



Your Money's Worth

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EDUCATION AND YOUR LIFETIME EARNINGS

If you're planning to be a carpenter, you can count on earning an average of \$209,000 during your working lifetime if you have a high school diploma but only \$178,000 if you drop out after grade school — a differential of \$31,000.

If you expect to be a plumber, you can count on average lifetime earnings of \$232,000 if you graduate from high school but only \$222,000 if you quit after elementary school — a differential of \$10,000.

Among truck drivers too, the differential in average lifetime earnings for those with and without a high school education is marked—\$212,000 against \$189,000. The gap becomes even more dramatic among plasterers, mine workers, policemen, ranges up to \$42,000 over the working age years of 18 to 64.

What good is a high school diploma to an American who is not going on to college and who is heading for an occupation where the emphasis is on aptitude and know-how, not on formal education?

The blunt answer is that employers in virtually all trades today prefer high school graduates and are willing to pay for them — and this is what Dr. Herman P. Miller, Special Assistant to the Director of the U. S. Census Bureau, will say in the Bureau's Occupational Outlook Quarterly to be published this Friday.

That a college-educated man makes \$170,000 more during his working lifetime than a high school graduate is an impressive fact, but it's not surprising. Nor is it surprising that a doctor, highest paid of all professionals, makes \$400,000 more than an accountant in a lifetime.

What is vitally important news is the mounting dollars-and-cents value of education to workers in just about every trade — ranging from bus driving to hair cutting, from fire fighting to firefighting.

"Take a carpenter, for example," says Miller. "With a high school diploma, he has a better chance to get a regular job with a big and diversified construction firm. Then, rain or shine, he works every day. Unlike the less educated — and often also less trained — carpenter, he may be the last to be laid off in slack times."

"Or take the busdriver. With a high school diploma, he may be considered for a job by a nationwide carrier — without it, he may need a little luck to turn the wheels for any firm, often at lower pay."

Miller's up-to-date findings on the money value of education, based on the 1960 Census, are of extraordinary importance because, as he says, "There are still many in our society who have had little exposure to education, disadvantaged people who cannot see how education can help them or their children."

Yet, the fact is that in the trades, high school graduates are preferred for apprentice training and this, in itself, increases the financial benefits of the diploma. The fact is that intensive, thorough training for skilled occupations easily can be worth more in the long run than picking up the skills on the job.

The pay differentials go across the board. High school-educated craftsmen and foreman can expect to earn an average \$36,000 more in a lifetime than those without the diploma.

Service workers, including household help, can look forward to \$34,000 more if they have their high school diploma. Semi-skilled operatives will have an average \$24,000 extra with this education to help them.

Of course, a college degree is a must for most of the professions and even for the few professions which do not demand a college degree, the dollars-and-cents advantage for the professional man with the degree is enormous, can go up to \$100,000 over a lifetime.

Here are the average lifetime earnings for men by years of school completed.

Years of school completed	Lifetime earnings age 18-64
Less than 8 yrs.	\$143,000
8 yrs.	\$184,000
13 yrs. high sch.	\$212,000
4 yrs. high sch.	\$247,000
1-3 yrs. college	\$293,000
4 or more yrs. coll.	\$417,000

Seat Belt Tip Given for Holiday

SALEM (UPI) — Nearly 30 per cent of the 527 traffic deaths recorded in Oregon so far this year involved people thrown from their cars at the time of impact, the Traffic Safety Division said Monday.

Many of these lives would have been saved by seat belts, the safety department said.

With pre-holiday traffic getting heavier every day, the division suggested an early Christmas gift for motorists — seat belts.

Grange Notes

Central Point Grange
Friday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. the Central Point Grange will hold its Christmas party for grangers and friends. The lecturer, Mrs. Gaston Floux, is arranging a program of children's Christmas numbers.

A Santa and treats will be part of the evening's entertainment. Members are to furnish any of the following foods — sandwiches, candy, cookies, popcorn balls, fruit cake or nuts for the snack supper.

Preceding the Dec. 6 meeting, John Patrick, Eagle Point, showed colored slides and talked of his trip with the FFA, to Europe and behind the Iron Curtain. He lived on farms and learned about farming in Eastern Europe. Freedom is a factor lacking in these countries, he said.

The charter was draped in memory of President John F. Kennedy. A communication was read by the secretary from the National Grange Master Herschel Newsom, asking subordinate Granges to drape their charters and observe a 30 day mourning period.

Agriculture Committee Chairman Arnold Bohner announced the annual meeting of the Oregon Seed League in Portland and the State Grange agriculture committee meeting in Portland at the State Grange headquarters. Delmar Smith quoted livestock prices.

Home Economics Club Chairman Mrs. Morris Frink announced coming events of interest to the women.

Souvenirs of their recent trip to Hawaii were exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Members balloted for state Grange officers. Included in other business, Master James Cornutt announced the chairman of committees for 1964.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vail, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gordon.

Country of Origin Marking on Lumber Goes Before House

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Monday approved and sent to the House for final action a bill that would require Canadian lumber brought into the United States to be marked with the country of origin.

Canada has formally expressed its "deep concern" over the measure in 1960 on grounds that the State Department that it would consider the requirement a violation of Canadian - U.S. trade agreements.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower vetoed a similar measure in 1960 on grounds that it would violate trade agreements, and the State Commerce and Treasury departments opposed the marking requirement in hearings earlier this year.

Canadian "Concerned" Canadian Ambassador Charles S. A. Ritchie handed a note to Deputy Undersecretary of State Alexis Johnson the day after the committee action expressing what a Canadian spokesman termed "deep concern" over the measure.

But Ritchie did not indicate during the State Department meeting whether Canada might take retaliatory action.

Canada exported about \$280 million worth of softwood lumber to the United States last year, accounting for about 15 per cent of U.S. domestic consumption. Lumber industry spokesmen have said the Canadian share of the U.S. market increased this year.

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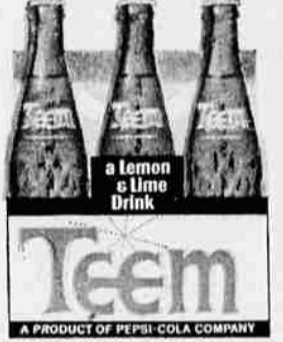
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