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Oregon Educator Urges Effort to Get Other 50% of Top Students in College

An all-out effort should be made to get the "brighter, upper-echelon" high school graduates who now don't go to college—to college, an Oregon State college leader believes.

One-half of the "smarter" high school graduates never go to college.

Dr. Vernon H. Cheldelin, director of OSC's Science Research Institute, said this "waste of human talent" could be partially stopped by an expansion of the national merit scholarship program and by teacher encouragement.

To adequately educate the student and to adequately prepare his high school teacher is the problem, he said.

"Although there are many excellent teachers, a number of them who are teaching courses have not themselves had adequate college course work, especially in science and mathematics," Dr. Cheldelin said.

Dr. Cheldelin insists the public school system has not deserved the "whipping received the past few years from the demagogues who just want to make a noise about them."

"We need to better realize what our standards in education are. What's needed is more subject matter and less methodology." This will benefit both the teachers and the students, he continued.

Administrators and school boards can't do it alone or do it too fast, he cautioned. They will destroy themselves unless they get backing by people who want quality in education as they want quality in athletics and music.

Many teachers and school administrators recognize the problem of inadequate subject matter training, but they are hampered by inadequate funds, inadequate training and a tradition that often seems to value "mediocrity in the classroom."

There will be plenty of jobs open in research for the well-trained students, but for the United States to keep the leadership in technology it must increase its expenditure on basic research, the OSC scientist believes.

Basic and long-range research expenditures need to be doubled from the present annual \$500 million spent by industry and government, Dr. Cheldelin said.

Only 7 cents of the United States research dollar goes to basic research while Russia is spending 14 cents and England spends 50 cents in an effort to regain her pre-war excellence in science.

"Basic research is to our society what seed corn is to the farmer and what timber stands are to sustained yield forestry," Dr. Cheldelin said.

Basic research is simply the gathering of fundamental information about nature and the universe. It has brought such discoveries as penicillin and the atomic bomb.

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Notice of Annual ELECTION NYSSA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT For Director Of Fire District

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 99-3010, O.C.L.A., an election will be held on Monday, Dec. 7, 1959, for the purpose of electing a director of said district for the term expiring Dec. 31, 1959.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of said district held Nov. 3, 1959, John Wulf, Gerrit Stam and H. R. Sherwood were selected as judges of said election; the place of holding said election was Nyssa fire hall, selected by said Board.

FRANK PARR

Secretary of District

Dated: Nov. 3, 1959

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Dear Editor: Who is the girl with the purty face In the show window at Schoen's Photo place? On the satin (?) below is a single pink rose. Who is the girl? I wonder who knows! W-w-why she's mine. Yes-siree, Susan's her name. How cum she's so purty? Aw, her ma is ter blame. —O. "Daddy" Bratton.

To the Editor Gate City Journal Nyssa, Oregon

Attached is copy of a letter sent by the Malheur County Medical Society to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It might be of interest to your readers.

Grant B. Hughes, M.D.

National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis 120 Broadway New York 5, New York Attention: Hart E Van Riper, M.D., Medical Director

Dear Dr. Van Riper: As the medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, you should be in a position of considerable responsibility in so far as pertains to the professional relationship with your fellow colleagues. It would seem, therefore, that you might recognize certain practices, by the foundation, which do not endear them to the vast army of practicing physicians.

We need to remind you that the principles upon which this country grew were those dedicated to individual initiative! Our pilgrim fathers were not subsidized nor in any way were they given a written guarantee that certain of their needs would be supplied, when they settled upon this great land. It is true that as man has reached out in the conquering of new worlds, in substance and thought, that such has naturally included the humanitarian "brotherly love" attitude.

In this regard many local, state and national organizations have dedicated themselves to the great and/or basic needs of man as we come to recognize them. In this process, however, we have ventured far afield and rapidly are reaching a status of "let the other guy do it for me." In your salaried position, immune from competitive strain you can well afford to sponsor any program which would make you "look good" at the expense of your colleagues. So long as the National Foundation has the old "public appeal" at the time of the annual fund drive, the motto seems to be "anything goes."

We in the profession of medicine who competitively practice our art are growing tired of the constant nibbling at the foundations of our livelihood. We refer of course to your national program of sending the Junior Chamber groups into the field of medicine.

This program you shrewdly set up with considerable public clamor, then belatedly came by to put the local medical society on the "SPOT" to assist in the job. This summer when we no longer found the supply of vaccine available, we patiently waited for commercial sources to catch up with the demand. Now we find that under the guise of getting the job done, you have turned loose vast sums of money through Junior Chamber groups to do the job for us (with our help). Just where are we to draw the line? Must we constantly set up public feeding

troughs for services people should and can provide for themselves?

Your plan for nation-wide "Salk Clinics" is most benevolent. Your assumed role of practicing medicine, however, purely on the basis of "desire" must be challenged!

In spite of the feeling by the County Medical Society as above expressed, nonetheless under a feeling of compulsion we (in a desire to support the activities of a worthy local group) did agree to endorse the JC proposal. We do not intend to participate in any such future activities. It has always been our attitude and practice that the medically indigent or welfare patients be given medical care on a nominal or no cost basis. In connection with the forthcoming clinic, we publicly apologize to all parents who in years past provided for their children's protection against "polio" under the time-honored plan of private patient-doctor relationship.

May we suggest to you that future activities be limited to research, promotional and educational ends and that the practice of medicine with the patient-doctor relationship be reserved for those of us who do not wish to enter into a "three ring circus" type performance.

Sincerely yours, Malheur County Medical Society

U.S. Marine Corps Commandant's Birthday Message

Washington, D. C. October 22—On this special day—the 184th birthday of our Corps—Marines throughout the world can reflect with pride upon our Corps' distinguished record of nearly two hundred years of service to our country. In the fighting tops of Revolutionary War ships-of-the-line, at Belleau Wood, on the coral beaches of the Pacific, on the frozen mountains of North Korea, and more recently on the beaches of Lebanon—at these and scores of other places this record was established by the timely and effective actions of the Corps in time of emergency. The record rests upon the deeds, devotion, and valor of a long line of Marines extending back through time of war and through time of peace to the first recruits who joined the Corps at Tun Tavern in 1775.

We take pride in the record of the past—a record that is woven inextricably into the fabric of our country's history, but pride in the past is not enough. We must draw inspiration from the past to meet the challenge of today and challenge to keep abreast of rapid technological developments, the challenge to be ever-ready to resist aggression in today's tense world. Even more than in the past, we must strive to improve our weapons and techniques. Even more than in the past, we must adhere to our rugged training program. Even more than in the past, we must foster and maintain the splendid spirit that has always animated our Corps—The indomitable spirit that has led Marine units to distinguish themselves on the field of battle. For today, as in the past, the readiness of our Corps rests upon the readiness and the esprit de corps of each and every Marine, Officer and enlisted, Regular and Reserve.

With full confidence that the years ahead will be ones of progress and accomplishment, I extend my warmest personal regards and very good wish to all Marines and their families on this important occasion, the 184th birthday of our beloved Corps.

R. McC. PATE General, U.S. Marine Corps Commandant of the Marine Corps

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GOING TO CHURCH

I reckon if the mother looked Across the distant view, She'd like to see me sitting there In our old family pew. I reckon that her angel soul Would thrill, if she could see Me sitting in the old time spot Where oft we used to be. I haven't gone as often as I did when she was here; I've sorter passed the church door by Through many a busy year. I've sorter heedlessly forgot The place we used to pray And kneel together in, since God Has taken her away. But, oh! I know 'twould be her wish, Whatever else I do, On Sunday mornings, that her boy Should occupy that pew. And that I'm doing that for her I think she'd like to know; And so on Sunday to the church Once more I'm going to go.

—Edgar A. Guest.

Colored Reflectors Guide Oregon Traffic On Interstate Roads

Color coded delineators are being used to guide traffic on Oregon's Interstate highways, according to an announcement made here by W. C. Williams, State Highway Engineer.

The delineators are white reflectors mounted on white posts at 200-foot intervals along the right hand edge of through roadways, and yellow reflectors on yellow colored posts along acceleration and deceleration lanes at interchanges.

Easily visible by day, the same delineators are equipped with 3-inch prismatic reflectors which, under normal weather and atmospheric conditions, can be seen for a distance of 100 feet at night when they are illuminated by the upper beam of standard automobile headlights.

On deceleration and acceleration lanes and the ramps of interchanges the delineators are spaced at 100-foot intervals. The state highway department paints the posts bright yellow for daylight recognition, and equips each post with a pair of yellow reflectors for recognition at night.

The change from single white to double yellow reflectors make it clear to the motorist that he is approaching a point of exit from the freeway, Williams said. He added that triple amber reflectors are used to mark the end of acceleration lanes when entering the

Idaho Power Paying State Property Taxes

The home office of the Idaho Power in Boise sent out releases this week that their checks in payment of Oregon property taxes are being mailed out this week.

The company is the largest single taxpayer in Malheur County. Their tax this year is \$134,242.82. The taxes are assessed on the company's operating facilities, such as power plants, transmission lines, sub-stations, offices and warehouses.

freeway. These are placed so the viewer has adequate time to adjust the flow of main highway traffic.

The design of the delineators was developed by the American Association of State Highway Officials and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Idaho Senator Recommends Beet Acreage Increase

Senator Henry Dworshak of Idaho said chances for an increase in sugar beet acreage are improving due to the tactics of Castro in Cuba. The senator was on a recent visit to Payette when he made the announcement that he would possibly introduce an amendment to transfer some of the present Cuba sugar quota to the U. S. to insure a constant supply for our market. He said he was conferring with agriculture department officials for details now.

He said the U. S. market uses about 9 million tons of sugar annually, that we produce 5 million, Cuba furnishes 3 million and the other million comes from Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Dworshak said that Castro was instituting reforms that would damage the production of sugar and that, "I feel that we should transfer about 1 million tons of this production to U. S. beet and cane growers in order to secure support from southern senators who control the senate and house agriculture committees. Thus we can keep our present allotment, grant some supplemental acreage to present allotment holders and have some acreage for new farmers who want to start beet production."

(Editor's Note: Based on the senator's figures, should the U. S. allotment be increased by 1 million tons, that would mean a 20 percent increase in U. S. production, and if applied locally on the same basis, could mean a real boost to our economy.)

Lion Members View Atlas Missile Film

At the Monday luncheon program of the Nyssa Lions Club members were shown a film on the "Atlas Missile" by Jim Fessenden of Boise. He is general agent for the American National Insurance Co. in this territory.

Fessenden was introduced by co-program chairman, Art Colby, who also introduced him at a night showing of the same film for the volunteer firemen.

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