

Higher Education Budget Whacked

Salem —UPI— Budgetmakers took a preliminary \$6,600,000 slice from a record \$60,679,000 higher education request for 1959-61 here Thursday.

At the same time, Gov. Robert D. Holmes told the State Board of Higher Education he was operating on "a clear mandate from the voters of Oregon for economy and no new taxes," in cutting budget requests.

"I can't see a building program for institutions of higher education without a bonding program," the governor added.

The higher education cut was recommended to the governor by the State Department of Finance and Administration. The \$60 million figure represented a 30 per cent increase over current costs. The cuts eliminate salary range increases designed to maintain Oregon's "middle-zone" rank among the nation's colleges and universities, improvement of teacher-student ratios and request for additional county agents and agricultural research.

FFA Plans Sale Of Christmas Cards

Central Point — The Crater High school Future Farmers of America chapter will sponsor a Christmas card drive Tuesday, Nov. 25, with about 32 boys expected to participate.

They will canvass the Central Point, Gold Hill, Sams Valley and Medford areas.

Proceeds will be used to help finance chapter activities. The Crater chapter has a yearly budget exceeding \$2,000, and has purchased several new pieces of equipment this year, including a larger tractor, a mower and plow.

Other activities for which the money will be used includes support of the parliamentary team, the 20-acre chapter farm and to send delegates to the national convention in Kansas City.

The Christmas card drive will start about 6:30 p.m. and is expected to be completed about 10 p.m. The drive was planned by the student executive council with Ed Griggs and Bill MacFarlane, chapter advisors.

Public Hearing Set On Telephone Rates

Salem —UPI— Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan today ordered a public hearing here Dec. 8 to resume proceedings on Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's requested \$4,850,000 rate increase.

The company's direct case was presented Sept. 9.

Morgan said full cross-examination of the utility's evidence would be had at the December hearing. The PUC staff and interested members of the public also will get a chance to present direct evidence.

Pier Angeli Files for Divorce

Hollywood —UPI— Actress Pier Angeli, 26, filed for divorce from Vic Damone Thursday, charging her singer-husband of four years with unspecified acts of cruelty.

The attractive Italian-born actress will receive \$500 a month for the support of their 3-year-old son, Perry, until the boy reaches 21, according to a property settlement signed by Damone.

The settlement also called for the singer to turn over 25 per cent of his yearly gross earnings or \$21,000, whichever is greater to Miss Angeli between Jan. 1 next year and Oct. 31, 1960.

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