Education Board Junks Community College Program

SALEM (UPI) — The State Board of Education Tuesday junked the planned $1.3 million community college building program, adopted a curriculum guide for community colleges, and approved two school district reorganization plans.

Acting on orders from the governor after last week's tax election defeat, the board indefinitely postponed allocation of the following community college construction funds:

Blue Mountain $248,270, Central Oregon $206,890, Clatsop College $90,370, South Western Oregon $331,030, Treasure Valley $206,890, Eugene Technical-Vocational $124,000, Portland Community $69,230, and Salem Technical-Vocational $73,200.

Approval of the curriculum and course eligibility guide for community colleges came after board members expressed the hope that the Board of Higher Education would adopt a similar guide for programs and lower division courses.

Public Instruction Supt. Leon P. Minear said while the state board liked specific outlines for courses, higher education traditionally avoided specific outlines. Board members felt there should be more coordination in setting guides for community college programs.

Two administrative school district reorganization plans, one covering parts of Washington and Yamhill counties, the other Clackamas county, were approved and now go to a vote of district residents.

Action on a third proposed district, including parts of Polk and Yamhill counties, was postponed.

The board announced it would hold another public hearing early nex year, probably at Hood River, on boundaries for the proposed Mid-Columbia area education district. Proposed boundaries for the new community college district were changed after objections were voiced at a hearing Aug. 27 at The Dalles.

CARDS DRAWN — Nancy Davis, Queen of the 1963 Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif., begins the task of drawing 1,750 cards from a bin containing an estimated 24,000 post cards sent by persons offering to purchase tickets to the 50th Rose Bowl football game, to be played in Pasadena Jan. 1, 1964. Each of the 1,750 persons who have cards drawn will be notified by mail that they are to have the option of buying two tickets to the game. (UPI)

School News

Crater High School

Four Crater High students received letters of commendation recently for the National Merit Schlarship qualifying tests given last spring.

They were Rnald G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Smith, route 1, box 179, Gold Hill; Dave Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, 443 First st., Gold Hill; Terry Mooster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mooster 459 North Eighth st., Central Point; and Donald L. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Thmpson, 926 Hopkins rd., Central Point.

About 32,000 letters of commendation were sent to students from 16,500 high schools throughout the nation.

Dale Hoecker of the county extension office, was guest speaker at the Crater High International Relations club meeting recently.

His topic was "Brazil," where he and his family lived for eight years. He also showed slides showing progress of the country.

The talk was of interest to students since they had studied the Alliance for Progress the previous year. The subject of this year's program is Atlantic unity.

Officers from the Medford IRC, and Angus Duncan, president of the Oregon High School International Relations club, met with members of the Crater chapter recently.

Plans were made for the preconference to be held at Crater in December. It will be a mock conference of the state meeting scheduled in Eugene in February.

The Region II FTA executive council met in Roseburg at the home of Patti Doerner, region II president, recently.

Rick Mayes, Crater representative to the council, and Cynthia Owens, Phoenix, council member, both attended. Also at the meeting from the southern district were Marlene Bean, Phoenix club president, and Mrs. Shirley Drysdale, Crater, Region II advisor.

Plans were made for the spring convention in Roseburg. The Roseburg club will host that convention under the direction of their new advisor, Miss Carlene Felker. Theme for the convention will be "Measure of a Teacher."

Miss Doerner will also act as hostess for the next executive meeting.

Charles Bateman, local business man and president of the Crater chapter of American Field Service, will meet with the student council at Crater Thursday.

A discussion will be held on the possibility of Crater High participating in the AFS Americans Abroad program.

The school already takes part in the AFS activity of bringing students from other countries to the U.S. Judith Guttridge, student from England, is living with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Tomlinson, 156 West Pine st., Central Point, and attending school at Crater.

Vincent Gives Travel Talk at VA Domiciliary

The second in the 1963-64 series of Travel Talks sponsored by the American Red Cross as part of the library program at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, White City, was given this week by Dale Vincent of Central Point.

Vincent, with his wife spent several months in Death Valley had recorded his talk to coincide with color slides. He had also taped a musical background.

The opening views of Death Valley showed a landscape that looked like the surface of some uninhabited planet. In striking contrast to these and the eerie music accompanying them, the audience was shown another part of the valley, Furnace Creek Ranch, with its modern accommodations for tourists, its golf course, swimming pool, stores and its 40 acres of date palms, all set down amid the crags, hardened dunes and statue - like rocks of the surrounding landscape.

From this oasis, the Vincents made many side-trips to such places as Scotty's Castle, Telescope Peak, Butte Valley and the famous charcoal kilns. Other slides included views of isolated ghost towns, ancient caves still used as dwellings, and Striped Butte with its multicolored rock formation.

After the program refreshments were served. Helping in the serving were Mrs. Leatha Jones and Mrs. Lora Stewart. The next Travel Talk will be given Nov. 18 by Gerald Z. Wollman of Rogue Valley Manor who will present color movies on Western life.

THE Lighter Side...

BY DICK WEST

Friend Flees Feathered Friend

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Ogden Nash, the poet laureate of piffle, once wrote:

"There is nothing in any religion
"That requires one to love a pigeon."

Let this couplet serve to introduce you to a friend of mine who shall be known for purposes of this narrative as Mrs. Assisi.

Mrs. Assisi has a reputation in her neighborhood of being a friend of our feathered friends. As she put it, "I'm the one they come to when baby birds fall out of the nests."

One recent Saturday evening a man brought to her door a homing pigeon that had crash-landed in his yard. According to Mrs. Assisi, "The poor thing was in a catatonic condition. He couldn't move anything but his eyeballs."

Man Perfectly Sober

(She was, of course, talking about the pigeon. The man was perfectly sober.)

True to her nature, Mrs. Assisi took the distressed creature into her home, gave it some bird seed and bedded it down for the night in a parakeet's flight cage.

The next day she persuaded her husband to climb upon the top of the carport and attempt to relaunch it. The bird, however, was so weak it couldn't fly any better than her husband.

On Monday morning, Mrs. Assisi called the Audubon Society, hoping it could identify the bird's owner from the markings on his (the pigeon's) legband.

The society referred her to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which connected her with the banded bird division, which referred her to a pigeon fancier in Maryland, who referred her to another pigeon fancier in a different county.

Still Not Flyworthy

Finally, it was ascertained that the bird belonged to a pigeon fancier in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Assisi was advised to "take the poor thing down to Mt. Vernon and point it south on U.S. 1."

The bird, however, still was not flyworthy. So that night Mrs. Assisi telephoned the owner in Richmond. Meanwhile, she drove a considerable distance to buy some special pigeon food.

The owner asked Mrs. Assisi to give the pigeon some cod liver oil and ship it back to him by rail. Mrs. Assisi persuaded her husband to build a crate for it, and on Thursday, much relieved, she put it aboard a southbound train.

That very same day, en route to visit a neighbor, what did Mrs. Assisi see but a homing pigeon hopping across the lawn. Mrs. Assisi turned and ran.

Story Hours Slated At County Library

A series of story hours for pre-school children beginning Oct. 29 is planned by the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county. The stories will be scheduled regularly at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

Mrs. Bayard Getchell, from the children's department of the library, will be leader for the first in the series. Halloween stories and a flannelboard story will be featured.

On Nov. 5, Mrs. Virginia Card, an authority on Oregon history and Indian legends, will be guest story teller. Names of the leaders, who serve as volunteers, will be announced each week.

The programs will be varied but each will feature picture stories and finger plays that will appeal to small children. This is the first time a flannelboard has been available for story tellers' use.

Thrift Week Gains Support To Focus Attention on Saving

NEW YORK (UPI) This is National Thrift Week, and of all the various "weeks" which clutter the calendar this one probably has as substantial backing as any.

At the same time, some economists point out, what constitutes thrift is not as simple to determine as it was 100 or even 50 years ago. Thrift in the mind of the thrifty person may not mean what it did to his father.

Dr. Herman B. Well, chairman of the National Thrift Committee, said the purpose of the week is to focus "attention on the rewards of personal thrift and the part played by the individual thrift institutions of the United States in motivating programs that inspire greater accumulation of capital for the ever increasing demands of economic growth."

Leaders Back It

According to statements released by the committee marking the "week"—which extends from Oct. 20 to Oct. 31, the purpose and objectives of the week are hailed by Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; William McC. Martin, Jr., chairman of the Federal Reserve Board; Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, minority leader of the Senate; Joseph P. McMurray, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and R. Stewart Rauch, Jr., president of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks.

While the week was getting under way, Melvin A. Eggers, professor of economics at Syracuse University, was talking to bank association of New York state about their role in particular and about the practice of thrift in general.

Eggers also is the author of a special study prepared for the association, and in it he says "there is widespread consensus that thrift is old fashioned and on its way out"—Then he sets to work to show that this is not the case a all.

Eggers said "to hold thrift obsolete, on the basis of modern thinking and available evidence, is no more reasonable than to hold that cleanliness has ceased to be a virtue because of declining sales of soap, without regard for the rapid growth of nonsoap detergents."

Changing Definition

Continuing, he said his study "holds that thrift is not obsolete but that a definition of thrift is obsolete if it relates thrift solely to financial accumulaion, especially for precautionary purposes. The thesis is that the nature of thrift has changed, but that the change has not been universally recognized, so that the word is used to describe what today is only one aspect of thriftiness.

"To those most directly involved — the households themselves—thrift today consists of the accumulation of productive personal capital...this statement is made flatly and without qualification. It is not to be interpreted merely as a change in the definition of the word thrift. It reports on a change in thrift itself."

Eoconomists have been changing their thinking on thrift, Eggers said, particulary those trying to define a "consistent pattern of household saving behavior in relationship to expected lifelong income." They find best results can be obtained by including both financial accumulation and the acquisition of durable goods under savings."

They also consider education as a form of investment, he noted, and said it is "a very good form of investment, in terms of ordinary profit-related criteria."

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins

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Monkey-Faced Owl Forced To Roam During Darkness

In spite of the fact the monkey - faced owl is common and in goodly numbers throughout much of the U.S., very few people ever see one. They choose to remain hidden during the daylight and do their roaming at night.

In the entire world of birds there is no more strange looking character than this. Aside from the fact this bird is the world's most efficient mouse trap, no one has ever beat a "path to his door" except to kill him or drive him from his home.

His other names are many, such as church or barn owl and they all fall short of describing his one outstanding facial characteristic. When viewed from the front or head-on, he looks, as much like a monkey as does a real monkey. It is also easy to see why some people call him a church owl. He knows his neighbors so well that he has selected this location to escape them. It is the only place where he can enjoy any privacy, for the entire owl family has a great many hecklers, even some of his very own relatives.

Condemned Bird

Nearly every feather in birdland is turned against the owl, just because he or some member of his family at some time or other was caught robbing a bird's nest or eating the baby birds. For this reason every other bird instinctively knows that he is the enemy and they never let him forget that they remember. Just how the word got around that some owl-member grabbed a songbird is not too clear, but it did and today even the very best behaved monkey - faced owl is condemned on general principles.

An owl's life is a nightmare. He knows better than to be caught out in broad daylight when other birds are afield. Once they locate him they never give him a chance to explain or a moment's rest. He will stand it as long as possible, then, in disgust he flies away. Then it is only a question of a few minutes until they locate him again or another noisy group will spot him and the formula is repeated; ridicule and vocal invective will be thrown his way and he knows what they mean.

Not So Wise

If the owl was as wise as he is reported to be or even as wise as he appears, he would most certainly figure out some easier way of hiding, instead of stupidly sitting where every noisy blue jay or crow can locate him and pester him to desperation. It's dumb of him after being driven from one location to take up a position in plain sight at some exposed tree limb. He should crawl in somewhere, but no, he plants himself in plain sight and suffers the consequences.

Talk about "the pot calling the kettle balck" or "keeping one's own doorstep clean," the blue jay as well as the crow should be the very last of the ones to condemn, but they do. They heap insults and cast reflections, regardless of their own soiled reputations. But, in dealing with a sleepy old owl, both the crow and the jay are actually profane.

The trouble is that sometimes both men and jays see no reflection of themselves when they look into the mirror of their conscience. Maybe a conscience can become calloused or clouded over as easy as a glass mirror if it isn't cleaned once in a while.

The owl's background is not spotless but neither is that of its persecutors. Too often some birds, as well as some humans, condemn, despise, or suppose what they do not understand.

More Funds Urged To Cut Death Toll

PORTLAND (UPI) — The president of the American Association of State Highway Officials said Tuesday the nation must spend more money on highway programs to reduce its traffic death toll.

John C. Mackie, a Michigan state highway commissioner, spoke at the opening session of the 49th annual AASHO convention at the Hilton Hotel here.

He also predicted that Congress would authorize 10,000 to 20,000 additional miles of interstate highway when the present 41,000 miles were completed. He called for a speed-up in completion of the present system before the 1972 target date.

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Siskiyou Robbery Case Nearing End

PORTLAND (UPI)—The federal government may be getting ready to clear the books in a famous, 40-year-old Oregon train robbery.

Acting U.S. Atty. Sidney Lezak said an indictment against three brothers convicted in the sensational 1923 Siskiyou robbery may be dismissed.

Lezak noted that Roy D'Autremont, 63, has been in state custody since 1927 and is in the state mental hospital. Roy's twin brother, Ray, was paroled in 1961. The other brother, Hugh, was paroled in 1958 and died a short time later.

The brothers were imprisoned on state charges. The only federal charge lodged was for assaulting a mail clerk.

New Exams Announced For Civil Service

New examinations are open to fill two Federal civil service positions, military personnel clerk (typing), and staff administrative assistant, according to the civil service commission.

Additional information may be obtained from local post offices.

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