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Education's Plight or Ours?

In the front page headlines of the day are statements by Frank W. Hubbard and Willard E. Givens, of the National Education Association, revealing a shocking condition—a shortage of 500,000 teachers for American schools, and the obvious reason **LOW PAY**. More than 360,000 teachers are paid less than \$1,200 a year. On the surface that is the problem of the "teaching profession." You hear a good deal about the "teachers' lobby"—always trying to get more pay, always trying to get more money for schools, always trying to "rook" the taxpayer. A question:

"Is the problem presented just a problem for the teaching profession or is it OUR PROBLEM?"

It's OUR kids who attend the schools. It is OUR nation which is affected profoundly by illiteracy, poverty, incompetence resulting from inefficient or insufficient education. The recent study of public education in the United States, made for the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, revealed that millions of citizens have never finished 8 grades of school. To explain that most of this trouble is in the Deep South does not solve the problem.

In Eugene and the state of Oregon generally, teacher pay is somewhat better than minimum.—A beginner with two years "normal" can get \$1784, but the maximum, after 15 years of teaching experience and a master's degree is \$2,526. Principals according to size and grade of school can add \$150 to \$900. In Lane County's rural schools pay varies; at the moment, many are paying a bit over Eugene average.

In the state system of higher education (where advanced degrees are almost as imperative as a union card in an ordinary trade) we try to hire instructors as low as \$1,800 a year. A full professor, after years of service, may get \$3500 to \$4000—considerably below average in institutions of comparable rank.

There is one of the reasons why we have challenged Governor Snell's proposal to sink \$400,000 of the state's emergency funds into creating a junior college for veterans at Klamath marine barracks. If he had inquired into the problems of the existing schools he would have learned that the existing schools will need at least \$500,000 (maybe \$1,000,000) to develop adequate teaching staff and maintain standards. Housing is NOT the only problem these schools are facing.

It is necessary for American people to ask not only how much does education cost, but: "What quality of teaching are the young getting? Can a good result be expected from teachers who are overloaded, underpaid, and as one of the inevitable results of low pay—poorly prepared, in many cases?"

Teaching is not attracting any "except dubs and zealots" (to quote a man who ought to know). College enrollment in teacher training is at an all time low. The problem is not entirely new. We saw the same condition during the inflation after World War I. During that period curiosity prompted and promoted an interesting "feature story." Ziegfeld's Follies came to town. Nearly half of the fine looking gals in the chorus were former "school marm" (and could prove it). Of course it might be argued that this was not all net loss to education. But it was a condition reflecting a trend. Enterprising young people were avoiding teaching like the plague. That is the problem today.

Ellis F. Lawrence

Death of Ellis F. Lawrence, for more than 30 years dean of the University of Oregon's school of architecture and allied arts, and official architect of the University, emphasizes some of the very grave problems facing higher education. Dean Lawrence was one of "the old guard," one of the last of the many men and women who were associated with Prince Lucien Campbell in a great period in the life of the institution and its transformation from "a frontier college" into a liberal university.

Nearly all of the modern buildings of the University of Oregon campus were designed by Dean Lawrence. Under his direction, the prevailing "red brick Georgian" style of architecture was adopted, and it became the prevalent form. Old Deady and Villard still stand, substantial monuments of mid-Victorian style, but the graceful and harmonious "modified Georgian" prevails, creating a tie with early American traditions and origins.

Under President Campbell the first plans for the ultimate development of the campus were worked out by Dean Lawrence and his associates. From time to time, these original plans have been altered to meet changing circumstances and needs. The indicated spread of the University is now east and south rather than west. There will always be changes of plans, but the pattern in which

the physical development of the University will be made has been established, and it probably will endure with only minor variations.

The death of Dean Lawrence calls attention to the great opportunities and the great needs of the school which he directed for so many years. He is in full charge of the school but he was a part-time, non-resident dean, dividing his time between the campus and his offices in Portland. That was an arrangement which was almost ideal during the formative years but one which will not suffice for the urgent and growing demands upon this large school which includes not only architecture but with city planning, painting, sculpture, design, ceramics, textiles and all the wide range of "the plastic arts." It probably will not be possible to find another busy professional who can or will serve as Dean Lawrence has served.

The school is one of the most important in the University's life and in its possibilities for service to the state in the years which lie ahead. It is a mistake to think of architecture and the allied arts as "luxuries" for the few. They affect us all profoundly as to health, safety, comfort, taste and pleasure. The creative arts are well called because of their tremendous influence on life and living. Already this school has produced an unusual number of men and women of distinction. Its future is challenging.

Visitors to the Oregon campus often remark that they are "pleasantly reminded of New England." That no doubt is because Dean Lawrence was a Massachusetts man who carried with him a certain amount of "tradition." That, in our opinion, was the University's good fortune. Its funds have always been limited and they might have been wasted in monumental and flamboyant architectural forms. Dean Lawrence helped to create a campus and a school and his workmanship was sound.

It's okay to be important in your own way as long as it doesn't put you in the way of others.

American school children are the healthiest in the world, says a doctor. But some of them have their bad spells.

The straighter your course, the easier it is to sail through life.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Play It Safe

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—(NEA)—Experience in the six months since V-J day proves that too many wartime controls have been removed too fast, says Chester Bowles in making the opening arguments for renewal of Stabilization and Price Controls for a year beyond June 30. Too rapid removal of controls, says Bowles, will lead only to inflation. He therefore recommends playing it safe.

"Too many people are betting on inflation," he says. "There's too much loose talk to the effect that inflation is inevitable or that it is already here. Actually," he says, "it is only in the uncontrolled areas such as the stock market or real estate where there is any runaway inflation."

On the other hand, National Association of Manufacturers and the other business groups leading the fight to kill off OPA maintain that price controls hamper production and therefore encourage inflation through continuing scarcity of much-needed goods. In trying to build up their case, these pressure groups maintain that business is in a straitjacket, bound, gagged and helpless to get relief.

Congress Must Decide the Issue

These two exactly opposite points of view state the issue which Congress now has to decide, so a little background information may be in order. In the six months since V-J day, price controls have been completely removed from nearly 1000 items and price increases have been authorized on 9000 more.

In the building materials industry, which has been putting up one of the hardest fights to have all price ceilings removed, increases have been granted on 36 major items. The list includes southern pine, western hardwood shingles, northern hardwoods, brick, tile, cement, ready-mixed concrete, gypsum, plaster, vitrified clay pipe. Other increases are coming, for the sole purpose of encouraging production.

Any industry can get price increases authorized for its products at any time the industry can prove that to deny an increase would cause it a hardship or cause it to make less money than it did in the 1939-39 base period.

In the case of steel industry, which has just been granted a price increase to cover wage increases, it will be possible for the industry to appeal to OPA for further price increases whenever the present prices do not seem to assure it of pre-war profits.

Quicker Price Relief in Sight

Under the old stabilization policy, an industry had to wait six months after a wage increase had been authorized before asking for increased prices. The idea was that this "cooling-off period" would enable the industry to try to absorb the wage increases without decreasing its profits. Under the new wage-price policy which Mr. Bowles had just been called upon to administer, this six-months' waiting period is done away with. Quicker relief is in sight.

This is the policy governing an entire industry. In the case of individual firms within an industry, relief is also possible. If the firm is reconverts from war production and finds its costs are higher than before the war, OPA can and does grant price increases. A firm selling the same materials before, during and after the war, without any problems of reversion, can be balked out under what's known as "the general rescue order," which authorizes price increases where earnings are below the industry level, or where costs of the product are greater than price ceilings.

If the firm seeking price increases has a business turnover of less than \$200,000 a year, it merely has to notify OPA that it is increasing its prices. If OPA takes no action within 20 days, the price rise goes into effect automatically.

Facts such as these are accidentally or on purpose overlooked by the trade association lobbyists in their campaign to kill off price control. With all these loopholes and authorizations for granting price increases, NAM's argument that price controls are delaying production simply does not stand up. The argument that production of much-needed goods will be further delayed if price controls are continued another year, likewise does not stand up.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Jugoslavian Girl Is Appreciative Of American Life

An European refugee who has found her place in American life is Miss Francka Ecklund, special representative of the Frances Denny cosmetic firm of New York City, who has been a visitor in Eugene this week. Miss Ecklund is a native of Yugoslavia, and has been in the United States but two years.

She was on a visit in north Africa, combining a pleasure trip with a business errand for her father, who was a furrier, when war broke out in Europe and she could not return home. Stranded in another country, she utilized her linguistic ability and natural resourcefulness in finding lucrative employment there for some time. Later, through the assistance of influential Americans whom she met there, she was able to get to the United States.

"It was my fate to come here, I think," says Miss Ecklund with intriguing accent. This daughter of Europe, who has her first papers toward citizenship and is counting the time until she reaches full status as an American, has deep blue eyes with dark lashes and hair, almost a Celtic type. Americans live.

"In America there is so wonderful chance for life; in Europe, people are only existing, not living. A man is born rich or he is born poor, and he is held to his position; the poor man may not rise above his birth. Here, rich and poor live much the same lives, enjoy the same pleasures. It is so wonderful!"

Still, she carries a nostalgic memory of the simple virtues of the people of her homeland, and the beauties of Jugoslavian woodland, lakes and mountains, fields and flowers. "In my country, these—what you call—cyclamens? and lily-of-the-valley?—they grow wild in the wood, and when I am horse-riding, I love to see them." Many other flowers which are known to us are common also to her land. It is a land of hot summers and snowy winters, of sudden storms and severe hailstorms, which sometimes wreck the vineyards.

Sister Killed

Members of her family are still in the homeland, although her parents have died and she recently had word that a sister was killed by Nazis. She supposes that her sister was helping the underground, but does not have details. Word comes slowly and seldom.

Miss Ecklund has engaging candor and frankness. She finds Americans "so friendly and so kind," and no wonder! They probably see in her girlish sincerity much of the same charm that she remembers in the wild roses, valley lilies and cyclamens of her native land.

ST. MARY'S GUILD HONORS BIRTHDAYS

The February birthday luncheon held by St. Mary's Episcopal Guild Wednesday, in connection with the usual all-day sewing session, honored five women and two of the husbands who joined the group. Guests of honor were Mrs. R. M. Pratt, Mrs. F. L. Travess, Mrs. E. P. Dorris, Mrs. M. C. Shipman, Mrs. L. L. Carille, Nels Jorgenson and J. W. Wynn.

Hostesses were Mrs. Burton Bruce, Mrs. Jorgenson and Mrs. O. M. Nustad.

DR. BUCHANAN SPEAKS

Daughters of Union Veterans met Wednesday at the armory, with 15 members and one guest present. Dr. W. E. Buchanan, representing the Sons of Union Veterans, gave a brief talk. Ten sick calls were reported, and it was announced that Mrs. Belle Lammers, a member of the organization, is ill in a Eugene hospital.



MISS POSTER
Recently announced to friends is the engagement of Miss Mona Foster, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Foster, to Ned Borgert. Both young people are from Junction City. They plan to be married in June.

ORDER OF RAINBOW INITIATES CLASS

A large class of girls recently was initiated into Order of Rainbow for Girls. The following girls were accepted: Misses Myrna Lee Carroll, Barbara Lengacher, Jackie Wiltshire, Billie Harnden, Kitty Lou Shaw, Julia Lundy, Jean Webb, Ardelle Carlson, Anne Vincent, Donna Hart, Lois Randall, Richelle McCormick, Doris Davis, Sue Riddlesbarger, Carolyn Silva, Pauline Springer, Jackie Newburn, Marjorie Davis, Lois Williamson, and Maureen McCracken.

MILLERS HAVE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Halla H. Miller have as guests their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. De La Mar of Stockton, Calif. Mr. De La Mar received his discharge recently on his return from Japan, where he served with the 116th Combat Engineers of the 41st Sunset Division. Mrs. De La Mar is the former Erma Miller, a former student at University High School and the University of Oregon.

GUEST LEAVES

Mrs. B. G. Tenneson of Fargo, North Dakota, has left for Portland, Seattle and Spokane after a visit in Eugene with Mr. and Mrs. Hawley H. Halversen. She also will visit in California before returning home.

GUEST NIGHT PLANNED

Degree of Honor met Tuesday at the Knights of Pythias Hall with Mrs. Jeppie Jensen and Mrs. Will Grimes as hostesses. At the business meeting a guest night was planned for March 26, at which Mrs. Charles Boyd and Mrs. George Curtis will be in charge of the refreshments. Mrs. John Myers, Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Marion Savage will serve as the social committee.

Members gave five dollars to Red Cross, and it was announced that the next executive meeting will be held March 15 at the home of Mrs. Savage.

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ORIDES MOTHERS PLAN MEETINGS

Fifteen Orides Mothers attended a regular meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. H. Lee, 1842 Patterson Street. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Everett Griffith and Mrs. Lester Calder.

The group decided to hold a night meeting next Thursday at the home of Mrs. D. K. Gregg, 447 South Third Street, Springfield. At that time sewing will be done for the April bazaar. For transportation members are to call Mrs. Calder at 4214.

The next meeting has been moved ahead to the third Wednesday, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Clarence Hyde, 1392 Wilamette Street. Assisting the hostesses will be Mrs. J. N. Lloyd and Mrs. G. R. Clemens.

SCRAPBOOK MADE

Needle Club of Women's Relief Corps met with Mrs. John Newman Wednesday afternoon to finish a second scrapbook for the Portland Doernbecher Hospital for children, and to work on quilts that are used by the corps in relief work. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Ella Bray and Mrs. Bert McCurry.

Members decided to make clothing for children as one of their relief projects for the year. Besides twenty members present, Mrs. Robert Nesbitt and Mrs. Nancy Lee Allen attended as guests. Roll call was answered with a reading or humorous anecdote.

Members welcomed Mrs. Elizabeth Beytlen, a member of the group who has been ill for some time, and who attended the Wednesday meeting.

After the sewing, a contest of brain-teasers was held, with prizes given the winners. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

GROUP ELECTIONS

Twenty members and three guests were present Wednesday evening at a meeting of the Helmetta Club, Pythian Sisters, held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Warberg.

After a potluck supper a business meeting and election was held. Mrs. Fred Aydelotte was elected president, Mrs. Morris Gleason, vice president and Mrs. Warberg, secretary-treasurer.

Appointed to the committee for the next meeting of the club were

Mrs. Louis Mannel, chairman, Mrs. Minnie Holcomb, Mrs. Jorgen Hansen, Mrs. David S. Ward, Mrs. Lucinda DeBurgh and Mrs. Myrtle Ohmart.

Relief sewing will be done for the group next Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. John Spurgin, 2075 Lawrence Street.

CONDON CARNIVAL DATE ANNOUNCED AS MARCH 22

At a called meeting of the executive board of Condon school's P-TA, the date for the annual carnival and fun night was set. This evening revel will be held Friday, March 22, and all school patrons will be invited to attend. It will replace the regular March P-TA meeting.

MEETING AT LYNDS HOME
Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lyns.

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GOD'S WORD
24. God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
25. The woman saith unto him, I knoweth that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
26. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.
John 4:24-26

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