

# Oregon School Classroom Shortage Worsens; Lack of Teachers Seen Greater in Three Years

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Washington — The public school classroom shortage has grown worse in Oregon this year, and the outlook is that there will be a "large shortage" of teachers to meet the needs of the state in the next three years.

This is the general picture presented by the latest statistics, based on enrollments this fall, as compiled by the National Education Association.

Oregon is short 680 classrooms that are needed to reduce class

rooms to 20 pupils each.

## Around Hollywood

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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Where else but in Hollywood can one find a Christmas tree covered with \$500,000 worth of jewels... trees made of roses, chicken feathers and ballet skirts?

Film town is getting ready for Christmas, and since there is no snow and Santa Claus could arrive in a bathing suit, the citizens figure it's open season for yuletide trees.

The grand prize for the most unusual tree so far goes to Joan Castle Joseph, who has the unique business of renting \$3 million worth of jewelry to movie studios for stars to wear in pictures.

Tonight she tosses her annual Christmas party, and the decor features a green tree sprigged with bangles from her collection.

Jewelry Adams Tree

The branches glitter with an elaborate necklace Bette Davis wore in "The Virgin Queen," toys for Linda Darnell in "Forever Amber" and Ethel Merrett's bracelets from "Call Me Madam."

The tree also boasts Marilyn Monroe's drippy earrings that glittered in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and a round brooch used at the Oscars' request to cover Lana Turner's cleavage in "Diane." No other Christmas tree can make that statement.

"I've used this tree for five years as a conversation piece," says Mrs. Joseph. "I have armed guards and insurance. I've only lost one piece of jewelry."

Floral Shop Responsible

The tree, as most unusual Hollywood Christmas trees, was put together at Stanley Medeiros' floral shop in Beverly Hills. Florist Medeiros is used to such orders. Last year he trimmed one with \$27,000 worth of white and gold ornaments. That was one husband's way of presenting his wife with a coat.

This year the florist is creating other unusual trees for his celebrated customers such as Loretta Young, Cary Grant, Dan Dailey and Ann Southern. One tree will be sprayed white and hung with red roses, dark green velvet ribbon and white lights.

"I really don't approve of all this," Medeiros confessed. "One of the joys of life is doing a Christmas tree yourself."

North Woods Help To Rehabilitate Youths

South Portland, Me. — (U.P.)—The north woods are helping to rehabilitate inmates of the State School for Boys.

Two state patrol officers are taking groups of five boys at a time into the wilds of northern Maine to give them a taste of outdoor living.

William H. Hughes, superintendent of the school here, said the plan is "a tremendous success."

"A wonderful time" was the comment from the first group of boys to return to the school.

The campers fished in Canada Falls Stream and cooked what they caught over the coals of a fire they built themselves. The fish was a welcome addition to the staple items the boys had brought along.

The week end camping trip stemmed from a new policy initiated by Hughes when he became superintendent of the school early this year. "Deserving boys now are permitted to return to their own homes on occasional week ends. The camping trips are reserved for those youth who cannot go home for one reason or another."

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sizes and replace obsolete, and makeshift facilities now in use, NEA reported. The shortage last year was only 150 classrooms.

NEA figures indicate that most states are in worse shape than Oregon, and that the national classroom shortage is now 78,653. Last year it was 70,828. This national shortage is expected to give added impetus to a drive in Congress starting in January for a federal aid-to-education program. Such legislation came up in the House last summer, but too near adjournment time to come up in the Senate.

The teacher shortage is not now severe in Oregon, NEA re-

ported, but the outlook for the future is not bright because of declining enrollments in teacher education institutions.

Shortage Across Board

The shortage of teachers is spread generally across the board in the state's public schools from elementary to high school grades, from rural to urban schools. And while teacher-education enrollment is "definitely larger" this year than last year, NEA said the "outlook for teacher-education enrollments in meeting need in next three years" is for a "large shortage" in both elementary and secondary schools.

Enrollment in Oregon schools increased this year by over 12,000 pupils—351,393 as against 338,664 last year. Of this number enrolled, only a tenth of one per cent are not in full-time attendance because of lack of teachers or classrooms this year. Nationally, 2.6 per cent of the pupils enrolled are unable to attend school full-time because of teacher or classroom shortages.

Average Salary

Average salary for all teachers in Oregon public schools this year is \$4,525, compared with \$4,350 last year. The national average for all public school teachers is now \$4,220.

Oregon teachers are paid slightly less than teachers in Washington state, but quite a bit more than teachers in Idaho. The average for Washington is \$4,551 and for Idaho is \$3,550.

For Oregon elementary teachers, the average salary is now \$4,425 and for secondary teachers it is \$4,800.

The state this year is employing fewer temporary (emergency) teachers than last year. Unlike most states, however, it reports no need for additional temporary teachers. The number now employed is 2,158. Of these, 59

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per cent have less than four years college preparation. They are being employed about equally between rural and urban schools, and 25 per cent of them are teaching in the elementary grades.

Temporary Teachers

Nationally, there are 80,000 temporary teachers now employed—a slight increase over last year—and 60 per cent of them have had less than four years of college. Many states reported they need more emergency teachers, so there is a national shortage of 47,760 temporary teachers.

The total number of instructional staff members in the public schools of the state this year is 14,696, for an increase of 71 over last year.

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