

Education Lobby Fared Medium Well In Legislature

Editor's Note: The education of more than one-half million youths from first grade through college and graduate study is Oregon's greatest expense. How did education fare at the 1963 legislature?

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United Press International SALEM (UPI) — The Educators responsible for Oregon's students came to the 1963 legislature with pleas, cajolery, and warning that the level of education must be kept up.

Their experiences with the legislature ranged from cordial to rugged. When it was all over, their feelings ranged from satisfied, to mixed, to outspokenly adverse.

The biggest problem was money. Education will take more than half the \$494 million for the next two years.

The most bruising fight was over the college and university system, which got the most detailed review of any subject before the legislature.

Walsh Urged More

When the legislature convened in January, William Walsh of the state Board of Higher Education jabbed his glasses at a committee and declared the system would fight for more than the governor had proposed.

It ended up with a little less, but in view of the money problem, it fared well.

Higher education came out with a \$77.3 million general fund operating budget plus \$2 million for a hospital transferred to its medical school from the board of control.

It was given a \$44 million building program, using both bonds and general funds, although a portion of it is contingent upon voter approval of a bond issue. And it got \$1.7 for salary improvements over and above built-in raises.

The main cuts in the operating budget came from a reduction in

Deterioration Claimed

When it ended, Walsh called it "the hardest blow higher education has suffered in 20 years." It means a real deterioration.

Chancellor R. E. Lievalten spoke more softly. He said the system "fared well in some areas and suffered setbacks in others."

He was critical of faculty cuts, and said inadequate salary money will cause the system to "slip back an additional step or two."

His praise took in graduate programs and scholarships.

The new chancellor also spoke well of the committee that gave him his baptism of fire at a legislative hearing.

He returned the praise and called relations a "decided improvement" over 1961.

Freedom Left Intact

In an area perhaps more important than money, however, higher education came out of the session with its freedom intact.

The lawmakers talked, as they always do, of spelling out just where the dollars are to be spent, as is done in other budgets, but they didn't do it.

For lower education, from grade one through community colleges, the legislative experience was quieter and happier.

Hatfield and Superintendent of Public Instruction Leon Minear noted that schools got what the governor requested, and the com-

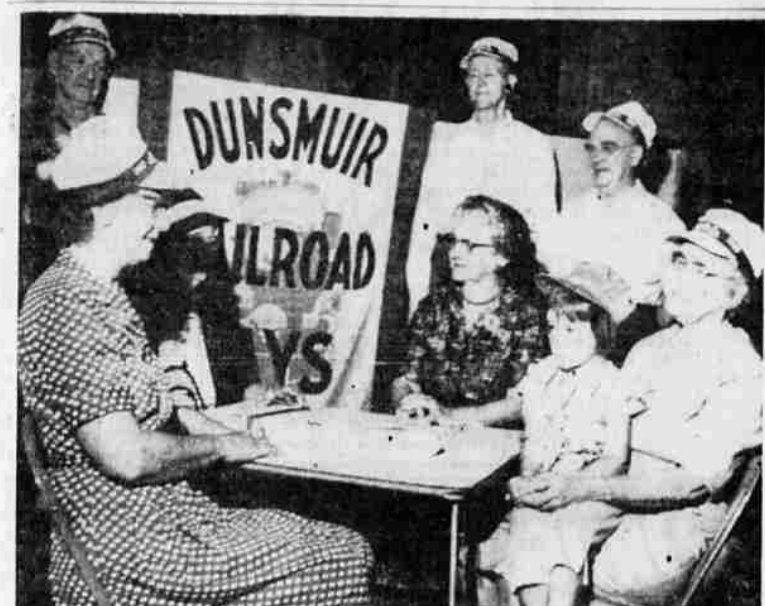
Special Programs Helped

Special programs got \$5.8 million, community colleges, \$4.3, the department of education and vocational rehabilitation \$4.1.

The legislature said it's possible for new community colleges to be created, but they won't get any state help for a while.

Of equal importance, the legislature overhauled basic school funding, separating special programs and changing to a more realistic count of school children.

Its appropriations come out to \$143 per child the first year of the biennium and \$152 the second. Adjustments were made elsewhere in education. To move school district reorganization along another small step, a new unit was created — the intermediate education district. It will have the effect of letting the old county superintendent's offices contract across county lines.



OLD-TIMERS' PICNIC — Over 700 invitations to the Old-timers' Picnic, a feature of Dunsmuir's annual Railroad Days celebration, have been mailed to retired railroad employees and former Dunsmuir residents. It will be held at noon on Saturday, June 22, at the city park. Members of the Dunsmuir Chapter, Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees Association, mailing invitations are, seated from left, Edna Frizzell, Irene McCann, Marian Bass and Betty Wendell. Standing, Al McCann, Charlie Wendell and Clint Bryan. The non-old-timer is Sherri Duckworth.

Remorseful Husband Seeks Wife's Mercy

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: Why can't we live our lives backwards? I've been married 27 years to the most wonderful wife in the world, but I didn't appreciate her until now—when it may be too late.

Tomorrow I go to the hospital for surgery—lung cancer. I thought I was indestructible but I realize now how frail is man and how few are his days.

I have spent most of my adult life in the real estate business and I've done my share of cheating. I used to rationalize my affairs—saying "Why not? What have I got to lose?" I even told myself my wife was cool to me, when I knew she had every right to be. I drank a lot and stayed away from home for days at a time.

I know now the only genuine happiness I ever had was with her. I'd give anything to make up to that dear woman the anguish and heartache I've caused her. If God spares me I will spend the rest of my life being a good husband.

Before I go into surgery I shall tell my wife about this letter so she can watch the paper for it. It is something I feel compelled to do. Please, Ann, print this.—W.E.J.

Dear W.E.J.: Here is your letter. My prayers are with you.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been living with Al for eight months. He had one bad marriage and doesn't want to risk a second one. He refuses to marry me unless he is sure we can get along together.

We never quarrel and I am sure he loves me, as I love him. But I hate living this way. I want to be his wife and not his mistress.

On top of all this I have a 9-year-old daughter by a previous marriage. The child is living with her grandmother and I want her here with us. Al likes her very much and is perfectly willing, but I'm afraid to uproot her unless I can offer the security of a home protected by marriage.

Al has a temper and I don't want to ride him. Shall I insist

on marriage, or shall I bring my daughter into the house and hope for the best?—AL'S MISTRESS

Dear Misguided Fool: Don't bring your child into a setup which you know is immoral. She is far better off with her grandmother.

As for you, I urge you to move out and stay out until you can sign your next letter "Al's Wife." He'll never marry you if you settle for the present arrangement. Why should he?

Dear Ann Landers: Are my parents living in the 18th Century? I am 16 and Otis is 18. We have been going together for six months.

When Otis comes to our home for an evening we must sit and visit with my parents or play cards with them. Occasionally when I invite Otis to the den so we can have a private conversation my mother criticizes me for being unsociable.

Last week I was on the telephone with Otis for 15 minutes. My mother made a new rule—a five-minute phone limit, and she sets the egg-timer. Last night the egg-timer went off and Otis heard it. Now I think he is mad at me. If I lose him I'll be awfully unhappy with my mother. I need your help.—YVONNE

Dear Yvonne: Teen-agers should not be expected to spend evenings playing cards with parents. I can't imagine anything more boring. And the egg-timer routine is an insult. I don't think a 15-minute phone conversation is out of line—but no longer, please.

Confidential to Out Of Gas: This is the least of your problems, Jack. I think the real trouble is under your hood. Get professional help.

Are your parents too strict? You can benefit from the experiences of thousands of teenagers if you write for Ann Landers' booklet, "How To Live With Your Parents," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

COWS LIKE POLKA
FORT ATKINSON, Wis. (UPI)—Mrs. Carl Lange said she and her husband noticed a milk production slump during the two months their barn radio was broken.

Mrs. Lange said production rose after it was fixed and added the cows seem to like a "good lively polka."

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Shasta Hosts Child Meet

MOUNT SHASTA—District No. 1 of the California Council for Retarded Children will meet in Mount Shasta on June 15 at 9 a.m. in the Sisson School. Fred Krause, CCRC executive director, and Mario Cassorita, department of mental hygiene, will be the keynote speakers.

The agenda will include changes in by-laws initiated at the last convention; a report on national and state legislative activities concerning retardation; 1964 convention plans at Richardson Springs; and department of mental hygiene reports on hospitals. There will also be reports from each unit on activities, a summer camp-out for the district, and a discussion of each unit's problems.

Mrs. Laura Oaks, a teacher in the Mount Shasta area for the mentally retarded, pointed out that a comprehensive long-range national program to combat mental retardation was recommended to President Kennedy by a panel on mental retardation. The program includes more than 100 recommendations for an attack to prevent, treat and alleviate retardation.

About three per cent of the total population of the United States is afflicted, and mental retardation is a complex disorder with multiple biological and environmental causes, she added.

The Mount Shasta meeting will be held primarily to discuss and iron-out individual as well as community problems. Programs which have been launched for both the prevention and treatment of mental retardation will be discussed. Lunch will be served at the school.

OFFERS POOR EXCUSE
ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI) — The Highway Department said Thursday a pedestrian charged with ignoring a "don't walk sign" told the judge he thought it was an advertisement for a taxi company.

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- 2 - IS NOT WANTED** By The Rural Community
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