupations or enter less hazardous employment. So estimating the population of the state at 1,400,000, at least 9,800 of our non-veteran population can benefit from 'Neph Week.'"

Newspaper Boys Honor Ike



(NEA Telephone) General Dwight D. Eisenhower receives Newspaper Boy Award from Joseph Herron, Philadelphia newspaper carrier, at Convention Hall, Philadelphia. The presentation of the inscribed paperweight was made during a Thrift Club Party honoring the General as one formerly of their ranks.

Bad Conditions at 63 Oregon Grade Schools Will Bar Them From Basic Fund Allotments

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Some of Oregon's grade schools have conditions as bad as those in the most backward sections of the country, Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, said yesterday.

Putnam's staff has completed an inspection of 367 schools, and 63 of them had conditions so serious that they will be unable to receive state basic school fund allotments until those conditions are corrected.

Of the 63 non-standard schools, these conditions were found:

66 per cent do not have hot and cold water.

42 per cent need building repairs.

29 per cent have rooms smaller than 20 by 30 feet.

60 per cent have poor floors.

25 per cent have playground hazards.

51 per cent don't fly the American flag.

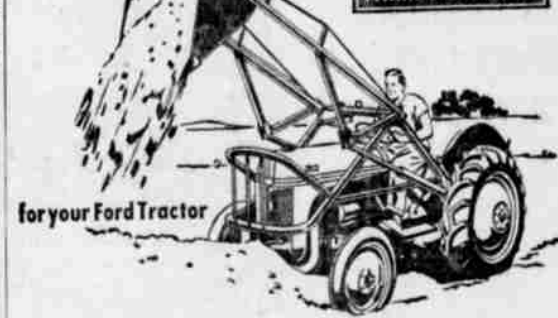
The report said 17,735 pupils have to wash in cold water in the coldest months. There are 12,106 children who have to use open-pit toilets or wait in long lines to use insufficient toilets.

Drinking Water Untested

There are 14,796 pupils who use glasses or pump spouts that are unsanitary, and 10,492 drink untested water. There are 3,766 children who go to schools where there is inadequate heat, drafty floors or over-heated stoves. And there are 11,299 pupils going to schools in need of repairs.

Putnam said that the schools are good about fixing up their property so as to make them standard and thus eligible for state funds. Since the survey was made, 35 of the 63 schools have complied.

Putnam said consolidation of



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Nobody Seeks Office In Eastern Oregon Town

UNION, Ore., Oct. 7 (AP)—Political offices are going begging for candidates in this Eastern Oregon town.

With the deadline for filing for mayor and for three posts on the City Council just eight days away, citizens are wondering whether they will have to write in the names of candidates in the November balloting.

No one has filed for the offices yet. Mayor Edison Spears and Councilman Carl Posey have in-

throwing rocks at each other. In one school, the older children were found pushing the little children into a creek. These latter two schools had no playground equipment.

deated they will retire when their terms expire in January. Two other councilmen, Jack Crook and Albert George, may be planning to run again, but they haven't said so. Nobody else seems to be interested.

\$75,000 Gift Launches YMCA Building Drive

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Oct. 7 (AP)—A check for \$75,000 and a pledge of \$40,000 more from former State Senator A. G. Beals and

Mrs. Beals has started off a campaign here for a \$150,000 YMCA building.

Beals has asked the community to match his contribution in the next 90 days in order to provide the community with a center of civic activity for youngsters.

The long-time Oregon coast lumberman and dairy farm owner told an assembly of civic leaders he and his wife had been orphans and wanted to provide for the needy youngsters of the community.

Warren McMinimie, retiring Tillamook County district attor-

ney, heads the newly formed YMCA foundation committee.

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