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Every state, county and city official or board that handles public money should publish at regular intervals an accounting of it, showing where and how each dollar is spent. This is a fundamental principle of democratic government.

ALL day, from the early morning, the streets of quiet old Philadelphia were filled with a throng of people. Earnestly they talked in little groups, but ever their eyes swept back to the door of the state house. There the Continental Congress was meeting.

The waiting people knew that debate on Mr. Jefferson's resolution was coming to a head. It was a declaration of complete independence, no less. Some were not prepared to go so far. Many had doubts. The very foundations of the world they knew seemed slipping away.

It was hot. The crowd waited as the hours passed and the sun swept through the zenith. At about 2 o'clock in the afternoon the door opened, and a voice was heard to cry excitedly, "It has passed!"

The old bellman, waiting dejectedly in the belfry, caught the signal from a boy sentinel shouting, "Ring! Ring!" And he threw the iron clapper of the bell against its side.

Over quiet Philadelphia the sonorous tones of the bell floated as the bellman rang it in a tumult of joy.

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The people of the United States had cut forever the ties that bound them politically to Europe. The metallic voice of the old bell was a song of a new world to be. It rings in our ears today as it rang in the ears of those people before the hall of congress on that July afternoon 164 years ago.

Hancock, signing the declaration first with a bold flourish, and all the others who signed, were men unafraid. They took their lives in their hands, they risked their security. But they were not afraid. They closed their declaration with these words:

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

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We, their descendants and heirs, can do no less.

On this 164th anniversary of that famous day, let us again dedicate ourselves to preserving, by whatever methods the needs of the day suggest, the freedom they won.

Listen! Can you not hear the echo of that wildly-clanging bell? Can you not remember the words graven around it:

"Proclaim Liberty to All the World and the Inhabitants Thereof."

LET us imagine a national catastrophe, say an earthquake, in which 8800 people lost their lives, 800,000 were injured.

We would pitch in to do anything possible to prevent it from happening again.

Yet that is simply last year's accident toll for July in the United States. The toll taken each year by celebrations of the Glorious Fourth merely sets the key for what is always our goriest accident month.

The National Safety Council is properly urging the cooperation of every person in the country to reduce this fearful destruction of life and property. It is not enough to expect public authorities to act to stem this tide of destruction. Every man, woman and child can help.

See to it that you and every member of your family "play it safe," not only on the Fourth, but throughout the month. That in itself will better serve the country than shooting off any number of cannon-crackers.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

efficiency. We need all the efficiency we can get.

If the proposed excess profits tax is merely another PUNISHMENT TAX, we want none of it.

Bills Allowed by Roseburg Council

Following is the list of bills allowed by the city council at its regular meeting Monday night:

Sewer Fund

Paul Casey, hauling rock	$ 40.00
City of Roseburg, water, lights, and gasoline	27.56
Consolidated Supply company, pipe fittings	6.40
Dunham Transfer company, freight on pipe fittings	.67
H. L. Eppstein, services	120.00
Arthur Boyer, services	57.00
Ted Shellabarger, services	12.00
Eugene Concrete Pipe Co., split tile on contract	1,888.00
General Petroleum Corp., gasoline	52.33
Roy Johnson, hauling rock	28.00
Logger's & Contractors Machy. Co., rental mixer	125.00
Nordling Parts company, fan belt	.66
Oregon Portland Cement Co., car cement	316.27
Roseburg Sand & Gravel Co., gravel and rental mchy.	186.75
Safeway Stores, rental warehouse	8.00
Southern Pacific Co., freight on cement	115.37
Weeks Companies, ties	25.20
Roseburg Electric, light bulbs	1.84
Roseburg Welding & Rad. Works, repairs machinery	8.00
Union Garage, repairs machinery	3.74
Churchill Hardware Co., supplies	7.82

General Fund

Herman G. Althaus, repairs city hall	1.85
T. J. Brown, treas., cash advanced for postage, box rent	3.20
California-Oregon Power Co., water light	795.79
Civil Aeronautics authority, refund overpaid rent	23.00
Consolidated Freight Lines, freight street repairs	.95
Thomas Fletcher, care of dogs	6.00
K. E. Erickson, street signs	23.50
Farm Bureau Exchange, chairs and table for council room	239.00
Fogel's Shop, repairs street machinery	2.25
Garbage Disposal Co., disposition dead dog	1.00
General Petroleum Corpn., gasoline	95.49
J. S. McDonald, repairs lights	5.90
Nordling Parts Co., supplies police dept.	3.52
Orchard Auto Parts Co., repairs truck	1.00
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. phone tolls	.90
Richfield Oil Corpn., kerosene	6.89
Roseburg Book store, office supplies	1.15
Roseburg Chieftain, envelopes	6.50
Roseburg Electric, light bulbs city hall	2.12
Roseburg Sand & Gravel Co., rock for streets	89.38
Roseurg Welding & Rad. Works, repairs street machy.	20.00
Silver Nook Grille, meals prisoners	16.50
Sun Printing Co., license blanks	8.00
Union Oil Co., kerosene	26.70
Western Auto Supply Co., repairs truck	.21
E. E. Woodcock, manhole frame	11.95
Churchill Hardware Co., street supplies	2.05
Union Garage, repairs street machinery	1.10

Fiscal Year's Deficit Totals $3,612,000,000

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The United States wound up the fiscal year which ended June 30 with a net deficit of exactly $3,612,005,036.71.

The figure announced today by the treasury, excludes money spent to retire debts.

The government took in a total of $5,924,836,002.76 during the year and spent $9,666,095,539.47.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

George Washington fully believed in the liberty of conscience. He once declared: "If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the constitution framed in the convention, where I had the honor to preside, might possibly endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical society, certainly I would never have placed my signature to it; and if I could now conceive that the general government might ever be so administered as to render the liberty of conscience insecure, I hope you will be persuaded that no one would be more zealous than myself to establish effectual barriers against the horrors of spiritual tyranny, and every species of religious persecution. I have often expressed my sentiments, that every man, conducting himself as a good citizen, and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions ought to be protected in worshiping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience. That man might freely live, for God and home and native land." Amen.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams

School District Reorganization Plan Discussed

Views Offered on Legislative Proposal as Particularly Applicable to Douglas County Situation.

(Editor's Note—A tentative plan, authorized by the legislature, for reorganization of Douglas county school districts, has been submitted to the state board of education for approval. The approved reorganization would become effective where accepted favorably, but could be rejected by a vote of the people where districts did not approve. In order that there may be an understanding of the conditions upon which the proposed program is based, the News-Review has requested Lee Byers of Oakland to prepare a series of informative articles on this subject. Mr. Byers was candidate for the reorganization board at the time the data necessary for the reorganization study and the statistics he presents in the series of articles appearing in the News-Review are official. These articles are presented solely for the purpose of informing News-Review readers with regard to this program. Any conclusions or opinions expressed are those of the

BY LEE BYERS

(No. 9 and last in a series of articles explanatory of the proposed school reorganization plan for Douglas county.)

For some years the proposal has been made that the Calapooia section, Oakland-Sutherlin, unite their high schools. Today the idea is nearer realization for the people will realize better high school facilities would result from such a consolidation. The consolidation project is still growing where the rural districts of the Oakland section paved the way by consolidating with District No. 1. In further consolidating there will be no intention of injuring any school district or section but an opportunity for improvement will be given to all sections.

The consolidation of Oakland District No. 1, has succeeded very well but the benefits would be more complete with the Oakland-Sutherlin high schools combined.

In no case should consolidation mean that all elementary children should be brought to a central unit. It may be quite desirable and efficient to operate schools for younger pupils in the outlying sections. This is now being done at Tyee. Further consolidation must consider the need of these outlying sections and in all recommendations this point has been emphasized.

The suggested plan for combining in this Calapooia area proposes that the rural districts in the Sutherlin section, together with Sutherlin, combine with the present Oakland consolidated district to form one unit. The idea would be to operate one high school and elementary schools at Oakland, Sutherlin, Nonpareil, and in the Calapooia section. The matter of two teacher schools at Nonpareil and Calapooia being a matter for the people of those sections to decide.

A new high school building would be necessary and some needed improvements made in buildings in both the Nonpareil and Calapooia sections. However with the substantial assessed valuation a reasonable valuation ratio a necessary building program would not present any difficulties.

The present valuation Oakland consolidation $2,068,010. Valuation ratio 11.226. Sutherlin 1937,860. Valuation ratio 2.326.

The above comparison illustrates a good example of the possibility of more equitable valuation ratios when consolidations are made. For further comparison showing valuations in other counties:

Place	Valuation	Enrollment
Ashland	$7,650,000	1211
Cottage Grove	4,210,000	919
Grants Pass	3,372,000	1024
Roseburg	3,040,750	1160

The Douglas county school survey has provided the necessary data which together with the numerous general problems confronting the schools has been carefully considered in making the recommendations to the state board of education. As has been previously stated, this state board may accept, reject or revise the proposals and plans which have been submitted from the county reorganization committees.

After the plan has met the approval of the state board, all interested districts will be notified and those that wish to remain out of an proposed new unit may call an election by petition and should the voters of that district reject the proposed plan the present district formation shall continue to operate.

Even should all districts accept the reorganization plan the operation would not be in complete operation until 1941. It is important to remember that in all the new proposed units the people alone can decide by vote which schools shall be operated, and have the right to elect a local board which shall have control of the schools in that particular district.

Further information and data secured in the recent Douglas county school survey will be gladly supplied to anyone who is interested.

Record Deposits Shown by U. S. National Bank

As of June 29, 1940, the United States National bank, which has one of its important units in Roseburg, responded to the comptroller's call by showing deposits of $150,564,209.19, the highest shown by this bank in any comptroller's report by a large degree.

Compared with the statement published for the corresponding period last year, deposits have jumped from $125,800,209.93, or a gain of $24,764,999.56, an average increase of over two million dollars a month. During this period, resources have increased from $136,646,586.59 to $161,800,201.02.

The management of the local unit expressed gratification at this increase and stated that the increase locally was in keeping with that of the bank as a whole.

Fire Permits Now Needed in Forests

SALEM, July 2.—(AP)—Permits must be obtained to build fires in all national forests, except the Siuslaw, unless fires are built at designated camp grounds, Governor Charles A. Sprague proclaimed today.

The orders also apply to land adjacent to national forests, smoking is prohibited while traveling in forests either on foot or in automobiles traveling on forest roads. Each motorist traveling through forests will be required to carry an ax, shovel and water bucket.

The permits may be obtained from ranger stations. The order was not expected to affect persons planning to visit their summer homes in nationla forests over Independence day, since these persons probably would build their fires at designated areas.

In addition, a few high hazard areas, totaling less than 8,000 acres in Mt. Hood and Willamette forests, will be closed completely. There are no roads or trails through these isolated areas.

Ex-Norwegian Consular Official Kills Himself

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 2.—(AP)—Oscar Klocker, 80, former British and Norwegian consular official here, who left a suicide note attributing his act in part to the plight of his native Norway, Prosecutor David E. Rhea said, died today.

He shot himself Sunday night, the prosecutor said. He was also a former mayor and president of the commercial club and the oldest past exalted ruler of the Port Townsend Elks lodge.

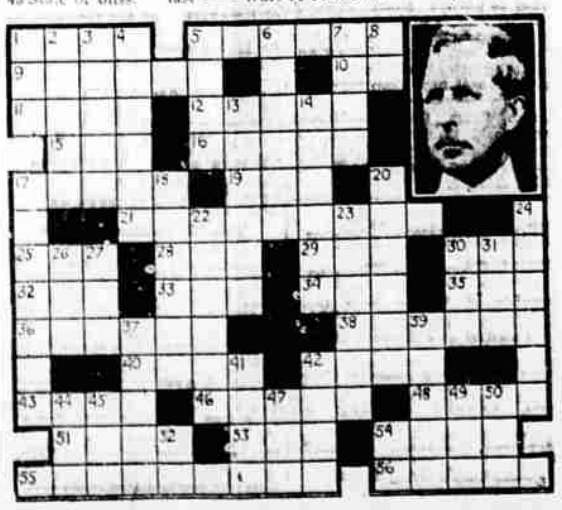
The widow, a daughter, and relatives in Norway, survive. He had been in ill health.

A LATE KING

HORIZONTAL
1, 5 Late hero king of Belgium.
9 Pep.
10 Yellow bird.
11 Wheel hub.
12 Armadillo.
15 The tip.
16 Abhorred.
17 Goddess of vegetation.
19 Corded fabric.
21 Became inactive.
25 Rubber tree.
28 100 square meters.
29 Electrified particle.
30 Lawyer's charge.
32 To putrefy.
33 Hole.
34 Wand.
35 Deity of war.
36 Abolishes.
38 Having ledges.
40 Consumer.
42 Elf.
43 State of bliss.
46 Possessing flavor.
48 Drop of eye fluid.
51 Genus of sheep.
53 Adult male.
54 To simmer.
55 He was killed in a fall from a ——
56 He ruled during the last —— War.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL
1 View.
2 Silly.
3 At no time.
4 Swimming birds.
5 Indian nurse.
6 Defeated.
7 Pathway.
8 Forward.
13 To coat with plaster.
14 To mend.
17 He was a man of unusual —— or bravery.
18 Ear bones.
20 Part of an auto.
22 Ascends.
23 Shaped with a tool.
24 He was an able —— or ruler.
26 Tennis stroke
27 Greek letter.
30 Oblong fruit.
31 Before.
37 Fatigue coat.
39 Aforesaid thing.
41 Branches.
42 To languish.
44 Drone bee.
45 Adam's mate.
47 Logger's boot.
49 Ever (contr.)
50 Shoemaker's tool.
52 Musical note.
54 Southwest (abbr.).



Maritime Strike May be Averted

Compromise Offer Extended by Comunications Assn. To Cooks, Stewards Unions.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—(AP)—A contract proposal by the American Communications association was described today by shipowners' spokesmen as offering the possibility for peaceful solution of a tense maritime labor situation.

The offer was made yesterday by the ACA to the Pacific American Shipowners association against which the marine cooks and stewards have threatened to strike Wednesday midnight unless a new contract is reached.

Shipowners said the ACA proposal had "rattled the lock in the door to peace," and they planned to seek a conference with the union today.

The ACA, the cooks and stewards and the longshoremen, all CIO affiliates, are the only three maritime unions which have not been able to negotiate new agreements with the offshore and intercoastal shippers, replacing contracts which expired last September and which have been extended pending negotions.

A strike by the cooks and stewards, set to start Sunday midnight, was postponed 72 hours when department of labor authorities intervened in attempts to bring peaceful settlement of the difficulties.

The strike, if effected, was expected to cripple 60 per cent of west coast shipping and affect 30,000 men, because other maritime unions would not pass picket lines set up by the striking union.

The ACA offered to renew its old agreement if shipowners would grant a 10 per cent war emergency wage increase, provide four instead of three radio operators on major ships, and arbitrate certain other issues, including the union's demand to raise the base pay to $165 monthly from $125.

Adding an additional operator on the major ships, the ACA said, would eliminate the necessity for overtime and erase a recent cause of conflict between the shipowners and radiomen. Sailings of several ships have been delayed here for the past 10 days by disputes between radiomen and shipowners on the overtime pay issue.

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Mutual Broadcasting System
1500 Kilocycles

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Sheep and Goats Club, MBS.
4:30—Tea Time Dance.
4:45—Console Sketches.
5:15—Talk by Byron Mitchell, MBS.
5:30—Shafter Parker, MBS.
5:45—Orphan Annie, Ovaltine, MBS.
6:00—Raymond Gram Swing, MBS.
6:15—Dinner Dance.
6:30—John B. Hughes, Avalon Cigarettes, MBS.
6:45—Modern Melodies.
7:00—Tonight's Tune.
7:05—News, Calif. Pacific Utilities Co.
7:10—News-Review News Flashes.
7:15—Mutual Maestros.
7:30—Lone Ranger, MBS.
8:00—Exposition Fantasy, MBS.
8:30—Gus Arnhiem's Orch., MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Jimmy Joy's Orch., MBS.
9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
9:45—Art Whiting's Orch., MBS.
10:00—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:00—Neighbors of Woodcraft, MBS.
8:30—News, MBS.
8:40—Interlude.
8:45—Carters of Elm Street, Ovaltine, MBS.
9:00—On Revival Day, MBS.
9:15—Symphony.
9:30—Thursday Serenade, MBS.
9:45—Keep Fit to Music, MBS.
10:00—Adventures of Uncle Jimmy, Copco.
10:15—Ma Perkins, Proctor & Gamble, MBS.
10:30—Francis Craig's Orch., MBS.
10:45—Bachelor's Children, Old Dutch Cleanser, MBS.
11:00—Our Friendly Neighbors, Alka Seltzer, MBS.
11:15—Independence Day Program, MBS.
11:45—Col. Manny Prager's Orch., MBS.
12:00—News, MBS.
12:15—Mutual Matinee, MBS.
12:30—Russ Morgan's Orch., MBS.
12:45—Melody Bouquet, MBS.
1:00—Description of Sussex Handicap, MBS.
1:30—Johnson Family, MBS.
1:45—At Your Command.
2:00—Wings Over Washington, MBS.
2:30—At Your Command.
2:45—American Legion News Barrage, MBS.
3:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
3:15—Geo. Stearney's Orch., MBS.
3:30—The Quiet Hour.
4:00—Wythe Williams, Commentator, MBS.
4:30—Tea Time Dance.
4:40—Pageant of Melody, MBS.
5:00—Talk by Harold L. Ickes, MBS.
5:30—Shafter Parker, MBS.
5:45—Orphan Annie, Ovaltine, MBS.
6:00—Raymond Gram Swing, MBS.
6:15—Dinner Dance.
6:30—John B. Hughes, MBS.
6:45—G-Men Stories, MBS.
7:00—Paging the Past, MBS.
7:15—Mutual Maestros.
7:45—Del Courtney's Orch., MBS.
8:00—California Melodies, MBS.
8:30—Griff Williams' Orch., MBS.
8:45—Twilight Trails, Avalon Cigarettes, MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Dave Dennis' Orch., MBS.
9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
9:45—Sign Off.

Petition to Legalize Pinball Games Filed

SALEM, July 3—(AP)—Completed petitions for a proposed constitutional amendment to legalize pinball games was filed yesterday.

The filing of this initiative raises to two the number of initiatives assured placed on the November ballot. The deadline for filing completed petitions is 5 p. m. today, and 16 preliminary initiatives have not yet been completed.

The pinball measure, circulated by the Oregon Merchants Legislative league, also would legalize marble boards, claw or digger devices, punchboards, bank nights and bingo games. But slot machines still would be prohibited.

The state would license the games, with proceeds to go to public fairs and to the public assistance fund.

The other measure which is assured a place on the ballot would permit sale of liquor both in the package and by the drink.

What's in the Air

Don't forget that KRNR'S EVENING NEWS is now on at 7:05

Nothing like reducing with Wallace on "KEEP FIT TO MUSIC" daily at 9:45 A. M.

I'm goin' to haunt you if you don't listen to WYTHE WILLIAMS another of Mutual's ace commentators on KRNR Thursday at 4:00 P. M.

OTHER HI-LIGHTS ON WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAM
6:00—Raymond Gram Swing.
7:05—News.
7:30—The Lone Ranger.
8:00—Exposition Fantasy.
8:30—Gus Arnhiem's Orch.
9:00—News, with Glen Hardy.

Due to the fact that there will be no local news service on Thursday, July 4th, KRNR will not carry its usual local news broadcasts, but will offer complete news coverage through facilities of the Don Lee network. The following news broadcasts and news commentaries will be scheduled for Thursday:
8:30—News.
12:00—News.
3:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:00—Wythe Williams.
6:00—Raymond Gram Swing.
6:30—John B. Hughes.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

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Condensed Report of the

UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK
of Portland, Oregon
as of June 29, 1940

RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks		$ 49,835,886.23
United States Government Bonds		63,336,328.80
Municipal and Other Bonds		8,675,266.29
Loans and Discounts		36,178,140.17
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		228,000.00
Bank Premises (including Branches)		3,106,463.13
Safe Deposit Vaults		30,995.63
Other Real Estate		33,063.00
Customers' Liability on Acceptances		46,023.71
Interest Earned		329,803.80
Other Resources		296.26
		$161,800,201.02

LIABILITIES

Capital	$ 4,500,000.00	
Surplus	3,100,000.00	
Undivided Profits	1,935,158.62	
Reserves	1,263,582.33	$ 10,798,740.95
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.		216,123.60
Acceptances		46,023.71
Dividends Declared		78,750.00
Deposits: Demand and Time	$135,092,231.22	
* Public Funds	15,472,978.27	150,565,209.49
Interest Collected Not Earned		89,910.95
Other Liabilities		5,442.32
		$161,800,201.02

*Both Public and Trust Funds are secured according to law.

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