

Reading Aid in Higher Grades Urged By Education Expert at Oregon State

Reading may be the first of the "3 R's" but it doesn't always get the attention it deserves from either teachers or students, declares an Oregon State university reading expert. Teaching of reading "stops" in many schools around the fourth grade, Dr. Ned Marksheffel points out. Students who are still poor readers stay that way as a result.

Elementary grade teachers, meanwhile, have had special training in teaching reading but those in the upper grades often have not. This limits the help the teacher can give students later, the OSU professor observed.

Reading Course to Be Required

New State Department of Education requirements in Oregon are helping overcome the difficulty, Marksheffel noted. After July 1968, all secondary teachers must have had a course in teaching reading or they will not be certified.

The requirement became effective last October for all students preparing to become high school teachers.

Marksheffel has been teaching "Methods of Reading for Secondary Teachers" for nine years at OSU, one of the first colleges in the country to have such a course and reading-help program. A new book by Marksheffel, "Better Reading in Secondary Schools," has just been published by Ronald Press company of New York.

Institute Set June 20 - Aug. 12

This summer, Marksheffel will head up a special eight-week institute for advanced study in reading for secondary teachers. Supported by National Defense Education Act funds, the June 20 to Aug. 12 program is expected to draw teachers from a wide area.

Marksheffel is outspoken about lack of attention to reading help in junior and senior high schools—and colleges as well.

Many young people who have trouble in school are assumed to be "dumb" when the difficulty is really not being able to read effectively, Dr. Marksheffel insists.

If teachers can spot the problem and assist the student in learning to pick out the important details and understand the vocabulary, it can make a tremendous difference in attitudes and accomplishments, he adds.

Poor Reader Needs Motivation

When a student's ability to read is limited, so is his learning, Marksheffel stresses. A person may be a good student in spite of reading problems because of brilliance, motivation or extra hours spent in studying. Without one of these special features, however, the ineffective reader may fail, he continued.

Marksheffel's students in the how-to-teach reading course work throughout the area with high school students who have reading problems. Help is also given to OSU students with problems.

Club Members Beautify Hospital Grounds



TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS recently planted petunias on the grounds and in flower boxes at Malheur Memorial hospital. Participating in the annual project were (left to right) Mrs. William Schireman, club president; Mrs. Al Chadwick, Mrs. Pauline Church, Mrs. Ken Kerby, Mrs. Leonard Hewett and Mrs. Pete

VanderOord. The petunias are furnished yearly by Fangen's Floral of Nyssa. Other beautification projects of the club include planting trees along the hospital driveway and the spruce tree in the circle; furnishing evergreens and hanging baskets at Nyssa municipal swimming pool as well as nurturing trees in the adjacent park.

Statistics Reveal Friday Afternoons As Worst Time for Traffic Accidents

If you want to avoid being involved in an automobile accident, the Traffic Safety division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles advises drivers to stay at home on Fridays between 4 and 5 p.m. That is when the most traffic accidents occurred in Oregon during 1965, the department said.

Friday was doubly unlucky in that it was also the day with the most accidents, a total of 13,487... and 87 of those involved a fatality. A total of 7,284 accidents occurred between 4 and 5 p.m. in 1965, compared to only 264 accidents between 4 and 5 a.m. This difference reflects the direct relationship between accidents and volume of traffic.

Monday was the safest day to drive in Oregon during 1965, the motor vehicle agency revealed. Fewer accidents occurred on

that day last year than on any other day of the week, with 9,829 accidents recorded. Of those, 44 resulted in a fatality.

The department also noted that in 1964, the day of the week when more accidents occurred was also Friday, when 13,209 accidents took place. The worst hour of the day was also between 4 and 5 p.m., when 7,951 accidents occurred, topping the 1965 figure.

VISIT NYSSA PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bastian and daughters of Chandler, Ariz., were June 9-10 visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Glover. The Bastians were enroute to Provo, Utah, where he planned to enroll for summer sessions at Brigham Young university, working toward his master's degree.

Overflow Milk Barred For Grade A Purposes

Overflow milk from the farm bulk tanks is not to be accepted for Grade A milk usage in Oregon.

Fluid milk producers and distributors in the state have been given this reminder by the Oregon Department of Agriculture's dairy and consumer services division.

Virgil N. Simmons, assistant chief of the division, said in some cases where the farm bulk tank capacity is not large enough to hold all milk being produced, the producer has stored the excess milk in milk cans.

He pointed out that the sanitary quality of the milk is apt to be impaired for bottling use in transferring milk to cans by pans, buckets or a siphon hose.

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Critical Water Conditions May Cause Fish Losses in Southeastern Oregon

Oregon anglers are advised that water conditions in much of southern and eastern Oregon are becoming critical and that extensive fish losses will occur in numerous impoundments unless heavy rains come this summer.

Larry Bisbee, district fishery biologist at Burns, said that extremely low stream flows for this time of year and the heavy demand for irrigation are causing reservoir storage to be rapidly depleted in many locations.

Even though most reservoirs began the year with excellent holdover, it is now expected that most of them will be very low or dry by fall.

Bisbee advised that the only reservoirs in the district which now indicate they will have a good storage remaining at the close of the year are Malheur, Bully Creek and Owyhee. All others are questionable at the present time.

Fingerling Planting Delayed

Unless rains come in the very near future, Beulah reservoir is expected to go dry by end of the summer. Bisbee said that allotments of rainbow fingerlings scheduled for stocking are being delayed and may be canceled completely because of the questionable water supply.

Antelope reservoir is also expected to go to the dead storage before summer is over. The water situation at Warm Springs is presently good; but at the rate of draw down, the reservoir will be very low by fall unless supplemental rains come soon.

Owyhee Condition Good

Bisbee said that water conditions are good at Owyhee. How-

Melvin Matsunaga Takes Navy Training At San Diego Base

Melvin M. Matsunaga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Matsunaga of Nyssa, was sworn into the U.S. Navy at Boise on June 8 in the rating of junior college seaman.

The young Navyman attended Nyssa high school and was graduated in May 1962. He made application for enlistment at the Ontario Navy Recruiting station and was processed for enlistment by Navy Recruiter Jim Holbrook, MMI, USN.

Shortly after receiving the oath, Matsunaga left Boise for San Diego where he will undergo basic training for approximately 10 weeks. Upon completion of recruit training, he will be granted a two-week leave prior to reporting to his first duty station.

ever, the reservoir is dropping at the rate of one foot every four days, which could have a detrimental effect on bass and crappie spawning.

Chickahominy may be drawn to sump level. Fingerling rainbow allocations for the reservoir have been canceled. Juniper and Mann lakes are both dropping rapidly with the water level down five inches from April 16 to mid-May.

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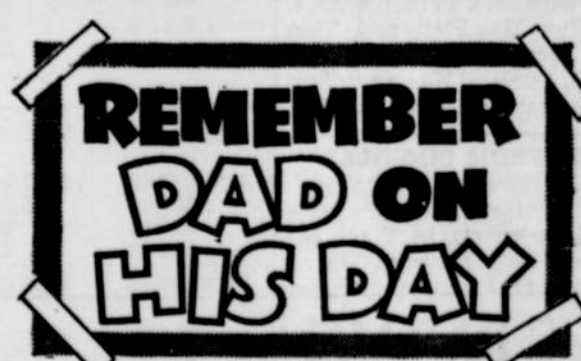
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