

Great Decisions Discusses Oregon's Future

Oregon's First 100 Years Saw Striking Growth in Most Fields

Pioneers... empire builders... steady growth of a developing economy. This is Oregon at the Century mark. What of the next 100 years? And what can Oregonians do now to assure continued progress toward better living?

Resources for growth and directions such growth might take are scheduled for study during the introductory week of Oregon's 1959 "Great Decisions" program starting today.

Study materials were prepared by Oregon State college and other state organizations and agencies in cooperation with the Foreign Policy association.

Oregon's first 100 years showed striking growth in population, industry, agriculture, business and job opportunities. The state's population has grown at least 14 per cent every 10 years. In the last decade it grew 20 per cent. If this trend continues, will employment keep pace? Some job opportunities are decreasing now.

Oregon's greatest industry today is the growing, harvesting and processing of timber. But lumbering has about reached the limits of its expansion in job opportunities unless research and technology uncover new ways to use and process this natural resource.

Fewer Jobs on Farms

Something similar is happening in Oregon's second largest industry—agriculture. Farm jobs are dwindling simply because farming is becoming more efficient and more productive each year. Small and medium sized farms are giving way to the large, mechanized commercial farm. Thus farming is providing fewer instead of more jobs for the state's growing population.

What about fishing? This industry has problems too. The salmon catch dropped for several years and only now are the runs being partly rebuilt with the help of conservation methods. Tuna catches vary from year to year but certainly do not promise an expanding fishing industry for the future. Shellfish, bottomfish and other fish native to Oregon waters are plentiful but consumer demand is slow to increase.

Industry Holds Hope

Where will Oregon's growing population turn for future jobs? Industry, perhaps? Water power gives Oregon the cheapest electricity in the nation. This should help attract new industry. But U.S. Army Engineers estimate that the Northwest will reach the limit of its potential for hydro-electric power in less than 20 years. What then?

If Oregon is to grow and to provide good jobs, good pay and rising living standards for its people, then Oregonians will have to deal with some of these important problems in the near future.

Glenn Klein To Be Acting Head Of Decisions

Glenn Klein, county 4-H agent, will be acting chairman of the Great Decisions... 1959 program this week during the absence of Chairman Wally Iverson, it was announced yesterday. Iverson is spending the week at Sun Valley.

Klein reminded Jackson county residents who wish to take part in the 10-week foreign policy discussion program that this is the final week for organizing the informal home discussion groups.

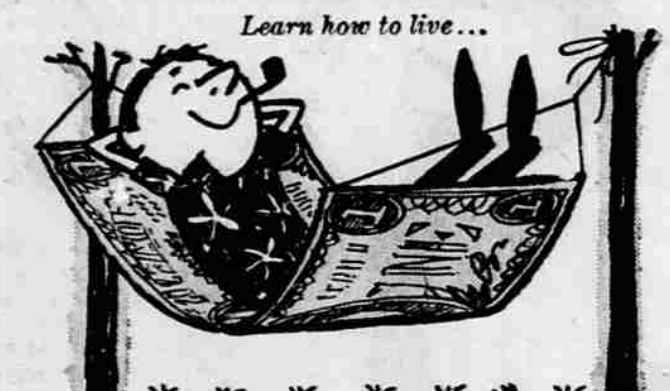
In observance of Oregon's Centennial, the program in this state this year will begin with the topic "Building Today's Oregon," followed by Oregon's Challenge in a Changing World.

The remaining eight topics will deal with United States foreign policy. Fact sheets which serve as a discussion basis are available at the public library.

Fourteen groups had registered with Iverson last week. Approximately 200 individuals took part in Great Decisions in the county last year.

A weekly television program is scheduled for 10 p.m. Wednesdays under supervision of Southern Oregon college faculty members. Radio Station KWJN also will carry a weekly program.

Persons interested in more information on Great Decisions may call Klein at Spring 3-6211 or write him at post office box 1069.



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Detention Is Greatest Change In Juvenile Court's Report

Greatest change in Jackson county juvenile court's annual report is the detention picture, according to Mrs. Kay Crowell, county juvenile department director.

The year 1958 was the first year the detention home has been in operation. According to the official statistics, jail detention of juveniles in this county rose from 90 in 1954 to 152 in 1957 and 45 in 1958. Those held in the new detention home near the National Guard armory south of Medford numbered 209. The new home was opened Jan. 20, 1957.

"Prior to the opening of the detention home, many minors really in need of detention were not detained," Mrs. Crowell said. "This was because all officials were reluctant to confine juveniles in a jail in close proximity with adult prisoners."

Reasons for detaining the 45 minors in jail were that no space was available in the detention home, fugitives from corrective facilities, minors too difficult to handle in the family-type facilities as operated in the detention home.

Average Period

Average detention period per child for the 209 children kept in the detention home during 1958 was 15 days. This is slightly above the recommended time set by the National Probation and Parole association, Mrs. Crowell noted.

However, inadequate staffing of the juvenile department is responsible, she added. Mrs. Crowell said she rigidly controlled the numbers and types of cases admitted despite predictions that once available the facility would be full all the time.

The detention home operated at maximum capacity of 12 for 89 days during 1958, Mrs. Crowell reported. Only two days were noted when the detention home occupancy was as low as two children

and no time when some minor wasn't lodged there.

Ten children classified as "non-delinquents" were detained there during the year. Two other children were detained temporarily to protect them from an emotionally disturbed parent. The other eight were detained until Jackson county welfare commission could provide shelter care for them.

Seven-Day Week

The detention home operates on a seven-day service basis and the welfare department on a five-day week basis, Mrs. Crowell pointed out. Shelter care for older children is not always possible to obtain on week ends and holidays.

Few incidents occurred in the detention home during its first year, the juvenile department director stated. One runaway was reported, one screen in detention quarters cut deliberately, and one pane of glass broken accidentally. No clogging of plumbing occurred, no assault or injury to staff, only one injury to a child through an accident, and only two illness requiring isolation and special medical care occurred.

The balanced meals served averaged a cost of approximately 30 cents per meal, Mrs. Crowell noted.

Summing up her statistical report, Mrs. Crowell noted three main factors prominent in the overall picture. This is the first full year of operation for the detention home, first full year of a regular juvenile court day each week and addition to the juvenile department staff of one counselor assigned full time to supervise boys on probation.

Department Members

Two members of the department have been in the department since before 1958, Mrs. Crowell remarked. As director, Mrs. Crowell completed 6 1/2 years in 1958 and the boys' counselor, assigned full time to pre-court investigation and court presentation, completed 1 1/2 years.

The girls' counselor position was vacated and replaced in September and the boys' supervising counselor joined the staff in August. Turnover in personnel slows down the processing of cases and decreases general departmental efficiency because of the need of training, the director pointed out.

During the last five years the number of juvenile cases referred to the department has more than doubled with the total for 1958 slightly higher than those of 1957. In 1954 there were 382 cases and in 1958, 796 cases referred. The number of cases referred increased from 382 in 1954 to 688 in 1956 probably because of the large number of reports required by the armed forces for recruitment purposes, the director explained.

Below National Level

Of the five years of 1954 through 1958 this county has remained a little below the national and state level in the number of children involved in delinquency. County ratio is approximately 3.5 boys to one girl involved in delinquency.

The highest rate of delinquency in this county occurred with boys at 16 years of age and girls at 14 years, the director stated. Sixteen-year-old boys were involved in 77 delinquent acts and 14-year-old girls in 25. Three delinquency cases involved children of 10-11 years old and five of 18 years and older.

Offenses most commonly repeated in Jackson county, according to official statistics in 1958, were running away,

78; theft, 57; beyond parental control, 48; burglary, 34; malicious mischief, 21; auto theft, 14; injury to person, 6; and sex offense, 3. Malicious mischief shows an increase of from eight cases in 1957 to 21 in 1958. Burglary shows a slight drop of 25 to 14 cases. All other cases show a slight increase or remain the same.

Car Theft Drop

"Car theft has dropped this year and it is notable that the proportion of cars stolen in this county is from car lots where keys are left in the cars and privately owned cars with keys left in the lock," Mrs. Crowell said. "Incidents of crosswiring, common in other areas, are unusual in Jackson county. There seems to be no need for ingenuity on the part of the offender, because the community is careless of its property."

Medford had the highest number of cases referred to the court, 392 compared to 397 in 1957. Ashland had 90 referrals in 1958 and 75 in 1957. Central Point cases in

are disposed of on the basis of dismissed at intake and held open without further action," Mrs. Crowell pointed out. "From these cases will come many of next year's referrals."

Since the majority of all these classifications are boys' cases, they indicate a need for an additional boys' counselor, Mrs. Crowell recommended.

Case Load

"The case load of the single supervising officer is too large already for efficient work and the additional counselor could take a portion of the official supervision load. It would decrease further referrals by giving counseling and supervision to the boys on unofficial probation," the juvenile director said.

One of the bright spots in the over-all picture is that adequate court time has resulted in felony offenses receiving the juvenile judge's attention "instead of being handled by juvenile staff."

Adequate staff for supervision of minors is showing a slight decrease in repeated referrals, Mrs. Crowell pointed out. Out of 18 commitments of boys and girls to state institutions, four of the 13 boys committee were recommended for parole failure.

Year of Supervision

"A full year of supervision would decrease commitments to state institutions for delinquent children and a lowering of the detention period," Mrs. Crowell pointed out.

"Barring unforeseen events and if an adequate professional staff is granted the department, the present detention facility should be adequate for the community for the five years initially planned," Mrs. Crowell said.

"Development of additional shelter homes for detention for non-delinquent children and development of foster homes of various types to care for adolescent minors, delinquent and dependent, are still needs of the community," Mrs. Crowell concluded in her report.

nor the United States can continue to expand its export business unless it is willing to let foreign buyers earn dollars in American markets. Tariffs, import quotas, export licenses, etc., are all regulated by the Federal government.

This does not mean that the people of Oregon have no influence on these matters. Oregonians can express their opinions through their congressmen.

As individuals or members of civic and "cause" organizations or business lobbies, they have continuing impact on congress through letters, telegrams, resolutions and testimony in congressional hearings. Opinion ballots in the "Great Decision" series are another way to express opinions.

Interstate commerce, on the other hand, is regulated by the state. Many regulations are necessary for the protection of health and property. Some regulations may be unnecessary and tend to hamper instead of encourage growth of interstate trade. Citizens could well examine these regulations.

Only by the people's efforts can Oregon hope to expand commerce and trade and continue its overall growth during the next 100 years.

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