

Approval Expected For School Support

Washington — AP — Leaders of the National Education Assn. predicted Saturday that Congress will approve at least part of their sweeping space-age program for federal support of public schools.

The five-point legislative program, which the nation's largest educational organization will lay before Congress when it reconvenes next month, carries an immediate price tag of \$1,100,000,000 a year. It calls for a steady increase in federal contributions over the next five years, leveling off at \$4,600,000,000 a year.

Administration officials had no immediate comment on the NEA plan. But it is known that President Eisenhower's staff is working on a much more limited program of federal aid to education, totaling about 250 million dollars a year.

Ask "Massive" Support

The NEA proposals unveiled at a press conference here Friday were highlighted by a plea for "massive" federal support of all public schools systems in the nation "on a continuing basis."

The NEA said federal grants of \$25 per school age child should be distributed to the states strictly on the basis of population.

State and local authorities would continue to exercise full control over school policies, and

could use the federal money, at their own discretion, for teachers' salaries or classroom construction, or both.

The grants would be increased gradually to a level of \$100 per school age child within five years.

The average outlay per school child at present is \$332 a year. Nearly all of this comes from state and local tax funds.

Dr. William G. Carr, executive secretary, said this is the first time the 100-year-old NEA has advocated the federal government assume a continuing responsibility for helping to pay school costs. In the past, NEA proposals for federal aid have been in terms of short-term "emergency" programs of classroom construction.

IMPORTED INSECTS

Moscow, Idaho — AP — Southern Idaho cattlemen and sheep-growers are interested in getting certain types of insects imported from arid sections of Europe and Asia. These insects, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture entomologist, feed on halogeton, a cattle and sheep-killing weed which range men have been fighting to control in southern Idaho. The University of Idaho agricultural extension service told the cattlemen and sheep-raisers about the insects.

School News

Hedrick Junior High

By JIM FRAKE

One of the outstanding events of the Christmas season was held Wednesday night in the Hedrick Junior High school auditorium. At 8 p.m. the public witnessed the first Christmas program presented by the combined secondary schools of Medford. The program consisted of the students in the music departments from the Medford High, Hedrick High, and McLoughlin Junior High schools.

The program was divided into two parts, the Legend of Christmas and the Adoration of the Christ Child. The program was directed by Jerry L. Dyrud, Lynn Sjolund, Ray Lewis, Robert Anderson, Carroll Graber, and John Drysdale.

Further acknowledgements were extended to Catherine Finken, Hedrick art department; Jack Teeters, McLoughlin art department; Elmer Ayres, and Audrey Bartlett, orchestra. The stage crew was under the supervision of Duane Richardson, Hedrick shop instructor. The accompanists were Ray Lewis, Melody Pierce, and Robert Anderson. The stage lighting was done by the Hedrick Junior High school technicians under the direction of Jerry McDougall. The student technicians were Darrell Sutton, Ken Peek, Jim Frake, Stan Downson, Fred Lorish, and Jim Yoder.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nelson are the parents of a baby girl, Judy. Nelson is the Hedrick dean of boys and also teaches mathematics.

Another Christmas present was delivered to Mr. and Mrs. James Miller. The new baby was named Ann Elizabeth. Miller, who joined the Hedrick faculty this year, teaches science and mathematics.

The student body at Hedrick all "pitched in" to boost the canned food drive on to success. The canned foods contributed were given to needy families by the Red Cross.

The Hedrick Junior High

school halls were decked with gladness Friday as the beginning of Christmas vacation approached. The students hurriedly bid good-bye to the empty class rooms until they see them again Jan. 2.

Before leaving for vacation trips and vacations spent at home, students enjoyed Christmas home room parties Friday. Many home rooms joined with others in celebrating the season's event.

Many home rooms at Hedrick collected clothing for needy families. Also, instead of exchanging gifts at their Christmas parties, many students donated money for the Hedrick nurse, Martha Donahue to buy food for needy families.

The Hedrick Junior High band will present a program over KBES-TV on Jan. 7. The various selections will be directed by Ronald Bartlett, band director.

A football award assembly was held in the Hedrick auditorium Dec. 20. The coaches of the teams presented the football letters to the students. The coaches were Barney Riggs, ninth grade; James Miller, eighth; Duane Richardson and Dale Bates, seventh. During the assembly the Hedrick Junior High school band played popular songs. Vincent Bevis also spoke on the success of the Hedrick football teams. He concluded his speech for making a "plea" for rooters to support the faculty team in the winter football game that afternoon.

The Hedrick Junior High school faculty challenged the Hedrick ninth grade basketball team to a game Friday, Dec. 20. The annual event was played at 1:15 in the Hedrick gymnasium. The score was very close during the game but the faculty slipped in points at the end to win with a score of 24 to 21.

Main attraction of the game was the faculty yell squad composed of the women teachers. They formed their own group of "rooters". Many yells were given and also the formation of the letter "F" for Faculty was made. The Hedrick Junior High school dance band played during the game.

CP, Jewett Schools

By JODY VAN HORN

At the Jewett school room parties were held Friday. Names had been drawn for a gift exchange. A show was presented to all students.

The 96-piece band and chorus group of the Junior High went to Eagle Point Tuesday to present a musical program.

A skating party was held Dec. 19 at Grants Pass. It was scheduled for Dec. 9 but was fogged out.

Seldon Pierce was 12 years old Dec. 1, and Kathy Collinsworth was 12 on Dec. 20. They are students in Mr. McLarrin's room.

Room 5-2 has started a room paper. It is called Kidsville Gazette and was named by Frank Roberts.

All of the rooms are decorated for Christmas with mobiles, snowflakes, Santas, angels, stockings, wreaths, candles, candy canes, bells, wisemen and shepherds.

McLoughlin Junior High

By JOEL GREGORY

Christmas parties were held in the home rooms on Dec. 20, and school was dismissed for the holidays. Several home rooms cooperated with the Junior Red Cross by exchanging food items instead of gifts. The food was then donated for distribution to Medford families.

The large tree in the main hall was decorated by the girls of the Future Homemakers of America, and donated by "Doc" Simpson.

Student teachers completed their work at McLoughlin on Dec. 18. Those who worked here this quarter were Bill Russell, LaRayne Weed, Bob Anglim, and Dennis Davis.

In the girls' volleyball tournament this week, games were won by rooms 28, 41, 5, 27 and 6. The eighth grade champions are members of home room 41. Winners of the consolation bracket were girls from home room 27. The seventh grade championship was won by room 5, and the consolation section winners were from room 6.

Classes will begin on Jan. 2, following the Christmas vacation.

Jackson School

By Larry Shore and Frank Sullivan

Wednesday at 1 p.m. the second and third grades put on the Christmas play at the Jackson school for the children. Thursday night the parents saw the same entertaining program. There was such a large turnout that the auditorium could have been twice as big.

Mrs. Jane Snodgrass' second grade room put the decorations

Congressmen Ask Aid For Mice Control

Washington — AP — Oregon congressmen called Saturday for a government "crash" program against raids of field mice that have caused five million dollars worth of farm crop damage in Oregon.

Sen. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Al Ullman reported as many as 20,000 marauding mice per acre in some areas of eastern Oregon, damaging wheat, hay, alfalfa, and other crops in their forage for food.

The lawmakers asked for emergency funds from the Fish and Wildlife service, the Agriculture Department, and the Public Health service for a "crash" program of extermination.

The Oregonians said that Governor Robert Holmes has emphasized the "critical nature" of the situation in telegrams to Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife officials.

Draft Step-Up Set For Coming Year

Washington — AP — The Defense Department plans to step up its draft calls next year above current levels.

The department announced on Friday that 13,000 draftees would be called during February, 3,000 above the current rate.

All of the February draftees will be assigned to the Army.

The February call was the highest since last July. The January total, previously announced, will be 10,000 men.

The department said monthly draft calls for the rest of 1958 would be about the February level.

on the hall bulletin board this week. The children made little miniature cathedral windows. The designs for these windows were beautiful. The children enjoyed this project.

Dec. 20 we had our Christmas parties. The good refreshments were furnished by our home room mothers. Everyone enjoyed the treat from the Jackson school PTA.

We'll all be back in school Jan. 2, after a vacation.

This year the fifth and sixth graders decided instead of exchanging gifts they would take a collection and send it to CARE to buy food and clothes for children across the sea. The amount sent was \$30.

The 12-mile Simpon tunnel in the Swiss Alps required eight years to build.

The Medical Roundup

by

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No Danger in Dental X-Rays

Of late there has been so much alarmist writing in regard to stray radiation that many persons have become unduly alarmed over x-ray studies, such as have been made by the million for the last 40 years or so. At the recent meeting of the



Dr. Alvarez

Dental Association, a panel of experts on radiation assured the public that there is no justification for concern about dental ray examinations. They said, there is no evidence that the making of dental films will be harmful to the patient. Today, with the ultra-rapid new films, the exposure is only about a twelfth of what it used to be.

The only person who ought not to be x-rayed over her pelvis is a woman who has just become pregnant; the little embryo might be damaged because embryonic tissues are especially susceptible to injury from radiation.

Some Hope for Persons With Cancer of the Lung

I see that Professor Arthur P. Stout, of New York, just reported that when 144 patients were treated with very penetrating rays from a cobalt bomb (artificial radium) and from a 2,000,000-volt x-ray machine, some did much better than such patients used to do when treated with the usual 250,000-volt x-ray machines. Forty-eight lived more than a year; 14 lived two years; four lived four years; and one is alive after five years.

Some people may fail to see that this is enough improvement to get excited about, but I think it hopeful because it represents a big step forward. "So You Want to Be a Doctor" To all those many young men who have written asking why they should be a physician and how they can start preparing for the course, I can recommend a fine book just out "So You Want to Be a Doctor" written by Dr. Alan E. Nourse (Harper's). In this book he gives all the information that a young man will want, such as what he shall study in his pre-medical college courses. Dr. Nourse says the cost of the eight years will be about \$15,000. He tells of the difficulties

some men have in getting into a medical school, and then he gives a chapter on what is studied in each of the four years of technical training. Finally, there is an article on the internship and perhaps a residency later.

One of the most important parts of the book is the detailed information as to how to apply for entrance into a medical school. There is much in the book to help a young man to decide whether he really is fitted for medicine—whether he has the necessary attitudes, liking for science, and aptitude for important subjects, such as chemistry and physics. No lad should go into medicine who hasn't had excellent marks in high school and college and who cannot study easily. Any man, if he is to do well in medicine, must be of the type who will keep studying for the rest of his days.

BANDIT BEGS BAG

Milwaukee — AP — A gunman walked into a food store Friday, threw a small bag at store Manager William Scherey and demanded money. When Scherey told him the money was locked up, the bandit demanded, "give me my bag back," and ran out the door.

County Convention Defended By Short

Salem — AP — Republican State Chairman James F. Short, Salem, Saturday fired back at David Epps, Sweet Home Democrat, who criticized Short's proposed plan to schedule county Republican political conventions.

"I will not accept advice regarding the operation and activities of the Republican party from an announced candidate for the chairmanship of the Democratic party," Short said.

"Any attempt to discredit free and open Republican conventions as a 'return' to a system whereby nominees are chosen in smoke-filled hotel rooms is patently ridiculous and does little credit to the speaker," Short continued.

Short said the conventions were planned to let the people voice recommendations on party policies and to encourage strong candidates to file for office.

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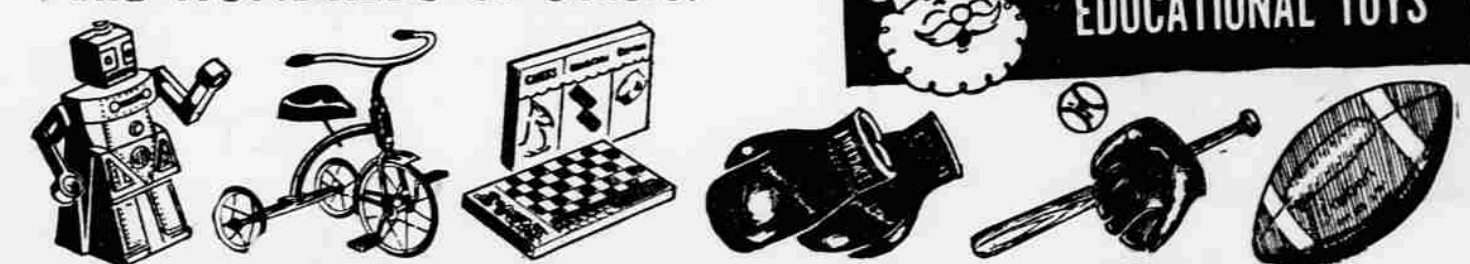
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