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Colorado School District

The Jefferson County School District in Colorado has one of the most impressive educational systems visited recently by Medford school representatives in a series of in-service observation trips under the Oregon Program.

The size of the district can be visualized in figures: It has a student population of more than 42,000 this year, about a 12 per cent increase over last year.

There are eight high schools, 15 junior highs, and more than 70 elementary schools. A new high school is under construction to be ready next fall.

AS OF Jan. 1 this year, the district had 113 school buses assigned to regular routes or for special trips and reserve; this year it plans to add 15 new buses, making a total of 128.

The general fund operating budget this year is a little more than \$22 million, an increase of \$3.1 million over 1962.

Two full-time people from the personnel department are on the road all year recruiting many of the 500 additional teachers it will require to handle the 4,000 to 5,000 or so additional students expected next year.

An engineering department has six full-time employees, including registered engineers and a licensed architect. More than \$6 million worth of work in new buildings will be done this year; the department spends about \$500,000 per month on new buildings.

SINCE the district was formed in 1950 from 39 independent districts through reorganization, there have been five bond issues to finance construction of new buildings. The latest one was a \$19 1/4 million issue a year ago this month to finance construction for a six-year period.

The assessed valuation of the district is more than \$282.5 million; it is expected to increase about \$20 million next year. The levy is about 43 mills, not including an 8-mill levy for bond repayment.

State aid is only about 26 per cent, federal aid about 3 per cent, with the remainder raised through local property taxes.

The cost per pupil per year is about \$400, somewhat below average in Colorado. For comparison, the cost per pupil per year in the Medford district is about \$420, slightly below average for districts of comparable size in Oregon.

For further comparison, Jefferson County, Colorado, is about 785 square miles; Jackson County is about 2,816 square miles. The population of Jefferson County in 1960 was 127,520; Jackson County's population in 1960 was 73,962.

WHY not visit a school district nearer the size of the Medford district?

Size or wealth of a district was really not a consideration in scheduling the in-service observations. The prime consideration was the program offered, how it was organized, presented, and the end result of a program varying from the conventional.

From this information, local district representatives can evaluate the worthiness of new teaching methods, plant facilities adopted to the program, and whether changes made locally, based on some of these observations, will help provide the improvements in instruction sought in the Oregon Program.

The Jefferson County District contained all types of teaching methods, all types of buildings, all types of scheduling, and different types of team teaching programs.

IT HAS a special outdoor education program in which all sixth graders attend a laboratory school in the mountains for one week; it has another special program for physically handicapped children to work those who are capable into regular classes and to educate them to be dependable members of the society in which they live.

There is no question that local educators obtained a wealth of material on teaching techniques, course scheduling, special programs, and building designs, not only from Jefferson County, but from other visitations as well.

Some of this material will be incorporated into the Medford system in conjunction with the Oregon Program, and some of it probably will be incorporated in the system on the initiative of school administrators because it is economically feasible and because it will help improve the program now offered.

Findings from the Jefferson County trip will be included in the Medford district's report to the state department of education; they will supplement a report on previous in-service observation trips.

MANY of the changes locally will be slow; they may not even be noticed by the students, much less the parents. Some changes are planned for next school year, changes which are considered desirable and within financial means.

But over the next few years, there probably will be many changes to improve education of area children, not only in the Medford district, but also in surrounding districts through sharing material obtained on the in-service trips.

Not everything observed on the trips will be incorporated in the system; this is virtually impossible until demand, through increased student population, makes it economically feasible.

Some of the programs observed in Jefferson County are adoptable only in an area with such a large population; but variations of them can be, and probably will be, adopted in this area.—E.H.A.

Ugh — It Sounds Like That Damn Cavalry Again



Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible.

Suggests Cottages To the Editor: I just get so disgusted driving around Medford seeing all these swells motels going up. Why don't some of these people who have so much money build a bunch of cottages for us pensioners who can't afford to live in motels.

I, for one, would be happy to live in a place like that. I'm sure a lot would be also. Not rent like a place over on the other side of town. We who are on pensions have the money coming in each month regardless of weather. I just wonder how many would like to see something like that, Medford would be an ideal place, the climate and all.

E. M. C., (Name on file), Medford, Ore.

Nugget Jerry To the Editor: Ever hear of "Gold Nugget" Jerry? Well, he was once a periodic traveler and mystical character that rode the friendly Southern Pacific passenger trains from Los Angeles, Calif., north to Portland, Ore., in search of gold nuggets along the way at all the gold producing areas.

One of his hobbies was to pack around several hundred gold nuggets in his pockets and a small handbag to surprise the tourists and public, as that was his custom, to sort of advertise his trade, and it helped as an advance agent while he stopped over in towns to dicker for all the nuggets for sale.

G. N. Jerry plied his lucrative trade through most of the late 90's, and the early 1900's. If anyone ever knew who his sponsor or motive was in all those years, no one ever solved the secret of the unique avocation. As the gold supply gradually died out, so did "Nugget Jerry's" trips finally vanish and ebbed at last.

Bert Kissinger 322 S. Riverside ave. Medford

Historic Setting To the Editor: Please may I, a citizen of Jacksonville, express how I feel about a highway coming through our lovely town?

First, may I say that I have not lived here as long as most of the people have lived in Jacksonville. I've been here six years, but it seems to me that those of us who have not been here most of our lives are more fortunate than those who have, because we can see the real beauty of the town. Those who have never lived elsewhere do not realize what they have. We who have lived elsewhere have been drawn to Jacksonville because of its quiet peaceful atmosphere.

The charm of the historical buildings still in their natural setting allows one to have the feeling of joining into the life of long ago while participating in the present day period.

There are very few places left in our country where this can be found anymore and in many states there are towns set up to represent exactly the same thing that we have here which is the original and authentic. Most of these artificially set up towns give the tourist who visit them a feeling of a carnival atmosphere, which so far we don't have here, and can keep from having if we are careful of what we bring into our town.

A highway through any part of our city limits destroys one most important thing that we now have, and that is the original natural setting of the whole town, with its historic buildings in their original state and on their original site.

The plans now in the making (that is if this highway decision does not destroy them) are to keep and restore the historic value in a dignified manner, plus bring to our community culture in its many forms. The music festival is one of the many arts and crafts which have started coming into our area, and which we certainly want to keep and expand.

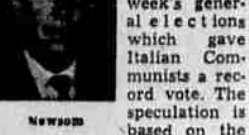
There are great plans being formed to restore our town with help from many qualified sources, of which many of our Jacksonville citizens are unaware, and if they were, would know the harm a highway through the town could do.

Anything that would make these sources give up their plans would be very harmful for Jacksonville. Adele Purgason 508 Oregon st. Jacksonville, Ore.

Foreign News: Kennedy May Cancel His 'Working Visit' to Italy Due to Vote

By PHIL NEWSOM UPI Foreign News Analyst

Notes from the foreign news desk: Kennedy Visit: In Rome there is speculation that President Kennedy may cancel his scheduled June "working visit" to Italy as a result of last week's general elections which gave Italian Communists a record vote.



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and that six to eight weeks might be needed to form a new government. In such an event, a Kennedy visit to Italy at that time would be wasted effort. In any case, Kennedy is scheduled to pay an official visit to Italy early in 1964 which should soothe any ruffled feelings caused by a cancellation now.

West Vhinnng -- Bastion of Neutrality

By Arthur Hoppe

The crisis in Laos looks grim. Again. And I'd bring you a penetrating analysis. But I've forgotten how to spell the names of those three Princes.

You remember them. There's the dyed-in-the-wool Red Communist Prince. Who insists on being addressed as "Your Royal Highness." And there's the Neutralist Prince, who heads what is called "The Shaky Coalition Government." (Which is odd, because I'm sure his name isn't Shaky.)

And lastly there's the Right-Wing Prince who used to be "A Bastion of Democracy in Southeast Asia." Until we stopped propping him up. Anyway, the Commie Prince has been clobbering the bejeepers out of the Neutralist Prince lately. And nobody can understand why.

I can. We once faced very much the same situation in West Vhinnng, the only Asian country in which I can spell the names of all three Princes.

History tells us that for its first 2132 years West Vhinnng was, generally speaking, Neutralist. Mainly because aggressors could never pronounce it. Which put a crimp in fighting speeches. So love and neutralism ruled in Vhinnng. Then the Cold War started.

"Brother Princes," said the then Neutralist Prince, H. R. East and West were furious. No bloody combat? It was a waste of money. Something had to be done. So they negotiated and negotiated and finally reached a Great Compromise; they overthrew Prince Sisombah and re-installed good old Prince Phtoom. Who by now was a Passionate Neutralist.

But Prince Suwaneerivah had acquired three French startles on the Riviera to support. And in a year he was on the shorts for rubles. So he revolted again.

"That's revolting!" cried Prince Phtoom angrily. "I don't care if somebody does get hurt." And he ordered his Loyal Royal Army to load its guns. Which was unheard of. And it was then he made the stirring speech so fraught with significance for us students of Laos today:

"Men," he shouted to his massed troops, "let's all get out there and die for Neutrality!"

As you might guess, the soldiers mulled that over, looked at each other, laid down their guns and went off to compose love poems. Which is to say that while men will die for many things, Neutrality simply isn't one of them. And, in a way, that's a very sad thing to say.

Col. Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., of Medford, is en route to New York for a week's active duty with the United States Air Force. He will report to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., en route to New York and will visit the First Censorship squadron.

Colonel Culbertson is commander of the Censorship team of 40 officers and men at the Sixth Air Force Reserve Region, Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif. He has been assigned to this base for the past five years.

IN Washington, Representative Paul A. Fino, of New York, was encouraged by New Hampshire's action to call in the reporters and tell them that in his opinion there is only one way to cut taxes, reduce the national debt and still have money enough for schools, housing, disabled veterans and health care—adopt a NATIONAL lottery.

He added: "There's no question that the New Hampshire action will have a tremendous impact on members of congress. It will provide impetus for the congress to take a second look at the national lottery bill."

MAYBE. But—The Congress of the United States of America has another way out—equally simple and just as effective. The Ways and Means committee of the U. S. House of Representatives has voted to RAISE THE NATIONAL DEBT ceiling to a new high of \$309 billion dollars. This latest hike in the debt ceiling would become effective on July 1. During the interim the debt ceiling, now \$305 billion, would be set at \$307 billion, and some time before August 31 Congress would be asked to set a new

bet is Mrs. Doris Moss, the constituency's conservative chairman and a good friend of Churchill's. Popularity Contest: Soviet diplomats are confident Cuba's Fidel Castro will drop his reported plan to visit Peking. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has been going out of his way to win back Castro's friendship during the latter's Moscow visit, and apparently wants to take no chances on Peking's undoing his efforts to align Castro with Kremlin policies.

Things seem to be going well for Khrushchev, and the signs are that he is prepared to pay a high price for Castro's smiles.

Sir Winston Churchill's announced retirement as a member of parliament from Woodford, which he won by a 10-1 margin in 1939, leaves one of Britain's safest seats open for some Conservative candidate. There has been talk in the party that Churchill's outspoken journalist son, Randolph, will be asked to run at Woodford. But a better

Two high-salaried advertising executives discovered at a dinner party that they were being treated by the same psychiatrist, and decided to play a fiendish trick on him. One hit the couch at eleven in the morning and gave lurid details of a long and involved dream he had had the night before. The other arrived at three p.m. and reported that he had had precisely the same dream. Then he looked up to note the psychiatrist's reaction.

All that the psychiatrist did, however, was to shut his notebook, and remark calmly, "Here's a strange coincidence. You're the THIRD patient today who has told me of exactly the same dream!"

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LIBERATION The best things work for their own reduction and elimination. If we understand this curious process, we can then judge the value and the direction of our efforts. "Medicine," said Lord Bryce, "is the only profession that labors incessantly to destroy the reason for its own existence." The aim of the art of medicine—when it is not perverted by greed—is to put itself out of business.

The aim of parenthood, likewise, ought to be to set the child on its own feet and make parents more and more superfluous. The aim of true education is to make the student less and less dependent upon the teacher and the textbook.

And the end of this paradox is that only when the child is thus free can he have the proper attachment to his parents; only when we allow his independence can he then freely offer us love and respect, without conflict and without resentment. It is the hardest lesson to learn that the goal of parenthood is not to reign forever but to abdicate gracefully at the right time.

Goldwater was here as featured speaker at the 15th annual Forest Lawn Foundation writing awards banquet. As far as his future is concerned, Goldwater told a news conference it would not be possible for him to run on the same ticket with New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, no matter who the presidential nominee is.

"This is not possible," he said. "For example, I might be speaking in Chicago against Medicare and he would be speaking in California at the same time in favor of the issue."

RALLY SQUAD NAMED Ashland — Four girls have been named to the Southern Oregon college rally squad for next year. Named were Julie Bratton, a freshman from Klamath Falls; Mavis Loisel, a freshman from Tulelake, Calif.; Karen Moe, freshman from Eugene; and Pam Gilkison, a sophomore from Medford.

College Classes Name New Officers Ashland — Elections of next year's class officers were conducted at Southern Oregon college May 1, according to student body president Bill Beber, Ashland. Terry Casten, Medford, was elected senior class president.

Other newly-elected senior class officers are Charlene Highland, Medford, vice-president; and Barbara Tyler, Medford, secretary.

New junior class officers are Linda Smith, Klamath Falls, president; Chuck Holt, Medford, vice-president; and Robbie Durham, Cottage Grove, secretary.

Sophomore class officers are Walt Clevenger, Grants Pass, president; Lynn Merriam, Ashland, vice-president; Edna Williams, Sutherlin, secretary; and Dave Redfield, Grants Pass, treasurer.

Quit moaning. So the Gallup Poll has never asked you — maybe you're in the wrong socio-economic group!

Try and Stop Me By BENNETT CERF

BOB HOPE, entertaining a huge audience of television nabobs, told them, "You fellows have made amazing progress. I can remember when the commercials were no louder than the rest of the show!" Referring to his friend and arch-rival Jack Benny, Hope confessed, "I don't know exactly how old Jack really is, but after visiting the Colosseum in Rome, Jack told me, 'It's nice enough — if you like modern.'"

Strictly Personal By Sydney J. Harris (c) Field Enterprises, Inc.

In these three essential realms — the physical, the intellectual and the emotional — the proper end of medicine, education and parenthood is the freedom of the object. Whatever binds the object more tightly violates this end and damages the object.

This is the only test we can apply to discover whether our dedication and love are real or counterfeit — for the counterfeit person always discloses himself by trying to possess the object rather than liberate it.

Parental love, for instance, should be a ladder, leading the child upward and outward; too often, however, it is a cage or a chain or a corset of unyielding suffocation. Its aim is not the child's liberation, but the parent's gratification.

We can see how this perverted process works most clearly in education. The most badly miseducated person is the one who must continually use references, appeal to authorities, and substitute what has already been said by others for his own thinking. His education has crippled him for creative thought and made him totally dependent on "the books."

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO May 8, 1953 (Wednesday) The long-awaited report of the bureau of reclamation on the proposed Talent Irrigation district project in the southern part of the Rogue River valley has been completed.

20 YEARS AGO May 6, 1943 (Thursday) Robert Elder, Jackson county juvenile officer, elected delegate to international Footprinters convention in San Jose, Calif.

30 YEARS AGO May 6, 1933 (Saturday) Medford Chamber of Commerce starts campaign to curb auto speeding in residential districts.

40 YEARS AGO May 8, 1923 (Sunday) Medford fire chief says practice of sending in false alarms "will have to stop."

50 YEARS AGO May 6, 1913 (Tuesday) Bud Anderson, "next lightweight champion of the world and our buddy," receives royal welcome on return to Medford from California.

What's Your I.Q.? Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. If you unscramble Abrelin Nepauline you will recognize it to be what European geographical feature. 2. Members of Congress pay income taxes; true or false? 3. Pieplant, a vegetable, is more commonly known as what? 4. Is the Polar Bear a warm-blooded animal? 5. Which breed of cat is noted for being almost tailless? 6. Who is credited with first saying, "There never was a good war or a bad peace?" 7. William Stark Rosecrans was a Major General in the War Between the States; was he on the Union or Confederate side? 8. Name the author of the novel "Cannery Row." 9. Farouk was king of what country? 10. To what country would you go to spend a bag of rupees? Answers: 1. Iberian Peninsula. 2. True. 3. Rhubarb. 4. Yes. 5. Manx. 6. Benjamin Franklin. 7. Union. 8. John Steinbeck. 9. Egypt. 10. India.