

Mayfield Notes Primary Goal in Planning Work

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, said today the primary goal in planning for the year's work "has been to offer the boys and girls of our district educational opportunities second to none in the state and at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayers."

Dr. Mayfield issued the statement at the start of the new school year approaches. Text of his statement follows: "We are starting school in Oregon's Centennial year as a new and greatly enlarged district. We are facing new and challenging problems brought about through recent consolidation of adjoining districts. Encouraged by interest

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"We are encouraged by the interest, cooperation and enthusiasm of the teachers and administrators of the consolidating districts. We are also pleased with the assistance that the patrons and former board members of the consolidating districts are giving us. "It is the unanimous judgment of members of the Medford school board and administrative staff that the planned changes in building assignments, teaching staff and school program will result in greater equality of educational opportunity for the children of our district."



GRADE SCHOOL GROUND—Art Stinson, grader operator for Contractor Ted Florey, grades the Howard school ground in preparation for opening of school next month. Material used for fill dirt was that left over when sewer ditches were dug in the Berrydale district. The work was being done in preparation of blacktop paving.

Maintenance Program in City Schools Continues in Summer

School may have been out all summer, and the students may have been scattered from the three R's to the four winds, but maintenance, improvement and alterations on Medford public school buildings has continued throughout the vacation.

The annual summer maintenance on school buildings consists of washing all windows and all woodwork and re-

surfacing desk tops; scrubbing and axing all floor surfaces; inspecting and repairing all roof areas, gutters and downspouts; repairing and repainting any damaged wall or ceiling surfaces; cleaning and reconditioning all heating and ventilation systems; replacing all broken windows; servicing and repairing all school buses; and constructing and remodeling school district furniture.

To achieve maximum efficiency in the summer program, the custodial staff was organized into six specialized teams: floor crew, cleaning crew, roof crew, carpentry crew, electrical crew and plumbing crew.

All schools, in addition, have been brought up to fire safety codes with fire stop materials and doors in all stairways.

The building improvements and alterations completed during the summer include:

Medford High school: Construction of one classroom and a vocal and instrumental music addition; room 223 remodeled for use as a biology classroom; a room to be altered for use as a foreign language laboratory.

Hedrick Junior High: Asphalt surface placed on entrance to tennis court area.

McLoughlin Junior High: Industrial arts shop has been completely renovated to house the music department; present district maintenance shop will be remodeled to house the industrial arts classes; district maintenance shop and bus garage will be moved to new quarters at Priddy and Jackson streets.

Hoover school: Asphalt surface placed on area between play area and cafeteria.

Jackson school: Installed hoods over ranges in cafeteria.

Jefferson school: Completed turfing of physical education and athletic fields.

Oak Grove school: Painted

classrooms and outside of building.

Wilson school: Prepared soil for seeding turf around building; asphalt surface placed on a section of play area; installed playground equipment.

Griffin Creek school: Asphalt surface placed on area between gym and original building; heating system reconditioned; classroom remodeled to serve as school library; plans completed for construction of a retaining wall between play area and new building; area between classrooms and the cafeteria will be roofed.

Howard school: Primary playground and upper grade athletic field filled and graded; connection to city sewage system completed; damaged desk surfaces refinished.

Lone Pine school: Irrigation lines to athletic field installed; ceiling of gymnasium, library and two classrooms sealed; area east of new building seeded.

Ruch school: Two classrooms remodeled; storage area constructed adjacent to gymnasium; roof reconditioned.

Jacksonville schools: Roof on old building replaced; roof on elementary building repaired; senior high building remodeled to house elementary classes on the ground floor and Jackson County special education classes on the second floor; administration office teacher's workroom, health room and library have been placed on the ground floor; fire escape installed; firestop material installed in halls to meet state standards; tennis court repaired; plans completed for reconditioning gymnasium and auditorium.

Audio-Visual Education Growing in Importance

Whether students are learning dictation, dissection or downfield blocking, photography is playing a key role in American education today . . . through audio-visual programs.

Film strips, sound and silent films, slides, television sets and even tape recorders and phonographs are being used by educators, according to experts at Bell & Howell company, producers of photographic equipment.

Evanston township high school, in suburban Chicago, is typical of the many schools expanding their use of audio-visual tools to meet increased student loads.

Specialized Material
Such equipment is also being used to present specialized material essential to a sound secondary education.

Evanston, like other schools and colleges, obtains many films from rental agencies and gets free films through placement companies from the nation's business and associations. Some instructors provide their own educational materials by shooting slides during summer vacations.

Audio-visual materials also play a role in television education via filmed programs being shown over the nation's educational stations such as WTTW-TV, Chicago.

Many of the programs

shown are on film. WTTW-TV has an extensive program of TV class-room instruction, including some for which college credit is given.

Whether the student is watching a television set in a family living room or on a screen in a classroom, audio-visual materials are making a necessary contribution to education at a time when overcrowding is almost chronic in the nation's schools and the need for better education is greater than ever.

TV Education Growth Noted

Television courses have been added to the curriculum of many colleges throughout the country.

Students enrolled in these classes do their own "production" in studios with professional equipment. Laboratory work is also done to acquaint the students with the creative side of the medium. This combination gives students on-the-spot training.

The courses are designed to attract students interested in pursuing the field professionally, and to meet the needs of student-teachers who wish to become acquainted with all facets of the medium.

Educators expect educational TV to grow tremendously. They feel television will go a long way toward improving the quality of instruction.

It is one project, they say, which will help overcome the staff and space shortages in many schools as student enrollment continues to grow in the next decade.

Teach your child proper eye health — to read and study only where light is good, to keep soiled hands away from their eyes; high school and college age students should be encouraged to plan their studies to avoid "burning the midnight oil."

A new heavy-duty transmission for trucks has 12 speeds in one gear box controlled by one lever.

Medford Schools Calendar Children's Feet Should Have Care

Sept. 14—Schools Open
Oct. 12—Columbus Day (not a school holiday)
Oct. 24—United Nations Day (not a school holiday)
Nov. 1-7—Book Week
Nov. 8-14—American Education Week
Nov. 11—Veterans Day (legal school holiday)
Nov. 26-27—Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 24-Jan. 3—Christmas Holidays
Feb. 12—Lincoln's Birthday (not a school holiday)
Feb. 14—Oregon Admission Day (Sunday, no holiday)
Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday (not a school holiday)
March 14-18—Spring Vacation
May 1-8—National Music Week
May 30—Memorial Day (legal school holiday)
June 5—Senior High School Graduation
June 8—Close of School

The San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 killed 452 persons and caused 500 million dollars damage.

It has been found that although parents are generally very conscientious about seeing that a child is in good health, can hear and see properly—they often neglect youngster's feet. Statistics show that more than 40 per cent of all grade school children suffer from ailments attributable to shoes they have outgrown. Many of these ailments are minor, but with neglect, they can become so serious as to cause acute walking difficulty in later life.

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When a parent is going to spend \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year or more on a college education, a firsthand investigation is a sound investment.

Assuming that the parents and student have already made a tentative decision on the type of education desired — here are ideas to help you locate the college that fits your particular requirements.

Get literature from colleges you're considering. All pieces will sound good, so read with a questioning mind.

Listen with Care
Listen with care to remarks of your youngsters.

Talk to students or recent graduates. They'll tell you things about the college that you would never learn from literature or college personnel.

Don't take hearsay as fact. Ask for reasons for any statement of opinion.

Go see the college or colleges and ask lots of questions. Write before going.

First-rate teachers make a first-rate institutions, and intellectually aroused students. Find out how good they are. Check size and condition of the physical plant—especially the library.

Disregard recent articles stating that colleges are overcrowded. There are hundreds of quality institutions which are not bulging at the seams!

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