

Oregon Education Problems Outlined For Rotary Club

The grave problems facing Oregon in the field of education were discussed at Tuesday's luncheon meeting of the Medford Rotary club by Marble Cook, field representative of the Oregon Education Association.

In his address at the Jackson hotel, Cook warned that this state's pyramiding school population will reach 525,000 by 1960, and 20,000 teachers will be required 10 years hence. This will require a capital outlay of \$200 million, not considering replacements of existing plants and needed repairs.

Costs Vary
Growing is the nation's fastest growing state, and a sharply rising birth rate and new settlers are the causes of this serious situation, Cook said. Widely varying millage cost of school systems is obviously caused by certain concentrations of wealth in some areas with lower school populations and decreased wealth in other districts with large numbers of school children.

"The psychology of the United States taxpaying system is all wrong," Cook emphasized. "The average taxpayer pays no income tax that he actually received in money due to the withholding plan, and thus is not conscious of the increasing burden of federal spending. Only 10 cents in every tax dollar goes to the many demands of local community and county government, and another 10 cents to state services. The remaining 80 cents goes to Washington for mounting federal spending. Out of the 20 cents remaining in Oregon from every Oregon tax dollar must also come the cost of education through local property taxes and the basic school fund," he said.

Room for Improvement.
There is room for much improvement in Oregon's educational system, Cook told Rotarians. Generally, the state does little for handicapped children, has an inadequate vocational program and needs a more flexible system adapted to the varying capacities of school children.

The speaker paid a high tribute to Medford's school system, citing it as "one of the nation's finest."

Lester Harris, principal of Medford high school, who introduced the speaker, augmented his remarks with a warning that the local high school, constructed for 800 students, will undoubtedly be faced with an enrollment of 1,000 by 1952 because of the fast growth of this community.

Past presidents of the Medford Rotary club met in a brief meeting with President Jim Dunlevy and members of the old and new boards of directors to plan the club's 1950-51 program.

WORK ON LAWN
Camp White, Apr. 28—Center members here taking over a volunteer detail, two hours daily are making great progress with spreading top soil in preparation for the lawns to follow. Arrangements for sprinkling have been made and new lawns have begun to sprout in the program to keep the domiciliary center green.

In Spain, which is about twice as large as Oregon, 5,000 rod-and-line fishermen live by catching trout and salmon for market.

Communists Admit Membership Decline; Party Badly Shaken

By Lyle C. Wilson
United Press Correspondent
Washington, Apr. 26—U.P.—American communists publicly admitted today that their membership is declining and their party organization is badly shaken.

Registered party members probably do not exceed 47,000 this year.

The admission came in the published report of last month's New York meeting of the national committee of the communist party, U.S.A. That is the party's official style.

Continuing Process
Communists themselves estimate they are off in membership this year by about 15 per cent from their 1949 strength. This decline has been a continuing process since 1945.

Except for a couple of years early in the war, the climate prior to 1945 was reasonably satisfactory for the growth of the communist party and the placing of some members or sympathizers in government jobs.

But in that year began a series of incidents and disappointments which by now has aroused a great many Americans to the menace of a communist fifth column in the United States.

The Alger Hiss case, the New York trial of communist party leaders on charges of conspiring against the United States and revelation that the FBI has its own agents operating within communist ranks were recent jolts to the party organization.

Stooges Not Included
Communism got fat here on the depression of the 1930s. Israel Amter polled 105,681 votes in 1938 running an avowed communist for representative-at-large in New York state. It is estimated that by the end of World War II there were upward of 75,000 enrolled communists in this country, perhaps as many as 100,000. That does not include the fellow travelers and stooges who fronted for the communists.

By 1947, party memberships had fallen below 75,000, but not much.

Director J. Edgar Hoover recently gave to a congressional committee the latest FBI estimate of communist membership—55,000 in 1949.

Now the communists themselves report a 15 per cent drop. That would leave about 47,000 active members.

The belated effort by the congress of industrial organizations to oust communists and fellow travelers from control of some of its member unions was a hard blow. Organized labor is standing firmly now against the red comrades that they are looking for members and influence among the most underprivileged working groups—Negroes and the unskilled unorganized whites.

Good News For America

All of this adds up to bad news for the communists and good news for Americans. But it does not mean the communist menace has ceased to be. Security and intelligence officials hold that communists are active or potential agents of a foreign power—in this instance the Soviet Union.

If there are only 47,000 of them, there still are 47,000 potential fifth columnists in the United States, many of whom have been schooled in espionage, sabotage and trouble making in general.

In its report acknowledging the 15 per cent membership slump, the communist national committee revealed a few things which suggest that the party is vigorously alive and kicking just the same.

For instance: The party raised a ball fund of more than \$1 million in less than 10 days after its leaders were convicted in

Communicable Diseases Rise During Past Week
The number of communicable diseases in Jackson county jumped to 31 last week, according to a report from Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county public health officer.

Chickenpox, with 22 cases in Medford and one in Jacksonville, headed the list. Mumps were next, with eight cases in Medford, five in Evans Valley, and two each in Ashland and Talent.

There were scattered cases of influenza, measles, whooping cough and scarlet fever.

Medford and Ashland each reported one case of tuberculosis, and there were two cases of pneumonia in Shady Cove and one in Talent.

Fire Chief To Bring Training Truck Here

Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner left for Klamath Falls this morning, where he will pick up a fire truck at the Oregon Technical Institute, and will bring it to Medford to use for training of firemen.

The truck was prepared especially for this purpose, he explained, and includes a pump, ladders, salvage equipment, gas masks, and other regulation equipment which firemen learn to use.

He expected to return here late today. The truck will be available for training use by Medford regular and volunteer firemen for a month or so, he said.

Wednesday, April 26, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Pioneer Resident of Ashland Dies Monday

Ashland, Apr. 26—Services for Mrs. Martha Jane Carter, 83, will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Litwiller funeral home with interment in Ashland cemetery. She died Monday at Portland.

A native of Ashland, Mrs. Carter was born Aug. 14, 1856, the fourth of eight children of Capt. and Mrs. A. D. Helman, pioneers and founders of Ashland.

She attended Ashland schools and was married to John Carter who preceded her in death in 1918. Mrs. Carter lived in Klamath Falls for a number of years before moving to Portland to re-

side with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Stevens, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Kuykendall, Vancouver, Wash.

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