

Oregon Counties Argue Plans on State Money for Schools



DECIDES ON REWARD — Douglas W. Johnson and his wife, Helen, happily survey a \$10,000 check presented to them by Brinks company as reward for the return of \$240,000 in cash which Johnson found in a Los Angeles street. Johnson chose the cash reward for "urgent" family needs rather than the security of a job with Brinks. (UPI Telephoto)

'Honest Man' Decides To Take Offer of Cash Reward

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Douglas W. Johnson, the man who returned \$240,000 to its rightful owner, said today a desire to be fair to all three of his sons and to own his own home made him accept a \$10,000 cash reward.

Johnson, 50, a janitor, had been offered a steady \$90-a-week guards job and a four-year college scholarship for the eldest of his sons, Rick, 16.

"My son wants to work his way through college," Johnson said Tuesday after accepting the money reward in the form of a check from Brinks Inc. "And I also wanted to be fair to my other two sons (Clement, 13, and Dorance, 11)."

His two younger sons were not offered scholarships by the firm.

A bundle containing unmarked \$10 and \$20 bills tumbled from a Brinks' armored car March 10 and Johnson found it lying in the street. He returned it unhesitatingly but then had some trouble deciding what kind of reward to accept—money or the job and scholarship.

But at a news conference he called Tuesday in his tidy rented home to announce his decision, he told about 35 assembled reporters and cameramen:

"I felt that the most urgent need now is a home for the family. And Brinks gave the money to use as we see fit."

Johnson said that although his present work is unsteady, he still earns more than the \$90 a week offered by Brinks.

He was out of work and looking for a job when he discovered the money bag which had tumbled from the opened door of a Brinks' armored car.

Johnson said after receiving the reward he still thought honesty was the best policy, but he was quick to add:

"I hope I never find any more money like that!"

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Hatfield Challenged On Reapportionment

Salem — (UPI) — Rep. Edward Fadeley (D-Eugene) today challenged Gov. Mark Hatfield to take a stand on a GOP-backed reapportionment plan.

He said House GOP Leader F. F. Montgomery of Eugene and the House Elections committee had "sold out the constitution and Lane county" by approving the plan Tuesday night.

The plan would make little change in present legislative makeup. It has been sharply criticized for failing to show a population shift to cities.

Fadeley said Montgomery had shown "cynical disregard" for constitutional reapportionment provisions. The plan "does not pretend to follow the precise outlines of the constitution," he added.

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Poorer Area Speakers Point To State's Job

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But witnesses from many counties and districts saddled with a heavy property tax said it is the state's job to help provide a decent education for every child.

"We are coming close to the end of our rope," said Dr. Derrol Pennington of Beaverton, whose district has the highest property tax levy in Oregon.

Two Bills Involved

The testimony was given on two bills. One, SB 447, would distribute most state funds on the basis of a county's ability to pay, cutting short counties with much valuable property to support their own schools.

The other, SB 480, would continue to hand out money to counties on a per pupil basis. The counties could equalize on the county level by giving a larger share to poorer school districts within the county.

Quick Action Asked

Committee Chairman Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) said he hoped the committee would wind up action on the problem Thursday.

Witnesses almost uniformly lined up behind the measure that would give the biggest share of money to their particular district.

Marion B. Winslow, superintendent of schools in Coos Bay, said state support on the basis of a county's ability to pay "will give stability and security to the public school systems of Oregon."

He called the plan "educational statesmanship."

Plan Protested

But Rep. Robert Smith (R-Burns) protested the state's contribution to counties under this bill would range from 40 to 95 per cent. His Harney county, a richer one, would come out at the short end.

Smith said the county-level plan would be simpler and fairer. Furthermore, he said, the value of property in a county is "not a true indicator" of its ability to pay for schools.

Railroad Shares Continue To Boom

New York — (UPI) — Rail shares continued Tuesday's boom and industrials inched their way closer to a record high on the stock market today.

Features among the fast moving carrier shares were Kansas City Southern up 1 1/2% and Southern Railway ahead a point.

On the industrial side, leading motors and steels were virtually unchanged. Chemicals were irregular with Du Pont down 1 and Eastman Kodak up 1. Drugs, faced with price-rigging allegations, showed signs of recovery with Johnson & Johnson, Lehn & Fink and Norwich up better than a point.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (UPI) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 678.73, off 0.11; 20 railroads 149.81, up 3.61; 15 utilities 111.79, up 0.97; and 85 stocks 229.39, up 1.54. Sales Tuesday were about 5.8 million shares compared with 5.78 million shares Monday.

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He said this is sound principle of good business competition.

He denied that price-raising is involved where stamps are given.

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