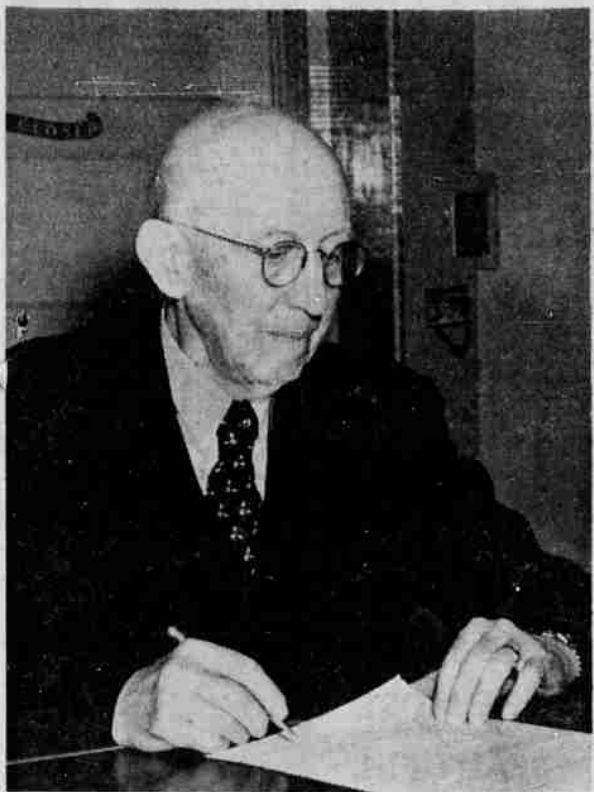


TRUMAN BUDGET SETS PEACETIME RECORD

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



Municipal Judge **IRA B. RIDDLE** presides over a session of the Municipal Court, scheduled every morning at the City Hall. The first to hold the office of municipal judge, he formerly was a justice of the peace, county clerk, city councilman and city attorney, and has practiced law in Roseburg for many years.

Judge Riddle is now meeting motorists of the city every Friday night in the new Night Traffic Court. They are now "telling it to the judge" for violations ranging from illegal parking to speeding at the Night Court, which has been instituted for the convenience of the public.

In the Day's News

YOU must have read the outline of President Truman's message to Congress on the state of the Union. (The Constitution, you know, requires such a message to be delivered. It says: "He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the Union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient.")

Everything considered, the message is quite reasonable.

YOU will note, if you read critically and understandingly, that all the way through his message the President, in one way and another, proposes extension of the authority of the FEDERAL government.

That is quite in line with present thinking. If the election in November carried any mandate at all, increasing the authority

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No Vets Hospital For Klamath Falls, Outlook

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (AP)—Abandonment of plans to build a 200-bed hospital at Klamath Falls, Ore., was recommended in the president's budget message today.

President Truman predicted a \$1,300,000,000 cut in government spending on veterans next year, and proposed that Congress wipe out more than one-fourth of the 90-hospital building program blueprinted during and just after the war.

The cutback in the hospital program would be brought about by reducing the capacity of 11 proposed hospitals, and canceling completely 24 new projects.

Curb on 'Fly-by-Night' Contractors Aim of New License Code to be Asked By Building Trades in Roseburg Area

A meeting of all building trades contractors of Roseburg and vicinity is to be held at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday at the council chambers in the City Hall, to discuss a proposed new licensing code for Oregon's building industry, it was announced today by Roseburg Chapter, Painting and Decorating Contractors of America.

The campaign for the new licensing law is aimed to obtain a code of license plan for all trades and crafts in the Oregon building industry. The movement is sponsored by the Oregon Council of Painting and Decorating Contractors of America, but it is pointed out that the proposed license plan would cover all other trades and crafts connected with the building industry as well.

In announcing their drive for a license plan, the sponsors said their aim is to curb the "irresponsible type of contractor, whose lack of ethics sometimes reflects on the entire industry—the long established and conscientious contractors, as well as the "irresponsible."

To Copy California Law

The proposed law would be patterned on a similar code now in effect in California. The licensing plan has curbed the "fly-by-nights" and irresponsibles in California so well that many of them

The Weather

Clear to partly cloudy today, tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight, 15 to 25 degrees. Sunset tonight 4:57 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:44 a. m.

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Wintry Wave Unbroken

Californians Battle to Save Rest of Crops

Montana, Coldest in Ten Years, Threatened With Heavy Loss in Livestock

(By Associated Press)
A benumbing cold wave heaped more misery today upon the Western Plains and Rocky Mountain regions which still were counting their losses from last week's paralyzing blizzard. Citrus fruit growers in Southern California were fighting again to save the remainder of their crops from another freeze. Snow fell in Los Angeles yesterday for the first time since 1932, and in Long Beach for the second time in 50 years. It melted rapidly.

Temperatures as low as 19 degrees were forecast for tonight or early tomorrow in the fruit area which suffered a \$25,000,000 damage last week to the \$100,000,000-a-year crop.

Fresno had a low of 20 degrees

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Roseburg Experiences Cold 11 Degrees Above Zero, Third Coldest Night in Its Record

Roseburg shivered last night as the mercury dropped to 11 degrees, one of the coldest extremes in the annals of the Weather Bureau here. Only during the winters of 1888, when the temperature dropped to six below, and 1937, when it was seven above, was it officially colder.

Britain Girds To Attack Jews For Downing Planes

LONDON, Jan. 10. (AP)—Key British cabinet members and defense chiefs heard Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin give a detailed report today on the Mid-East crisis stemming from Israel's action in shooting down five RAF planes.

The session was called by Prime Minister Attlee, presumably to consider Britain's next move and perhaps determine how far she will go in strengthening land, sea and air bases in that part of the world.

Britain appeared to be massing strength behind her Arab allies as she concentrated warships and troops in the Mediterranean area.

The move came on the heels of Britain's "strong protest" to Israel against the shooting down of five RAF planes Friday.

Britain's protest was contained in a brief memorandum handed to a representative of the Israeli foreign office at Haifa.

The protest stated that Britain reserves all her rights "both with regard to claims for compensation and to all possible subsequent action."

A Tel Aviv dispatch said the Israeli representatives refused to accept the British protest because it was addressed to "Jewish authorities in Tel Aviv" and not to the provisional government of Israel.

It was the second such Israeli refusal in two days. The first was by the Israeli delegation to the U. N. security council in New York for the same reason. Britain does not recognize the state of Israel.

\$100 Million Asked For Columbia Basin Jobs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (AP)—An outlay of more than \$100,000,000 for reclamation and power development in the Columbia River Basin during the year beginning next July 1 was proposed today by President Truman.

The budget submitted to Congress called for a \$69,500,000 appropriation for the Columbia Basin reclamation project in Washington, and a grant of \$33,000,000 for the Bonneville Power Administration. Authority to enter into an additional \$18,500,000 worth of contracts also was asked for Bonneville.

During the present fiscal year, the Columbia basin project was given \$45,312,000, and Bonneville, \$21,125,000.

Wallace Benson, Reedsport Lawyer, Dies in Portland

Wallace G. Benson, 57, Reedsport attorney and native of Roseburg, died last Friday at the Veterans Hospital in Portland. He was a son of the late Frank W. Benson, one time Oregon's secretary of state and later acting governor.

Wallace was born at Roseburg, Sept. 5, 1891, while his father was engaged in the practice of law there. His mother, Harriet Benson, is a daughter of the late W. F. Benjamin, early-day Roseburg newspaper editor and one-time postmaster. Wallace was graduated from the University of Oregon.

Wallace located at Reedsport in 1920, served there as city recorder and then as city attorney until failing health forced his resignation. During World War I, he served with the AEF and the Army of Occupation. He was past commander of Reedsport Post No. 62, American Legion, and long served as its service officer.

Survivors include the widow, Alice Benson, Reedsport; a daughter, Harriet; his mother, Mrs. F. W. Benson, Salem; and his brother, Clifford S. Benson, of Oakland, Calif.

Private funeral services were conducted in Portland this afternoon.

Boivin Is Appointed To Education Board

SALEM, Jan. 10. (AP)—Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls, resigned from the State Liquor Commission and was appointed Saturday by Governor John Hall to the State Board of Education.

Boivin succeeds Irving T. Hau, St. Helens, whose term ended Jan. 1. Boivin's term is four years.

The Board of Education's biggest job is exercising general supervision over the Oregon Vocational College at Klamath Falls. It also supervises the state's vocational program and makes recommendations to the State Department of Education.

The Governor reappointed Gerald W. Mason, Portland, to a six-year term on the State Parole Board.

Both Boivin and Mason are Democrats.

Legislature Opens in Note Of Harmony

Organization Completed, Committees Instructed To Begin Work at Once

By PAL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10. (AP)—The 45th Oregon Legislature opened today on a note of harmony and brotherly love, completing its organization without an argument.

This afternoon they saw the inauguration of Governor Douglas McKay and heard the messages of McKay and outgoing Governor John H. Hall.

Tomorrow they will settle down to two or three months of hard work.

Sen. William E. Walsh, 45, Coos Bay, was elected president of the Senate, and Rep. Frank J. Van

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Housing Project Begun; Estimated Cost \$1,500,000

Construction of 60 houses of a 180-group planned on the edge of the hills in the Cloverdale addition, directly north of the city, has been started by the Anderson Bros Construction Co. of Corvallis.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,500,000. The contract calls for completion of the houses at the rate of one per day.

The development is being promoted by Herbert Ketell of Portland and the W. C. Smith Corp. In addition to the homes, streets have been graded and are to be paved. Sewer lines are to be installed.

The houses will have two and three bedrooms with fireplaces in at least half of them.

A representative of the Ketell Construction Co., supervising the work here, this week praised men employed on the job for carrying on, despite the disagreeable mud conditions and cold and rainy weather.

Crime-Reading Youth Jailed For Killing Another

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10. (AP)—A slim, bespectacled 16-year-old youth whose room was found littered with comic books about crime was held on a homicide charge today in the slaying of a 12-year-old neighbor.

The battered and slashed body of Ellis Simons was found behind a garage in the fashionable Wynnefield section yesterday only in shorts and bound hand and foot. Police said he apparently put up a "terrific battle" before he died.

A hearing was set for Seymour Levin at municipal court today. George F. Richardson, assistant superintendent of police, said that Levin made an oral statement admitting the killing.

Congress Asked for Almost \$42 Billion, Half for Cold War; Cost Will Go Higher, Warning

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (AP)—President Truman today handed Congress a record \$41,858,000,000 peacetime budget—half of it to wage the cold war with Russia.

And he warned that the price of bulwarking freedom in the world is going higher still.

The spending program Mr. Truman charted for the 12 months beginning next July 1 is \$1,678,000,000 higher than this year's—also a peacetime record.

Still to come is the cost of rearming western Europe—a step the President said he will propose before the year is out, to boost the total still further.

Even in the absence of that outlay, the chief executive declared, the nation faces an \$873,000,000 1950 deficit piled atop a \$600,000,000 red ink entry for 1949—unless taxes are raised.

Soberly Mr. Truman declared that future budgets will have to be bigger yet to meet America's mounting responsibilities in the world and to pay the bill for a greatly expanded military establishment at home.

Thus the President renewed with emphasis his plea that Congress jump taxes \$4,000,000,000 a year—not counting higher levies for increased social security benefits and a new health insurance program he wants to start the New Deal ball rolling again.

These important disclosures were made on highest authority following issuance of the budget message:

1. The President figures on July 1 being the effective date for the \$4,000,000,000-a-year tax hike he wants on corporation, estates and "middle and upper bracket income. He thinks it may yield only \$2,000,000,000 in fiscal 1950, however, because of a time lag in collections.

2. The President expects to

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2 Rescued Men, Badly Injured, At Guano Lake

LAKEVIEW, Jan. 8. (AP)—Two men, badly injured when their plane crashed on Thursday on Guano Lake in Eastern Lake County's high desert, were rescued today by land and air parties.

Harold Dyke, 22, pilot of the wrecked plane who broke his leg and jaw in the crash, was brought to Lakeview airport just before noon by a plane flown by Allen Moccabee of Klamath Falls. Moccabee flew his ski-equipped plane into the desert country yesterday.

Arch Church, who was flying with Dyke and was less seriously injured, was being brought out to Adel by a motorized caravan that participated in the rescue effort. Church has broken ribs, broken nose and a sprained ankle.

The rescue parties reached the injured men last night, but were unable to bring them out of the desert country until today. Silence cloaked their activities over night and anxiety mounted until Moccabee's plane put down at Lakeview today with reports of the successful rescue.

Dyke and Church had gone out Thursday in a plane to look for Jack Frost, a grader who had been unreported in the Guano Lake country. It turned out that Frost had been snowbound at a lonely camp and after the accident he was met on the desert by Church, who was walking in the direction of the camp to get help.

Wrangle in Ashland's Government Continues

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 10. (AP)—The feud between Mayor Thomas Williams and the City Council continued with no decision today.

Council members held a special meeting Saturday and re-instated Police Chief Clarence C. Williams and City Attorney William M. Briggs. They also voted to pay Briggs for the time he was under suspension by Mayor Williams.

At the same time the council passed a resolution declaring Mayor Williams had no right to adjourn a session called to review the Mayor's suspension of the two officials.

Earlier, the Mayor said he would ask a court to rule on whether council has the authority to veto appointments and challenge his suspension orders.

All Oregon Roads icy, Warning to Motorists

SALEM, Jan. 10. (AP)—The State Highway Commission warned motorists today that roads over the entire state are icy.

The temperature dropped to new winter lows, with below zero reports from almost all Eastern Oregon points. Temperatures were below freezing throughout the rest of the state.

Lowest temperatures reported by the commission were 34 below at Austin and 28 below at Quartz Mountain, east of Klamath Falls.

Forrestal Resignation Rumor Meets Denial

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (AP)—The White House denied today that Secretary of Defense Forrestal is leaving the cabinet this week.

At a news conference, a reporter told presidential press secretary Ross that Robert S. Allen has published a report that Forrestal's resignation would be accepted this week.

"That is untrue," Ross said.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Mr. Truman's strategy to beat the cold war with Russia, it appears, is to make it hot for the American taxpayer.



CAMP FIRE GIRLS VOLUNTEER—Answering to a call for Red Cross volunteers, members of the Okiya group of the Camp Fire Girls are seen folding circulars which tell of Red Cross activities. Left to right, they are Mary Jane O'Brien, Helen Joiner, Barbara Wilbur, Nancy Hash, Roberta Hites, Patricia Elliott, Charlotte Kelly, Marlene Smith and Sylvia Eddy. Story on page 3.