



RETIREES — County Commissioner-Elect Donald Faber, Central Point, (left) shakes hands with retiring County Commissioner Chester Wendt, 1652 Old Stage rd. Faber takes office Monday, Friday County Judge Earl Miller presented Wendt a plaque in behalf of the county court for his service during his eight years of office.

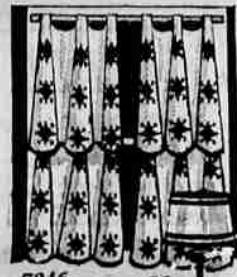
Student Quitting High School Subject of University Study

Eugene — The typical Oregon student who quits high school before graduation is likely to come from a small school with fewer than 300 students, according to a University of Oregon study.

He is most likely to leave before, during, or after his junior year. Although he may have average or even above-average intelligence, he displays less academic ability than other students and is usually failing or almost failing in his school work.

Since these findings do not agree with national surveys which have shown no relationship between drop-out rate and size of school, the researchers warn that the figures appear to have local, but not general, significance.

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by Alice Brooks

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According to school officials, he most often leaves school because of lack of interest or motivation, ineffectual home conditions frequently involving parents who are unimpressed or contemptuous of formal education, persistent truancy, or severe reading difficulty.

The report of the "drop-out" research project appears in the January Bulletin of the Oregon School Study Council, published by the University of Oregon school of education.

Conducting the study were Thomas Rigby, executive secretary of the Oregon School Boards association, headquartered at the university, and former graduate students Elliott Becken, now assistant superintendent in the Medford public school system, and George Timmons, now at the Portland Center of the General Extension Division.

Despite the fact that Oregon has a drop-out rate of 26.8 per cent, representing the percentage of students who enter the ninth grade but fail to graduate, compared with a national average of 33.2 per cent, drop-outs remain "a major educational problem" in the state, the researchers wrote.

With unskilled jobs reduced by half during the past decade and an increasing demand for highly trained personnel, "the high school diploma . . . has emerged as the absolute minimum educational achievement," the report states.

The study showed "that the larger the school the lower the drop-out rate." Of the 116 Oregon high schools surveyed, no school which enrolled more than 600 students fell in the high or very high drop-out categories in which from 40 to 60 per cent or more of the students fail to graduate.

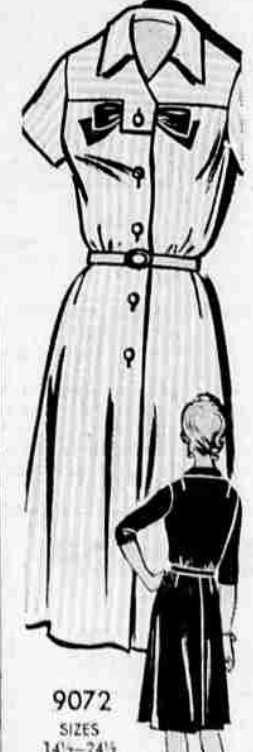
However, 17 smaller schools came within these high drop-out categories, with the highest percentages in those schools enrolling less than 100 students. The majority of Oregon schools came within the medium drop-out range of 20 to 39 per cent.

The study also revealed that lower drop-out rates are associated with schools which have more extensive peripheral and non-academic programs and services to the students. The most extensive non-academic programs are found in the larger high schools, and this, coupled with the greater number of guidance and counseling personnel available, may help account for the lower drop-out rates in these schools, the report said.

Although most drop-outs are failing in school, the study showed, "a high percentage of drop-outs have C averages and could complete their high school educations successfully."

More than 50 per cent of the drop-outs have average IQs of 90 to 110, indicating that they are capable of high school work, and about 10 per cent have above-average IQs of 110 or more.

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