

5 Per Cent Increase Noted in Medford School Enrollments

An increase of 411 students in the Medford school district was noted in the permanent enrollment taken yesterday, Assistant Superintendent Elliott Becken reported to the school board last night.

The increase amounts to 5 per cent more than the 8,325 students in the permanent enrollment in the 1961-62 school year. A total of 8,736 students were enrolled in the district's 17 schools yesterday.

The largest increase, Becken noted, was at Medford High school, where 110 students enrolled during the past week bringing the permanent enrollment to 1,860 students, a 17 per cent increase over last year's 1,585 students.

First day enrollments last week showed 8,547 students in the district, of which 1,750 were enrolled in the high school.

Some Still Working

Becken said some high school students still are working, and when they return the number will be somewhat larger, but not appreciably so.

Junior high school enrollment decreased by 12 students. A total of 2,177 are now enrolled in the two schools, compared to 2,189 on the permanent enrollment last year.

Elementary school enrollment increased from 4,551 last year to 4,699 this year, a gain of 3.3 per cent.

Becken reviewed changes made in teacher assignments because of shifts in pupil attendance in some of the elementary schools. One teacher was moved from Lincoln to Lone Pine to handle a larger fourth grade class than expected, and a third first grade teacher was added at Howard school.

Seeking Teacher

School administrators still are seeking a teacher for a third first grade class at Hoover school, where 66 first graders enrolled. Some adjustments will be made at Jefferson school, Becken said, where 68 pupils enrolled in two first grade classes.

The desired size of elementary school classes is between 25 and 30 pupils, he noted.

Decreases in some elementary schools were noted, but most of them were expected, Becken said.

The third first grade teacher at Howard school is Mrs. Joanne Wickman, whose election as a teacher was approved last night. Mrs. Nancy D. Althoff was elected as a junior high school teacher.

The high school enrollment will create somewhat crowded conditions, Becken noted.

At least one of them is being partially solved by the cafeteria remodeling to provide snack bar service in addition to hot plate lunches.

Creates Some Confusion

Russ Acheson, assistant superintendent, said the snack bar service created some confusion the first few days, but it has now been straightened out and appears to be working smoothly.

He said he believes students

are not as rushed now during lunch period.

The snack bar service was started this year on an experimental basis to help relieve crowded conditions during the lunch periods and to

Campus Offerings Reviewed by Two Stanford Students

A Jefferson - Stanford pow-wow last week at the home of M. O. Grove on Fern Valley rd. was attended by a large number of high school seniors from southern Oregon and northern California.

Miss Carol Mencke and James Smith, students at Stanford university, presented the program.

Miss Mencke related aspects of her stay in Tours, France, on the Stanford-in-France campus, where there are 80 students attending classes in a large hotel converted to accommodate classes.

Field trips are conducted by a professor from the area, she noted. One which Miss Mencke made was a week's tour of Italy. Included were Rome, the Vatican, and a Papal audience.

Miss Mencke noted that Stanford university campuses are located in five overseas points to allow most of the undergraduate students attending Stanford the opportunity of attending one of the schools.

Students Introduced

Stanford students from this area were introduced. A motion picture of Stanford university and the University of California football games was shown and narrated by Smith.

Miss Mencke and Smith described the Stanford campus located 30 miles south of San Francisco. They brought out that the university campus has 9,000 acres of land from Palo Alto to the Pacific ocean, much of the land being under lease to various firms.

A residential development and shopping centers. The new Stanford Lane hospital is located on campus, which allows the medical students campus life.

Thirty-four high schools were represented in last spring's graduating class, they said.

It was pointed out that students interested may contact the Stanford Registrar, Stanford, Calif., for the school's catalog.

AIRLINES CUT LOSS

Washington - (UPI) - Domestic scheduled airlines lost \$1.36 million during the first seven months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported Tuesday. It said this compared with an \$11.5 million loss in the same period last year.

Four Aspects of Vandalism by Juveniles Discussed at Event

Four aspects of the problem of vandalism by juveniles were discussed by members of a panel discussion at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Jackson County Inter-Community council.

Medford Police Chief Charles F. Champlin presented factual data on vandalism; District Court Judge Loren L. Sawyer discussed disposition of vandalism cases in his court; Henry DeVoss, special education department of Medford public schools, discussed psychological factors involved in the problem; and Dr. Frederick J. Trost, associate professor of sociology at Southern Oregon college, reviewed sociological aspects of juvenile vandalism.

Chief Champlin emphasized that vandalism was an expensive burden on the community, that acts of wanton destruction cost the taxpayers money.

80 Reported Cases

During the summer of 1961 (from June 1 to Aug. 31) in Medford, he said, there were 80 reported cases of vandalism. A total of 36 of those cases were closed, he pointed out, with the contact and interrogation of juveniles. This year during the same months, the number rose to 89, and 35 of the cases were attributable to juveniles.

Prime targets for the vandals include such public property as trees in the downtown area, traffic signs, street lights, parking meters, schools, and the swimming pools and equipment in city parks. In the private property category, Champlin said, automobiles seem to receive the most abuse from vandals.

Judge Sawyer said his court "has no set method for handling juvenile vandalism cases."

Seven Appear in Circuit Court in Jackson County

Lester Delbert Schall, 23, Merlin, Ore., was sentenced to two years, nine months in the Oregon Correctional Institution following probation revocation in Jackson county circuit court yesterday.

Schall was charged with violating his probation by leaving the state without permission from his probation officer, not giving a truthful probation report in June, 1962, buying and driving a car without permission of his probation officer and marrying without the permission of his probation officer.

He was originally charged with the theft of a car from Courtesy Chevrolet company in Medford June 23, 1960.

Imposition of sentence was suspended for five years on Richard Edward Wallace, 21, of Napa, Calif., who was charged with uttering and publishing a false check. He had pleaded guilty to the charge.

James O. Robinson Jr., 28, Brookings, was sentenced to one year in the Jackson county jail and execution of the sentence suspended for three years on a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses. He pleaded guilty to the charge, which involved a check.

Robinson also will be returned to the Josephine county jail as a probation violator, the court directed. He is to be continued under probation supervision after completion of the probation violation action in Josephine county.

Kenneth Wayne Shockley, 23, of 3653 South Pacific highway, was arraigned in Jackson county circuit court yesterday, and pleaded guilty to charges of obtaining property by false pretenses. His case was continued for an FBI report.

B. Kent Blackhurst, Medford lawyer, was appointed to represent Lee Roy Wallace, 326 Haven st., Medford, who is charged with uttering and publishing a forged check.

Malcolm Robert Dunphy, 44, of 5010 Crater Lake highway, was arraigned in circuit court and pleaded guilty to charges of obtaining property by false pretenses. His case was continued for a pre-sentence report.

Hallett Howard Anderson, 18, Medford, was arraigned and pleaded guilty to charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. His case was continued for a pre-sentence report.

COST OF EATS

Washington - (UPI) - The average American will spend \$398 for food this year, compared with \$392 in 1961, according to government figures. The higher food bill will reflect more marketing services such as packaging and pre-cooking and slightly higher prices paid to farmers.

The Oregon statutes give a judge discretion in such cases within certain boundaries, he said, but he has authority to place a youth on probation for a period up to five years.

Judge Sawyer said he does not like to impose fines on youngsters, since it has been his observation that all too often the parents end up paying the fine. Rather, he prefers to impose such penalties as essay writing, curfew, work assignments in the court house and extended periods of probation, with or without supervision.

DeVoss said flatly that if literature in the field is examined, one quickly comes to one conclusion: "We don't know why vandalism occurs."

Unable to Establish

He said he was unable to establish or discover any positive correlation between vandalism and a youngster's socio-economic group or intelligence quotient.

DeVoss did say, however, that vandalism is, by and large, caused by boys, and that in the case of vandalism to schools, boys account for about 89 per cent of the cases.

The only conclusion about the problem that he was prepared to offer was that the

youngster who maliciously destroys the property of others somehow has developed different values from the rest of society.

Dr. Trost concurred with DeVoss that literature on the subject is almost non-existent. He did, however, review briefly some half dozen current articles on vandalism which he had been able to discover in his research.

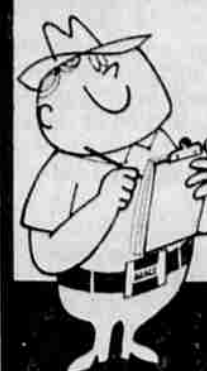
Only He Understands

"All delinquency and vandalism is purposeful," Dr. Trost said, "but the youngsters who commit acts of destruction is striking out against something that only he understands."

Youths learn such responses from adults, the sociologist maintained. "Children look at newspaper headlines and discover that adults attempt to resolve their conflicts in vandalistic ways, and so they follow suit."

Dr. Trost ended with a plea for a program of research to study the problem. He admitted that such programs are expensive, but he said he felt that Jackson county was perhaps "lax" in its attempts to deal with juvenile vandalism.

Moderator for the panel was Dr. Al Fellers, director of student affairs at Southern Oregon college.



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