

Elementary, Secondary Education Fare Well In 1961 Legislature



HOLLYWOOD HOMES DESTROYED — day and Saturday. At least 24 homes, a firemen spray water on a home that was completely burned by brush fire that swept through the Hollywood (Calif.) Hills Fri-

(UPI Telephoto)

Higher Education Obtains Only Minimum Gains

Editor's note: This is the second in a five-part series summing up accomplishments of the 1961 Oregon Legislature.

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Salem — (UPI) — Elementary and secondary education fared better than it had hoped in the 1961 session. But higher education, despite advances, is disappointed.

Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, says there was more legislative progress this year in public schooling "than in the past several sessions combined."

The start of a statewide community college program, costing \$1.7 million, ranks as the top achievement, Minear said.

Minear said he is pleased with the basic school support jump from \$105 per census child to \$120 by 1963 — \$107 million to \$127 million.

Formulas Die
New and controversial formulas for distribution of basic state aid died. Beefed-up programs for education of migrant, handicapped and gifted children were approved.

Salary increases for staff members of the Oregon Education department were "substantial," Minear said. "But we still have a ways to go before we can get top quality people to fill vacancies."

Minear also said he is glad his job will be appointive by the Board of Education rather than elective. "This allows me to spend more time working to improve education rather than worry about getting elected," he said.

Dr. John R. Richards, chancellor of the state system of higher education, said he is especially pleased that the governor's academic salary increases were largely accepted, \$5.8 million for a two-year hike of 14.4 per cent.

But overall, he described higher education's advance as "minimum."
"It is disappointing that we can't go ahead more rapidly in the next two years in de-

veloping the system," he said. Richards said the \$9.7 million building program is adequate and he is happy with it. But he voiced concern over the legislature's defeat of additional college instructors. The solons deleted 52.

Education made gains with 50 new "blue chip" state scholarships good — for the first time — at either private and state colleges. The allocation is \$125,000.

The student loan fund was replenished with \$1.5 million, including federal matching money. A graduate school of social work beginning in the fall of 1962 was authorized for Portland State college.

Gains Made
In the health field, the legislature put the spur to a \$10 million, two-year medical care for the aged program, \$3 million less than Gov. Mark Hatfield proposed.

It will cover about 55,000 Oregon low income citizens over 65 who are not welfare recipients. The plan, to help pay big medical bills, is effective Nov. 1 and will be administered by the State Welfare Commission.

Hatfield vetoed a bill aimed at stopping him from moving the welfare commission back from Portland to Salem. The legislature hit back by dumping his bill to replace the present commission with an advisory board.

A bill curbing the commission on back collections under the relative responsibility act was approved.

Women's Prison
Another bill lets counties name their own welfare commissioners. Expansion of local work relief programs was okayed plus a \$300,000 woman's prison.

The \$12 million free federal surplus food program was authorized, with nearly a million dollars for county distribution costs.

Two pilot summer work camps for teen-age boys were approved at a cost of \$50,000. A bill setting up a mental health division under the board of control instead of the governor was approved. A possible veto hangs over it.

3 Medford People Appointed to Board

Washington — (UPI) — Interior Secretary Stewart Udall has announced appointments to the Multiple Use Advisory Board for the Oregon and California Grant lands in Western Oregon.

Udall said the new appointments reflect the varied interests under which the federal government manages the forest lands.

The secretary noted the advisory board's role is to make

recommendations and advise on programs affecting valuable public resources on the O&C.

Named to the 1961 O&C Advisory board were:

Ben Day, former state senator from Medford; Eric Allen, managing editor, Medford Mail Tribune; O. K. Dewitt, vice president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs; Lyons; Hollis M. Dole, director Oregon State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries; Portland; R. Glascock, counsel of the Western Forestry and Conservation Assn., Portland; A. F. Hartung, president International Woodworkers of America; Portland; David T. Mason, consulting forester, Portland; Joseph W. McCracken, executive vice president Western Forest Industries Assn., Portland; Walter F. McCulloch, dean, School of Forestry, Oregon State University; Dwight Phipps, state forester, Salem; Charles A. Sprague, former Oregon governor and publisher of the Oregon Statesman, Salem; Julius C. Vancour, Northwestern Council of the Lumber and Sawmill workers in Portland.

Other members named were: Ned Putnam, Klamath Falls; Mary Kelly, Medford; Darrell Jones, Oregon City, president O&C Counties Assn.; Charles McKinley, professor emeritus, Reed college, Portland; Max Ruge, personnel manager of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Klamath Falls; and Sidney Lelken, state senator from Roseburg.

The appointments expire Dec. 31, 1961.

Osborn Receives MT Scholarship

A \$150 scholarship to the college of his choice has been awarded to James Osborn, a Medford High senior, through funds from the Mail Tribune Junior Merchants organization.

The announcement was made this week end by Dale E. Erickson, Mail Tribune circulation manager, and Gerald T. Latham, business manager.

Basis for the award was the senior's outstanding work as a carrier-salesman during his five years with the Mail Tribune, his above-average scholastic rating, and his interest in extra-curricular activities.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Osborn, 410 Newtown st., Medford.

Mickey Rooney Pleads Poverty

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Actor Mickey Rooney who estimates he has earned \$12 million in his lifetime has pleaded poverty before Superior Court Commissioner John P. Oliver.

Rooney Friday testified his only assets were \$7,800 in securities against which there was a \$4,200 loan. He also said a \$150,000 tax lien was outstanding.

SERIOUS CONDITION

Portland — (UPI) — State Sen. Robert F. White (R-Salem) who entered the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital here during the 1961 Legislature was described as "still in serious condition," by a hospital spokesman Saturday.

TOURIST INJURED

Paris — (UPI) — An American woman tourist was reported injured today in one of a series of terrorist bomb blasts that rocked the heart of Paris on the third anniversary of the settler uprising that swept President Charles de Gaulle to power.



NEW ASSESSOR—Thad W. Hatten was appointed new Jackson county assessor by the county Friday to fill the unexpired term of the late Ray Schumacher. (See story on page one.)

U.S. Picks Exhibit For Film Festival

Cannes, France — (UPI) — The United States will exhibit the movie version of "A Raisin in the Sun" Sunday at the Cannes International Film Festival.

The official American entry stars Sidney Poitier. Observers here considered it a top favorite to win the festival's "Golden Palm."

Poitier told newsmen Friday, "We have made a film which is bringing to the world a world problem, namely, how a man can find a place in the sun."

The American Negro actor said the fact the film highlighted the Negro problem did not limit its universal application.

STILL MISSING

Troutdale — (UPI) — An aerial search for a missing plane with three Portland persons aboard entered its fifth day Saturday with no clues as to the craft's whereabouts.

Milk Price Control Law Needs Signature

Salem — (UPI) — State agriculture department officials said Saturday they are moving "very rapidly" to implement the milk price control bill should Gov. Mark Hatfield sign it.

The law would go into effect immediately and would stay in effect until Dec. 31, 1962.

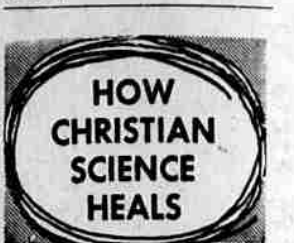
It would let the department set prices to producers, stabilizing the industry which is concerned over a milk price drop in northwest Oregon. Some dairymen say the revenue loss from reduced prices will bankrupt them if continued.

The department would conduct hearings in milk-producing areas throughout the state to determine what the prices should be in individual areas.

Medford Engineer Gets Promotion

Salem — (UPI) — Ted W. Litchfield, highway department engineer in Medford, has been named utilities liaison engineer in Salem, the state department said Saturday.

Litchfield joined the department full-time in 1952 upon his graduation in engineering from University of Minnesota. He also studied at Pacific university in Forest Grove.



Movie Colony Grieves for World's 'Most Loved Man'

Hollywood — The movie colony's reaction to Gary Cooper's death Saturday seemed to be summed up in the words of his friend John Wayne who said, "the world lost its most loved man."

Wayne, his voice filled with emotion, added, "It's going to be awfully sad not seeing old 'Coop' unwind out of a chair at Hollywood affairs. We're going to miss him."

"A part of our movie business died with Cooper," he said. "No one will ever replace him. Cooper could carry a picture by himself."

Jimmy Stewart, who accepted the late actor's honorary Academy award April 17 and went from the gala affair to Cooper's home to deliver the Oscar, expressed his sorrow and said: "It's just a tremendous loss to so many people that it's hard to put it into so many words. He's meant more to this industry than almost anybody in its history."

Recall Days
Veteran movie figures such as actor Richard Arlen and producer Jack L. Warner, for whom Cooper made some pictures, recalled the early days of Gary's career and what he finally came to mean to many Americans.

"We grew up together at Paramount and were awfully close friends for many years and still are," Arlen said. "In this town, where you don't see friends for a long time, our friendship always picked up where it left off."

"They threw the mold away when they made him," Arlen continued. "He was just about the nicest fellow I ever ran into in any walk of life."

"I was going to do a show on TV next week, a salute to Gary. They were going to show some scenes from 'The Virginian,' in which I appeared with him, and some of his old pals were going to appear. 'Virginian' was 'Coop's' first talkie."

Highest Ideals
Warner, who has employed some of Hollywood's greatest actors, said, "Gary Cooper represented the highest ideals of our times. He was a tremendous credit to motion pictures and to this nation. I grieve with his family, with his thousands of friends in the industry, with his millions of friends around the world."

Cooper, known for his "yup" and "nope" response on screen as well as his acting talent, was described by comedian Milton Berle as a man with a fine sense of humor. "He didn't look it and he didn't act it, but he had one of the greatest senses of humor in the world," Berle said.

"He loved to laugh. We lost not only a great actor and a credit to the motion picture industry, but above all, a fine man. He was the most decent of men, a great gentleman and a great pro."

Bob Hope, one of Hollywood's most traveled stars, attested to Cooper's greatness and said it was apparent to him on his many global trips.

General Feeling
"It's the general feeling of everybody that we lost a great guy," Hope said. "Not only that, we lost an ambassador of our business who brought us a lot of friends all over the world. I've never met anybody in this world who didn't like Cooper."

Cary Grant said, "he was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. A gentle man. A man of honor and peace and a credit to mankind and to this industry in which he was so loved and respected."

"I am saddened for his family and all those who closely shared of the life of such a remarkable and unforgettable man. He will be missed everywhere, yet happily at the same time, he will continue to live in the thoughts of people in every part of the world."

"Let us hope that the good will and friendliness he gave to all will stay with and affect the conduct of those of us who remain."

President Saddened

President Kennedy was deeply saddened, in the actor's last days, as he lay dying of cancer in bed, Kennedy telephoned him, spoke to him for six or seven minutes and tried to cheer him up.

Queen Elizabeth, who with Prince Philip was a good friend of Cooper, had also sent him a cheer-up message. It was believed the first time a British regent ever made such a gesture to a Hollywood star.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon also sent his good wishes through the family when he learned Cooper no longer was able to talk to visitors or telephone callers.

In Helena, where Cooper was born and reared, residents who knew him well said he was a man whose head was never turned by fame. Said one: "He was just a heck of a nice guy everybody liked."

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