

## OREGON TAX RESEARCH SAYS OREGON SCHOOLS NEAR TOP IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES

Oregon educators, from the local to the state level, have been implying that the state has been lax in upgrading the educational level for elementary and secondary education.

This is not true, according to the publication, "Your Taxes" published by the Oregon Tax Research and listed as "The State-Wide Non-Partisan Taxpayer Association of Oregon."

In its May 1968 report it explains that ONE camp contends, and attempts to prove, that cost of providing education are reaching practical limits, while the OTHER, equally vociferous, maintains that even greater emphasis must be exerted through both financial and physical resources.

### RANKS EIGHTH

The report shows, statistically, that Oregon shows its heels to a substantial majority of all states. Based on data from the U. S. Dep't. of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Education, Oregon ranked eighth in the nation for current expenditures per pupil in daily attendance during 1966-67. The average cost per pupil in Oregon was \$645 -- 13% higher than the national average of \$569 per pupil. 5% higher than thirteenth ranked California at \$613 per pupil, and 11% higher than 22nd ranked Washington at \$586 per pupil.

This date substantiates the fact that Oregonians are required and give strong economic support to the State's public school system.

### SALARIES COMPARED

Comparative figures on salaries paid to classroom teachers show a mixture of pluses and minuses. According to the research division of the National Education Association (NEA), the estimated average salary for all teachers in Oregon's public schools for 1967-68 is \$7,550 annually compared to an average of \$7,296 for the nation as a whole. The NEA estimates average salaries of elementary school teachers in Oregon at \$7,393 and secondary teachers at \$7,792, with 47% of all teachers in the state being paid \$7,500 or more.

### NEIGHBORS GET MORE

Oregon teachers get lower pay than two neighboring states - California and Washington. The NEA study reveals that salaries in the state are

thirteen (13%) percent lower than those of California but within 3% of the salaries paid in Washington.

### LOW CLASS LOADS

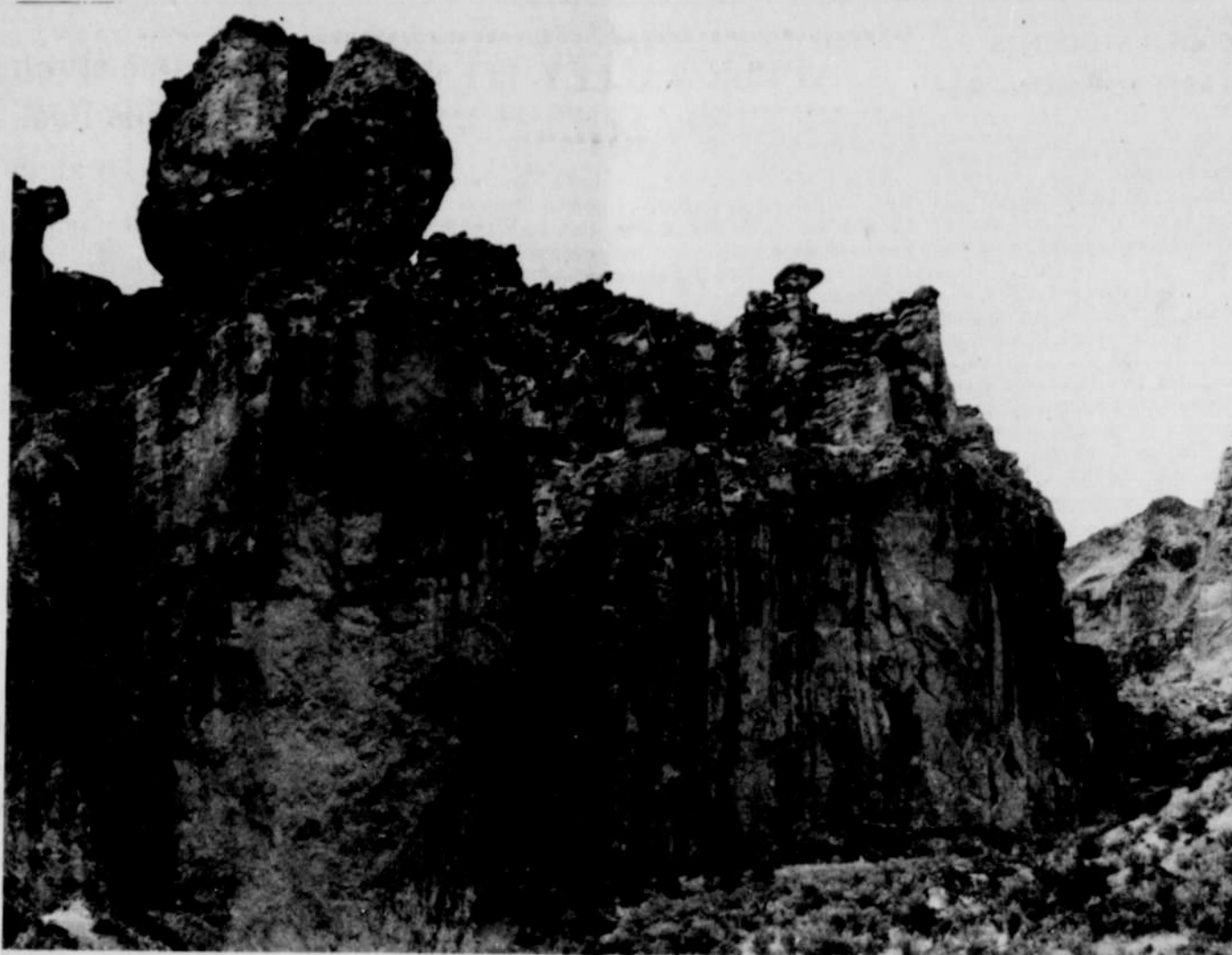
Class loads in Oregon reflect an average significantly lower than in either Wash. or Calif. This makes the teacher cost per pupil higher than in either of the afore mentioned states.

(Ed's note: If we have correctly read the figures and come to the correct conclusion based on the figures the whole thing adds up to: (1) Oregon ranks near the top in expenditures per pupil, on the elementary and secondary level, per pupil in the 50 of the United States, (2) It ranks higher than the two neighboring states (Calif. and Wash.) in the amount spent per pupil, (3) Salaries are higher in both the neighboring states (13% in Calif. and less than 3% in Wash.) (4) There is nothing in the comparison to show the difference in the average cost of living compared with the two neighboring states, nor is there anything to indicate the difference in driving time or distance for teachers to arrive at the schools. And there is, in our opinion, no comparison in living in our area (climate wise) with that of much of California -- we have no smog in Nyssa.)

The quickest way to wipe out a friendship is to sponge on it.

Luck is one thing you can count on positively -- to change.

Many a wife has helped her husband to the top of the ladder and then left him there -- while she made up her mind whether the picture would look better some place else.



THIS IS ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF VARIED SCENES to be found in Leslie Gulch, some 12-15 miles beyond the Thunderegg beds on the guided tours for Thunderegg Days visitors August 1, 2, 3. During the past two years many rock hounds have found it highly pleasurable to get their Thundereggs and drive on to this scenic area. The gulch, as described by a recent local visitor, has every kind of formation and color imaginable with the changes occurring around every turn of the road. And, even without moving

when the light changes. The carving has been done by wind blowing dirt and sand for eons in an area of very light rainfall. There is only one entrance and exit into the colorful gorge by road but one can travel the length of the chasm and hit Owyhee Reservoir as was done by a BLM-led tour of the area for news media personnel recently. It is not advisable to take passenger cars into the gulch but rock hounds having pickups and 4 wheel drive vehicles can traverse it without too much trouble.

## Potato Groups Slated To Meet In Corvallis

Potato growers, processors and handlers in Malheur County will find something of interest on the programs of the 18th National Potato Utilization conference and 52nd annual meeting of the Potato Association of America at Oregon State university July 29 through August 2.

Steve Besse, Malheur County Agent, said it will be the first time the two groups have met at Corvallis. Registration for the potato association meeting

will begin Sunday afternoon, July 28, with the Monday and Tuesday morning sessions aimed at potato production problems. Scientists from Oregon, Connecticut, New York, Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Colorado, California, Washington and Idaho will report on research ranging from fertilizer levels to virus free potatoes.

Papers on processing and handling research will be pres-

ented Tuesday afternoon, July 30, in a joint session with the Potato Utilization Conference which will run through Friday, August 2. Reports on such things as institutional food management, potato contracting, bulk shipment, cooking, waste disposal and processing methods will be given by researchers from universities, the USDA, and private industry. In addition to the United States, such countries as Canada, Australia and the Netherlands will be represented on the program.

Housing arrangements may be made through Roy Moser, extension food technologist, Food Technology Department, Oregon State University.

## FNB Of Oregon Adds Branches

First National opened a new branch at 26th and E. Burnside in Portland; built new banking facilities at Tigard, West Linn, St. Helens, River Road in Eugene, and 122nd and Halsey in Portland; opened new branches at John Day and Prairie City; and completed branch remodeling projects at Grants Pass, Heppner and Molalla during the first six months.

First National Bank of Oregon's earnings for the first six months of 1968 advanced moderately over last year's

## Oregon Teachers To Get Computer-Use Training

Oregon junior and senior high school and community college teachers soon will be able to expertly relate to their classes the ever-expanding uses of computers as a result of a \$200,000 grant to Oregon State university.

In announcing the grant from the National Science Foundation, President James H. Jensen said that OSU will be cooperating closely with the U. S. Office of Education's "Computer Instruction Network" project in Oregon and with the Division of Continuing Education, State System of Higher Education.

Utilization of computers has been rapid and widespread during the past decade. Increased industrial and governmental computer uses have necessitated including computer application instruction in secondary and community college curriculums, explained President Jensen.

Dr. D. D. Aufenkamp, OSU Computer Center director, said that computer training classes will begin this fall and that 15 Oregon high schools and community colleges will host the sessions.

With special telephone connections, these host schools will be linked to OSU's million-dollar computer. These special connections allow instant computer "feed in" of data from any of the 15 Oregon schools, it was noted.

Aufenkamp pointed out that during the first year of the two-year project classes will be aimed at explaining how compu-

ters handle information, what they can and can't do, their present and future uses, social applications, problem solving methods and programming of languages and techniques.

Current application of computers to select fields of study will be given extensive consideration during the second year of the program. Special attention will go to computer applications in science, mathematics, business and social studies.

Curriculum development and coordination will be handled by Mrs. Judith B. Edwards, presently director of the "Computer Instruction Network" project in Oregon. Aufenkamp noted that Mrs. Edwards has an extensive background in computer application. Her teaching experience includes secondary and college teaching in the Salem School District, Oregon College of Education, the Division of Continuing Education and at the University of California at Davis.

totals as the statewide bank moved to new mid-year highs in deposits, loans and resources.

President Ralph J. Voss announced net operating earnings for the period ending June 29 were up over ten per cent, with a total of \$5,605,241, as compared to \$5,074,609 a year ago. The record earnings figure, reflecting the recently enacted Federal surtax, is equivalent to \$1.77 per share, adjusted for the 12.5 per cent stock dividend distributed in March of this year. The per share amount compares with \$1.62 for the first half of 1967.

Voss reported deposits continued to climb, reaching \$1,429,539,896 on June 29. This is an increase of \$81,360,997, or six per cent, over the mid-year figure of \$1,348,178,899 recorded in 1967.

The bank's 117 statewide offices reported loans outstanding of \$939,857,738 compared with \$850,049,858 at the end of the first half last year.

Capital funds plus the reserve for the loan losses on June 29 totaled \$115,865,380. Total resources rose to \$1,611,883,187 from last year's high of \$1,506,792,241.

The Nyssa branch reported deposits of \$7,751,108 and loans of \$7,228,176 as of June 29, according to Tom Stenkamp, manager.

Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$6,873,156 in deposits and \$5,287,580 in loans.

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