

School Survey Slated To Solve Problem Of Student Changes From High To Low

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. — Oregon's State Department is trying to find out what can be done about the problems of school children who learn so fast that they can't learn fast enough to keep up with their classmates, and who learn so slow that much of their time is wasted in a state department program to learn the material.

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McQuiston says the parents and the communities have been enthusiastic in their acceptance of the special classes for the slow learners. But that isn't so for the classes for the gifted child. Under the program, a gifted child has an IQ of more than 130, and must be interested and willing to work.

In regular classes, these children often are disciplinary problems and develop lazy work habits. In the Corvallis class, which is a fifth grade group, the kids learn typing, French, the history of numbers and science, plus the regular subjects for that grade.

At Astoria, the system is different. These children are taught only the regular fifth grade subjects, but they are given much more intensive work in those subjects, including use of lots of reference materials.

There are only 12 children in the Astoria class, because that's all who qualified in the town. But in Corvallis, 15 per cent of the fifth graders in town could qualify, or a total of 45 pupils. Only 21 children could be admitted to the class.

That's an extremely high percentage of bright kids. It's because Corvallis is a college town. Half of the kids in the special class have fathers who are on the Oregon State College faculty, and several of these children have ultra-high IQ's or more than 170. That means they are rated as geniuses.

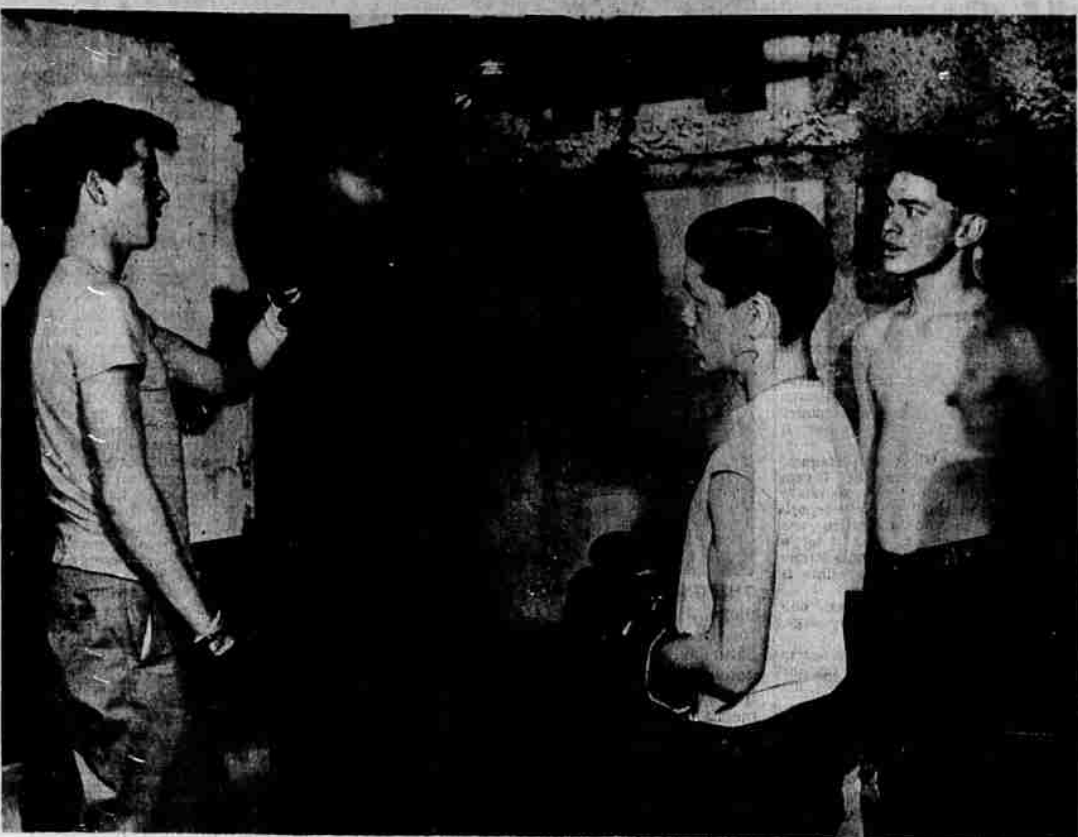
McQuiston said educators don't agree on the classes for gifted children. Some believe they have no place in a democracy, and that state subsidies should be given only for education of the handicapped.

Other educators think these bright children need special training because they are the leaders of tomorrow. The opponents answer that schools have no business predicting who'll be the leaders of tomorrow.

These special classes for the brainy children can be given only in the larger cities, because there aren't enough of these children in the smaller towns.

McQuiston estimates there are 4,000 mentally retarded children in the state's grade schools who could benefit from special classes. The number of gifted children probably is a little more than half that many.

By the time the 1955 Legislature meets, McQuiston probably will have the needed answers so that the Legislature can decide whether to put the program into effect permanently.



PUTTING ON THE GLOVES in a friendly fashion is quite the style at the Klamath County YMCA. Recreational facilities of all kinds are provided for members and friends. Right now is National YMCA Week and it is being marked

here as well as over the world. Pictured here giving the old punching bag a working over are Bob Guthrie, Tom Wells and Donald Gailey.

GOP Women Ask Change

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Republican Club's Multnomah County chapter Wednesday called for re-writing of the state constitution's preamble to include a reference to God.

The group acted after Circuit Judge Frank J. Loneragan said in a talk that Oregon's is the only one of 47 state constitution preambles that does not mention God.

Gas Kills Couple In Ontario

VINITA, Okla. (AP)—Gas from a living room stove killed Mr. and Mrs. Archie Roland Massengale, route 1, Ontario, Ore., and Mrs. Massengale's sister at the sister's home here Wednesday.

Massengale, 51, and Mrs. Massengale, 49, had been visiting Mrs. Effie Bennett, 69, Vinita, since Sunday.

"This is a religious nation," Loneragan said. "Whatever happened to the boys who wrote the Oregon constitution I'll never know."

The chapter said in a resolution the preamble change should be accomplished by initiative if necessary.

Donald C. Walker, chapter president, said the change might be made while rewriting the entire constitution, a project now being studied by a legislative interim committee.

VOTE APPROVED

OSWEGO, Ore. (AP)—Voters approved a \$300,000 bond issue in the Oswego school district Tuesday for financing of 16 additional classrooms at Lake Grove and Forest Hills grade schools. The vote was 432-47.

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"Y" Offers Full Scale Facilities

By EARL KENT

Probably one of the most rapidly developing and, in a way, most unique new enterprises in Klamath County is your YMCA, which maintains its base of operations at 722 Pine.

The unique part appears in the fact that the "Y" keeps a full schedule of activity 12 hours a day six days a week with only three full time staff members keeping 700 very exuberant members at least semi-controlled. This, however, becomes somewhat more understandable when you discover there are at present 47 volunteer leaders teaching classes, leading clubs, and helping with the athletic department.

sons, fencing, girls' service clubs, hand ball, health service, hobby and interest clubs, judo, family nights, volleyball, wrestling, arts and crafts, rifle and archery shooting, weight lifting, photography, trampolines, boys' service clubs, father and son program, meeting rooms, pingpong and pool, hot showers, and starlite room for teenagers.

One of the many services of the YMCA, other than to its members, is making available meeting rooms and other facilities. During the year there were 47 different Klamath Falls organizations accommodated for one or more meetings, free, as guests of the members of the YMCA. Quite a busy organization.

BROADCAST

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Legion has announced that President Eisenhower will join in a broadcast appeal to the nation Sunday, Feb. 7, in the legion-sponsored "Back to God" movement.

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Pilot Plant Nearly Set

Construction of a pilot plant for manufacture of a conditioner from sawdust is nearly finished at the Pope & Talbot Co. lumber mill here.

The company announced this week that the soil conditioner will be produced at the rate of one ton an hour, starting about March 1.

The Talbot has released no details of the conditioner process, but says the fact that the basic conditioner is sawdust from its sawmills is a major feature.

Adopted Boys In Line For Fortune

Two boys are heirs to the 40 million dollar Rockefeller-McCormick fortune that they're more anonymous than if they'd just found a million and run squealing down the street.

They were adopted Tuesday by Mrs. Mabel McCormick Hubbard, daughter of the late Harold McCormick and Edith Rockefeller McCormick.

Oregon Youths In Science Contest

Two Oregon youths will compete in the finals of the Westinghouse annual science contest at Washington.

The winners are Donald M. Crothers, 17, and David Simons, 17, who will get expensive trips to Washington for a five-day contest at the National Science Foundation.

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SW - 12-oz. cans Juices 2 for **25c**

NUCOA 2 lbs. **55c**

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