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What Do Schools Cost?

How much do local taxpayers pay for the operation of schools in Bend's school district?

There are two ways of looking at it. First is the cost per pupil. For each student attending the Bend high school, somebody must pungle up \$373.99 per year. Not all of this, of course, comes from local taxpayers. Over 40 per cent of the cost of the Bend district comes from state, county and other sources.

(In the last year for which comparative figures are available, the Bend district stood 36th out of 42 similar districts in Oregon. In other words, high school costs per pupil were higher than Bend's in 35 out of the 42 districts.)

For each student attending grade school, the cost per year is \$355.06. Junior high figures are not available, since the current fiscal year has not ended, but the cost probably will be somewhere between the grade and high school figures.

Last year's costs per pupil had declined here, although most districts in the state had found their costs going up. It is reasonable to assume, then, that the costs here ranked even more favorably than in the past. And that was pretty good.)

So much for costs per pupil per year. How much was the total?

To run the entire school system, including grade, junior high and high schools, Central Oregon College, and to provide such activities as athletics, physical education, music, shops, homemaking courses, art, special education and bus transportation, the school board and budget boards have come up with a figure for the next fiscal year.

That figure is \$1,159,196.23. Because of increased assessed valuation, this would require an increase of approximately three per cent in taxes on Bend property.

The residents of the school district, with only a small percentage of eligible voters casting votes, turned down the original budget proposal.

Those same voters, as well as those eligible who did not vote in the last election, will go to the polls again Monday, June 25.

It is hoped the turnout will be larger this time.

Mr. "Think" Dies

Mr. "Think," Thomas J. Watson, chairman of the board of International Business Machines, died in a New York hospital recently.

Watson was known as the \$60 a month bookkeeper who became a multi-millionaire. He built IBM from a struggling little company to a world-wide organization.

But he probably will be better remembered by many as the man who put the big "Think" signs up around IBM offices and plants, and who distributed them to IBM customers.

Sideshow Approaching

A Senate committee voted out a bill to authorize construction of a high federal dam at the Hells Canyon site, where Idaho Power Company now is constructing two smaller dams, with a third on the drawing boards.

A House committee was unable to report the bill out, since Republican members boycotted the meeting, and held the bill in committee with a parliamentary maneuver.

There are a couple of things to remember in discussing the Hells Canyon question. First, the bills in the Senate and House are no test of the Eisenhower "partnership" proposals. There is no "partnership" in the Hells Canyon situation. It is strictly a struggle between public and private power adherents.

Second, the authorization bills in question do not provide any planning or construction funds. They merely signify the intent of Congress to have the federal government, rather than Idaho Power, build the structures.

Such authorization bills have been up before Congressional committees periodically since 1947, back in the early days of Truman's first term. None has ever cleared a committee before this time.

The Hells Canyon bloc in the Senate — Morse, Neuberger, Magnuson, Murray, Kefauver, Douglas — will now have an opportunity to debate the bill on the floor. The bill never has been formally debated before the full Senate, although the Congressional Record has been full of introduced speeches on the subject made by members of the bloc.

It will be interesting to note the vote lineup when the bill comes to a vote in the Senate.

For years Western members of that august body have stuck pretty close together on water development appropriations and authorizations, on a sort of "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" basis. In view of the strong opposition of the Eisenhower administration to the bills, it will be interesting to see how many Western Republicans stand hitched, and how many vote with the bloc.

Quotable Quotes

Men are so weak. Sometimes we have to help them be strong. — Mrs. Ed. J. Kemper, of Louisville, Ky., stages a one-woman raid on alleged handbook.

I've come to the conclusion that this country is no longer a democracy but a photocopy. — Adlai Stevenson quips as horde of news photographers follows him through Burbank, Calif., aircraft plant.

The Closer You Get—The Tougher the Job Gets



Edson in Washington

Long-Range Plans Preferred

BY PETER EDSON
 NEA Washington Correspondent
 WASHINGTON — (NEA) — DuVal Stooks, Arkansas-born chief engineer for the U. S. International Cooperation Administration on the Helmand Valley Authority project in Afghanistan, has returned to Washington for reassignment after 27 months in this remote, railroadless, mountain and desert kingdom.

The story Stooks brings back is as good an example as any of how the United States is trying to help underdeveloped countries. And it throws light on the difference between Russian and American methods in trying to win over neutrals.

Young Stooks was in Afghanistan when Khrushchev and Bulganin stopped off there on their way home from India.

The Russian gumshoes' pitch to sweeten up their prospect was, first to give King Mohammed Zahir Shah a personal airplane, second to give the capital of Kabul a 100-bed hospital. Then the Russians offered Afghanistan a two per cent 100-million dollar loan, to do with as they pleased.

The Russian-proposed projects were all short-range and flashy. They paved the Kabul streets for the first time in their ancient history. They worked out barter deals of Afghan wheat for Russian machinery.

toonistan, it shut off gasoline imports. The Comies moved in to take over the trade, trucking in supplies over mountain roads while building a pipeline. They built a small tank farm outside Kabul. It was aluminum painted and flooded at night. The natives go out just to see the bright lights.

In spite of all this showmanship, when the Afghan government came to buy a fleet of tank trucks, they didn't get Russian vehicles. They chose 500 American-made trucks.

All the short-range Russian projects are in marked contrast to long-range plans which the Afghans are trying to work out in cooperation with American interests.

In 1946 Afghanistan made a contract with Morrison-Knudsen to plan and build roads and dams. They spent the equivalent of 20 million dollars of their own to start work.

In 1949 and 1954 two U. S. Export-Import Bank loans for about \$10 million more were obtained. A Helmand Valley Authority—HVA was modeled after the U. S. TVA. Then in 1952 U. S. International Cooperative Administration was asked to come in and help on land settlement, education and training of technicians. ICA has a three million dollar budget for the country this year, \$600,000 going into HVA.

The idea is to take the more than

a million nomad tribesmen from the disputed Pakistan border area and resettle them on 15 acre tracts where they can make a living.

Over 21,000 have already been settled on the first project, but it was a bad start. It was a desert oasis chosen by the Afghans against the advice of Morrison-Knudsen.

The land salted up under forced irrigation and now has to be drained. Other relocation areas soon to be opened will be along the Helmand river, where conditions are much like Arizona's rich Salt River project.

Along with this, ICA technical advisers are cross-breeding scrubby, native mountain cattle with Brown Swiss, and the Afghan mountain sheep with American Columbia stock.

A team of 20 American educators has been moved in to help train native teachers. The plan is to open 40 new schools a year for the 12 million population, 95 per cent illiterate in a country roughly the size of Texas.

English is now compulsory second language in all schools—which annoys the Russians no end. But the smart Afghans found all the good textbooks were in English.

Afghanistan's only modern city, Lashkar Gah, has been built brand new from the ground up in the Helmand Valley. It's the only town in the country that has a sewage system and running water. When the King visited there last year he exclaimed, "Just imagine! I can drink the water merely by turning a faucet."

Iowa Students Again Establish Forestry Camp

Iowa State College forestry students for the second consecutive year have established their summer camp in the Deschutes National forest, on Jack creek of the Metolius river area.

This camp is about two miles east of Camp Sherman.

There are 47 students in camp this season. The summer session will last until August 20, with several one-week trips out of the base camp planned. One of the trips will take the students and their instructors to the Tillamook burn in western Oregon. Industries will be studied en route.

On a second trip, the students will go into southern Oregon to view Bureau of Land Management forest properties in the Medford area. En route home, the group will come past Crater Lake.

Dr. James G. Yoho of Iowa State heads the 1956 camp faculty. Other members of the staff are Dr. George Thompson and Dr. Andrew H. McComb and L. F. Kellogg.

Students attending last year's camp obtained practical experience in fire control when a blaze occurred in nearby woods. All students moved into the fire lines and were lauded for their work by Deschutes forest officials.

Camp was set up on Jack creek this past weekend.

The pygmy marmoset of South America's Amazonia is the Western Hemisphere's smallest member of the monkey family. Full-grown specimens weigh only three to five ounces.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the county court of the state of Oregon for Deschutes county appointed executor of the estate of Olga Swartz, deceased, and all persons holding claims against said estate are required to present same with proper vouchers to the undersigned at the office of Ross Farnham, attorney at law, in Bend, Oregon, within six months after the date hereof. Dated and published first time June 21, 1956.
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John R. Kellogg, 53, 905 E. Ninth street, was arrested yesterday by city police on the charge of jaywalking across Oregon avenue between Bond and Wall streets. An hour later Reed Bell, 29, of 1845 W. Second street, was charged with the same offense at

the same place. Robert W. Young, 19, of 530 Riverside boulevard, was charged with failure to obey a traffic signal while driving around the corner of Wall street and Franklin avenue early today.

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