

Vocational Budget of State Over \$1 Million

The state Board of Education Thursday approved a budget of \$1,038,729 for the division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the next two years—an increase of 14.7 per cent over the budget of the current biennium.

The increase, according to Irvin F. Bryan, assistant director of the vocational division, was due largely to demands of the Federal Government which contributes to the program.

Ronald Jones, Brooks, board member and chairman of a subcommittee which studied the budget, said a number of new features had been provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation program through bills approved by the last Congress.

Jones added that the board members felt, however, it was best to attempt to keep the program in Oregon largely on its current level rather than add new features which would require match funds.

Bryan said under the new proposed budget it would be possible to provide more specialized and more extensive service but that the money involved would not permit any large increase in the number served. He fixed the caseload as of June 30, 1954, at 3576.

The case load, according to Bryan, is divided into four districts with offices in Salem, Eugene, Portland and LaGrande. Nineteen counselors handle the entire caseload, Bryan averred.

The Salem office handles cases in Marion, Yamhill, Polk, Tillamook, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook and Deschutes counties with a total caseload of 591 persons.

This caseload is the largest in any of the general areas.

For the general education budget, administrative, the board approved \$680,449.

The over-all basic school fund distribution budget was fixed at \$71,213,440 and for special emergency payments \$501,000.

For the handicapped children's program the board approved a budget of \$900,000 and \$80,000 was set aside for the pilot program involving exceptional children.

The Indian education budget was fixed at \$20,878 with payments of \$186,000 to school districts. These involve Federal funds.

For private vocational school licensing \$4000 was approved. This represents fees.

All budgets approved by the board must run the hurdle of the State Budget division, the Governor and the 1955 Legislature.

State Traffic Wrecks Down

There were 6,367 fewer Oregon traffic accidents during the first six months of 1954 than during the same months in 1953, the State Traffic Safety Division reported Thursday.

In the first six months of this year there were 28,198 traffic accidents.

Traffic injuries also were down from 7,568 during the first half of 1953 to 6,229 this year. There also was a small reduction in deaths this year. During the first half of 1953 there were 180 deaths in traffic accidents as compared with 176 this year.

City Police to Sponsor Film

Instead of the annual Police-man's Ball this year Salem city police will sponsor a showing of a two-hour, color-action film on Alaska.

The show, with admission price going into the Salem Police Benefit Association fund, will take place at North Salem High School auditorium on the nights of Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1 and 2.

The movie will show Alaskan wildlife, outdoor scenes and other activities.

Police said this type activity would have "a wide entertainment and educational appeal for the whole family." The Police Benefit Association fund is used for police aids, donations to charities, Christmas food baskets, juvenile program and other activities.

Morange Named Department Head At Willamette U.

Willamette University announced Thursday that Dr. Marion Morange, professor of French for many years, is now acting head of the language department of the faculty.

The previous department head, Dr. George Hocking, has resigned from the faculty.

Miss Morange joined the Willamette faculty in 1931.

County Fire Fighters Hear Rep. Norblad

Report on the progress of the newly launched home fire inspection program was a feature of a Marion County Fire Association dinner and meeting held at Central fire station Wednesday night.

Rep. Walter Norblad spoke before approximately 150 firemen from Salem and other points in the county.

Ten per cent of all homes in the state have been inspected for fire hazards, reported Don Reinke, who attended the recent governor's home safety program at Reed College in Portland.

Reinke added that reports at the Portland session showed 23,000 hazards of various types in the approximately 105,000 homes inspected in the state. The figures carry through Sept. 1. As of that date, said Reinke, some 6,000 Salem homes had been inspected.

The percentage of inspections expected to be stepped up in the coming year.

2 Men Granted Court Hearing

Two men accused of robbing Erickson's South Salem Market of \$7,500 Sept. 3, appeared in Marion County District Court Thursday and requested a preliminary examination, which was granted by Judge Val Sloper.

The two, Jack Lee Taylor, 32, Washburn, Tex., and Dillard Hedge, 32, Hobbs, N. M., were arrested in Vale the day after the burglary and booked on the charge.

They are being held under \$10,000 bail each. The preliminary examination will extend until Sept. 27.

115 Present at UF Session

Salem's new United Fund got down to work in earnest Thursday as a special training session brought out chapter chairmen and other Fund leaders from 75 business firms.

Top UF leaders said they were very pleased with the turnout of some 115 men and women for the morning meeting at the Marion Hotel.

Speakers included Elmer Berglund, chairman of the civic campaign for \$185,000 in support of many youth, welfare and charity agencies; Mayor Alfred Loucks; Otto Wilson, fund president; Jay Monette, speakers' bureau chairman, and the Rev. George Swift.

Stayton Area Farmer Dies

Statesman News Service
STAYTON — Joseph Hendricks, 69, who had farmed west of Stayton for 35 years, died here Thursday.

He was born at Cottonwood, Idaho, May 12, 1885 and had been a prominent figure in the Stayton area.

Survivors include: the widow, Bertha, Stayton; three daughters, Mrs. Theresa Ferry and Mrs. Margaret Welter, both of Stayton; Mrs. Edna Butler, Marion; one son, Clarence, Stayton; five sisters, Sister Mary Mechtide, St. Mary's of Beaverton; Mrs. Matilda List, Antioch, Calif.; Mrs. Emma Baker, Medford; Mrs. Francis Eder, Gervais, and Mrs. Celia Cramer, Rainier; and three brothers, Gus, Lawrence and Louis, all of Sublimity.

Funeral services will be at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Stayton at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Burial in the Stayton Catholic cemetery will follow. Recitation of the Rosary will be Friday night at 8 at the Weddle Funeral Home here.

Governor Leaves For Pendleton

Gov. Paul L. Patterson left for Pendleton Thursday night to participate in the Pendleton Round-Up parade Friday.

The Governor will spend Saturday attending the Union County Fair and will return to Salem Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Patterson.

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