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Mrs. Marie Borton's Morning Session



Five of Mrs. Marie Borton's kindergarten children were absent when her morning group was snapped, but eighteen are on hand, ready to play a ring game after the photographer gets through making them sit still. On small kindergarten chairs, contoured to fit growing little backs, are: Tommy Baluta, Suellen Brooking, Dennis Cashman, Craig Churry, David Coggiola, John Dominick, and Ginny Block. Standing behind the chairs are: John Crossin, Tommy Avery, Dixie Dornisfe, Pat Corbett, Denise Cashman, Barbara Brooking, Alisa Berger, Bobby Dover, Charles Baker, Sharon Smith, and Vera Balshaw. Absentees are: Brian Gallagher, Tommy Kane, Keith DeVincentis, Ricky Edwards, and Jean Coleman.

(Photo by Kozemchak)

Pupil Education Cost Increases \$17 A Year

The average cost of educating a pupil in Pennsylvania public schools has been going up at the rate of \$17 a year since 1950, the Department of Public Instruction disclosed today.

In a statistical report called "The Cost of Johnny's Education is Rising," the Department of Public Instruction indicated the cost of educating a pupil in 1955—the last year for which pupil costs have been compiled—was \$319.67. In 1954 it was \$302.64, while in 1950 it was \$234.70.

The report also indicated that increases in teachers salaries are not the principal cause of the high price of education. "All major classifications for current expense have increased more than instruction which includes teachers salaries," the report said.

It lists these as textbooks, supplies, transportation, health service, wages of janitors, retirement costs and insurance, adding that "Expenditure for fuel is the only item which increased less than teachers' salaries."

The average cost per pupil of \$319.67 breaks down into three major expenditures. Operating expenses averaged \$264.19, debt service \$32.40, and capital outlay \$23.08. Under operating expenses, the principal tab was salaries and supplies for instruction—a total of \$177.22 spent per pupil. In 1950 instructional costs average \$128.92 or about 77 percent less.

Pupils Purchase Savings Stamps

Pupils in the Dallas Borough-Kingston Township Schools purchased \$9,016.25 worth of Savings Stamps and Bonds during the 1956-57 school year. The Savings Stamps purchased by schools were:

Dallas Elementary	\$1755.20
Shavertown Elementary	2347.30
Trucksville Elementary	2617.85
Kindergarten	1203.60
Westmoreland H.S.	1092.30

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Students Who Get Over \$600 Are Dependents

Provided Parents Furnish Half Of Child's Support

Do you have a son or daughter working during the summer vacation, who is likely to earn more than \$600 before school starts again?

If so, he or she doesn't have to quit work before earning that amount for you to retain your child's exemption deduction. The same holds true if you have a non-student working child who will still be under 19 by the end of the tax year.

In either case, regardless of how much the child earns, the parent may claim an exemption, providing he has furnished over half the total cost of his child's support for the year. This rule also applies in the case of legally adopted children.

There is one important thing to keep in mind: A dependent child is also entitled to an exemption deduction for himself on his own separate return. On the other hand, if he is married, and files a joint return with his wife, no dependency exemption may be claimed by the parent.

R. P. Brownell, Director of the Scranton Internal Revenue District, today clarified revenue laws which have confused many parents in this area.

"We have reports of both parents and employers telling working children they'll have to quit their jobs before they earn \$600. They can work right up to the reopening of school if they want to," Director Brownell said. "The children, however, may have to pay a small tax. Since many of them are studying our own courses in basic taxation, they already know this. By the same token, many of them who work only short terms of employment or for a smaller salary will probably be entitled to refunds during the next filing season."

This information should prove helpful to three parties to summer employment, the student or child worker, the parents, and the employer, Mr. Brownell said. He warned that to gain advantage of this rule, children over 19 must be bona fide students at recognized educational institutions, or pursuing a full time farm training course. Taxpayers having questions regarding individual cases may obtain help by phoning the Internal Revenue office nearest their home.

Better Safety Record is Aim For This Year

Signs will Remind All Motorists of Their Responsibility

Announcement of the opening date of the new school term is accompanied this year by a special warning to all drivers of motor vehicles that they must assume a major share of the responsibility for the safety of children in traffic.

They will be reminded of this frequently by signs, soon to appear in profusion—proclaiming that "School's Open—Drive Carefully."

The special warning is pre-dicated on a recapitulation of progress toward assuring the youngsters' safety of life and limb as they go to and from school.

This progress has been substantial, to date. Over the years, death rate among school age children as the result of traffic accidents has been cut one half, in comparison with a doubling of the rate among other ages.

Cooperative Efforts Work. Cooperation between school authorities, police and such civic minded organizations as automobile clubs, in providing children with education in traffic safety, and in setting up precautions against the hazards of traffic, are credited with the gains, now jealously guarded.

School Safety Patrols, manned by white Sam Browne belted boys and girls; crossing guards enlisted from among the ranks of mothers, special police patrols, all have contributed to the safety record.

The one hazard against which no combination of officialdom can insure the youngsters—and this is especially true of those in the lower grades—is their own play exuberance which leads them to unpredictable accidents such as darting suddenly into the street after a loose ball, or occasionally trying to beat a car to a crossing out of sheer devilry.

"Motorists must take into consideration these unpredictable actions of children at all times," says Harry I. Kirk, president of the American Automobile Association. "The boys and girls in the white Sam Browne belts are on duty to help keep you from accidentally striking a child. Give them all the cooperation you can."

Alertness Essential. Alertness on the part of the motorist is especially necessary in areas beyond the reach of School Patrols. Similarly, those who participate in car pools organized to take children to and from distant schools, are urged to use extra caution.

All motor vehicle drivers should make sure now, before school opens that their cars are in good mechanical condition so that they may cope with the need for quick and safe stops.

Car pool drivers have an added responsibility of so conducting themselves while driving the youngsters to school, as to set a good example to the younger generation.

IMPORTANCE OF READING. 75 per cent of all study activities in elementary school and 80 to 90 per cent in high school require reading ability.

Anyone who thinks he's indispensable should try sticking his finger in a bowl of water and noticing the hole it leaves when he takes it out.

"Women just wouldn't get everything said if they spoke one at a time."—Arnold Glasow

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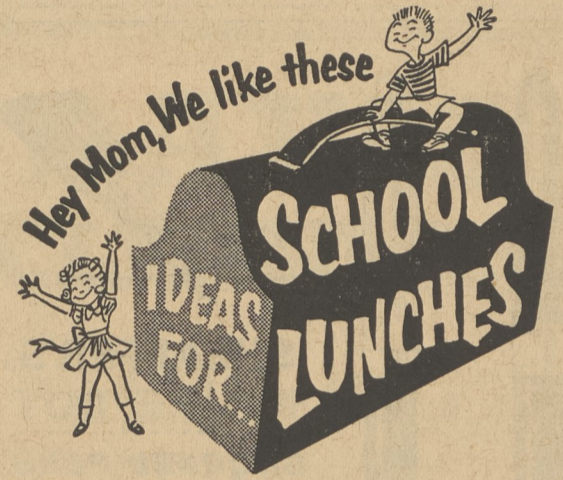
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