

Inadequate Salaries Force Teachers to Move, Educator Says

Oregon colleges and universities are losing their most gifted and highly trained faculty members at an alarming rate to other state higher education systems and to industry because salaries are inadequate to cope with present high living costs.

So declared Dr. Marshall Woodell, economics professor at Southern Oregon college, at a meeting of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee Wednesday night.

Woodell said a real crisis is facing Oregon's state supported colleges. Increase in enrollments requiring more and more faculty members, school plant enlargements and facilities call for an ever increasing educational budget. As a result the legislature has failed to provide salary increases for the faculty in line with the incomes in other fields of activity.

As a result, Oregon's higher education system has fallen easy prey to "faculty talent scouts" from other state systems who can offer tempting salary increases, and to business and manufacturing corporations that are better equipped financially to pick off the cream of the crop among highly trained men on the college faculties, he said.

Dr. Woodell added that this was in spite of the fact that the college professor, were he not faced with an acute crisis in his own economic survival, would choose to remain with the college than to go elsewhere.

Dr. Woodell pointed out that

in relation to the average income, the college teacher's income in Oregon has declined five per cent in purchasing power in 1940. Comparison with wage earners in other fields, he said statistics show the income of lawyers had increased 10 per cent, that of industrial workers had increased 48 per cent and that of physicians had increased the highest, 68 per cent.

Show Increase
The enrollment in Oregon colleges showed its greatest increase in enrollment from 1939 to 1956 when it climbed from 9,768 to 12,577, an increase of 90 per cent. From 1953 to 1956, the enrollment in state supported colleges had jumped 5,627, or 43 per cent, and the estimated increase by 1966 will show the enrollment up to 13,428 or 72 per cent increase in a 10-year period.

Reports on the seventh annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, to be held at McLoughlin Junior High School Saturday, April 27 were made by Mrs. George A. Watson and Mrs. Larry Sheehan, co-chairmen of the foods committee; James Redden, ticket chairman, and Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, general chairman.

Redden said tickets are available at Lamport Sporting Goods store, Walt Young's Stationery, the Medford Labor Temple and in Ashland at McNairs Drug store, the Magnolia Lumber Co. and at Southern Oregon college.

Democratic County Chairman Larry Sheehan presided at last night's meeting.

Kentucky Derby May Be Included on Tour For Congress Members

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) said Thursday the Army has a fine show in store for touring congressmen at Ft. Knox, Ky., but that "they made a big mistake" tying the trip in with the Kentucky Derby.

Van Zandt said the military demonstration planned for the lawmakers the week end of May 3-4 is well worth the cost of flying House and Senate members from Washington to Louisville and back.

"But they made a big mistake when they told members they could stay over to see the Derby and come back the next day,"

Van Zandt said. "People will get the idea the whole thing is a Derby junket."

Van Zandt said he fears also that some members not really interested in the Army demonstration will take advantage of the free round trip flight plus free room and probably free meals as well.

Rep. Frank T. Bow (R-Ohio) said the trip sounds all right to him unless the Army spends extra money on the members who elect to stay for the Derby. According to Army plans, this will entail an extra night's lodging and presumably extra meals.

Bow said it's not true though that the military always picks up the tab for the congressmen's meals on such trips. Some times members pay their own food bills, Bow said.

In any event neither Van Zandt nor Bow will be able to accept the Army's invitation. The Army said it had no idea yet how many others would be able to accept. A spokesman declined to say in fact just how many were being invited.

Churchill Downs Nearby
Quarters will be provided at Ft. Knox, which is conveniently close to Louisville and Churchill Downs. Army Secretary Wilbur M. Brucker's letter of invitation did not mention food, but other sources said free access to the officers' mess customarily goes with the quarters.

"Dates for the running of the Kentucky Derby were not, of course, considered when plans for the Ft. Knox demonstration were originated last December, an Army spokesman said.

However, Brucker said return transportation would be arranged for congressmen who wish to stay over an extra night.

"I regret that I am not in position to make arrangements for seats at the Derby," he said.

Transient Killed by SP Train Near Albany

Albany, Ore. — (U.P.) — A north-bound Southern Pacific passenger train Wednesday struck a walking transient from the rear as the train neared Albany, Magnus G. Broten, 60, died a few hours later at an Albany hospital.

The accident occurred shortly after 5 p.m. as the train, the Klamath, approached at the Albany depot. Papers on Broten's body indicated he once lived in Grants Pass.

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