

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR

Port Orford Port Commissioners Ray Reinke, Bernard Kosta, City Attorney George Gant and a representative from the Governor's office in Salem will be present in Washington, D. C. on May 4 for the appropriation hearing regarding the much-needed breakwater for the harbor of Port Orford.

Citizens are once again urged to shed a little ink in forms of letters, telegrams or night letters, sending "S.O.S." to our congressmen in support of this project.

Federal spending is continuing in a big way; this week more millions were appropriated for "poverty," Lady Bird expects the country to be made beautiful and Oregon Congressmen are working hard to acquire another national park--whether or not some of this federal spending will be made available for Port Orford and its natural harbor, or whether we'll be "plain left out and holding the bag," is a very vital question for many people at this time.

NEONTA HALL

To The Editor:

On May 24 the voters face confusing issues concerning the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

1. Arguments each way, on whether this office should be appointive or elective, sound

plausible.

2. Millions of us parents realize the importance of a sound, strong school system to the future of our country.

My qualifications to investigate this situation are: more than 12 years' teaching experience before coming to Oregon, much of it developing new systems to meet changing needs; serving on professional committees dealing with education at various levels; membership in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics for the four years I have lived in Oregon, attending many conferences, purchasing and reviewing most of the available teaching materials.

Having investigated all sides of this question impartially and thoroughly, here are my conclusions, without political verbiage.

1. The office should be elective. That voters don't know enough to select a qualified educator for the job is not valid argument. Nor does making it elective render it subject to political pressures: it is already that. The closed shop of an appointive post paves the way for dictatorship. The only safe course is for voters to inform themselves, and for educators to be as concerned, because the post is elective, with informing parents as they pretend to be with teaching our children.

2. Education has become far too inbred for its own good. It is a "family" affair. It has lost touch with the needs of its students. Education needs closer ties with the realities of the outside world of today and tomorrow, for which it should be, but is not, training its students.

3. In math, in science, in the subjects grouped as "social studies," in reading and writing

skills, the trend toward fragmentation has prevented any balanced approach that would enable the average student to know what he is doing and to make sense of his work. The true quality of education is not improving. In some respects it is deteriorating, in spite of a superficial "progress" that is really nothing but lots of change--mostly not for the better.

4. Too much concern is with the "trimmings": program-

ming, teaching machines, new methods of grading and tracking, and meaningless or near meaningless qualifications for teaching etc., that spend a mint of our money; too little attention goes to what the students are really learning that they will retain and be able to use in later life. Teaching for the latter objective doesn't cost appreciably more than it ever did.

5. Our best teachers recognize these facts, concern them-

selves with the growing deficiency in these respects, and want to do something to remedy it, as do concerned parents. But administrators worry more about the personal status quo--and keeping their inbred jobs.

Dr. Blake holds substantially the above views, and will work to remedy the defects mentioned, while Dr. Minear intends to "protect" the status quo and thus make education even more inbred and isolated from reality than it already

is.

All together, we have cogent reasons to vote for an elective superintendent's office and for Dr. Blake, if we are concerned with our children's future.

NORMAN H. CROWHURST,
Gold Beach, Ore.

TO THE EDITOR

Please renew our subscription. Although, being so far away, it takes six days for us to

receive the paper we look forward to receiving it each week. We will always be interested in the welfare of Port Orford and of our friends and acquaintances in that area.

We are enjoying our new home and the Florida sunshine and manage to keep quite busy, and quite well, for a couple of "oldsters".

Very Best to the Port Orford Press personnel and to all of our old friends. If any of you get down this way please stop and

say hello.

Ad and Art Niemann

TO THE EDITOR

In a letter to the Oregonian, Bessie R. Cox points out a domestic problem that Morse and his satellites could make headlines with, instead of making like military experts and continuously heckling the Administration's foreign policies. In her letter she deplores the fact that the Russians are allowed to ravage our offshore fishing grounds

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