

EDUCATION IN AMERICA

Percentage of Teachers Who Are College Graduates Varies

By DAVID NYDICK, UPI Education Specialist. Are all teachers college graduates? Does your child's teacher have a college degree? The National Education Association in a nationwide survey found that the percentage of elementary teachers with college degrees varied from 99.8 per cent in one state to 28 per cent in another.



FLECTED PRESIDENT — Gen. James F. Collins, Commander of U.S. Army Forces in the Pacific, was elected President of the American Red Cross Tuesday. He succeeds Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther who retires next March. General Collins will assume the presidency March 1 after retiring from the military. (UPI)

percentages of non college graduates to enter their schools as teachers. Among the non college graduates there are those who have been in teaching for many years. These individuals are gradually retiring. Many have gone on and obtained their degrees. They were comparatively well trained and have learned a great deal through experience.

Parents concerned with improvement of their school systems should look carefully at the qualifications of the staff. Usually the state Departments of Education are responsible for issuing teaching licenses. There are different types of certificates. The regular certificate will usually require a bachelor's degree with prescribed courses in education. There are also substandard or emergency certificates which are issued when fully qualified individuals are not available.

Regardless of the state's minimum requirement, local boards of education may set any additional requirements which they might desire. The implication is that they must be able to obtain teachers with the desired qualifications. As an example, it would be unrealistic for a school system with a particularly low salary schedule to require a masters degree for a teaching job.

The most direct approach for parents is through their local boards of education. The policies set by a school board can achieve rapid and effective improvement in the quality of its school staff.

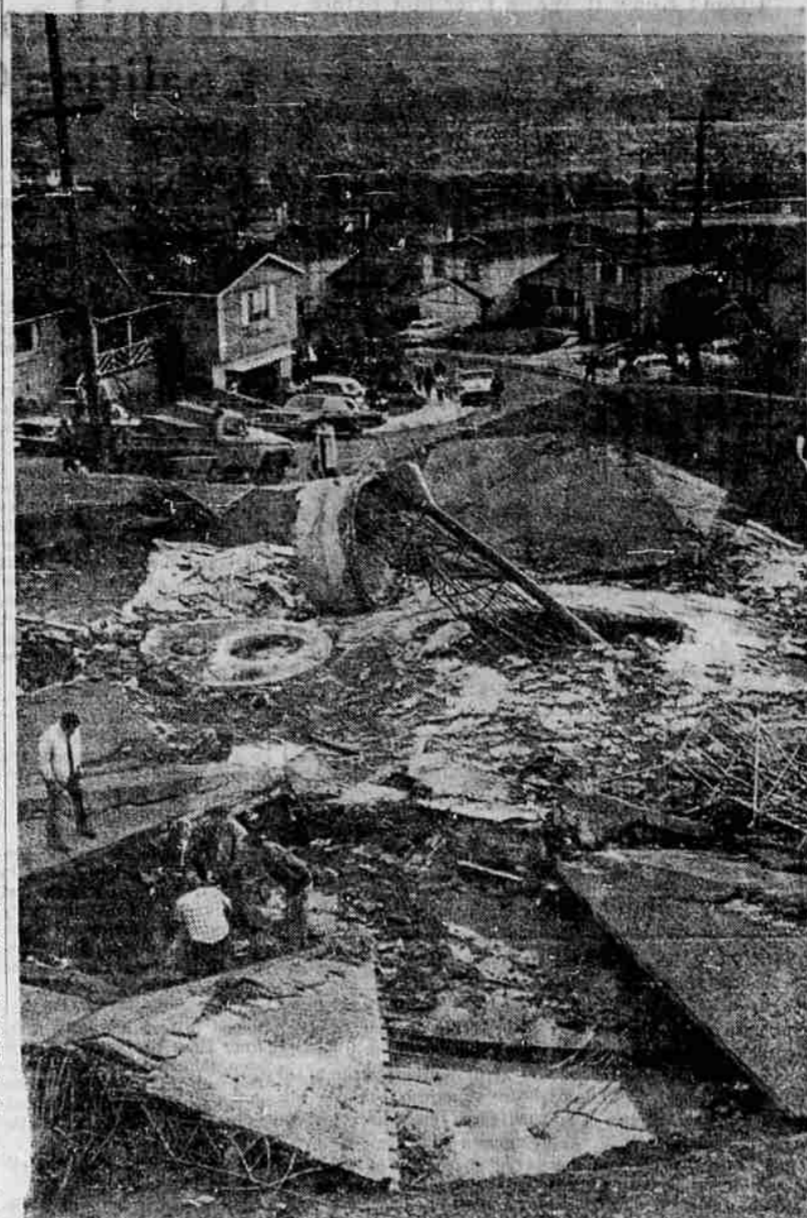
Many Factors Necessary. Along with reasonable salaries there are many other factors necessary to attract qualified teachers. A prospective teacher will consider such items as living facilities, working conditions, class size, equipment, recreation and entertainment. These advantages will always vary with the community. A farm area cannot offer musical concerts, but it can offer a community which respects and supports the schools. Extensive effort in the recruiting of teachers is necessary if they are to be attracted to your community.

The improvement of state standards is also very important. A ruling set by the state affects many communities and therefore is more difficult to implement. Professional teacher's associations, PTA's and other interested groups are constantly working to improve all aspects of education. Parents should support both approaches in order to achieve an improved quality of the educational programs in the schools.

State Employees to Consider Resolution. SALEM (UPI) — A resolution urging that state employees be allowed to run for public political office will be considered by the Oregon State Employees Association at its annual general council in Eugene, Nov. 7-9.

The OSEA said today the controversial resolution also asks removal of the legislative prohibition against political activity contained in the Oregon Little Hatch Act.

HEAP O' HOT DOGS. LONDON (UPI) — The sponsors of National Hot Dog Month predicted today that enough frankfurters would be eaten in November to girdle the earth or make a mound bigger than the ocean liner Queen Mary.



RESERVOIR COLLAPSES — Engineers and several home owners received a rude shock in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday when a new water reservoir collapsed, sending more than 325,000 gallons of water cascading down the street, ripping up large chunks of pavement and shaking foundations of several homes. The tank, which was being filled for the first time, had pronounced "okay" by a city engineer only an hour before its downfall. (UPI)

Senate Probers to Question Witnesses In Baker Inquiry

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senators investigating "outside activities" of former Senate official Robert G. (Bobby) Baker may question a Washington girl friend of Mrs. Ellen Rometsch, West German beauty who was sent home after an FBI inquiry into her private life.

Baker resigned his \$19,600-a-year post as secretary to Senate Democrats Oct. 7 following disclosure of his wide-ranging business ventures, including a \$1.2 million luxury motel and a vending machine company.

The Senate Rules Committee was to meet today in closed session to complete arrangements for the Baker inquiry. Chairman B. Everett Jordan, D-N.C., said the committee "might call the available witnesses today if we can work it in."

Jordan said there were "two or three people" in Washington who could be summoned on short notice to tell what they know about Baker's wheeling and dealing outside the Senate.

Called Later. Mrs. Rometsch's friend, who works at the World Bank and lived with the West German and her husband while they were in Washington, probably will be called as a witness later, Jordan said. He did not identify the girl.

Mrs. Rometsch, a statuesque brunette married to a West German army sergeant, was whisked back to West Germany after an FBI investigation of her high-living ways.

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Grand Jury Charges Carolina Farmer With Holding Slave

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI) — A prominent farmer in the South Carolina tobacco country was charged by a federal grand jury Wednesday with holding a Negro laborer in "slavery."

The farmer, Robert Moultrie Cook, 48, owner of a large farm near Johnsonville in Florence County, was scheduled to be arraigned before a U.S. Commissioner in Florence today.

He was accused of violating federal laws prohibiting involuntary servitude and peonage by forcing Max Roy McKenzie to work on his farm against the Negro's will.

"As far as I know, this is the first case of slavery in the South in at least 40 years," said assistant U.S. attorney Clyde Robinson of Charleston. A man was convicted in Connecticut on similar charges last year, he said.

Maximum penalty upon conviction of the charges is 10 years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine, or both. The grand jury was told that Cook has held McKenzie, a father of four, in peonage since last April 27, paying him \$3 a day for an average of five days a week. Half of that pay, Robinson said, went to Cook to "pay off some sort of alleged debt."

Cook beat McKenzie on the head with a pistol and used "other force to make him work in the fields," said U.S. attorney Terrell L. Glenn.

Broadcasters Face Stiff Penalties For Violations

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Federal Communications Commission (FCC) official warned today that broadcasters face possible stiff penalties if they transmit information about the New Hampshire sweepstakes "under the guise of a news story."

The New Hampshire lottery—based on horse races at Rockingham race track—will pay up to \$200,000 to holders of winning tickets sold by the state. It is the first state-operated lottery since Louisiana abolished one in 1894.

FCC Secretary Ben F. Waple urged broadcasters to exercise "great care" in airing stories relating to the lottery which began next year. He said that only "in unusual cases" would lottery information be considered news.

Waple made his comments in reply to a letter from Richard G. Rozek, president of the United Press International Broadcasters Assn. of New Hampshire. Rozek asked FCC Chairman E. William Henry for guidelines in broadcasting lottery information.

Rozek asked whether the FCC would authorize the transmission of numbers and winners of the sweepstakes. He also said, "we assume, or course, that legitimate news about the lottery is authorized by the commission."

Waple noted that federal criminal law forbids broadcasters from transmitting "information concerning any lottery" with penalties ranging up to loss of license and \$1,000 fine and one year of imprisonment.

The FCC official also took issue with Rozek's assumption that the FCC would approve news stories about the lottery. "It must be pointed out that this assumption may not be justified in view of the statutory prohibition..." Waple said.

Under the proposal, a person income tax bill a maximum of could subtract from his federal income tax bill a maximum of \$100, representing local real estate taxes paid by a homeowner which are used for support of schools.

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Quorum Club Hosts Capital Newsmen to Stop Speculation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Capitol Hill's suddenly famous quorum club, located in a suite that was once a Nixon-for-president office, held open house for newsmen Thursday.

The purpose was to show there's nothing sinister or ultra-secret about its operations.

The club fell into the news spotlight because former Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. (Bobby) Baker, now under investigation for his non-Senate business dealings, was an original member.

Answer Questions. But the only thing approaching excitement in the three-room drink-and-dine snuggery this morning was the traffic created by photographers and reporters. Thomas and William Pickford, co-owners of the Carroll Arms Hotel which houses the club across the street from the Senate office buildings, answered questions frankly.

Tom said Mrs. Ellen Rometsch, the 27-year-old German beauty whose name has cropped up in stories about the Baker case, "never worked here for a minute." And, to the best of his knowledge, she never visited the club as a guest, he added.

Draws there been any withdrawals from the club membership of some 180 persons as a result of all the Baker case publicity, he was asked.

"Zero," he replied. "We have had an increase of about five members since the publicity." The hotel owns the facilities and leases the layout to the club, and the hotel gets any profit from the food-and-drink business.

Few Lobbyists. Only about 25 per cent of the members are lobbyists, Bill Pickford reported, and only 90 of the 180 members are resident in the area. Four senators and two House members are members, he said.

Lyle Snader, an Association of American Railroad employe now president of the club, was not on hand at the time. The Pickfords fielded all the newsmen's questions.

During the 1960 presidential campaign period, the rooms now occupied by the quorum club were rented out to the Nixon-for-president organization, Tom Pickford reported. Before that, they were a hotel suite.

The club was formed in May, 1961, with Baker an original member, Pickford said.

Goldwater Sponsors Tax Reduction Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., sponsored legislation Wednesday to give homeowners a tax reduction of up to \$100 a year for the support of local grade and high schools.

The two-part bill, co-sponsored by four other Republicans, also would grant tax deductions up to \$2,000 a year for parents of college students.

The measure is similar to one offered by Goldwater as a substitute proposal for an aid to education bill in 1961. It got only 10 Senate votes then.

Treasury officials, who oppose tax write-offs for education expenses, have estimated that a plan similar to Goldwater's proposal would cost in excess of \$3 billion.

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