

Higher Education Faces Financial Crisis

The financial crisis facing all of higher education--and particularly the impact that would result if voters in November approve the state ballot measure that proposes elimination of property taxes for school support--emerged as the foremost concern of citizens attending the first informal "coffee forum" held in Portland, Thursday under auspices of the Colleges for Oregon's Future citizens organization.

Phyllis Wiener, Multnomah county chairman of Colleges for

Oregon's Future and a member of the Portland school board, said that the loss of funds would be staggering to publicly-supported education. She called state ballot measure No. 9 "premature because it fails to offer essential alternative sources of funding."

Among other problems identified by the dozen participants who had been invited to the experimental feedback session are enrollment declines, possible "overselling" of college degrees, inadequate public in-

formation about post-high school educational offerings that are available, and the recent reduction of continuing education opportunity.

Other small-group coffees will be scheduled throughout the state to identify issues and questions around which regional public forums will be built. Earlier this year citizens forums on post-high school education were held at Salem and Medford. The CFOF board plans several similar public discussion events during the 1972-73

school year. Colleges for Oregon's Future is a non-partisan citizens organization headed by former Governor Robert D. Holmes. It was founded in 1964 by former Governor Charles Sprague.



John Paul Jones was once an admiral in the Russian navy.



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OREGON EMIGRANTS traveled along the Snake River for a fortnight, crossed it west of Boise, and two days later caught sight of it one last time, at Farewell Bend, in eastern Oregon. Photo is one of 140 from new book, The Oregon Trail Revisited, by Gregory M. Franzwa.

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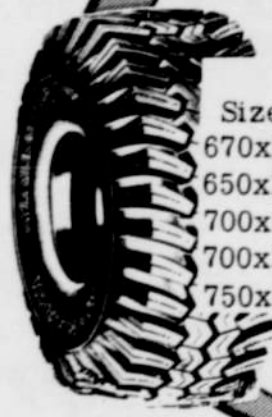
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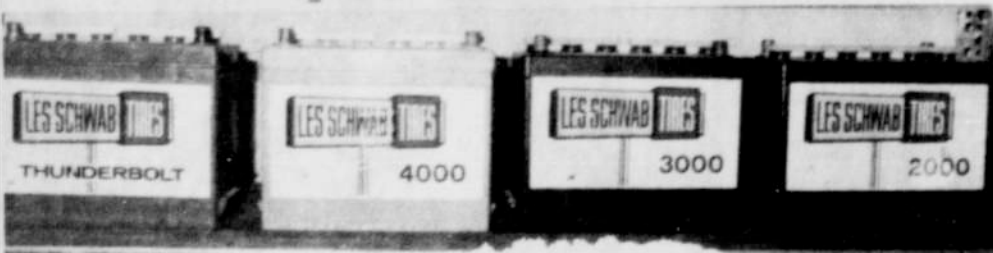
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"The Oregon Trail Revisited" Off Press

Publication of "The Oregon Trail Revisited," a major new work on the Oregon Trail, was announced today by Patrice Press, Inc. The book is the result of nearly three years of intensive research on the route of the old trail by Gregory M. Franzwa, a St. Louis author and public relations counselor.

The book is unique in that it gives the reader precise directions to reach the points where the route of the trail intersects public streets, country roads and highways -- all the way from the Missouri River landing north of Independence, Mo., to The Dalles, Ore., on the south bank of the Columbia River, near Portland.

The 436-page paperback also presents a broad history of the trail and its impact upon the course of events in 19th century America. The publisher describes the trail today as "a faint trace etched on the prairies and in the mountains, recalling the fading doctrine of Manifest Destiny."

Directions given to the traveler are so explicit that the trail may be pinpointed to a tolerance of about 50 yards, on most of the journey. The pub-

lisher states that from northern Kansas on west there is scarcely a county along the route that doesn't bear the unmistakable gouges cut by the wagon trains of 125 years ago. The trail was in use by emigrants every spring from 1841 on through most of the rest of the 19th century.

The author points out several of the 200 remaining graves of pioneers who died on the trail, but estimates that there was an average of one burial every 80 yards in the 2,020-mile pathway. Custom dictated that the bodies be buried right in the trail, so that passing wagons would obliterate the scent and conceal the grave from wolves and Indians.

Interspersed with the directions are historical passages telling the reader what went on at dozens of points of interest along the trail. Poignant sections include a discourse on the ill-starred Donner Party, the Whitman massacre, a hanging on the trail, and a blistering attack on the United States for ignoring the famed South Pass, which opened the West for American expansion.

The book carries a foreword by George B. Hartzog Jr., direc-

tor of the National Park Service, who states, "Mr. Franzwa gives us a splendid guide book so that all may visit the many scenes of this great epic. Read this book and reflect on the qualities that shaped America, especially the perseverance and courage of ordinary citizens who created a nation out of a strange wilderness."

The book contains 140 illustrations, including a color view of the great swale in the sandstone of Scotts Bluff, in western Nebraska. Most of the pictures are contemporary views taken by the author over the past three years, but some are on-the-spot depictions by leading 19th century artists, who actually witnessed the trail in use by the emigrants.

The book concludes with directions for a two-week "speed trip," where highlights of the trail may be visited via interstate highways.

The book is available at selected book and department stores. It may be ordered direct by mailing \$2.95 plus 35 cents mailing charge, to the publisher, Patrice Press, Inc., 9528 Old Bonhomme Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132.

NU ACRES HAPPENINGS

NUACRES - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dozher who are living at TVCC where he is going to school, have been visiting Mrs. Dozher's grandparents, the M. A. Jones'.

Mrs. Bertha Olsen and son, Lowell of Springfield, Oregon mother and brother of Mrs. Glen Jones, were visiting her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Maine and three children visited at the Lester Robinson's in Cornell, Washington and the Earl Moores in Tacoma, Washington. They stopped at Kenewick to visit his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cooper. They came back through Portland, Oregon and visited the Bill Maine family. They, also, visited the Portland Zoo.

Robert Maine and family came from Colorado Springs, Colorado to visit his parents, the Omar Maines. Robert is working and going to school. Mrs. Rosemary Maine was going to her ten year class reunion at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Troyer and daughter, Tracy, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Keck. They went up to the Deadwood Reservoir camping and fishing. They reported everything was very dry and dusty.

Keith Keck returned to the University of Idaho at Moscow last week.

Frank Fry came home from the University at Moscow to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pulsipher, during the Labor Day weekend.

Stanley Shaw, nephew of Robert Shaw and Bill Lambeth, from Jerome visited both families during the long weekend. He stayed Sunday night at Bill Lambeth's.

Sherrie Fitzsimmons from Nyssa stayed with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shaw, Jr., while her parents vacationed in McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grassmick had Sunday dinner at the Ben Schusters in honor of David's birthday. Sunday evening they were at Schusters looking at slides taken of LaDonna Schuster's float trip down the Salmon River this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Russell have moved into their new home. Gerald is still home recuperating from a back surgery that he had a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ziegler have moved into the Paul Russell home until they can find them another home.

Among those taking part in the Payette County Fair were members of the NuAcres 4-H Club. Sewing - Elizabeth Martinez, Keely Englesby, Tami

Schenet, Michele Brown, Joan Wells, Sheep - Aaron Weaver, Kent Weaver, Tami Schenet, Leland Nevill, Scott Montague, Dan Montague, Rabbits - Kim Kurz, Chickens - Tom Kurz, Hogs - Don Wells, Beef - Bob Jones, Cynthia Russell, Brad

Organic Foods Defined

What is organic food?

Under Oregon law the Oregon Department of Agriculture is obligated to define organic food, yet at an August 24 hearing in Eugene there was no unanimity of opinion on many details of organic farming among those testifying.

Testimony given at the hearing, for which State Director of Agriculture Irvin Mann, Jr., was the hearing officer, emphasized the intense interest that there is in organic food. Also notable was the concern on the part of retailers that they could be assured in selling organic food that the product was what they represented it to be.

The hearing was the first of two called by the director to gather information that will be considered in drawing up definitions and standards for organic foods. The second hearing will be Friday, September 15, at 10 a.m., at the State Office Building in Portland.

Pointing out that the organic food business--its production, distribution and consumption--is the most rapidly growing phenomenon in the food industry in the United States, Director Mann has taken the stand that persons preferring organic food are entitled to the same assurance that it is truly organic as they are of assurance that it is fresh, wholesome and unadulterated.

He reminds that under Oregon statutes the Department of Agriculture is charged with administering all legislation applying to all food products of agricultural origin, including the distribution of such food products and says that with the growing number of organic food devotees and the growing number of organic farms, the department cannot ignore this responsibility.

Oregon is the first state in the nation to recognize this significant change in the food chain by taking steps directed at offering consumers the same protection for their organic foods as are given other foodstuffs that are required to have standards that must be met before they can be marketed.

Russell, Scott Russell, Rifle Safety - Tom Kurz and Kim Kurz.

Junior leaders of the Club are Mark Nevill, Dan Montague and Pam Nichols.

Mark Nevill showed the grand champion Angus cow for the FFA Fruitland Chapter.

Kent Weaver entered the cow milking contest for the NuAcres 4-H Club and placed second.

The young people did quite well and we are proud of them. Congratulations to all of you.

Sandy Sherrick of NuAcres a member of the Willow Rangers 4-H Club received outstanding horsemanship awards.

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