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OREGON'S HEADACHE

EUGENE REGISTER GUARD

As the election comes on, you will hear a great deal of argument over the impending deficit in state finances and what to do about it. Some of the Democrats have been inclined to pooh-pooh the predictions of Governor Douglas McKay and his staff, but the Democratic nominee for governor, Austin Flegel is much better informed than some of his rivals. Therefore there may not be so much argument as to whether there's "gonna be a hole" as what to use to fill it up.

This is a problem which concerns operation funds. (Funds dedicated to special purposes such as highway funds, workmen's compensation and unemployment reserves are entirely separate). Old Man Oregon keeps his operating revenues mostly in two big pockets—the General Fund derived from corporate excise taxes, and the Property Tax Reduction Account derived from personal income taxes.

The Property Tax Reduction Account is used to finance state operations which would otherwise require a levy on property. For instance, all higher education is covered by this fund; also the state aid for your local schools. Here is a very carefully prepared statement of those accounts from a report of the State Tax Commission with the figures condensed and simplified by Oregon Business and Tax Research:

STATE OPERATING FINANCES (Forecast to June 30, 1953)

| Fiscal Year | General Fund (Corp. Excise Tax) | Property Tax Reduction Account (Personal Inc. Tax) |
|--|--|--|
| 1949-50 | Revenue Available \$63,527,427 Expenditures, transfers 56,059,667 | \$70,577,860 32,106,696 |
| Balance | \$ 7,467,760 | Balance \$38,471,164 |
| 1950-51 | Revenue Available \$49,215,533 Expenditures, transfers 47,465,510 | \$70,471,164 34,042,309 |
| Balance | \$ 1,750,023 | Balance \$36,428,855 |
| 1951-52 | Revenue Available \$44,251,103 Expenditures, transfers 60,000,000 | \$68,428,854 36,451,080 |
| Deficit | \$15,748,897 | Balance \$31,977,774 |
| 1952-53 | Revenue Available \$43,011,145 Expenditures, transfers 73,748,895 | \$63,977,773 38,761,145 |
| Deficit | \$32,737,750 | Balance \$25,216,628 |
| Giving Effect to Proposed Veterans' Bonus and \$30 School Aid Increase (General Election, November, 1950) | | |
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| Deficit | \$15,748,897 | Balance \$15,000,000 |
| 1952-53 | Revenue Available \$25,011,145 Expenditures, transfers 75,771,122 | \$47,000,000 38,761,145 |
| Deficit | \$50,759,977 | Balance \$ 8,238,855 |

In other words, there will be a General Fund deficit of \$32 million plus in any case. If we vote a soldiers bonus and increased state aid for local schools, the General Fund Deficit will be \$50 million plus. The balance in Property Tax Reduction Account is shrinking fast.

- Q. But might not the state's receipts from excise and income taxes increase over present estimates?
- A. Yes, if we have a great boom.
- Q. Might they not shrink?
- A. If we had hard times they certainly would, and then we would have "a fix."
- Q. What about new sources of tax revenue?
- A. Either that or a state levy on property and a state levy might wreck local governments.

This is merely an effort to state the problem. It is so big it defies any quick answers.

In the Day's News

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duck, and after your charge of shot had left the muzzle of your gun, you could make it FOLLOW THE DUCK till it caught up with him and smacked him, you could bring home quite a bag of ducks, couldn't you?

THESE jiggers are a part of the much-talked-about "push-button" war, but don't kid yourself. Push buttons or no push buttons, there will still be GI's with sore feet in the next war.

IN southern Illinois, near Vandalia, the other night, a kind-hearted truck driver picked up a hitchhiker. The hiker turned out to be an escapee from the Missouri state penitentiary.

HE said to his benefactor: "I'll have to kill you because I'm a fugitive from the pen, and I need your truck and I can't take any chances with you."

So he shot the kindly trucker twice in the back and beat him up to boot. On top of that he tied him to a tree just in case the shootings and the beating hadn't done the job.

THINGS like that are getting to be rather common. I think I'm an average sort of person. Every time I pass some-

have helped ourselves immensely. If we want to be free, we must have a freedom-loving world to live in.

MODERN war notes: One of our navy patrol plane squadrons is now equipped with the "gliding bat," a 1600-pound steel and plywood missile which MAKES COURSE CORRECTIONS TOWARD ITS TARGET BY RADAR up to the moment of impact.

Our air force has a 12,000-pound (six-ton) radio-controlled bomb with movable tail fins. Both its range and its movement from left to right and vice versa are controlled by the bombardier in the mother plane after the bomb is released. Flares burn in the bomb's tail to help the bombardier follow it throughout its fall.

WHAT does all this mean? Well, if you could shoot at a body walking along the road, I'd like to pick him up and give him a ride because if I were going somewhere on Shank's ponies I'd like to have somebody pick me up and give me a ride. But usually I think of some grisly case like that one in southern Illinois, grit my teeth, look the other way, step on the throttle and pass him up.

It's really a heck of a note when FEAR of what might happen to you throttles your impulse to do a kindly deed. Every time I tromp down on the treadle and roar past some pedestrian on the highway in a case like that, I feel ashamed of myself for an hour.

Get Him Out--And Keep Him Out, Sam



Scoops from the MENDING BASKET

By Vivian S. Martin

I like to browse at book shelves, even my own familiar ones. I especially like to read along the shelves and savor the books by their titles. Words like candle, wind, river, bread . . . you know the kind I mean—attract me. So when I came to *The Bubbling Spring* (Scribner's, 1949) I could not pass it by.

Illustrations in a book are not important to me as a rule; I like to illustrate what I read to suit myself and my own concept sometimes does not tally with the artist's (although mine is mental and I couldn't draw, to save me!). But I found myself turning pages and finding pleasure in the drawings in *The Bubbling Spring*. What fascinated me so? I decided it was the utter simplicity (apparent!) of each drawing, and the authenticity. Not that I could judge except by feeling a sincerity, a genuineness, and really-true knowledge at first hand. When an artist illustrates his own book, and that artist is Ross Santee—one has something!

The Bubbling Spring—the very words are a delight to one who has always been charmed with a spring!—is a story of the old west by a man who failed (?) as an illustrator and cartoonist in New York, after an art school experience in Chicago where he "swept nine acres of corridors and classrooms" to work his way. Disgusted, Ross Santee packed up and went west to Arizona. There he studied the art of horse-wrangling. "It was a lonely job, but he liked it. After more than a year" to quote the book jacket, he began to draw again, portraying in his own way the things that interested him. . . . He burned the pictures each night before he brought in the horses. But somebody saw some of them, finally, and in time an editor saw them too!

Next thing the horse-wrangler knew he was an artist and a writer! Famous, too! "But he stuck to horse-wrangling and cow-punching for the life of the cow camp had gotten hold of him."

If you like stories of the old west, of the out-of-doors, with nature-love sprinkled through; stories of horses, and the great herds on the trail; stories where a little boy grows up to be a hard-hitting lad who asks no odds but heads to the line as he sees it; a lad whom mothers, Indian and white, take to their hearts—then you will like *The Bubbling Spring*. (I suppose it is primarily a "man's book.") The language is a bit rough at times, but then so was the old west.)

Parental Supervision Major Need To Eradicate Crimes Of Teen-Agers

In his series called "Teens on the Rampage," Richard Kleiner of N.E.A. has performed a useful, timely service by spelling out the mechanics of these gang activities and setting down the chief remedies proposed by law enforcement officials.

From the remedies offered, certain definite ideas emerge. Youngsters need companionship and organized, disciplined group activity in healthful surroundings. Delinquency can spring up when any of the elements basic to normal growth is missing.

That crowded city slums are breeders of crime is accepted by the experts. Dirty tenements and endless stretches of cheerless pavement don't encourage the rounded life for urban youth.

But you can't put all the blame on the slums. Many a poor lad has licked his bad environment and gone on to success in his chosen field. Plenty of youngsters grow to adulthood in a mean setting without running amok.

Washington Man Held On Bad Check Charge

State police reported today the arrest of Raymond Douglas Hopkins, 18, Kenowick, Wash., charged with cashing a worthless check at Wally's market in Roseburg.

The arrest was made 45 minutes after the initial alarm and Hopkins was picked up with the assistance of the Canyonville city police. When arrested, Hopkins told officers his name was Daniel J. Hoppper, but later said his name was Hopkins when booked at the county jail.

Recovered Monday afternoon near Glendale was a car reported stolen from Coos Bay Monday morning.

State police said the car was found abandoned, locked and secured, and apparently in running condition. When stolen, the keys were in the auto, state police said.

5,000 War II Veterans Study Under GI Bill

More than 5,000 World War II veterans are studying under the G. I. bill in 45 foreign countries, a Veterans administration survey reveals. Half the veterans are taking training in the humanities and social sciences, and the remainder are enrolled in a wide variety of courses ranging from architecture to theology.

France, Canada and Mexico had about half of all the American veteran-students, the VA said. Other countries with sizable veteran enrollments were Great Britain, Italy, Switzerland and Australia.

The remainder of the G. I. bill trainees were scattered elsewhere throughout the world from Sweden to South Africa and from Ireland to Israel. None was in training behind the iron curtain.

Veterans taking G. I. bill training overseas generally are required to have a working knowledge of the language of the country in which they are studying, since very little classroom work is carried on in English. Training is limited to classroom studies only.

Before veterans apply to the VA for foreign training, they should correspond well in advance with the school in which they seek admission, outlining their educational background and familiarity with the language. Only after the school has accepted them should they apply to the VA.

Veterans are required to make their own arrangements for passports and visas and for travel. They must pay their own passage and provide their own housing.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 50 YEARS AGO

Edenbower Blossoms

Again and again we rack our brain for some more news to tell. And if we say that it will rain We think we are doing well.

School is progressing nicely with Miss Eliza Harvey as teacher.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents in Fruitvale, Feb. 4, 1900, Mr. Dan Daniels to Miss Edith Brothers, Rev. J. A. Townsend officiating.

Roseburg Review February 8, 1900

Even the correspondents to the Roseburg Review of 1900 found little to tell some weeks. A glance at the News-Review's columns lately will show that fire has just caused many thousands of dollars loss—just in the past few days. Too often the story ends with "the loss was partly covered by insurance." Don't ever let that happen to you! Take inventory of your furniture and possessions and insure them to their present day value.

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