

SALEM'S SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT



Serving his first year as superintendent of schools is Walter Snyder, shown during an interview in his office. Dr. Snyder, an Oregonian who has worked with education in the state for the past six years, says that so far, his job has proved "exciting."

Superintendent's Job Is Wonderful, Snyder Says

Though he admits his job demands he be something of an architect, a financier, a business man and a scholar all in one, Walter Snyder, serving his first year as superintendent of schools in Salem, describes his job as "wonderful."

Dr. Snyder took over the school job on Dec. 1, 1952, when the then superintendent, Frank Bennett, was called to the presidency of Eastern Oregon College of Education.

No stranger to educational work, Snyder taught for more than 15 years before he took a job as director of curriculum in the Salem schools in 1946. After a six-year stay in this department he took over his present position.

Born in Brownsville, Dr. Snyder attended schools "all over Oregon." His father, a traveling minister, took his family through Portland, Pendleton, Chicago, Ill., and Corvallis.

After this rather "broad" elementary education, Snyder took a degree at Oregon State college. His first job was at Myrtle Creek school in southern Oregon. "It was wonderful in those days," he comments. After three years he moved to Monroe as principal where he spent "six very pleasant years." La Grande claimed him next and there he stayed until coming to Salem in 1938.

During this time Snyder managed to collect a master's degree in education after work at Stanford university, and eventually took his doctor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1951.

Though he says "I don't know of any place I haven't enjoyed living," he admits he finds Salem "particularly interesting."

His job, as he describes it, is to assume "the over-all responsibility for operation of the schools." This means he must work with the school board to formulate policies, to maintain and improve good working conditions and he is "boss" over all the school employees in the district.

Right now, he says, the two biggest problems the school faces are proper facilities for increasing enrollment and the need for a constant supply of competent teachers.

The school business, however, says Dr. Snyder, is not all big problems, it has its light side, too. And he tells the tale of recently running into an ex-student who spoke to him for the first time in over ten years.

Seems that, as a student, the young man had picked up the neat trick of running over the roof of the gymnasium at the Myrtle Creek school during important rehearsals or assemblies. Snyder caught him, and, after applying what he describes as "appropriate" measures, was rewarded with a vindictive silence not broken for ten years.

Always important in back-to-school wardrobes, sweaters gain even more prominence this year! Schoolgirls will be delighted with the sweater fashions to take them from classroom to dress-up affairs.

The classic cardigans and slippers appear in a wide range of luxurious woolsens as well as the miracle fibers—Nylon, Orion, and Dacron, that wash so beautifully, keep their shape and feel like treasured Cashmeres.

These sweaters, that come in a veritable rainbow of glorious colors, are a budget boon to the schoolgirl. Teamed with a few skirts, she can achieve endless wardrobe variety.

The new trimmed sweaters in a wide range of styles will add a dress-up touch to a girl's pretty party ensembles.

1050 Expected At Willamette

Willamette university will begin its 112th year next month with a prospective registration of 1050 students, approximately the same as that of 1952. President G. Herbert Smith states. A freshman class of 336 is in prospect.

The freshmen will assemble on the campus Sept. 8 for a week of orientation and the upper classmen will report Sept. 14.

A number of new instructors have been added to the faculty. They include: Frank J.

Bauer, psychology, from Jackson Memorial laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine; James Fonseca, Spanish and German from the University of California at Los Angeles; Arthur E. Gravatt, sociology from Cornell; Miss Celia Koch, music instructor in cello and theory from the Eastman school of music; James A. Nickel, mathematics, a graduate of Willamette who has been working toward his Ph. D. at Indiana University; Robert Putnam, speech and drama from Stanford and Dr. Reginald Parker, administrative law from Boston.

During the year Willamette has added to its campus by virtue of the gift of a tract at the southeast corner by California Packing corporation. The uni-

Revised Print of 'Book Of Knowledge' Arrives

First copies of the Grollier Society's monumental "Book of Knowledge," a revised print which marks the fortieth anniversary of this institution's work have reached Salem and are being eagerly perused by both youngsters, for whom they are primarily intended, and their elders, who can learn plenty from them too.

The Book of Knowledge really is monumental no matter how extravagant the reader's expectations. It covers virtually every field of human knowledge, scientific, cultural or otherwise in 20 volumes, one devoted to indexing what is to be found in the others.

Included in the set are 7600 pages, 15,000 pictures, 3800 of which are in color, with 31,000 index references. The contents are divided into 18 depart-

ments. Unlike encyclopedias, The Book of Knowledge disregards alphabetical listings, but anything desired can be quickly found through alphabetical indexing, which lists volume and page.

Described as a magic carpet of knowledge, the subjects include geography, history, science, great poetry and prose of all major languages, chemistry, biology, art, or what have you.

The language is light, easy to follow, written for the young, but equally interesting to the old. Parents will find as much to learn as their sons and daughters.

The 1953 printing includes changes of subject matter on hundreds of pages to keep abreast of changes. New articles

fill about 700 pages. There are 1200 new pictures, including sections on "Things to Make" and "Things to Do." The latest on fast growing subjects like jet propulsion and television will be found.

Contemporary experts in the various fields have been called upon for help, and noted artists have contributed their efforts to illustrating the pages.

Inspirational subject matter is not neglected. There are stories on cheerfulness, courtesy, cooperation, good citizenship, courage, kindness, faith, reverence, leadership, thrift, etc. to guide the youngster to better living.

The 20 volumes are within handsome maroon covers. The print is large and easy to read.

Army Unable To Use All ROTC

Washington (AP)—The Army said Monday it may not be able to commission all students graduating in 1955 from its reserve officer training corps.

It expects, however, to be able to take in as officers all those completing the ROTC training course during the 1953-54 college year.

The 1955 graduates who are not offered commissions will be subject to the draft, the announcement said, but will receive special treatment if they are drafted. Details of the special treatment have not yet been worked out.

There is no assurance, the Army added, that 1955 graduates who are commissioned can be assigned in the branches they choose. Assignments will depend on the number of officer vacancies existing at the time.

Those who will graduate in 1955 will start this fall the two-year advanced ROTC training course which normally leads to a second lieutenant's commission.

Bike Safety Rules

If you ride a bicycle—follow these simple rules to safety—first.

PROTECT YOURSELF AT NIGHT—Paint your mud guard with white or luminous (glow) paint, put on a red "cat's eye" to the right if possible.

STOP AT ALL ROAD CROSSINGS!

DON'T RIDE two or more abreast, hang on trucks, or ride double. Always keep to the right!

DEPEND ON YOURSELF—IT'S UP TO YOU. Don't depend on the vehicle driver's skill. He doesn't want to hit you, but brakes don't always work.

KEEP YOUR BIKE IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION—all parts cleaned and greased; chain clean and just tight enough; tires checked each week and inflated to the proper capacity.

LEARN AND USE HAND SIGNALS.

After all, your safety is your business. If you're skillful and smart enough to be careful, you'll get along. If not—you had better walk.

Rides to Freedom In a Garbage Can

Bismarck, N. D. (AP)—A North Dakota state prison inmate rode to freedom Monday in a garbage can.

Weldon Shore, 36, Minneapolis, serving a term for burglary, was in the container when it was hauled away from the prison by a garbage collector, a trustee. Shore sprinted away when the can was dumped a short distance from the prison. Last year Shore had a brief period of freedom when he escaped by cutting a hole in the prison roof.

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