

Education Problems Discussed Yesterday By 150 at Meeting

About 150 persons attended the Southern Oregon Conference on Education held at the Medford Presbyterian church last night.

The meeting, one of 20 being held throughout the state under the sponsorship of the Oregon Education association and the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, drew educators and parents from cities throughout southern Oregon. They had been invited because of their leadership in business and civic affairs in their own communities.

Purpose: Education
Speakers at the session emphasized that its purpose was one of education—to encourage constructive thinking about the problems of financing good education and maintaining good schools.

Keynote speaker was State Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, who focused attention on three topics—adequate buildings, organization of school districts, and state and local taxation and school finance.

There will be a need for 7,000 to 8,000 new classrooms in the next 10 years to house the increasing school population, Senator Walker declared. He discussed briefly several means of raising the funds to build them.

Fund Sources Told
The senator, long a recognized authority on taxation and budget matters, discussed sources of school funds, showing that they range from local to federal, and that at present about 60 per cent of school monies come from local sources.

He denied that the state tax picture is "a muddle," as has often been charged. Quoting from a recent survey showing that Oregon has a superior tax system to neighboring states, he said that Oregonians have a balanced budget, a lower per capita debt and a lower per capita tax than either California or Washington. He said there is now no state

deficit, and there will not be one until at least July 1, 1953.

More Revenue, Less Spending
However, the only solution to the problem of continued solvency for the state, he said, is "more revenue or less spending, or both." Any solution will require careful thought and action, he said.

The senator raised several questions concerning school district reorganization, pointing out that much has already been accomplished. But there is a need for more work, he said, and emphasized that the idea of reorganization is not a "one-way" proposition, that efforts must be made to retain schools where they are needed, and to respect the rural and small town areas.

Following Senator Walker's talk, the group divided into smaller discussion sessions, and later a panel discussed questions raised by the smaller groups. On the panel were E. H. Hedrick, Medford school superintendent; Mrs. Edith Green, Portland, state legislative chairman for the PTA; Ralph Moore, Grants Pass, former legislator; W. W. Balde-ree, Grants Pass, former legislator; A. G. McLain, Grants Pass businessman and school board member, and Senator Walker.

Mrs. Floyd Barrett, Grants Pass, regional vice-president of the state PTA, was moderator of the panel.

Most-discussed subjects were reorganization of school districts and how to disseminate information about the subject.

Also discussed was the problem of new taxes—principally a sales or business tax—for financing schools, a question which split the panel on its advisability and probability of passage. Mrs. Frank J. Van Dyke, president of the Jackson County Council of Parents and Teachers, was co-chairman of the event. The discussions followed a dinner at 6:45 p. m.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — This piece is being written by my two typing toes—as of now, the only available parts in my anatomy.

I have just come back from a lesson in weight-lifting and have concluded that such is not for a fat man, at least not so much the first time.

My instructors were Bill Bradford and Louis Meyers, a couple of husky dandies who do more instructing than lifting in classes at the capital's YMCA headquarters gymnasium.

Bill made it clear that fat men can reduce, but that the portly should take it easy and not try to shave down to a decent size in one lesson.

Like I did.
For pictures and purposes of valuable research on reducing, I was skinned down to a pair of bright blue shorts. Then came the business of hoisting the weights. I started with a couple of dumb-bells weighing one pound. I juggled these with ease.

We got up to 45-pound weights in each hand and I was puffing. And not lifting too well.

Bradford explained that ordinarily, the YMCA does not rec-

ommend a man over 25 to go into one of the classes without a thorough physical. The heart and chest must be okay, and the lessons at first are easy.

There are other things besides weight-lifting. Less strenuous stuff like volley ball, bag punching, short sessions of basketball and the like.

In the weight-lifting department they start you out easy-like. "We never let a newcomer try to lift as much as he thinks he can," Bradford said. "We start him out with the little weights and work up gradually. Something like the farm boy who lifts a new-born calf and lifts it every day until he can lug a full-grown heifer across the lot. The example is a little silly, but that is something like the way we work."

Builds Better Bodies
He and Meyers explained that the YMCA program is not aimed so much at putting on or losing weight but the important job is body-building. Making a man live a little longer. And feel a lot better.

The weights in the place run from one pound to seven or eight hundred pounds. The latter are the kind a fellow tries to lift with his feet, lying flat on his back. It's called a leg-press machine.

I tried them all, and I didn't lift very much.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Ginny Simms, who soft-pedaled her career during seven years of marriage, decided Thursday she's launching a comeback because she's "broke" in a Hollywood sort of way.

"Guess you could call it 'broke' the singer smiled. "I want to get out and make some money."

While she was married to engineer Hyatt Dehn, she was busy being a wife and mother of two

Air Force Corporal En Route to States

Richard Osborne, an Air Force corporal, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Osborne, Trail, is en route to the states from Korea where he has served for 18 months, according to word received by his parents.

His brother, Leroy Osborne, who has served in the Navy for 6½ years, is now stationed in the Mediterranean area and is on board the USS Monongahela. He also has served in the Korean, Japanese and Alaskan areas.

Another son, Ralph Osborne, is a private first class in the Army. He was graduated from a cryptographic school in Georgia February 22, and is scheduled for maneuvers in Texas. Before entering the Army in February, 1950, he was a laboratory technician in a sugar factory at Nysa, Ore.

Restaurant at Airport Now Open for Business

Mr. and Mrs. Leo K. Potter, Merriman road, recently opened the Airport cafe at the Medford municipal airport, it was reported today by Airport Manager Darrell Huson.

The cafe is serving sandwiches and light lunches from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Potter. A later closing hour will be arranged later this spring, she said.

Every other day for more than two years, a B-20 of the U. S. Air Weather Service has taken off from Alaska for the North Pole. Wheeling over the point which the world's explorers struggled for centuries to reach on foot, the plane makes the 17-hour flight today merely as a matter of routine.



SPECIAL DUTY — Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, retired, was nominated by President Truman as deputy special representative in Europe for the mutual security program with the rank of ambassador.

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children. At his request, she dropped out of pictures and records and just did occasional television and radio shows.

"You have to keep your finger in the pie to do records," she explained. "I had to quit that because the success of records depends on your being the first to record a new hit. There are so many eager beavers in that business, and you have to work at it all the time."

Lost Momentum

"Pictures the same way. When I was married, I sort of lost my momentum. I'm not in demand in Hollywood any more. The last movie I did was at Monogram because I needed the money. It was dreadful and I'll never do one of those again."

"I hope to do pictures and records, but my main interest is television. I have a twice week-

ly radio show now."

Miss Simms, it must be pointed out, is "broke" in a beautiful Beverly Hills mansion with a swimming pool and a couple of servants. But she won only \$200 a month alimony at her divorce trial.

Things Go Kaput

"I'd just moved into the home when everything went kaput," she shrugged. "The house is all paid for, anyway. Now I have to convince my agents that I'm ready to accept offers. I've turned them down for so many years."

"My divorce is final next month and I'll really kick up my heels."

The shapely singer's competition hasn't changed much since she was married. Because of the downfall of big dance bands, she thinks, hardly any new girl thrushes have cracked the big-time in recent years.

Top Stars

The top stars still are Ginny

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

who started with Kay Kyser, Dinah Shore, Margaret Whiting, Doris Day and Jo Stafford. The only new-comer is Patti Page, discovered on a Texas radio station.

"Frank Devol called to ask if

I knew of a singer for his band," she said "I couldn't think of any-body to recommend. There

aren't any around any more. The only place a singer can get started now is on television."



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