Dean Joyal Urges Reforms In Oklahoma School System

Oklahoma's school district system is "inefficient and extravagant" and should be reformed immediately to provide equal opportunity for children in all parts of the state, declares Dean A. E. Joyal of the University of Oklahoma College of Education.

Today's system was a development of colonial days and was extended westward with the settlement of the nation, Joyal explained recently. Even though the eastern states were the first to reorganize the system, only now are western states moving in that direction.

"Oklahoma is cursed with the district system of school administration in its extreme form," Joyal stated. "Our state has over 4,400 local units. Nearly 1,000 districts maintain no school but arrange to send children to an adjacent district. About half the 3,500 remaining districts maintain one-teacher schools."

Joyal pointed out that Oklahoma counties average 57 districts, ranging from 112 in Grant county to 10 in Harmon county. Four counties have more than 100 districts.

The O. U. dean said that Oklahoma has too many small high schools—35 of them enrolling fewer than 25 students and 232 having fewer than 50.

The assessed valuation of some of the poor districts is so low that at the maximum rate of 15 mills some districts would collect less than $100 a year for schools, Joyal explained.

The educator declared that Oklahoma should conduct state and county wide studies as the first step toward reform. He advised the appointment of a commission and the appropriation of funds by the legislature to carry out research to determine where savings can be made and how better schools can be obtained.

Sooner News Pleases Ritchie

Dear Ted:

Was very pleased to learn that you were in receipt of my check covering my annual alumni dues. Here's hoping that being overseas will not prevent the regular appearance of that SOONER MAGAZINE each month. It's really a part of home, hearing from Oklahoma University.

Have just had a report by short wave that Oklahoma has just walloped the Aggies by the overwhelming score of 73 to 12. Apparently someone wanted to impress the COWBOYS with the fact that we have a football team this year, and rightly so. It's nice to see old familiar names, such as Jim Tyree, back in there again, resuming pre-war activities without so much as a break in stride.

There isn't a great deal to report from this section of the globe now that the fighting is over. However the maintaining of these hospitals, even now, is essential, so undoubtedly a few of us will remain here at least another year. A constant daily reminder that for a lot of our American boys the War is far from being over, and for a lot more the war will never be over.

Am enclosing the announcement of my marriage which appeared in the Daily Oklahoman a short time ago. My wife and I attended meetings of the St. Louis chapter of the Oklahoma alumni while I was attending school in that city, making numerous friends in that group.

That is about everything for now. Thanking you for your kind and courteous attention and hoping to hear from you in the near future,

I remain, sincerely,

Mrs. Georgiana Flannett, '46fa, Norman, Oklahoma City, as a part-time continuity writer. Mrs. Hammett is studying for a master's degree in radio writing.

Sooner News Pleases Ritchie

Fort Mead, Trinidad,
December, 1946.

An Oklahoma Friend

Lieut. J. R. Ritchie, '42,
Oral Surgeon
359 Station Hospital
A.P.O. 869, c/o P.M.
Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Georgiana Flannett, '46fa, Norman, has been employed by radio station KOY, Oklahoma City, as a part-time continuity writer. Mrs. Hammett is studying for a master's degree in radio writing.

Dean Joyal Urges Reforms
In Oklahoma School System

Oklahoma's school district system is "inefficient and extravagant" and should be reformed immediately to provide equal opportunity for children in all parts of the state, declares Dean A. E. Joyal of the University of Oklahoma College of Education.

Today's system was a development of colonial days and was extended westward with the settlement of the nation, Joyal explained recently. Even though the eastern states were the first to reorganize the system, only now are western states moving in that direction.

"Oklahoma is cursed with the district system of school administration in its extreme form," Joyal stated. "Our state has over 4,400 local units. Nearly 1,000 districts maintain no school but arrange to send children to an adjacent district. About half the 3,500 remaining districts maintain one-teacher schools."

Joyal pointed out that Oklahoma counties average 57 districts, ranging from 112 in Grant county to 10 in Harmon county. Four counties have more than 100 districts.

The O. U. dean said that Oklahoma has too many small high schools—35 of them enrolling fewer than 25 students and 232 having fewer than 50.

The assessed valuation of some of the poor districts is so low that at the maximum rate of 15 mills some districts would collect less than $100 a year for schools, Joyal explained.

The educator declared that Oklahoma should conduct state and county wide studies as the first step toward reform. He advised the appointment of a commission and the appropriation of funds by the legislature to carry out research to determine where savings can be made and how better schools can be obtained.

Sooner News Pleases Ritchie

Fort Mead, Trinidad,
December, 1946.

Dear Ted:

Was very pleased to learn that you were in receipt of my check covering my annual alumni dues. Here's hoping that being overseas will not prevent the regular appearance of that SOONER MAGAZINE each month. It's really a part of home, hearing from Oklahoma University.

Have just had a report by short wave that Oklahoma has just walloped the Aggies by the overwhelming score of 73 to 12. Apparently someone wanted to impress the COWBOYS with the fact that we have a football team this year, and rightly so. It's nice to see old familiar names, such as Jim Tyree, back in there again, resuming pre-war activities without so much as a break in stride.

There isn't a great deal to report from this section of the globe now that the fighting is over. However the maintaining of these hospitals, even now, is essential, so undoubtedly a few of us will remain here at least another year. A constant daily reminder that for a lot of our American boys the War is far from being over, and for a lot more the war will never be over.

Am enclosing the announcement of my marriage which appeared in the Daily Oklahoman a short time ago. My wife and I attended meetings of the St. Louis chapter of the Oklahoma alumni while I was attending school in that city, making numerous friends in that group.

That is about everything for now. Thanking you for your kind and courteous attention and hoping to hear from you in the near future,

I remain, sincerely,

An Oklahoma Friend
Lieut. J. R. Ritchie, '42,
Oral Surgeon
359 Station Hospital
A.P.O. 869, c/o P.M.
Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Georgiana Flannett, '46fa, Norman, has been employed by radio station KOY, Oklahoma City, as a part-time continuity writer. Mrs. Hammett is studying for a master's degree in radio writing.

DEAN JOYAL URGES REFORMS IN OKLAHOMA SCHOOL SYSTEM

Oklahoma's school district system is "inefficient and extravagant" and should be reformed immediately to provide equal opportunity for children in all parts of the state, declares Dean A. E. Joyal of the University of Oklahoma College of Education.

Today's system was a development of colonial days and was extended westward with the settlement of the nation, Joyal explained recently. Even though the eastern states were the first to reorganize the system, only now are western states moving in that direction.

"Oklahoma is cursed with the district system of school administration in its extreme form," Joyal stated. "Our state has over 4,400 local units. Nearly 1,000 districts maintain no school but arrange to send children to an adjacent district. About half the 3,500 remaining districts maintain one-teacher schools."

Joyal pointed out that Oklahoma counties average 57 districts, ranging from 112 in Grant county to 10 in Harmon county. Four counties have more than 100 districts.

The O. U. dean said that Oklahoma has too many small high schools—35 of them enrolling fewer than 25 students and 232 having fewer than 50.

The assessed valuation of some of the poor districts is so low that at the maximum rate of 15 mills some districts would collect less than $100 a year for schools, Joyal explained.

The educator declared that Oklahoma should conduct state and county wide studies as the first step toward reform. He advised the appointment of a commission and the appropriation of funds by the legislature to carry out research to determine where savings can be made and how better schools can be obtained.

Sooner News Pleases Ritchie

Fort Mead, Trinidad,
December, 1946.

Dear Ted:

Was very pleased to learn that you were in receipt of my check covering my annual alumni dues. Here's hoping that being overseas will not prevent the regular appearance of that SOONER MAGAZINE each month. It's really a part of home, hearing from Oklahoma University.

Have just had a report by short wave that Oklahoma has just walloped the Aggies by the overwhelming score of 73 to 12. Apparently someone wanted to impress the COWBOYS with the fact that we have a football team this year, and rightly so. It's nice to see old familiar names, such as Jim Tyree, back in there again, resuming pre-war activities without so much as a break in stride.

There isn't a great deal to report from this section of the globe now that the fighting is over. However the maintaining of these hospitals, even now, is essential, so undoubtedly a few of us will remain here at least another year. A constant daily reminder that for a lot of our American boys the War is far from being over, and for a lot more the war will never be over.

Am enclosing the announcement of my marriage which appeared in the Daily Oklahoman a short time ago. My wife and I attended meetings of the St. Louis chapter of the Oklahoma alumni while I was attending school in that city, making numerous friends in that group.

That is about everything for now. Thanking you for your kind and courteous attention and hoping to hear from you in the near future,

I remain, sincerely,

An Oklahoma Friend
Lieut. J. R. Ritchie, '42,
Oral Surgeon
359 Station Hospital
A.P.O. 869, c/o P.M.
Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Georgiana Flannett, '46fa, Norman, has been employed by radio station KOY, Oklahoma City, as a part-time continuity writer. Mrs. Hammett is studying for a master's degree in radio writing.

DEAN JOYAL URGES REFORMS IN OKLAHOMA SCHOOL SYSTEM

Oklahoma's school district system is "inefficient and extravagant" and should be reformed immediately to provide equal opportunity for children in all parts of the state, declares Dean A. E. Joyal of the University of Oklahoma College of Education.

Today's system was a development of colonial days and was extended westward with the settlement of the nation, Joyal explained recently. Even though the eastern states were the first to reorganize the system, only now are western states moving in that direction.

"Oklahoma is cursed with the district system of school administration in its extreme form," Joyal stated. "Our state has over 4,400 local units. Nearly 1,000 districts maintain no school but arrange to send children to an adjacent district. About half the 3,500 remaining districts maintain one-teacher schools."

Joyal pointed out that Oklahoma counties average 57 districts, ranging from 112 in Grant county to 10 in Harmon county. Four counties have more than 100 districts.

The O. U. dean said that Oklahoma has too many small high schools—35 of them enrolling fewer than 25 students and 232 having fewer than 50.

The assessed valuation of some of the poor districts is so low that at the maximum rate of 15 mills some districts would collect less than $100 a year for schools, Joyal explained.

The educator declared that Oklahoma should conduct state and county wide studies as the first step toward reform. He advised the appointment of a commission and the appropriation of funds by the legislature to carry out research to determine where savings can be made and how better schools can be obtained.