

Driver Education Courses Cost Nearly Half Million

Oregon paid out a record \$441,620.49 to 120 school districts for driver education courses given during the 1963-64 school year. This was 77% of the total program cost of \$573,395.38. State law allows up to 90% or a maximum of \$50 per pupil reimbursement to school districts.

Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, said this year's reimbursement is \$190,325 more than the some \$251,305 that the state paid out for driver education during the 1962-63 school year when the state's contribution was 75% of the cost up to \$30 per pupil.

"The success of the program," said Minear, "can be noted in the fact that in the first year of reimbursement (1956-57) only 4,073 students in 68 high schools participated. By 1963-64 there were 143 schools with 10,800 students in the program."

Funds for driver education come from an additional \$1.00 fee on each driver license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Funds are deposited in a special fund with the State Treasurer's office, and appropriations are made to the superintendent of public instruction for reimbursement to school districts.

"Average payment per school," said Minear, "was \$3,088.32, as compared to \$1,903 last school year. With the state underwriting more than three-fourths of the total, the average cost per student to local school districts was only \$12.37."

Vern L. Hill, director, Department of Motor Vehicles, pointed out that "when one considers each driver who completes the approved course saves between \$126 and \$239 on his insurance premiums during the period before he reaches age 25, driver education is a profitable investment for Oregonians."

"Even more important," said Hill, "the urgent nature of the traffic safety problem indicates a definite need for a program that teaches safe and proper operation of motor vehicles, accident prevention, and safe and lawful driving habits and attitudes."

SUNSET GARDEN CLUB HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sunset Garden Club held their Christmas party at Orford's Wednesday, December 9, with sixteen members and two guests attending. Guests were Mrs. Roger Reardon, formerly Darlene Gilfillan, Portland, and Carol Robbins, Port Orford. After-dinner and gift exchange, a short meeting was held followed by entertainment of games.



SANTA listens attentively while young lad tries to convince him that he's REALLY been a good boy all year.

ITS YOUR LAW...

Legal Check-up... A Safety Measure

Legal trouble, like most trouble, is easier and cheaper to prevent than to cure. Most wage earning, child-bearing, home-buying, installment paying families don't see much need for a family lawyer. Often only under prodding, one may have his lawyer prepare a will.

But can you tell a big legal risk from a small one? Can you spot the signs of legal trouble?

Check with your family lawyer when:

1. Your status changes: Upon coming of age, marriage, the birth of your children, buying a house, divorce or death. You may then need to draft or revise your will, change your insurance, or refigure your taxes.

2. You buy or sell: Look out for flaws in the papers before you go into debt, part with money, or sign anything involving big expenditures or long term obligations.

3. You enter into other contracts: Promises, spoken or written, bind you if they call for a "consideration," something of value in return.

4. Someone threatens your right. The law exists to defend them but with some rights you must take action yourself for them to work for you.

When you can bring your lawyer "live" facts (such as unsigned contracts, vexing tax returns you haven't filed), he can do much more for you, and at a smaller cost than when you bring him "cold" facts (mistakes you have made which threaten trouble).

But above all, get both live and cold facts to him at once. For time may run out in many such situations. Your lawyer may be able to do something for you today, which he cannot do tomorrow.

Tell your lawyer what you want. Tell him all the facts, good or bad, and then keep him informed all along. He is sworn to keep what you tell in confidence, and he cannot serve you without full knowledge.

The figure increased the total assets of the Fair to \$136,479.63—also a high point for the annual operation.

Members of the Commission also unanimously elected Mrs. Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington, as chairman for the 1965 Centennial State Fair along with Theodore E. Shoop, Bend, vice chairman and Ezra Koch, McMinnville, secretary.

HOSPITAL Notes

Below is a list of patients admitted to and discharged from Southern Coos General Hospital during the past week.

Debra Masterson, Port Orford, in Dec. 14, out Dec. 17.

Robert Rose, in Dec. 14, out Dec. 18.

Elaina Kerber, Gold Beach, out Dec. 14.

Antia Strycker, out Dec. 14.

George Dow, in Dec. 15.

Patricia McCarroll, in Dec. 15.

Leona Parks, in Dec. 15.

Glenn Sickels, Port Orford, in Dec. 15, out Dec. 19.

Forest Hubbard, Coquille, out Dec. 15.

Helen McDonnell, out Dec. 15.

Michael Wilson, Port Orford, out Dec. 15.

Lex Cope, in Dec. 16.

Baby boy McCarroll, born Dec. 16.

Fred McGee, Port Orford, in Dec. 16.

Hazel Nida, in Dec. 16.

Harold Potter, Langlois, in Dec. 16, out Dec. 19.

Frances Smith, Port Orford, in Dec. 16.

Donna Bynum, Sixes, in Dec. 17, out Dec. 18.

Milo Fellows, in Dec. 18, out Dec. 19.

Mayme Froland, in Dec. 18.

Dorcas Belanger, Sixes, out Dec. 18.

Menefee Charley, Langlois, out Dec. 18.

Stella Cox, in Dec. 19.

Kenneth Cunningham, Powers, in Dec. 19.

Edna Greene, in Dec. 19.

Baby girl Greene, born Dec. 19.

Judy Prewett, Gold Beach, in Dec. 19.

Christmas prayer for peace and joy, with gladsoe greetings to all.



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Joy at Christmas
Let us rejoice and join together with Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.

Port Orford Variety
DEL, KAY and GIRLS

Joy TO THE World
We join in wishing peace on earth and good will to all men.

Elk River Dairy
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Christmas
May the miracle of the Christ Child be upon your home and in your hearts this Christmas Day. May the good Lord bless and keep you and your loved ones.

DAL'S BODY SHOP
MAUDE'S BEE LINE FASHIONS

Christmas Greetings
As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year.

KEELER'S McCulloch Saw Shop
BOB, BETTY and CHILDREN

IN NEW ZEALAND
Not all living Christmas trees are spruce or fir. In New Zealand there's one called "Christmas tree" that doesn't even need decorating — it blossoms with its own red flowers. The tree earned its name since it blooms in December and January.

In Russia
Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.

Christmas GREETINGS
With the hope that your Christmas will be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.

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Merry Christmas

Hope your Day is a happy one, filled with all the special joys of the holiday season.

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SIGHTING ROBINS
Popular motif on early Christmas cards was the English robin — possibly because English postmen, who delivered the cards, in those days wore red uniforms and were often called "Robin."

FINDING THE BEAN
"Twelfth Cake" was a highlight of 16th century celebrations of Epiphany, January 6. From the finding of a bean and a pea baked into the cake, a king and queen of the day were chosen.

JOY at Christmas
May this holiday season herald a time of continued "peace on earth."

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