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OSC Gets \$290,000 For Science-Math Teacher Training

A fourth grant of over a quarter million dollars has been given Oregon State college by the National Science foundation to help spearhead the special U. S. program of training for high school science and mathematics teachers.

Receipt of the new grant of \$290,000 was announced by President A. L. Strand.

The grant will be used in 1960-61 to support a fourth academic-year institute for 48 selected teachers, drawn from across the nation. The academic-year institute program was started by NSF in 1956 to help teachers improve their subject matter knowledge, to upgrade science and math training in U. S. high schools and to increase the nation's supply of top quality scientists and teachers.

OSC was one of only 16 colleges

picked to start the training in 1956 and has been on the select list each year since then. Next year, 33 colleges will offer the institutes for some 1600 teachers.

Dr. Stanley E. Williamson, head of science education, is director of the program at OSC.

Each of the high school teachers selected to attend one of the institutes will receive \$3000 plus allowances for dependents, books and travel. Teachers are enrolled in the graduate school at OSC and nine special courses have been organized for them.

Teachers must have taught at least three years before they are eligible for the training.

Information about the institute program and the colleges giving the training will be made available to all U. S. high school science and mathematics teachers, Williamson said. Interested teachers may then apply directly to the college they wish to attend. Each college selects its assigned number of teachers.

OSC is the only northwest school on the list again next year.

Oregon Statistics Listed for School Year of 1957-58

The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in circular No. 605 issued this month gives preliminary statistics on state school systems for the 1957-58 school year in package form, covering all essential details. All figures are subject to final revision but no major changes are expected.

Oregon Statistics Listed

Total state population	1,743,000
School-age population	413,000
School-age percentage of total population	23.7
Total school enrollment	360,000
Kindergarten through 8th grade	267,000
Grades 9 to 12	93,000
Enrollment as percentage of school population	87.2
Average daily attendance	315,039
ADA as percentage of enrollment	87.5
High school graduates	16,645
Males	8,316
Females	8,329
Number of local school districts	657
Elementary schools	1,042
Secondary schools including junior high	271
Community or junior colleges	1
Number of one-teacher schools	99
Instructional staff, elementary and secondary schools	15,742

Beef Industry Studies Price, Import Problem

The beef cattle industry and many other American businesses must develop widespread understanding for problems caused them by excessive imports, the executive secretary of the American National Cattlemen's Association said recently.

C. W. "Bill" McMillan of Denver, Colo., outlined the need for a "reeducation" program for Congress and the administration in a talk before the annual convention of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

"Washington is a 'one-world' mood and must be shown that the beef cattle industry is in grave potential danger from heavy im-

portation of cheaply-produced beef when the domestic production becomes difficult to market even at a loss. Such a burdensome supply is forecast as the nation's cattle herd climbs above 100 million head for the first time in history," McMillan said.

"Even though cattle prices have tumbled from early spring levels—which even then barely touched 100 per cent of parity—imports continue to pour in at record-shattering pace," he declared.

"This means that foreign cattlemen with inexpensive labor and other costs can continue finding profit in our market after American ranchers and feeders have skidded below the break-even level.

"Because of the thousands of ranching and feeding methods caused by varying conditions across the nation, it is impossible to accurately establish the actual cost of producing a pound of beef," McMillan said. He outlined several studies the cattlemen's organization has instigated "to give us a clearer picture of what impact imports have on the domestic industry at various price levels. This should help us secure better understanding in Congress and the administration of the importation threat."

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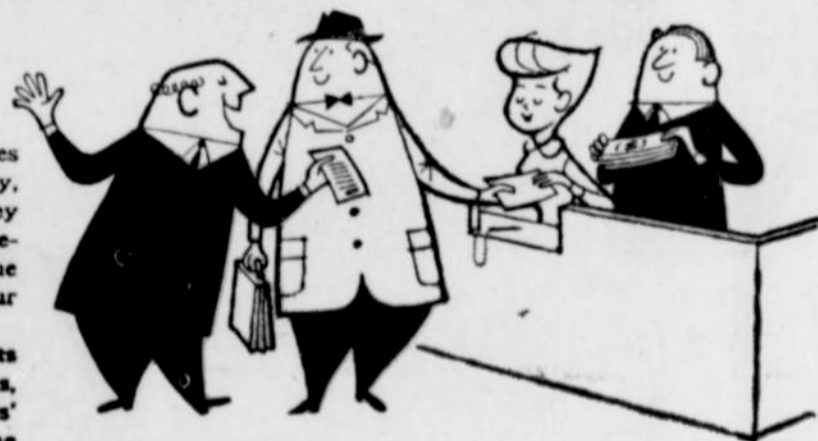
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