

Oregon Ranks High in Per-Pupil School Spending

Washington—UPI—New York leads all other states this year in per-pupil expenditures for public schools. Alaska is a close second.

The rankings of the states in educational expenditures, teachers salaries and various other factors affecting schools were given in an annual estimate compiled by the National Education Association.

The report showed that New York State's outlay on public schools this year comes to \$535 for each child in average daily attendance.

Oregon \$413

Alaska's per pupil expenditure is \$520. Other high ranking states included Oregon, \$413; Nevada, \$410; California, \$390.

Alabama was in last place with an outlay of \$164 per child.

In salaries paid to classroom teachers, Alaska led with an average of \$6,400, with New York close behind at \$6,200. Others in the top 10 included California, \$6,050; Arizona, \$5,328; Nevada, \$5,250, and Washington, \$5,250.

Utah took top honors for the percentage of adults who have completed at least four years of high school (48.9 per cent) with California a close second (46.1 per cent). In percentage of adults who have completed four or more years of college, California and Colorado tied for first with 8.1 per cent each, and Utah was next with 7.6 per cent.

College Training

Oklahoma led in the percentage of elementary school teachers who have had four or more years of college training, with 99.6 per cent of its teachers in that category. Arizona was next with 98.4 per cent.

In total public school enrollment California was way out in front with 4,035,000 children. New York was second with 2,640,000.

3,500 Students Attend Festival

Ashland — Between 3,500 and 4,000 high school junior and grade school students converged on the campus of Southern Oregon college as the Southern Oregon Music Educators association holds its annual music festival today and tomorrow.

Representing more than 30 schools, the 50 different groups of vocalists and instrumentalists will perform at Churchill hall auditorium and the college gymnasium with orchestras, bands, and choral groups participating both days.

Judging performances are Ira Lee University of Oregon; James Adair, Sacramento State college; and Al Robertson, Beaverton High school, instrumental music. Judges for the choral section are Donald Thulean, Pacific university; James H. Kinnee, Chico State college; and Leon Wagner, Humboldt State college.

Instrumental and choral groups from Ashland, Lakeview, Medford, Klamath Falls, Glendale, Illinois Valley, Talent, Crater High in Central Point, Douglas, Glide, Henley, Sutherlin, Jacksonville, Canyonville, Myrtle Creek, Yreka, and Howard schools will be among those participating.

Activities will be open to the public and schedules will be posted on the campus giving time and location of the various performances. Co-chairmen for the event are SOC music department members Dr. Herbert Cecil and Oscar C. Bjorlie.

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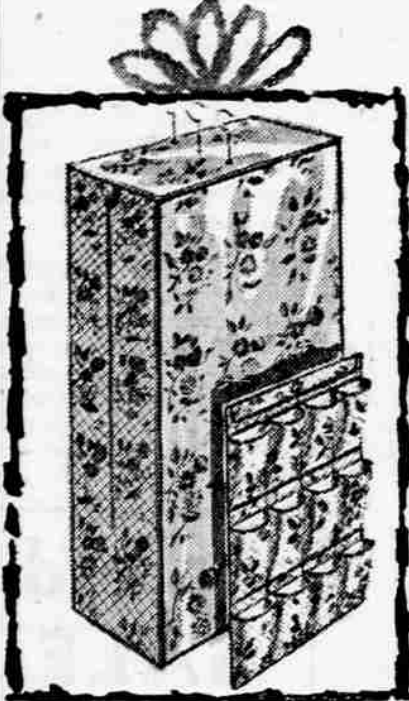
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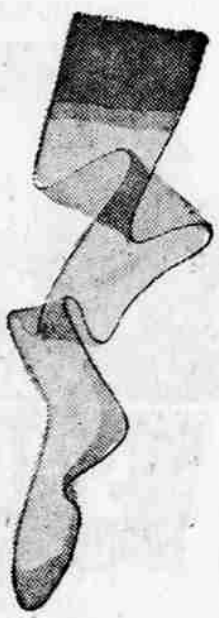
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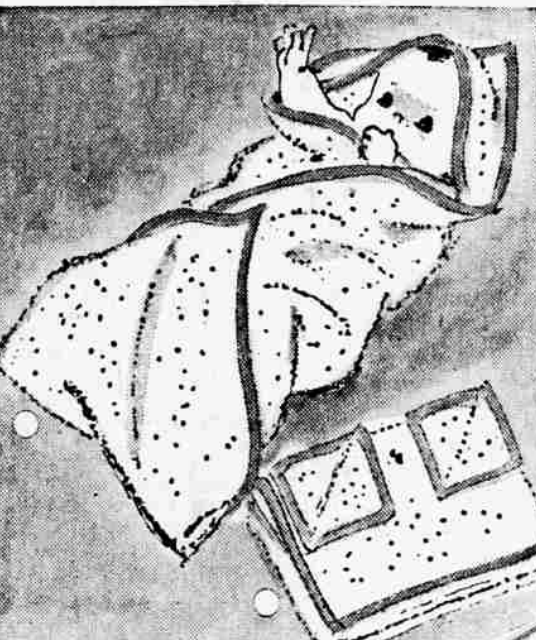
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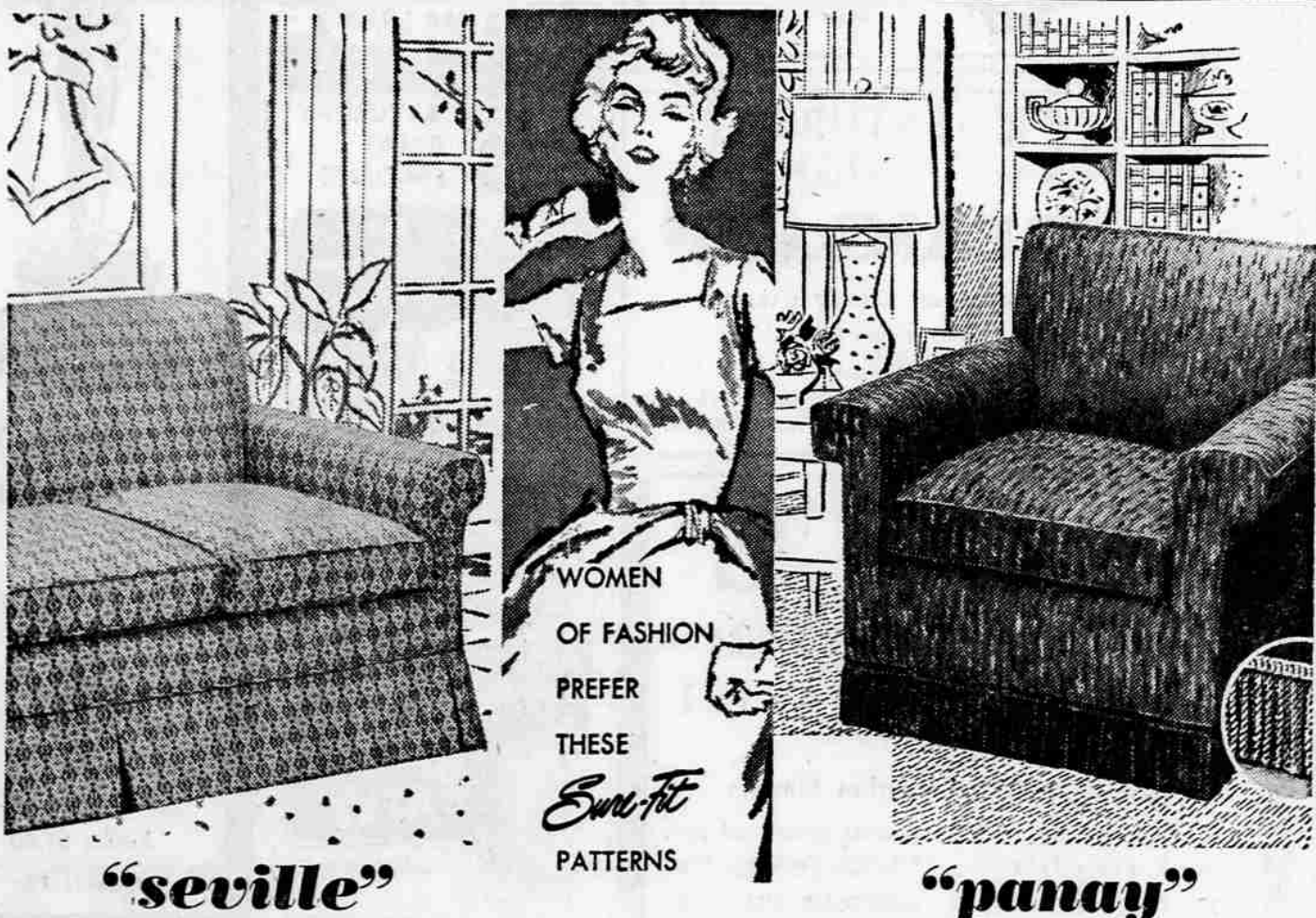
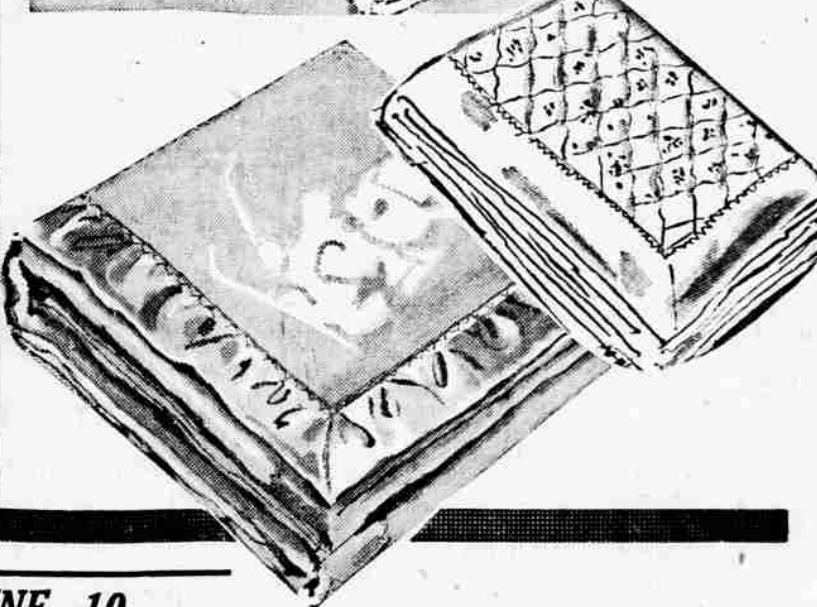
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