

Parents Offer--

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tabulated replies to the questionnaire which was divided into 12 headings covering everything from the school board to reading and athletics.

Boiling down the elementary statistics shows that 25 percent of all ratings given schools (on a five-point

scale) were "excellent"; 36 percent "good"; 26 percent "average"; 8.6 percent "poor"; and 3.4 percent "very poor".

Less enthusiastic high school parents gave the schools: 19.4 percent "excellent"; 33.3 percent "good"; 30 percent "average"; 12.2 percent "poor"; and 4.8 percent "very poor".

Three hundred and fifty-eight parents used the space allotted for comments, nearly all of them critical and several complaining that the quality of teaching itself is sub-standard.

Included in the parental opinion section of the Holy school report is a summary of opinion from a questionnaire sent out last spring by the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation. Analysis shows its replies in general agreement with those of the survey reported above.

More than 90 percent wanted more discipline, more emphasis on fundamentals, particularly the multiplication tables, and urged that academic achievement, music and public speaking be given the same recognition as athletics. Nearly three-fourths of the

answers declared athletics to be over-emphasized.

Dr. T. C. Holy, who left Oregon September 15, to return to his Ohio State University post, in an interview, gave the following as some of the good features of Oregon's public schools:

The provision in the law for periodic study of the operation and quality of public education.

Provision for equalization of local taxes for school support.

The shifting of some of the burden of support of schools from local property to other forms. (In 1949-50 the number of mills of local property tax offset by state support was 13.35.)

The standardization program of the basic school support law which has resulted in many improvements, particularly in supplies, equipment, and buildings.

The fact that in 1947-48, latest year for which figures are available, Oregon teachers were paid 10th best in the nation. (Still below Washington and California.)

Many fine school buildings, recently built.

Size of classes which has been kept generally within desired limits, in face of greatly increased enrollments.

Rapid rate of professional preparation among teachers. Eighty percent have attended college during last six years; 94 percent have taken work from extension division of state's system of higher education within the past six years, and 78 percent are members of the Oregon Education Association.

This is the last of the series of six articles on the survey of Oregon's elementary and secondary schools compiled by Dr. T. C. Holy, school organization authority of the Ohio State university.

Just Arrived...

A SON—To Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cunningham, Lyons, Jan. 13, at Salem Memorial hospital.

TWIN SONS — To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, Route 1, Box 133, Lyons, Jan. 11, at Salem Memorial hospital.

Rev. Wm. Turnbull of the local Assembly of God church is conducting evangelist service in Lyons at the San-tiam chapel this week and next.

Safety and health requirements are incorporated into the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act covering Government contract work.

Analysis of collective bargaining contract clauses from an important part of the work of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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