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WE MUST VOTE AGAIN

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg voters must trek to city polling places Tuesday, between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m., DST, to authorize a municipal budget levy for the coming fiscal year.

Until we get legislative action authorizing tax base adjustments in growing municipal corporations such elections will be annual affairs.

We are told by our city recorder that if the city's budget should not increase above the present amount it would be 19 years before the allowable 6 per cent annual increase would bring the tax base to the level where the levy would cover requirements.

It is certain that city expenditure will increase year by year in proportion to growth. Thus, without relief from existing regulations, we can expect to be travelling to the polls annually for the next 30 to 40 years to authorize levies in excess of the 6 per cent limitation.

Some newcomers may not understand Oregon's tax limitation law—a good thing while growth is static but a decided handicap during periods of expansion.

Under our state law any tax levying body is permitted to increase its budget only 6 per cent above that of the preceding year. This increase is in dollars and not in rate of levy. Thus, if a budget is \$100,000 one year, it can not be more than \$106,000 the next year, although value of property to be taxed may have doubled or tripled. The law is inflexible, making no provision for increased valuation, annexation, growth or expansion. Thus, the only way growing districts or public corporations can levy enough taxes is by a special election to authorize a levy in excess of the limitation set by law.

Sometime, during the years we will be compelled to attend these special elections, unless we get a change in the law, a light vote will result in a budget proposal being rejected. How could Roseburg handle its affairs with a budget expenditure of only \$55,017.88, which would be the amount permitted by law, when the police department alone will cost around \$54,000 during the next year?

We are facing possibility of an extreme emergency until we get a change in our antiquated tax law.

Milk Controversy Tiring

We imagine a majority of Roseburg's residents feel as we do about the current and continuing milk controversy—we're getting mighty tired of the eternal squabble between producers and distributors.

We have no opinion as to who is right or who is wrong. Probably, as in most cases, equity exists on both sides. This continued quarrelling, however, involving one of our most essential commodities, seems rather juvenile. If the two parties can't get together, why don't they seek impartial arbitration and try to effect a compromise based on a fair return to each? Or, if the producers feel they can't get justice, why don't they set up their own distribution on a cooperative basis?

We feel the consumer, who always gets soaked in these controversies, has been pushed around enough. No further price increase to consumers is justified. Retail milk prices already are too high.

It is time for grown men to quit acting like children, squabbling over who is going to be the pitcher in the sandlot ball game.

We're getting mighty sick and tired of all the name-calling and public bickering.

Let's get the dispute settled and have no more of it.

In the Day's News

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ruptcy. That's the way I'd feel about it if some competitor I was afraid of started spending his way recklessly into the bankruptcy courts.

INCIDENTALLY, don't worry any about the "shelving" of the "house economy drive." There never was any sincerity in it to begin with. These "economy-minded" congressmen have been yelling for less spending until some appropriation FOR THEIR DISTRICT comes up and then they start yelling for MORE spending.

WHAT is this "tensing" international situation?

Well, when Russia starts shooting down our planes that are flying over free international waters the general situation can hardly be regarded as other than tense.

Do you remember when that submarine was reported off the California coast a few weeks ago? As long as it stayed outside the three-mile limit, it had a right to be there. But suppose it HAD been a Russian submarine and suppose one of our warships had come along and shot the bejabsers out of it.

That would have added to the international tension.

BUT let's find a more agreeable subject. Talking about international affairs is like walking in a

graveyard on your day off. It's depressing.

Back in Philadelphia they're running a charm school for teachers. It has just started and is to last six weeks. At the moment, the school-marks are being taught how to sit, how to stand, how to walk in a way that will put the onlooker's eye out, what to wear and how to use their hands and voices more effectively.

The instructor says to her class: "Stand up. Tummy in and up. Chest up and out. Chin up and straighten your backs."

The customers are said to love it and are flocking in in droves for the session. One of them says: "This is just what we teachers need—something to make us more attractive to the children. Boys and girls like pretty teachers."

SUSPECT that as a result of it all the Philadelphia school board will face as to teachers the problem that has long been faced by business men as to stenographers: "Shall we hire ATTRACTIVE ones who will probably get married quick and leave us, or homely ones who will be harder to look at but will stay with us longer?"

STAR OPERATED ON
 SANTA MONICA, Calif. —Famous actress June Allyson underwent minor surgery Friday in St. John's Hospital and her husband, Dick Powell, said she is recuperating satisfactorily.

Miss Allyson's physician said her illness is not serious. She will be allowed to return home in a few days.

The Winner And Champion



LETTERS to the Editor

School Expense Claims Contradicted By Writer

ROSEBURG — Before putting anything in print it is wise to be sure of the facts, so I have taken time to check on certain facts and figures before writing this to comment on statements made in a recent letter by Mrs. Lander, wife of our school board chairman, concerning conditions in Green School district, No. 5.

I think this is necessary lest some of our taxpayers get the impression that our tax money is being misspent.

Our new school was built on the present site after careful consideration by the board and building committee because of the elevation necessary for proper drainage. Had the lower site been chosen, it would have had to be filled in to insure a proper sewage disposal system.

The \$6,000 which she says is asked to cut down the hill to make a baseball diamond is the estimated amount needed to grade and surface the play area, build a suitable driveway in front of the building and do a little landscaping to improve the appearance of our school.

The figure of \$3,850 quoted as "a janitor's salary," actually pays for a full time janitor and a part time helper.

After checking the transportation summary for the State of Oregon, which is a resume of school transportation for all counties in the state, I find that Douglas county compares favorably with any other county and our transportation costs are average.

Certainly they could not be cut in half by owning our own buses. We should be proud of our teachers and the fact that we pay them a fair salary. When you consider their constant exposure to colds and other communicable diseases, the five days sick leave seems small. Many districts allow ten days. As for our principal's salary on a twelve-month basis, this will in no way affect the cost. It merely divides the money into twelve parts instead of nine. Progressive districts are putting all teacher's salaries on the twelve months basis, which helps the teachers in meeting their current expenses the year around.

Of our eight teachers, all except one have from five to seven years of successful teaching experience. Most of them are taking extension courses offered in Roseburg through the winter and either attended summer school last year or plan to attend this year. Surely this proves that they have the interest of the children at heart and are keeping up on advances in educational methods.

I'll grant our taxes are high, but in this world you get the quality you pay for, whether it be goods or services.

MRS. JOHN CARLSEN
 Roseburg, Ore.

Sutherland

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes of Sutherland and their son, Bill, of Coos Bay spent the week end at Medford with the former's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith.

Mrs. John Campbell was called to Seattle, Wash., Tuesday by the death of her brother-in-law. Sutherland's volunteer fire department was called out Tuesday about 11:45 p. m. to what seemed to be a bad fire, at the planer shed of the Rock Island mill. On the arrival of firemen, smoke was pouring from the shed from all angles but no fire was evident. After investigating it was found that a back draft from the burner was forcing the smoke down through the conveyor pipe.

Mrs. Ethelene Freese returned home from Astoria Sunday and her daughter, Mrs. Harrison, will remain in Sutherland with her. R. L. Griffin of Coquille, was a business caller in this city on Wednesday.

Scissors from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahmett S. Martin

"The needle's eye that does supply The thread that runs so true, Many a beau have I let go, Because I wanted you . . ."

The second line of this lilting folk-melody, sung by generations of Kentucky school children, inspired the title for a book that stays in one's memory the same way that the singing words have the heart: *The Thread That Runs So True*. The author, Jesse Stuart, a Kentuckian of the hill country, uses lines from the verses of the game-song as chapter headings. The game is a little like London Bridge, but Jesse Stuart in "The Thread That Runs So True" (Scribner's 1949) sees a significance in the verses of the song.

I thought of an old proverb, as I read the concluding chapter, where, after seventeen years of unremitting effort, the school-teacher finally gives up teaching and returns to his ancestral acreage, wild mountain land, to raise sheep—and incidentally to write a novel. This is the novel. There is grim reality at times, as where his life is threatened by the "feudin' and fightin'" objectors to his advanced ideas; and he is black-jacked from behind as he sits at a soda fountain.

At the trial of his assailant no women were present, and the men were armed: "If a firecracker had gone off in that courthouse I wonder how many men would have died!" says the man who suffered much at the hands of his "neighbors."

The proverb that came to me was "God gives the thread for a web begun." I would not say that Jesse Stuart failed, or that he gave up teaching when the door to a single schoolroom no longer opened to his touch each morning. No, indeed. Who knows the far-reaching effect of plain words fitly spoken about teaching, about

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Meet The CANDIDATE

William G. East



(The information for the following story was submitted by the candidate in the primary election, May 18, and does not necessarily signify endorsement by the News-Review.)

Candidate for election as circuit judge of the second judicial district of Oregon, William G. East, Eugene, was born at Leocompton, Kas. in 1908. He moved with his family to Salem in 1910 and to Eugene in 1927.

He was educated at Salem and the University of Oregon, where he received an LL.B. degree in 1932. He is married and has a daughter, Sara.

East is a member of the Board of Bar Examiners, Oregon State Bar, and was a member of the Board of Governors, Oregon State Bar from 1940 to 1942.

Appointed by Gov. Douglas McKay on March 28, 1949, to his present judgeship, East's past experience is as follows: Private law practice at Eugene, 1932-42, successor to the office of Charles A. Hardy, attorney; partner in the firm of Harris, Bryson and East; U. S. Army infantry officer, 1942-46 with duty in the ETO; city attorney for Eugene, July, 1946, to November, 1947; counsel for the Eugene Water board, July, 1946 to March, 1949.

East's affiliations include: member of First Congregational church, Salem and Eugene; Elks lodge, Eugene, Masonic lodge, Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Eugene Chamber of Commerce, forum chairman; presently vice-president of the Eugene Round Table; Delta Tau Delta social fraternity; Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity; Oregon State Bar; American Bar association and American Judicature society.

Remanufacturing Mill Is Reopened

The remanufacturing portion of the Trojan Wood Products Co. at Riddle is now in production for the first time since it was destroyed by fire last August, according to D. W. Gill, general manager. The edger and bolter, which were burned, have been replaced by a combination gang edger.

The remanufacturing plant is now receiving cants and lumber from its own portable mill, located about eight miles above Days Creek, and the company is purchasing lumber from other mills in the area.

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Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 108,949,131.27
United States Government Bonds	241,663,101.71
Municipal and Other Bonds	46,942,892.07
Loans and Discounts—Net	147,926,005.55
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	600,000.00
Bank Premises (Including Branches)	7,426,518.73
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	355,973.31
Interest Earned	1,719,102.73
Other Resources	245,590.55
Total	\$ 555,828,315.92

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 10,000,000.00
Surplus	10,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	13,809,333.87
Total	33,809,333.87
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	2,298,510.42
Acceptances	367,930.02
Dividends Declared	250,000.00
Deposits	517,806,416.15
Interest Collected Not Earned	1,274,414.79
Other Liabilities	21,710.67
Total	\$ 555,828,315.92

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