

Democrats' School Bill Would Give Oregon More Than President's Measure

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Washington—A comparison of the two proposals now before Congress for providing federal financial aid to Oregon for school construction shows that the state would derive more dollars from bill advanced by Democrats in the House than the program advocated by President Eisenhower.

The comparison, drawn up by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare at the request of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), show the following:

Democratic bill — Oregon would receive a total of \$15,452,384 in federal funds over the next four years or \$3,863,096 each year.

Administration proposal—Oregon would receive a total of \$11,660,000 over the next five

years or \$2,332,000 each year.

Another difference between the two plans involves the amount of matching funds Oregon would be required to advance. Under the Democrats' bill, the state would put up a dollar for each dollar it receives. Under the Republican bill, the state would put up about \$1.15 for each \$1 of federal money it receives.

Difference of Approach
This difference in matching fund requirements is based on a fundamental difference of ap-

proach between the two aid proposals. The Democratic bill would put each state on a par and simply require it to deal 50-50 with the federal government in raising school construction money. The administration's idea is based on an assumption that the wealthier state should put up more than 50 per cent and the poorer states should be allowed to advance less than 50 per cent, while some would be considered half way between rich and poor and match funds on a 50-50 basis.

In classifying the states according to their economic status, the Eisenhower administration placed Oregon among the states that are relatively well off and therefore should contribute more toward their school building needs than some other states.

Protest by Neuberger

This has led to a protest by Sen. Neuberger who told the Senate this week that "in recent years Oregon has not been a wealthy state." He said the Bureau of Internal Revenue informed him that tax collections in Oregon dropped 15.2 per cent from 1952 to 1954. He said the only state to suffer a greater proportionate decline was Wyoming, with 16.5 per cent.

"And Oregon is only 17th among the state in average per capita income, which—while it is far from the bottom group in wealth—certainly does not make it one of the rich states of the nation," Neuberger said.

The senator said that in view of these facts he disagreed with the administration's classification of Oregon among the wealthier states that would have to put up more funds than they receive from the federal government.

Poorer States

The other western states grouped with Oregon among the richer states are California, Washington, Colorado, Nevada and Wyoming. Grouped with the poorer ones are Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Utah.

The other states included in the well-off category are Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Delaware and Maryland. The bulk of the states classified as poorer than the average are in the South.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Caskie Stinnett has thought up a way to get some of his money back from the commuter train which fetches him to work.

That is, without buying any rail stock. He's writing a book about some of the zany things that zany people do (to interrupt his thinking) and paper-reading while he's riding.

Caskie has been round-tripping it five days a week from Doylestown, Pa., to Philadelphia for seven years. As yet, he hasn't decided what to call his get-even book.

"I might honor my adopted town and call it 'Next Stop, Doylestown,'" he said. "Or I might honor the railroad and call it 'Rattlin' And Rockin' On The 8:03.'"

Caskie is a writer who has been grinding out rib-tickers for the magazines for a long time. All the while he's had the idea in the back of his head of making his daily train ride pay him a dividend.

Wants Revenge
He's going to wonder on paper who turns the heat on in the coaches in the summer. And try to find out if it is the same clown who lets the fire die in the winter.

"I would like to turn on the turner," Stinnett said.

He also would like a word with the conductor who gives the engineer a highball out of the station at 8:02 instead of the scheduled 8:03, especially on rainy days, when he's a block from the station.

"Maybe his watch keeps perfect time only in perfect weather," he said.

There also will be something in the book about ways to steal a newspaper.

Paper Trick
"You get to know the commut-

ers who leave their papers behind. You know their stop," the author said. "Some riders will spot a woman 10 paces and beat her to that empty seat holding a paper. Others have a cute way of saying, 'Pardon me, if you're not using the second section, could I please see it?' Later they offer to trade sections. They have your whole paper read by the time they reach the terminal.

Stinnett likes to watch the cute young filly who uses her false eyelashes and stage smile to get more miles out of her ticket.

"She stirs up the tiger in that conductor to a point where he doesn't even look at the ticket," he said. "He just clicks his puncher, tips his round hat and moves along. I wouldn't be surprised if she has been flashing an old library card all along. One of these days I'm going to peek."

Art Classes Set At Medford High

Some 50 classroom teachers from county schools will participate in a three-day art class conducted at the Medford senior high school cafeteria by Miss Clio Heller, art consultant for the Binney and Smith company. Classes will be held from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1, with an hour recess for dinner in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. The classes are being held on a cooperative basis of the city and county schools. Miss Heller conducted classes in Medford previously.

She will demonstrate a "creative approach to art by discussion and actual participation of the teachers," according to Elliott Becken, assistant city school superintendent. Included will be use of crayola, chalk, finger paint, powder paint, tempera, water colors, papier mache and clay.

Miss Heller received her masters degree from the University of Southern California.

Becken said the cooperating offices hope to bring her to Medford again next year to make the classes available to other teachers.

NO TIME FOR DUCKS

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Ducks prevented the Keney Park pond from freezing over by continually skimming over the surface. To satisfy ice skating enthusiasts park department attendants shooed the ducks away for several days by setting off firecrackers. The ducks were iced out.

IN STEP

East Lansing, Mich. — (U.P.) — Lucinda and Melinda Couler of Saginaw are 18-year-old identical twins and they received identical grades, straight A's, in their first term at Michigan State University.

Volunteers Map Leisure Program

Kingston, R. I. — (U.P.) — The "miracle of Main Street," in Ridgefield, Conn., was described recently by a University of Rhode Island professor.

Dr. Marvin Rife, writing in Recreation, published by the National Recreation Association, said citizens of Ridgefield mapped out a year-round leisure-time program for its residents of all ages. The town established a community center where a variety of activities for both adults and children are conducted.

"The volunteer efforts of citizens," he wrote, "have transformed the cold skeleton of an old building into a warm, friendly community center."

Dr. Rife was a member of the center's board of directors and program committee chairman for two years before joining the Rhode Island faculty.

Among the features of the center are a canteen for teen-agers, open afternoons, week-end days and evenings, and classes in ballet, dramatics, dancing, basketball, French, photography, golf, a ski club a theatre guild and educational movies. A day camp was operated last summer, and a day nursery for pre-school children was started this fall.

Dr. Rife said some of the factors that contributed to the success of the center were "good old hard work, thorough and accurate records, competent leadership response to public need, public relations, regular meetings, central office efficiency, flexibility of program, inclusive nature of services and economy."

Rabbits and hares will eat almost every kind of plant or fruit they can nibble on the ground.

March of Dimes Coming Events

Events scheduled throughout Jackson county in the next few days to raise March of Dimes funds for the fight against polio include the following:

Tonight — Radio auction, KWIN, Ashland, Yogi Hussane and Texas wrestling, with lady seconds, 8:30 p.m., Ashland junior high gym, sponsored by Ashland Lions club. Phoenix Lady Lions dance at Community clubhouse. Music by Melody Wranglers. Local talent show at intermission. Modern dance at Rogue River. Baked food sale by Crater high school students. Motion pictures, refreshments, Applegate school building, 8 p.m., sponsored by Applegate-Ruch 4-H club.

Jan. 28 — Dance, entertainment at Rogue River Grange hall, 9 p.m. Square dance, Legion hall, Central Point. Lions club dance, City hall, Talent, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Merchant's breakfast, Legion hall, Central Point, 7 a.m. Central Mile o' Dimes by Crater high school students. Carnival, Jacksonville Community hall, 7:30 p.m. Modern dance, Prospect Community hall, music by Jimmy Letterman band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Teen-age dance at Medford YMCA sponsored by Medford high school senior class, music by Bob Ayers sextet, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Father-son basketball game, other sports events, Griffin Creek school, 7:30 p.m. Square dance, Roxy Ann Grange hall, 8:30 p.m., sponsored by Kershaw Square and Roxy Ann Grange, Gordon Kershaw, M.C., guest callers. Mile o' Dimes, downtown Medford, sponsored by Ladies' Auxiliary, Postal Workers. Hope Rebekah food sale, Lithia hotel, Ashland. Garden club food sale, Home Appliance store, Ashland. Theta Rho, Odd Fellows, Rebekah dance, Odd Fellows hall, Ashland, 9 p.m.

Ellsworth Asks Boost In Access Road Funds

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said yesterday he had asked House Appropriations committee to increase to \$25,000,000 an administration request for funds for forest access road construction and reconstruction.

Ellsworth said every dollar spent on access roads brought in several dollars in timber revenue and that an appropriation for less than the amount needed would be "penny wise and pound foolish."

Games Party Set At Jacksonville

Jacksonville — A game party for the benefit of March of Dimes drive will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Jacksonville Community club. The event will be for old and young alike and a variety of games will be played, according to B. J. Christianson, community chairman.

Miss Betty Stevens of the high school is the Teen-age chairman.

All Jacksonville and vicinity residents are invited as well as anyone interested.

Among high school activities being conducted to benefit the drive is a tape of dimes which now has about \$7 in dimes and is steadily growing. Clyde Sutherland, superintendent of schools, said Cannisters also are placed about the school buildings for contribution from the students.

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