Problem of Pupil Who Fails Still Is Not Solved

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles about schools and pupils furnished by the National Education association. Today's article discusses the pupil who fails, and what to do about him.)

Washington, D. C.—The pupil who fails, and what to do about him, is a problem the schools still haven't solved. At least, the National Education association has found, there is no unanimity among various school systems in the types of solutions offered.

There is, however, fairly general acceptance of research findings that denying promotion to pupils who have failed is likely to be worthless, if not actually harmful. On the evidence, pupils of low achievement usually do not improve when they repeat a subject or grade.

Steady Decline

There has been a steady decline in the percentage of students denied promotion over the last several decades, although this is contrary to what might be expected, in view of the larger percentage of total population enrolled in school. This is probably due to increased recognition that denial of promotion seldom solves the problem.

An NEA research memorandum on the "failure" problem holds that there is no simple solution. "A school that adopts a plan of automatically retaining in grade all children who do not meet standards, or of promoting all children no matter what their achievement, without considering individual cases, is not fulfilling its responsibility to society," the memorandum says.

"In the light of present evidence, however, it seems that non-promotion should be used only as a last resort and be recognized as the serious measure that it is . . . The child who 'fails,' if he is a normal child, almost inevitably learns to dread school and to react against it in whatever way is open to him."

Search Conducted For Berry Picker

Stevenson, Wash. —(UPI)— A large search party fanned out today in the Lookout Mountain area of the Yacolt Burn looking for a Washougal man who vanished Monday while picking berries. Object of the hunt was Albert DeFoer, 64.

Frank Mauger, ranger in charge of the Hemlock Ranger Station said at least 60 persons were searching, including 15 forest service personnel and Skamania county sheriff's officers.

The search began at 4:30 p.m. Monday when DeFoer failed to return. He and his wife and a couple from Camas, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hill, left their car to pick berries. Mauger said that the women became tired and Hill returned to the car with them to await DeFoer. When he did not show up at the appointed time, they notified authorities.

Mrs. Hill is DeFoer's sister.

Centennial Crowd Reaches 1,221,813

Portland — (UPI) — A crowd of 20,780 aattended the Oregon Centennial Exposition Monday bringing the total attendance so far to 1,221,813.

The Labor Day crowd was far under the 30,813 figure for Sunday.

A visitor at the Exposition Monday was Ivan B. White, deputy assistant secretary of state for European affairs.

White was a member of President Eisenhower's party during the President's recent trip to Europe. He returned to the U. S. Saturday and flew to Portland Sunday.

White speaks here today, in Salem Wednesday and in Astoria Thursday night. He is a native of Salem.

Steel Strike Now Longest in History

New York — (UPI) — The steel strike today became the longest in the history of the industry.

Union and industry negotiators returned to the bargaining table after a Labor Day week end recess, but there was no indication they were any closer to a settlement than when the picket lines formed July 15.

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