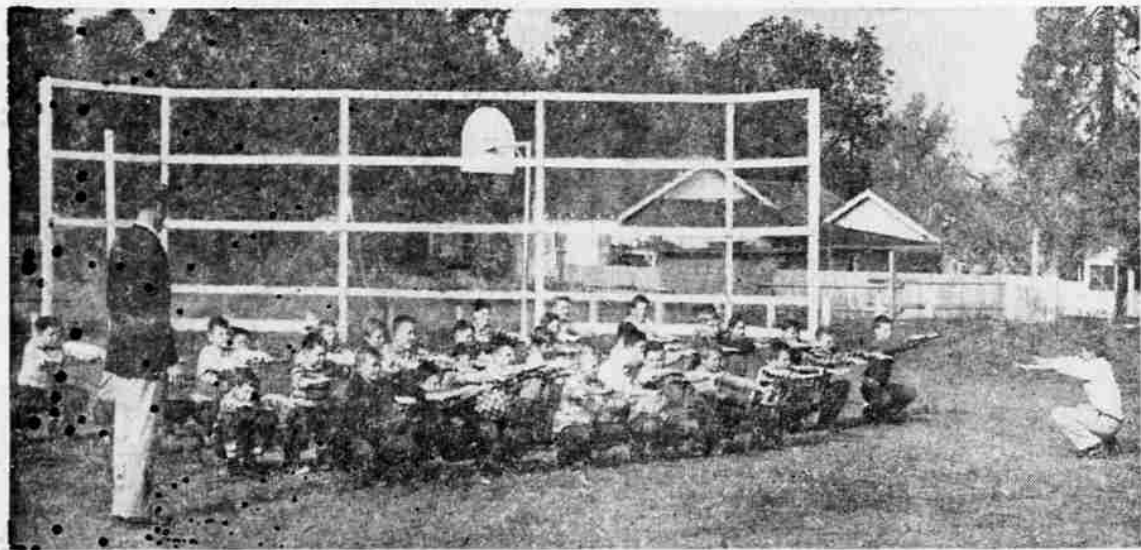
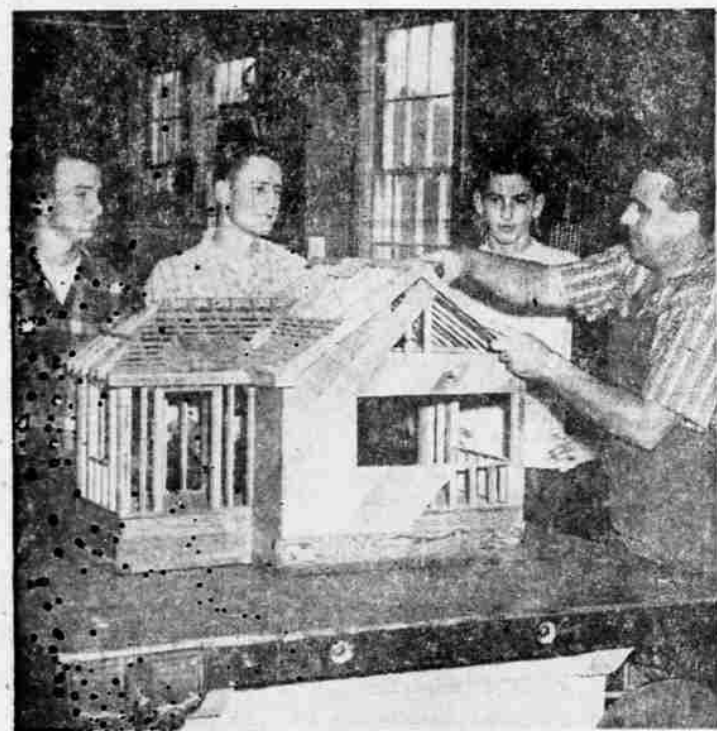




Since the entire education process is based on a knowledge of reading, great stress is laid on this subject beginning in the first grade. Pictured here are eight students from the first grade at Jefferson school reading under the supervision of the teacher, Mrs. Ann Stoughton. The pupils are (left to right) Macki Bismark, Judith Champflin, James Gail, Rebecca Adams, Valerie Fong (standing), Janice Asher, Marianne Fox and James Bullard.



The child's physical development is guarded by the public school, as well as his mental development. A part of every day is devoted to physical education classes, and pupils from the sixth grade in the Phoenix elementary school are shown here doing calisthenics. The 37 boys are led by Dick Dahl while the teacher, John Q. Stewart, looks on. The boys are from two sixth grade rooms, one being taught by Mr. Stewart and the other by Mrs. Gladys M. Sloan.



Beginning carpentry is a new class at Eagle Point High school and instructor Don McGovern is shown here with three students (left to right) Charles Pettigrew and Neil Dusenberry, seniors, and Don Collette, sophomore. The carpentry class is part of the school's industrial arts program and the model house, built to scale of minimal construction, is used in the course.



These four eighth graders at Griffin Creek school built a model stockade in a social studies class about early day settlers. Part of the project was to outline the method on a tape recorder. Demonstrating the recorder is Linda Clark (at left) and other students in the class include (left to right) Charles Cook, Verne Van Riper and Carol Schwieger.



Seventy students are enrolled in vocational agriculture at Crater High school. Ernest Lind (inside trailer) and Larry Sands are working on a horse trailer. Jerry Klacke examines a piece of metal and Lyle Bigham leans on a grain and hay loader which he designed and built and which won him fourth place in a national contest sponsored by Lincoln Welding company.



Visual aids equipment can be found in every modern school room today. Neil Richardson, teacher of the sixth grade at Briscoe school in Ashland is shown here with one of the instruments and five students from a social studies class which was in progress at the time of the visit. Allen Kiser prepares to clean the lens of the machine which will project the page of a book or any piece of printed material. The students observing are (left to right, seated) Carol Phelps, Marvin Morris and Nola Nielson; and (standing), Marilyn Johnson.



There is an ever-increasing interest in special education, and some Jackson county schools have such classes. Pictured here are pupils in a special education class taught by Karl Hayes in the Talent school, but part of a county-wide program. The class members had made a large map of the United States for study. These special classes are kept low in enrollment and the curriculum is built around every day experiences and environment without neglecting the basic subjects.

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Today's Education— Tomorrow's Democracy

By OLIVE STARCHER

"Schools for a strong America" is the theme of the 1956 American Education Week which opens today throughout the nation. Started in 1921 by National Education association and the American Legion, the special week was set aside as a time to inform the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools, and to assure cooperation and support in meeting these needs.

The United States Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers has joined with the two original sponsors in recent years to promote American Education Week.

Oregon's Governor Elmo Smith and Mayor Earl Miller of Medford have both issued proclamations calling upon all citizens to observe the week. Medford ministers were asked to call attention to education and its importance in their services today, since the theme for opening day is "Our Spiritual and National Heritage." Other daily topics point up the many facets of modern education. Monday's topic is "Today's Education—Tomorrow's Democracy"; for Tuesday the topic is "Schools for Safe and Healthful Living" and Wednesday the theme will be "Schools for Trained Manpower." On Thursday the topic will be "A Good Classroom for Every Child" and Friday is National Teachers' day. The closing topic for Saturday is "Schools for a United America."

In his proclamation Mayor Miller particularly asked the citizens to pay special tribute to teachers for "their wise, devoted and experienced guidance of our children's educational growth." Governor Smith pointed out in his proclamation that "the maintenance and improvement of education at all levels—elementary, secondary and higher education—is a major concern of the state of Oregon and our nation for the preservation of our American way of life and the continued prosperity of our people" and that "Oregon schools are growing at such an unprecedented rate that it is estimated our school population will increase 50,000 by 1960 and that higher education enrollments will double by 1970."

Jackson county schools now number 31 in the elementary division, with 11,020 pupils; 4 junior high schools with 1,900 enrolled and 10 high schools with 3,400 students. In Medford there are seven elementary schools with 3,026 pupils enrolled, two junior high schools with enrollments of 1,373 and one high school with 980 pupils enrolled. Medford also has one parochial school with an enrollment of 512. The total teaching staff of the county is 679 men and women.