

\$16 Billion To Be Spent On Schools

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's public elementary and secondary schools will spend an estimated total of \$16,476,135,000 this school year—more than \$91 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Reporting this today, the National Education Association said it represents an increase of \$1.2 billion, or eight per cent, over last year, and 153 per cent over the \$6.5 billion of just 10 years ago.

The total includes almost \$13 billion in current expenses, slightly over \$3 billion in capital outlay for new buildings etc., and almost half a billion in interest charges.

The NEA also reported current enrollment in the public schools has reached 37,244,284, including 25,265,620 pupils in elementary school and 11,978,664 in secondary school, a one-year over-all increase of 1,206,347.

Elementary school enrollment this year is 3 per cent higher than last year and 33 per cent higher than 10 years ago. Secondary enrollment is up 4.2 per cent over last year and a whopping 76.6 per cent higher than the 1950-51 figure.

The figures were reported by the NEA's research division in a 32-page booklet, "Estimates of School Statistics, 1960-61." Other highlights from the report:

The average daily attendance in the public schools is 33,188,161. For each pupil in average daily attendance the schools will spend \$390.

There are 1,408,962 classroom teachers; their average annual salary is \$5,125 compared with \$4,495 the previous year; one out of every 15 is an "emergency" teacher who lacks full credentials; and during the present school year 126,665 teachers will leave the public schools.

Total revenue receipts of the schools—excluding nearly \$3 billion from the sale of bonds—will be \$14,778,972,000. Of the total, 56.3 per cent will come from local sources, 40.1 per cent from state sources, and 3.6 per cent from the federal government.

The number of school districts has been cut to a modern low of 37,153, less than half the number in existence 11 years ago.

Sam M. Lambert, director of the NEA's research division, said total expenditures will increase by at least \$1 billion per year during the 60s.

"The American public will spend more on its public schools in the next decade than it has in the past 125 years," Lambert said.

Lambert also said that while the average teacher's salary passed \$5,000 this year for the first time, it is still far below what a professional should be paid.

"The average teacher," he said, "is 41 years old, has had 14 years of teaching experience, and has had 4½ years of college preparation. In no other professional field will you find people of this age, with this experience and preparation, making such a low salary."

The \$300 expenditure for pupils in average daily attendance is a national average, representing an increase of almost 5 per cent over the 1959-60 figure of \$272 and 74 per cent over the \$224.23 of 10 years ago.

The figures for the various states show a wide spread, from \$585 in New York and Alaska and \$512 in New Jersey to \$217 in Alabama, \$223 in South Carolina and \$225.86 in Mississippi. In all, seven states are below the \$250 figure, all of them in the South.

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NEW OFFICERS of Ponderosa Lodge, No. 220, AF & AM for 1960 were installed Dec. 9 in the lodge's fourth annual installation ceremony. First row, left to right, are Tillman Balliet, treasurer; William Barnett, senior warden; Wilbur Lewis, worshipful master; Larry Baraboo, junior warden; W. E. Anderson, secretary. Second row, same order, are Elmer Vincent, senior deacon; Marion Grant, marshal; Clement O. Lesueur, chaplain; Edward Barron, senior steward. Third row, David Stemple, junior steward; Deane Hagen, junior steward; Bruce Hall, tiler. Installing officers were past masters of Klamath Lodge No. 77, Paul Kincaid, Jack Metler, William Milne, E. E. Phillips, and Robert Victorin, master of Malin Lodge No. 194.

20,000 Aliens To Report Addresses During Month

PORTLAND — James L. Turner, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, estimated today that 20,000 aliens will report their addresses in Oregon in January under the Federal Alien Address program.

Turner said that 18,421 aliens reported their addresses during January, 1960. The law requires all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, to report their addresses during each January. Throughout the United States, almost 30 per cent more applications for naturalization are received during January, February and March than are received during other months. The immigration official attributes this sudden rise to the alien address program.

Aliens not required to make this report are diplomats, those accredited to certain international organizations and those who have entered temporarily as agricultural laborers.

Forms for making the reports will be available during January to aliens at all post offices in Oregon and the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Portland. Turner indicated that aliens desiring information concerning naturalization or similar matters should obtain the forms at an office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service where personnel trained in these fields will be available to answer inquiries.

Pupil Program Set Thursday
FORT ROCK — The annual Christmas program to be presented by Fort Rock School will be offered Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m.

The lower grade room, with Mrs. Martha Black in charge, will present recitations, a skit and a playlet. Mrs. Coca Pervorse's upper grades will give a one-act play, with all pupils taking part. Singing will complete the program.

This will be the first use of the grange hall stage since dressing rooms were built by Fred Wright.

A large tree has been secured by Howard McGee. Gifts will be exchanged and treats provided by Fort Rock Grange and Fort Rock Community Sunday School.

California, with 3,420,000 pupils, has the largest public school enrollment in the country, well ahead of New York's 2,835,000. The NEA said 97.4 per cent of the 5-17 age group in California is enrolled in the public schools.

California also has the highest average salary for classroom teachers—\$6,700. The lowest average salary paid in the country is \$3,415, in Mississippi. Arkansas pays \$3,550, South Dakota \$3,675, and South Carolina \$3,725.

Last year 12.8 per cent of the nation's teachers earned below \$3,500 a year; this year it is 9.6 per cent. Last year 11.9 per cent earned \$6,500 or more, this year it is 14.5 per cent.

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