RURAL SCHOOL SYSTEM REFORM HELD BIG NEED

Weak Link In Chain of Education, Says W. J. Cooper

STATISTICS ARE GIVEN

Much More Illiteracy in Country Than in Cities Official Figures Show

Reform in the rural school system, the weak link in the chain of American education, is necessary if the public schools of the country are to attain the results expected of them, William J. Cooper, superintendent of schools in Fresno, Cal., declared yesterday morning in an address at the summer session assembly on the subject "Why the Public School?"

The why of the public school, in the opinion of Mr. Cooper, is to inculcate and promote the idea of democracy, to unify the nation's culture, and to promote the ideals in the future citizens.

These aims, however, he explained, are lost in considerable part in the rural schools where the terms are short, the building and other facilities poor, and the teaching staff less well educated and less experienced than the teaching staffs of the city schools.

Illiteracy in Country

Figures quoted from recent educational research indicated that of native-born whites ten years old and over 30,000,000 live in cities and an equal number in the country. The number of illiterates of the 30,000,000 in the cities was given at 211,000, or seven-tenths of one per cent; while in the country districts, the number was 1,031,000, making the percentage of illiteracy 3.4 per cent, or nearly five times as high. In the case of the negroes, illiteracy ranged from 13.4 per cent in the city to 28.5 per cent in the country.

"The main defect in the American public school now," said Mr. Cooper, "is that the child in the rural district has not the educational opportunity of the city child. You can easily see this by simply taking a look at some of the buildings in which the rural children are taught."

Statistics were quoted by the speaker to show that the city child receives education for a much longer period of each year than does the child in the rural districts. Figures quoted from Kentucky, selected as typical and not as exceptional, indicated that in the first eight years of schooling there was available for the child in the city district a total of 72 months of school, against an average of 48 in the country. "This," said the speaker, "makes it necessary either for the rural child to do one-third more work in the time he is in school or to remain in school for one-third more years. Few are able to do either one or the other."

Spread Burden More Equally

Other figures quoted dealt with the amount of taxable wealth behind each child in the public schools. In California, for example, Mr. Cooper pointed out, in two counties there is from $25,000 to $30,000 of wealth behind each pupil in the schools, while in six of the counties at the other extreme the amount of wealth behind each is between $4000 and $5000. In some other states cited, the contrast was even more marked. This sort of thing, Mr. Cooper said, serves to explain much of the inequality of educational facilities between city and country.

"The answer to this," he said, "is the spreading of the burden of school support over the state as a unit—to raise the money where the wealth is and spend it where the children are. Then you may have equal opportunity for every American child." Against this policy, however, Mr. Cooper pointed out, stands the influence of large corporations making big profits in outlying counties having few children. These protest against being taxed for the education of children in other parts of the state.

FIELD WORKERS SCARCE

ORDERS FOR LABOR ARE GREATER THAN SUPPLY

Due to the holiday, orders for help exceeded the supply this week according to Frank L. Armitage, in charge of the local government employment office. A total of 83 workers, men and women, were placed during the past week, Mr. Armitage said that there is a labor shortage existing in the raspberry growers' yards and that from 30 to 40 pickers could find employment at three cents a pound within a few miles of Eugene.

Statistics for the week's employment follow: Men, farm hands, 7; general agricultural hands, 11; carpenters, 2; casual laborers, 12; commercial laborers, 9; cooks, 1; mills and camps, 13; millwrights, 1; teamsters, 2; firemen, 1; watchmen, 1. Women, berry pickers, 14; house workers, 3; laundry workers, 2; cooks, 1; dishwashers, 2; waitresses, 1.

TO HOLD TENT MEETINGS

JACOBS AND PATTERSON WILL SPEAK HERE

Say They Plan to Discuss Current Events in Light of Bible Prophecy

Evangelist J. T. Jacobs and Professor J. R. Patterson will begin a series of evangelistic meetings in the tent auditorium erected for them on the corner of Thirteenth avenue and Oak street, beginning Sunday night. Evangelist Jacobs is in the city looking after the details and arrangements of the tent preparatory to opening the meetings. The big canvas pavilion is being well lighted and seated.

Mr. Jacobs is known in many states west of the Mississippi river as a speaker of exceptional ability in presenting Bible truths. Professor Patterson has spent many years in the lecture field and as instructor in Bible and sacred history in California and Oregon.

Speaking of the meeting the evangelist said, "We have not come to Eugene with the idea of extracting large amounts of money from the people, but we are here with live messages on current events in the light of Bible prophecy. Many are the perplexing questions of today. The moral, physical, political, industrial and spiritual conditions demand our attention. And the Bible holds out to us the only solution of the present-day evils."

Joe Marshall will be here Sunday to take charge of the music.

HEARING HELD AT SALEM

LANE COUNTY OFFICIALS APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION

County Judge C. P. Barnard, County Commissioners L. N. Roney and Emmett Sharp, District Attorney C. N. Johnston and County Engineer P. M. Morse attended a hearing before the state public service commission at Salem yesterday on the question of whether or not the county shall pay a portion of the costs of the repairs of of the Divide overhead crossing. It took all day to take the testimony, said Judge Barnard last night. The arguments of the attorneys will be made today and a decision will be forthcoming later.

The Creswell crossing case has not yet been finished but will be closed up in a day or so, said the judge. Testimony was taken in this case at Creswell Thursday afternoon.

MOOSE DANCE

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BOYS READY FOR THEIR ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING

Wiener Roast Marks Last Stage In Preparation

LEAVE JULY 10 FOR LAKE

Shores of Siltcoos Will Be Scene of Two Weeks Frolic This Season

An indoor weinie roast before the big fireplace of the local Y. M. C. A. last night marked the last stage in preparations for the annual boys' camp to be held at Siltcoos lake this year. On the morning of July 10 about 35 boys, aged 12 to 18, will leave to spend two weeks in a rousing good time of camping, swimming, hiking as well as affairs pertaining directly to character building.

W. P. Walter, boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has planned the camp and will be its director, stated last night that an even two dozen have definitely arranged to go on the trip and that he was expecting a number of others to attend the camp. Hopes are entertained that the record of 37 set last year may be reached.

The annual camp is said to work wonders for the boys. It provides healthy, active and wholesome recreation. It gives fellows contact with new friends under new circumstances. Mr. Walter especially cited the value of the camp as a moral influence to a number of voluntary steps toward self-improvement made by boys as a result of the camp. Many fellows, he declared, voluntarily decided to quit swearing and the use of tobacco as a result of their camp experience.

Rev. J. M. Walters, of the First Methodist church, will be in camp throughout the entire two weeks except for Sundays and will have charge of the daily vesper services. E. E. Holdeman, Y. M. C. A. physical director, will also attend. As leaders for the camp the following young men have been chosen: Ted Kurshagle, W. F. Landrum, Nathan White, Sidney King and Dot Dotson.

Paper to Be Published

An innovation this year is a camp newspaper to be issued daily and posted on the bulletin board. Leader Ted Kurshagle will be editor-in-chief and will choose staff assistants from the boys.

The following Eugene boys have signed for the trip: Glenn Bessonett, Delbert Addison, Paul Pratt, Octave Fritz, Tom Brown, Brooks Donald, Ted Baxter, Henry Norton, David Lare, Fred Hillman, Gilbert Sprague, Jean Eberhart, Dean Wentworth, Harold Hill, Lincoln Constance, Clinton Neaville, John Crocket, Billy Pitman, Derrold Elkins, Jack Hibbard, Gordon Goodpasture, Justin McDonald, Lucien Liston, Royal Nettleton.

Each boy who attends camp will be obliged to obey certain rules laid down for the benefit of the boys as a whole. These rules specify no swimming except at set times and then with a guard, no smoking, no firearms and no leaving of camp without permission.

All camping equipment will be furnished by the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. W. M. Kirkley will again act as cook.

Day's Program Outlined

Each minute of the day will be accounted for according to the program which follows:

6:30 A. M.—Revielle.
6:35—Setting up exercises.
6:40—Morning dip.
7:00—Bible study.
7:35—Flag raising.
7:45—Breakfast.
8:15—Camp duty; blankets out.
9:00—Main program; games, sports.
11:15—Swimming.
12:00 M.—Tent inspection.
12:15 P. M.—Dinner.
12:45—Siesta, reading, writing.
1:30—Camp duty.
2:00—Afternoon program, hikes, etc.
4:30—Afternoon swim.
5:30—Camp duty.
6:00—Supper.
6:45—Camp store; profits buy banquet for boys.
7:00—Vespers.
7:30—Twilight games.
8:00—Campfire and stunts.
9:10—Tent devotions.
9:30—Taps.

UPPER ROAD IS VERY BAD

WILLAMETTE HIGHWAY IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION

Supervisor Macduff Says It Is Dangerous — Bridges Down and Nothing Done to Fix Them

The upper Willamette highway between Lowell and Oakridge is very bad, said Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, who drove over the road Thursday. The roadbed had dried out during the few days previous and was hard and rough, but when the rain began to fall Thursday it became very slippery and one almost took his life in his hands in trying to drive over it, said Mr. Macduff. Besides, a bridge nine miles above Eugene is partially broken down and a driver has to exercise extreme care in going over it.

Two or three bridges beyond Jap Hills' ranch above Oakridge are almost down, said the supervisor, and are very dangerous to cross. He said that as early as February he notified the county court as to their condition but that body has taken no action yet.

Supervisor Macduff said he would not advise anyone to attempt to cross the Willamette pass for several weeks. It is dangerous to say the least, he declared, and ruinous to any man's car to travel over such a road.

PRESCOTT TO BE SPEAKER

WILL TALK OF ADVANTAGES OF HOME TOWN

Robert W. Prescott was unanimously elected by the local realty board at its regular meeting yesterday to represent the city with a competitive five-minute speech on the attractive features of Eugene before the Northwest Realty association which convenes in Portland July 18. A prize is annually awarded by the association to the best five-minute talk delivered by any man on the merits of his home town. A number of local realtors are planning to attend.

The main business before the realtors yesterday was brought up by George Melvin Miller, who described a tract of 2000 acres just being opened up along the Roosevelt highway near Yachaats. After hearing Mr. Miller's description of the property which he proposes to obtain and subdivide, the realty board decided to send a committee next week to investigate the land. A photographer will accompany them and a complete report will be given at the next realty meeting.

REALTORS WILL MEET

QUESTIONS OF IMPORTANCE WILL BE DISCUSSED

Eugene Dealers Planning to Attend Northwestern Convention in Portland

Decisions of far-reaching importance and policies that will affect western realtors individually will be laid down at the Northwest Realty association's annual convention in Portland, July 18 to 21, according to advices just received by R. A. McCully, president of the Eugene Realty board.

Two of the most important matters that will come to the attenion of the realtors will revolve about the proposed multiple listing system and discussion of means of making the realty license laws more effective.

In a letter just received by Mr. McCully from Harry Beckwith, president of the Portland Realty board, it was stated that the Portland board has already adopted the multiple listing system under which a property listed with one member of a realty board is immediately put on sale through all other members. Under the plan adopted in Portland, however each member has the privilege of either continuing to follow the exclusive listing system or join in the multiple list group as he desires. No real estate man who is not a member of the realty board can take advantage of the list nor will any realtor be accepted unless he subscribes to the national association's strict code of ethics which are designed to protect the buying public from any semblance of sharp practices, said Mr. McCully.

"Tighter provisions governing the operations of the real estate license laws likewise will be discussed with the idea of further eliminating irresponsibles from the profession," he continued. "The law which compels every real estate man to take out a license with the state was originated by the realtors and is doing a wonderful work. It is felt in some quarters, however, that the lines are not yet drawn sufficiently tight, and delegates to the convention may be called upon to figure out means for stricter enforcement."

President McCully is notifying local realtors who plan on attending the convention to make hotel reservations immediately. Tourist travel coupled with another big convention in Portland will overcrowd the larger hotels and it is either a case of reserve now and be sure or take chances on inferior accommodations later. In this connection the Portland realtors have secured guarantees that no advance in rates will be made.

The entertainment features this year will be radically different and will be designed to entertain both men and women jointly. Instead of the usual stag smoker the first day will be opened with a reception, a dance and a vaudeville entertainment in which will appear actors of national reputation.

On Friday afternoon, July 20, an immense salmon barbecue will be staged in a great outdoor park on the famous Columbia river highway.

Hills-Briggs Reunion

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PENN TIMBER COMPANY FILES BIG MORTGAGE

Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars Raised

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Dollar Portland Company and California-Oregon Power Company Also File Papers

The filing for record in the office of the Lane county clerk during the past week of a trust deed or mortgage for $850,000 by the Penn Timber company is taken as an indication by men in close touch with lumbering operations here that this company intends soon to erect a mill near some of its holdings in the near future.

This company, which has headquarters at Warren, Pa., owns many thousand acres of timber land in the Cascade mountains east of Eugene. It has been rumored for some time past that a large mill will be erected by the company on a tract of land recently purchased by the Hills brothers on the flat above Oakridge and the filing of this trust deed or mortgage at this time seems to fit in with these rumors. The deed is given to the Detroit Trust company to secure six per cent first mortgage gold bonds to be issued by the timber company.

Portland Company Files

Another big mortgage filed for record in the office of the county clerk here this week is one given by the Dollar Portland Lumber company of Portland to the Anglo-California Trust company, of San Francisco for $1,325,000 to secure seven per cent gold bonds. The mortgage covers timber lands in Lane and Linn counties and much city property in Portland. No information is obtained here as to the intentions of the Portland company but it is believed that if any construction work is contemplated it will be in that city.

$10,000,000 to Be Raised

Another mortgage or trust deed involving a sum many times greater than that represented in the other two was filed this week by the California and Oregon Power company which operates power lines all the way from points in Northern California to Eugene and other Willamette valley cities.

This mortgage is for $10,000,000 and is given to the Merchants Trust company of San Francisco

INSTRUCT FIRE FIGHTERS

SUPERVISOR MACDUFF ON TOUR OF FOREST

The annual school for forest fire fighters was conducted by Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, at McKenzie Bridge, Reserve and Oakridge during the past few days.

Mrs. Macduff arrived home Thursday evening. He first went to McKenzie Bridge where he told the crew of men under Ranger Smith L. Taylor what to do and what not to do during the coming fire season and then went to Oakridge where he met with a similar crew and later came on down to Reserve.

While the men apparently will have little to do in the line of fire-fighting for some time to come, owing to the excess of moisture, the supervisor said he outlined enough work to keep them busy until the forests become dry again.

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