



GIFTS TO THRILL A WOMAN—Here are a few items for Christmas giving that do double-duty in attractive table settings: a vase, a clock and tray that can serve as floral centerpiece, an ice bucket or wine cooler that can double as a vase. Silver goblets, bread and butter dishes and double vegetable dishes serve many uses with beauty and practicality, too. Don't forget such classic gifts as flatware and candlesticks.

Capitol Memo

Indications Point To Continued Rise In Education Costs

By ZAN STARK
Salem — It costs a lot of money to run Oregon's schools. The price goes up every biennium.

Gov. Mark Hatfield, in his budget message Saturday, recommended a total education expenditure of \$329.2 million for 1963-65. This is more than the entire 1959-61 general fund budget of \$312.1 million.

Education accounts for 25.6 per cent of the \$1,285,700,000 the governor envisions will be spent during the coming two years.

Social services account for 21 per cent (\$269.7 million), transportation 19.6 per cent (\$251.1 million) and commerce and labor 18 per cent (\$231.3 million), with public health, public safety, natural resources, general government and capital construction making up the balance of the billion-plus budget.

When you break education down into sections of revenue sources, you find schooling takes more than half of the state's proposed \$405.3 million general fund budget—59.4 per cent, or a total of \$240.9 million from the general fund.

The \$68.3 million additional money it takes to run the schools comes from sources outside the general fund, such as federal aid.

While education takes the biggest slices from the general fund, it ranks fourth in revenue received from other sources—behind transportation, commerce and labor, social services.

To get an idea how fast education expenditures are rising, in the 1959-61 biennium the total was under \$225 million. This is more than a \$100 million increase in just six years.

In general, here is how some of the educational dollar would be spent under the governor's proposed budget:

School for the blind, \$714,000; school for the deaf, \$1,649,000; department of education, \$164,144,000; board of higher education, \$138,715,000; state library, \$1,135,000; Oregon museum, \$35,000; and scholarships, \$486,000.

And of course in addition to the above, the governor

called for a \$43 million bond issue to finance new construction at the state's exploding colleges.

There's every reason to believe the education budget will keep on growing.

Indeed, the governor said so in his remarks to the legislators.

"There are many who believe that the state should provide half of the cost of local schools. Present state support falls significantly short of this mark but effort must

be continued toward closing the gap.

"Two years ago, appropriations were made to raise school support by \$10 per school census child in 1961-62 and an additional \$5 per child in 1962-63.

"I recommend that we increase the \$120 per child now provided to \$130 per child during the 1963-65 biennium at an added cost of \$11,448,810 for the biennium," the governor said.

The governor added, "If additional revenues are made available by legislative action

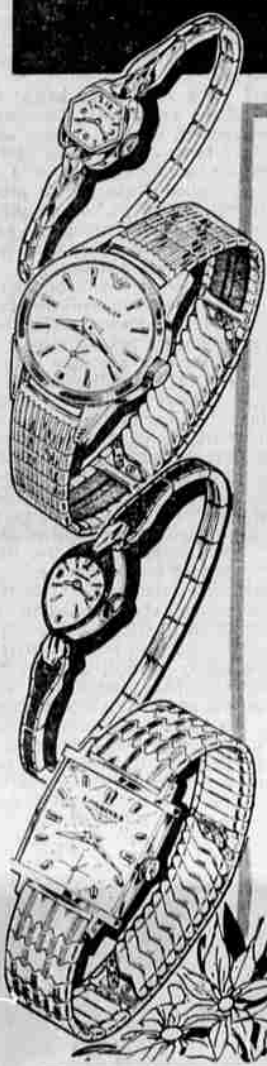
or if substantial reduction in other programs are directed by the legislature, funds so freed should be applied to further increases in the rate of basic school support."

With school enrollments continuing to spiral, this could mean many millions of added expenditures in the coming years.

While speaking of higher education, Hatfield noted enrollments at state colleges and universities doubled during an eight-year period, presenting "a staggering challenge to state government."

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