

# Americans Must Double School Spending, Committee Report Says

Washington—(U.P.)—A presidential committee said today that if Americans want decent schools for their children they must be prepared to double their present spending on education.

The recommendation that total U.S. school spending be boosted to \$20,000,000,000 a year "within the next decade" was the highlight of a 50,000-word report submitted to President Eisenhower at a White House ceremony. The report was prepared by a 34-member committee for the White House Conference on Education. Mr.

Eisenhower appointed the committee of prominent citizens last year to organize "the most thorough study" ever made of the nation's school system.

**Other Recommendations**

The committee also recommended:

"Emergency" federal aid to states to build about 200,000 new classrooms as speedily as possible.

"Substantial increases" in teachers' salaries, with a view toward eventually doubling present pay scales.

Providing "basic health and safety services" to students in parochial and other private schools at "public expense."

Calling a "White House Conference on Higher Education" to study the problems of colleges and universities.

Each community should determine what its problems are and endeavor to solve them, first utilizing its own community resources. Dr. Henry C. Schumacher, San Francisco, said at the third annual meeting of Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association last night.

The meeting followed a dinner served in the cafeteria of Hedrich Junior High school with J. D. McAulay, Ashland, presiding.

# Communities Should Determine Problems, Attempt Solutions

Dr. Schumacher declared that the instability of family life is not necessarily a reflection on parents, but a reflection on the whole pattern of life in this country. "The biggest mistake we make is to just blame the parents," he said, "but what we overlook is that the parents are themselves the products of society as a whole."

**Bring Pressure**

Dr. Schumacher continued by saying that in this country we try to make everyone measure up to a norm, and then bring pressure to bear on those who do not. He cited as examples the general deploring of all aggressiveness as "bad" and the following of the "head of the class" pattern as far as education is concerned.

"What constitutes normal behaviour," he asked. Youth, and parents, become confused, concerned and resentful and youth "strikes back" at society by acts of violence, destruction and general delinquency, the speaker said.

Dr. Schumacher said he believed elementary schools serve the needs of all youth better than do junior and high schools, and declared there is too much emphasis on academic accomplishments and training for college entrance.

**Community Problem**

Speaking of the problem of the delinquent or mentally ill, Dr. Schumacher said he believed every effort should be made to care for them in the community instead of "putting them out of sight" in institutions far from home. "If they are kept in the community, the community doesn't lose sight of their problems," he added.

He discussed "problem" families which do not welcome help, corporal punishment, the ratio of delinquency between the sexes, accident proneness and its causes and other questions submitted.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, head of the Jackson County Public Health department and director of the clinic, introduced Dr. Schumacher.

**Directors Elected**

Seven new directors were elected for three-year terms. They are Dr. B. Brandt Bartels, William E. Duhaime and C. Elwood Hedberg, all Medford; W. T. Dawkins and Mrs. Chester Fitch, Ashland; Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry, Trail, and Mrs. Melvin Hall, Jacksonville. The Rev. Richard Jones, Medford, was elected for a one-year term to replace the Rev. Ross Knotts, Ashland, who resigned.

Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, former president, presented a progress report, saying she felt the organization was now perfected and that more use is being made each year of the services provided by the association and the guidance clinic.

Among those attending were Miss Frances Williams, psychiatrist nurse consultant, and Raymond W. Craig, psychiatric social work consultant, who accompanied Dr. Schumacher from San Francisco; Miss Lucy Knox, mental health nurse consultant with the Oregon Board of Health; Dr. Seth Karren, Klamath county health officer and Ben Karns, president of the Klamath County Child Guidance council who headed a large delegation from Klamath.

Entertainment was provided by a chorus from Crater High school and tables were decorated by Mrs. C. P. Smets and Mrs. M. H. Fields of the Medford Extension unit. The dinner was prepared under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wait, school dietitian, and served by members of the Girls' league. Mrs. A. N. Potter Jr., was chairman of dinner arrangements.

The Rev. Knotts opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

Indianapolis, Ind. (U.P.)—A convoy of Army vehicles stopped at a local filling station for gas while passing through the city. The drivers told the attendant the man with the credit cards would be along shortly to take care of the bill. The hired attendant sweated it out until a sergeant came along half a day later to pay for the 500 gallons of fuel.

# Dud Shell Explosion Kills Two Near Tokyo

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Two persons died instantly Thursday when a dud shell exploded on a U.S. security force maneuvering ground 50 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The shell went off as a scrap iron dealer picked it up. The blast killed him and a small boy who was watching nearby.

# Idaho Reactor Incident Disclosed

Lemont, Ill.—(U.P.)—An experimental atomic reactor at the National Testing station in Idaho got out of hand last November and released radio activity into the building, it was revealed today.

The Argonne National laboratory here, a branch of the Atomic Energy commission, said it was making the disclosure because of several "distorted stories" about the incident.

There was no "significant radiation exposure," but the reactor's core was damaged, the laboratory said.

The laboratory said that during a planned power surge in a Nov. 29 experiment a verbal instruction to shut the machine off "instantly" was misunderstood.

"As a result, enough heat was produced to damage the core," the statement said.

The testing station is located 70 miles north of Idaho Falls.

The number of cows artificially bred increased from 7,539 in 1939 to 4,845,222 in 1953 in the United States.

# Klamath Basin Water Seen Ample

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Abundant water supplies for the Klamath lake basin irrigation season were forecast last night.

Wet soils and heavy snow packs on watersheds promise to boost summer stream flow from one-half to four-fifths above normal on major streams, W. T. Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation service, said.

Farm, forestry and irrigation representatives said soils are the wettest they have been here at this time of year. Mair concern

now is that heavy spring rains falling on already full soil will pose flood hazards. Moderate weather with orderly stream flow should assure better than usual late summer flow on the smaller streams, Frost said.

The earthworm plays a most important part in keeping the soil continually fertile.

Every foot of exploratory hole drilled last year cost oil men an average of \$24.30.

# Spring Conference Of Kiwanians Here

Medford Kiwanis club will be host to the spring conference of Division 15 of the Pacific Northwest district of Kiwanis International on Sunday.

The meeting will open at 9 a.m. at the Jackson hotel. About 50 Kiwanians from out of town will attend. There are 17 clubs in the division and each is expected to have representatives here.

E. Ronald Rice, Medford, division lieutenant governor, will preside. A Freeman Sersanos, Portland, district governor, will attend.

A luncheon for Kiwanians and their wives is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

At the Wednesday noon luncheon session of the Medford club, Charles Seavey, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company public relations representative, spoke on power from cosmic space and demonstrated the solar battery.

Rice and Medford High Track Coach Bob Newland gave information on the Rogue Valley relay here Saturday. The Kiwanis club sponsors the meet and Sersanos will present the Kiwanis donated trophy to the winning school.

The committee called for "a new look at the entire question of how much money this society should spend on education."

"In the richest nation in all history, there is no valid reason for the grimy, dilapidated and overcrowded school buildings which too many children now occupy," it said. "Most Americans would not permit their children to live in a house which is as bad as the school buildings which many pupils are forced to attend."

Declaring that "the dollars spent on education in this nation should be approximately doubled" in the next decade, the committee said:

"The schools have become the chief instrument for keeping this nation the fabled land of opportunity it started out to be. . . . It is primarily schools

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