

### Committee Reviews Needs of Youth

(Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of feature articles by Ann Sullivan on the newly released report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, following two years of work and study by hundreds of people throughout the state of Oregon.)

Revised distribution formula of the basic school support fund, which makes difficult the maintenance of kindergartens and post high school educational opportunities, is chided in the report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

The governor's committee, which devotes considerable space of the release to education, happily reports that Oregon schools have advanced to national recognition because of their educational achievement. Cooperative school and community relations in this state get a healthy pat on the back in the report and some credit in this achievement.

#### State Improvements Cited

"The people of Oregon have made great strides in reducing the number of districts, in defining the relationship of the state to the county and local districts, and in improving the structure of county offices. Adequately prepared administrators have made consistent improvement since 1950 in the leadership of schools."

While increased current emphasis on science programs and curriculum needs for college bound students is good, the committee points out that attention to the rest of the students must also be maintained in a balanced program of instruction suited to the needs and talents of all pupils.

A related section in the report on youth employment points out that failure to recognize and utilize the talents, abilities and skills of young people who are occupationally bound can be just as great a threat to our economy and national defense as neglect or indifference to the college-bound group.

#### Many Graduates Seek Work

In Oregon each June, the report states, at least 50 percent of all high school graduates attempt to go to work.

"In Oregon," committee members wrote, "planned vocational guidance and job placement of high school youth who want employment does not compare favorably with the guidance and planned transition from high school to college which is provided to the other 50 percent of Oregon's graduates."

In the education field alone, the committee has a great many recommendations. A few of them:

Opportunity for vocational and technical training. Instructional program should be planned to include, in a balanced relationship, special services such as guidance and counseling, instruction for migrant children, for the physically handicapped, for the talented, the academically

able, the slow learner, the mentally retarded the emotionally disturbed and the average student. That techniques of certification of teachers be simplified.

#### Asks 50 Percent State Support

Goal to be reached is the assumption by the state of 50 percent of the operating costs of public education.

Continuation of excellent efforts at teacher recruitment, training opportunities, community school interests.

The youth employment section recommends that a specialized counseling and placement service be inaugurated on a trial basis in those areas of the state in which youth are experiencing difficulty in obtaining appropriate vocational guidance and job placement service.

Comprehensive study by many interested groups of apprenticeship programs is also urged, as well as a better coordinated effort on the part of state employment agencies, employer groups, labor organizations, churches, the schools, citizens groups and the state apprenticeship council to impress the non-college bound 50 percent with need and importance of adequate training.

The report also suggests changes in Oregon law to permit minors under 16 to work until 9 p.m. (present law says 6 p.m.) during the times schools are not in session and minors 16 to 18 in places of amusement until 11:30 p.m. when schools are not in session.

### Don't Let Finances Rule Out College, Dean Tells Girls

Thousands of young women give up thoughts of a college education each year because of finances, but the dean of women at Oregon State college doesn't think they need to in most cases.

Part-time work during school, summer jobs and careful management of funds during the year will make it possible for almost every girl to go to college "if she wants to badly enough and if she can handle college work," Dean Helen Moor insists. This point of view has been accepted for men students for years but is as true for the women, she believes.

At OSC, Dean Moor's office and the campus housing and employment office help hundreds of coeds and student wives find part-time work each year and arrange summer jobs for many.

Another opportunity to trim costs at OSC is offered by the co-resident houses for women, she points out. There, the girls help with household chores for about 30 minutes each day. By sharing house keeping responsibilities, the girls get their board and room for approximately \$450, some \$200 less than in dormitories.

Four co-resident houses have been operated at OSC since depression days prompted their establishment. About 30 girls live in each.

The number of girls "working their way through college" is increasing, Dean Moor notes. A survey last year showed that about 10 percent of the OSC coeds are paying their own way completely; 30 percent said they were at least half self-supporting; and only one out of three says she depends entirely on parents.

Evidence that working doesn't cut achievement in college is shown in figures compiled this year by Registrar D. T. Ordeman on students nominated for all-school honors and awards. Coeds nominated averaged at least 50 percent self-supporting and men, 70 percent self-supporting.

#### RETURN FROM PAKISTAN

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Bowman of Boise spent Sunday with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stunz. The Bownmans have just returned from Pakistan where they spent a year working for M-K Construction company.

#### MRS. W. W. FOSTER ATTENDS OREGON MOTHERS MEETING

Mrs. W. W. Foster attended a meeting of the Oregon Mothers' association in Portland last week. Mrs. H. P. Bosworth of Medford, Oregon Mother of 1959, was chosen president of the group. Mrs. Foster has been acting president in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith of The Dalles are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wieneke.

#### Drivers Examination Slated Friday, July 8

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at the city hall in Nyssa Friday, July 8, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

Motorists wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing.

#### NEELYS HOST BARBECUE

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Neely, Sr., were hosts at a barbecue supper Friday evening. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Neely, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neely and daughter of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mordhorst and daughter of Payette and Mary Ann Wassler of Ontario.

Miss Susan Schenk left recently to spend the summer visiting in Salt Lake City.

#### Jefferies Participates In Naval Activities At Portland Festival

Victor B. Jefferies, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jefferies of Nyssa, serving aboard the destroyer USS Jarvis, took part in the 52nd annual Portland Rose Festival at Portland, Ore., June 8 to 13.

A contingent of 10 Navy ships visited the city during the festi-

#### GRAHAM WEEKENDS HERE

Don C. Graham, gunner's mate, first class, on active duty with the U. S. Naval Reserve in Boise, spent the weekend at his home in Nyssa.

The 3500-man complement of sailors and Marines are traditionally an important part of the celebration, giving citizens of the area and thousands of tourists the opportunity to visit with their Navy and Marine corps afloat.



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