

Education Conference Reviewed; Other Problems Discussed Here

About 80 persons, most of them connected with education, Tuesday night heard a report on the White House Conference on Education, a survey of the need for more teachers, and a panel discussion on how the growing and changing school system can be paid for.

Mrs. Victor O'Neil, Klamath Falls, a member of the state board of education and a former school teacher in Medford and Klamath Falls, gave a half-hour report on the White House meeting, to which she was a delegate.

Stimulated Interest

If nothing else, Mrs. O'Neil said, the state and regional meeting leading up to the Washington conference, stimulated a greater interest in education and its problems than ever before. She gave some of the background of the confab, which was attended by 1,600 delegates from throughout the nation, who prepared their reports through informal discussion groups sifting opinions into a "consensus."

She pointed out that many of education's problems stem from the lack of money and the low birth rates of the depression years, followed by the war and its manpower, material and financial shortages, and the ensuing rapid growth and shift in population.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, reporting on teacher supply, pointed out that Oregon schools will need from 1,600 to 1,800 new teachers each year for the next 10 years, and that the school systems will have double their present enrollment in the next 8 to 10 years. Against this, he reported that only about 400 new teachers entered the state's classrooms last year, and that the outlook is only slightly better for the future.

Increasing Supply

As to the means of increasing the supply, he expanded on the White House conference's findings that, in order of importance, it will be necessary (1) to increase the prestige and status of teachers, (2) to provide salaries for teachers competitive with other demands for "quality manpower," and (3) to make the jobs sufficiently attractive and challenging to stimulate talented young people to enter them.

Dr. Bill Sampson, Southern Oregon college, led off the panel discussion with a description of "the educational task." He pointed out that there is a natural trend to worry about problems of the present, not those of the future, even when the latter are perfectly obvious.

But he showed how increasing school population will be a fact in the future, with enrollment increases ranging from 28 per cent in the primary grades to 60 per cent in secondary schools, and 44 per cent in the colleges—all on the basis of children already born.

Curricula Changes

School curricula must change as society changes; Dr. Sampson declared. There must be research in educational methods. Changes which are coming may well make even new school buildings obsolete, more teachers with different training will be required, and the schools must meet public demands for improvement in services, he said.

Finally, he stated, teachers must be better prepared than they can now be, for the people want the best possible teachers to instruct their children. He predicted the public would be willing to pay the cost of these things if they are properly presented to show the real need.

Marion B. Winslow, Coos Bay superintendent of schools, gave a review of sources of funds for Oregon's schools, including the original land grants, which now bring in only about 80 cents per

pupil year, despite the fact that they once constituted one-eighth of the state's land area; federal government financial aid for vocational training, from forest revenues, and directly to school lunches and to schools where federal activities have caused problems; the basic school support fund, approved by the people in 1946 and since increased, and, finally, local property taxes.

Basic Support Bill

Winslow said the basic school support bill is designed to improve school standards, to encourage better organization and administration, to spread the tax base (easing property taxes), and for equalization, providing similar educational opportunities for poor as well as rich districts.

He said many school people are now aiming for 50 per cent support of schools by the state, and if this is done, property tax support could be carried on a state-wide 7 mill levy on an equalized basis.

State Sen. Phil Lowry was the last speaker, who pointed out that the legislature, faced with demands for money from all segments of government, must take a realistic look at all demands, and compromise them.

Recognize Limitations

People must recognize the limitations, he said, pointing out that demands for state money have grown "by leaps and bounds," with a total budget of some \$500,000,000 for the biennium, much of which is in earmarked funds. The general fund budget is about \$200,000,000, he said, about half of which goes for education of all types.

The basic problem is the amount of taxes collected by the federal government, which limits its states and local subdivisions in the amounts they can levy. He discussed various state taxes, present and proposed, including the sales tax which he indicated may be a partial solution to the need for more state money to respond to the people's demands for more state services, and the need for a more stable tax system.

He pointed out that the ban on the emergency clause on tax legislation effectively ties the hands of the legislature in working out a sound tax program, and results in "legislation which the legislators think will be accepted, not what they think is right."

Should Remain Free

He declared his opposition to earmarking tax money, saying the legislature should remain free to solve the state's problems without artificial limitations.

The senator also said that the distribution formula governing the administration of the basic school support fund is inequitable, and is getting more so. Many legislators, Senator Lowry declared, will insist that this be revised before they will consider increasing the fund itself.

A brief question and answer period followed the panelists' talks. H. P. Jewett, superintendent of School District 6C, Central Point, asked, rhetorically, how school people can go about getting their problems and needs across to the "people who pay the bills?"

Same Faces

He said at meetings such as the one last night one sees "the same faces, time after time," but seldom do the general run of taxpayers come out to find where their money is going, how the job of education is being done, and why there is an increasing need for money to support the schools.

Carl Knudsen, representing the VFW, asked the panel if "nonessentials" could not be eliminated from the schools to save costs. He referred particularly to a class in square dancing. Dr. Sampson replied, saying school administrators must provide what they think the people want for their children, and that often it is difficult to know,

particularly when school meetings only draw a few people, and school elections notoriously attract a tiny minority of the taxpayers and voters.

Dr. Marshall E. Woodell, Southern Oregon college, was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Leigh Gustison was general chairman.

Liquor Commission to Distribute \$5,000,000

Portland—More than \$5,000,000 in revenue from liquor control commission operations will be allocated this month, to cities, counties and the general fund of the state when the commission makes its quarterly distribution for the three months ending March 31.

Total distribution of \$5,275,766 is the second largest quarterly distribution in OLCC history, and represents monies available over and above amounts required for working capital.

Laughs of the Day . . .

New York — (U.P.) — An East Norwalk, Conn., man, wrote the New York Daily News that he had tried another reader's suggestion that smokers split cigarette butts and roll the paper into a ball, Army style, to keep the city clean.

"I've been doing it all day and now have a pocketful of filters left over. Please advise," he said.

Chicago — (U.P.) — John W. Ashley, 25, lost his freedom and his pants simultaneously in Criminal court.

He had just been sentenced for looting a home when the homeowner spoke up from the back of the court room. "That man has got on my pants and shirt and I want them back."

Officials provided some other clothes and sent Ashley off to jail.

Mexico City — (U.P.) — Professor Francisco Lopez, director of Mexico City's beautification program, paid a fine for walking on the grass.

Covina, Calif. — (U.P.) — Firemen interrupted their noon meal to rush to the scene of a burning

panel truck. The sign on the truck read, "Hot Lunches."

Cleveland — (U.P.) — Grocer Marion Kaczmarek finally remembered where he had hidden \$500 in bills, but it was too late. He had hidden them beneath a bundle of waste paper that had just been collected. Workers at the city incinerator told him he'd have to search through 400 tons of garbage and waste for it.

There are about 25 airplanes flying across the Atlantic Ocean at any given moment.

Ground-squirrels are not true squirrels and guinea pigs are not pigs. They are rodents.

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By UNITED PRESS

New York — U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold on his peace mission to the Middle East:

"Where there is a will, there is a way — and I do know that there is a will (for peace) all through the region to which I am going."

Chicago — Roy Eaton, 52, after his release from prison where he spent 16 years for a \$50 robbery he didn't commit:

"I feel like a bird just out of a cage. I don't know what to do or what to think."

New Orleans — Mrs. Richard Feise, who with her husband, was questioned by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee about possible Communist ties:

"Do you remember the witches of Salem? I feel very much like a witch from Salem."

San Quentin, Calif. — Condemned killer Robert O. Pierce, 27, in promising to give a "good show" in the gas chamber today:

"It will take at least two guys to get me in that chair when the time comes. I'm going out fighting, kicking and screaming."

Hollywood — Swim star Esther Williams on Cairo newspaper reports the Arab league has kept her water ballet show out of Egypt because she contributed money to Israel:

"This is utter nonsense. I have never planned to bring a water show to Egypt and can't understand what they are talking about."

Sheboygan, Wis. — Union official Allen Graskamp urging workers on strike against the Kohler company, to seek other jobs after two years of living off union strike benefits:

"A time has come to dig in for the long haul. We've got to tighten our belts."

STAR GAZER ★★

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	APR 22	1 Don't	31 Analyzing	61 A
Taurus	MAY 21	2 You	32 To	62 Con
Gemini	JUN 21	3 Don't	33 To	63 Eager
Cancer	JUL 23	4 Fine	34 Could	64 Sincere
Leo	AUG 23	5 Day	35 Smoother	65 Or
Virgo	SEP 23	6 You	36 Skip	66 Now
Libra	OCT 23	7 Overlook	37 Duty	67 Con
Scorpio	NOV 23	8 Red	38 Some	68 Or
Sagittarius	DEC 23	9 Face	39 Misplace	69 Make
Capricorn	JAN 20	10 Can	40 A	70 Today
Jan 20		11 Don't	41 Something	71 Elders
Feb 19		12 Through	42 New	72 Politics
Mar 21		13 For	43 Tonight	73 Listener
Apr 22		14 Obstacles	44 Opportunity	74 Careful
May 21		15 Attract	45 Arguments	75 Anxious
Jun 21		16 Study	46 Over	76 For
Jul 23		17 Be	47 And	77 Make
Aug 23		18 Must	48 Is	78 Today
Sep 23		19 Letter	49 Research	79 In
Oct 23		20 Fresh	50 Ideas	80 Promised
Nov 23		21 Apply	51 Ask	81 Assistance
Dec 23		22 Day	52 You	82 Valuable
Jan 20		23 Cheerfully	53 Careful	83 Through
Feb 19		24 You	54 Judge	84 Sincerity
Mar 21		25 Ashamed	55 Soiling	85 Soon
Apr 22		26 Attention	56 Is	86 Financial
May 21		27 Clever	57 Writing	87 Connection
Jun 21		28 You	58 Too	88 Today
Jul 23		29 Management	59 Beliefs	89 Finances
Aug 23		30 Be	60 Gain	90 Progress

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As We Live By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Serving Others Can Bring Great Satisfaction

There are some people who get great satisfaction from doing all they can for others.

(Q) "My son married a girl who has been very badly spoiled by a doting mother. This girl is very attractive but knows it. She expects people to wait on her hand and foot as her mother has. She stays in bed most of the morning and expects my son to bring her breakfast in bed before he leaves for work. Then, when he comes home in the evening, she expects him to help her with dinner and over the week ends, he helps with the cleaning, washing, marketing, etc."

"I think he should put an end to this right away and I have told him so but he says he likes to do things for his wife as she is so appreciative of everything. I tell him that she uses pretty words because she knows it flatters him and that this is her clever way of getting him to wait on her."

"The more I talk, the less headway I make. How can I bring him to his senses?"

—Mrs. U. T.

(A) You can't bring your son to "his senses" unless he wants you to do so. He is getting pleasure and personal satisfaction from feeling that he is needed and appreciated. Don't try to take this satisfaction from him. While you may see through the "pretty words" your daughter-in-law uses as a bribe to get your son to do her work or to wait on her, he does not think of them as such. He feels important because he can help her and she is smart enough to play up to that need in your son's life. Time May Come

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Cubans Army Officers Face Trial in Revolt

Havana — (U.P.) — Twelve Cuban army and air force officers accused of complicity in the "revolutionary conspiracy" rushed here this week on trial today on charges of conspiracy to revolt, which carries a maximum penalty of six years' imprisonment.

Informed quarters said the government has decided to drop charges of treason against the military rebels. Death is the mandatory punishment for treason under Cuban military law.

Col. Ramon Barquin, military attaché in Washington, is said to have been the principal leader of the abortive conspiracy. On trial with him are two lieutenant colonels, two majors, three captains and four lieutenants.

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