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BUDGET SEASON

Charles V. Stanton

The season of budget elections is upon us again. Fortunately there will be fewer special votes this year than last, inasmuch as some school districts and municipalities established new tax bases and were able to keep within the allowable six per cent.

Had voters in the City of Roseburg adopted the new tax base submitted to them last year, we would not need a special city election this year. The forthcoming budget, as prepared by the committee, is within the legal limitation as compared with last year. But because the city still is working on a tax base of approximately \$125,000, while the budget is in excess of \$500,000, we have a totally absurd situation.

Our city tax base is still back in the horse-and-buggy days, while our budget is jet-propelled.

Raising the tax base for the Roseburg School District probably would have been of little effect, had a proposal been offered. Keeping a school budget within a six per cent limitation while enrollment is increasing from 10 to 15 per cent annually obviously is an impossibility. There might be some psychological effect in setting up a more realistic tax base for the school district. The voter doubtless would be more inclined to approve a sum of \$100,000 outside the legal limit than give his okay to an amount twice or three larger, even though the total budget would be the same in either instance.

Perhaps establishment of a new base for the Roseburg school district should be proposed at the next general election with the hope that it will be possible to keep within the six per cent margin hereafter. At least, with a tax base more in keeping with the district's size, budget figures would not appear nearly as frightful.

Budget Demands Reflect Growth

Much has been said about the school district's budget setting a new record.

What else could be expected? The district has been enlarged through consolidation, and the budget includes schools which previously had their own budgets. Attendance has grown steadily, forcing the district into heavy capital investment, plus the expense of a larger teaching staff, together with necessary furnishings, fixtures, textbooks and equipment.

An issue has been raised concerning the pay scale in the Roseburg district. It has been charged that we pay more for experienced teachers than the majority of districts throughout the state.

There has been much discussion pro and con on this matter, with figures offered to show that our general pay scale is, on the whole, proportionate to like districts in Oregon, but with emphasis on experience and tenure.

Personally, I believe this is an advantage we should carefully retain.

Any business man knows that personnel turnover is exceedingly expensive. A business man knows he can afford to pay comparatively high wages to an efficient employee, one who has been with him for a number of years, and who has endeavored to keep abreast of his job. On the other hand, he wastes much of his wage costs on inefficient, inexperienced personnel, which must be trained in work and policy. If the new help then is attracted elsewhere as soon as sufficient experience is gained, the employer is throwing money away.

Advancement Compensated

The Roseburg school district has an incentive in the form of higher compensation for those instructors who improve their teaching ability by attending summer school, together with increases for tenure.

It is my opinion that the district can well afford this system, and that it would lose money by lowering wage standards and increasing the rate of turnover which obviously would follow.

The temptation of the average voter is to remonstrate against any budgetary increase. This is a dangerous thing, however, inasmuch as we can wreck efficiency of our government and our institutions by unreasonable protests. Too few of us take time to actually study budgets, to learn the necessity for listed expenditures, or to understand operations we are asked to finance.

Budgets are prepared by representative committees. Members of these committees are taxpayers. They are as much interested as any other taxpayer in keeping costs low. They make careful studies of proposed expenditures. They review administrative policies. They gather information on operations.

It has always been my opinion that by the time a citizen budget committee has approved a budget any material change is apt to prove expensive, even though we may think we are economizing.

Last year, for instance, we added considerably to costs by repeated elections, while lowering efficiency of operation by budget parings. It is to be hoped that budgets will fare better this year.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—America today is contest-crazy.

For every person trying to get rich quick by buying wildcat oil or uranium stock, there must be 10,000 seeking to end all their money problems by winning a big national prize contest.

There are scores of these contests going on all the time, and the prizes are getting so magnificent the sponsors are scratching their heads trying to think up bigger and better ones. So far neither the Statue of Liberty nor the New York Yankee baseball club have been put up as contest prizes, but don't bet they won't be.

Remember the dear dead days when college boys swallowed goldfish and men nosed peanuts up Pike's Peak for pure glory? Not any more. Contests now have to pay off in hard cash.

The Horatio Alger hero of yesterday got ahead by hard work. But the hero of the modern contest world is the guy who in a single

evening wins a world tour, a furnished home and a life income of \$500 a month. He does it by scribbling several words why he likes "Blotto, the new wonder-absorbent breakfast food."

The goal no longer is to strive and succeed. Why save up for a trip to Paris when it is so much easier to win it by breaking the bank, identifying the mystery time, solving the puzzle, or entering a contest to name a new seductive perfume?

Personally, I entered one of these contests to name a perfume, got nowhere, and now have sworn off being a contestant for life.

(Editors note: What name did

"Oops!"



Bruce Biosat

Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai's offer to negotiate with the United States over tensions in the Formosa area had about it something of the spirit of fabled old-time wild west justice.

"Let's give 'em a fair trial and hang 'em."

As pined together from his two separate statements on this matter, Chou's viewpoint toward Formosan discussions could be summarized thus:

Red China doesn't want war with the United States, it would like to talk to U.S. officials about relaxing tensions in the Far East and specifically in the Formosa area, but it has no intention of abandoning its plan of "liberating" that island from Chinese Nationalist control.

As one correspondent at the Bandung conference put it, Chou is adding this tough proviso managed very quickly to shoot down his own peace pigeon.

There appears to be a question in the minds of experts on the Far Eastern scene as to why Chou did this.

The most charitable view is that he made his original offer to negotiate, in genuine good faith, and threw in the proviso only after the United States responded by setting up a series of stiff conditions on Nationalist China's representatives at the bargaining table.

The other view is that a close inspection of Chou's first remarks shows that he never said a thing

you suggest for the perfume? (Boyle's note: "Snooty" — and I still can't see why I didn't win.)

But the contest mania has become so widespread it is running social life in this country. People are so busy filling out box tops they no longer have time to talk.

The craze also has infected the business world. In some offices the white collar dreamers are so busy filling in box tops or contest labels they have no time for their regular tasks. I heard of one annoyed employer who put up a sign on his bulletin board: "A prize of \$10 will be paid this week to the first employee found working at the job he's being paid to do."

After a week he removed the sign. There had been no takers. The prize was too small.

This grabbing philosophy has divided the land into two new classes — those who sponsor contests, those who enter them.

Since I now am too proud to enter any more contests, I have decided to sponsor one of my own — an exciting contest that demands both skill and dexterity and will add to any entrant's education by improving his understanding of nature.

I hereby announce it — an international competition to see who will become the first person in history to milk a live lady polar bear.

To the best of my knowledge it has never been tried before—but we can't let the Russians beat us to the punch in this, can we?

The rules of the contest are simple:

1. The polar bear must be awake and undrugged at the milking hour.

2. All milking efforts must be attempted in an atmosphere of mutual good will that is as mutual as the polar bear will allow.

3. Each entrant will assume personal responsibility for all medical expenses entailed, including any claims for damages registered by the polar bear.

Entrants will provide their own polar bears.

4. The winner will receive international recognition but no cash prizes (although he will be allowed to retain the milk if he chooses).

Entrants may object that a contest like this is much of a contest. But our main purpose here is to put contests back on a sound, common-sense basis of good old-fashioned fun.

They have another consolation. They won't have to mail in a box top, or write a 25-word essay on "Why I enjoy milking polar bears."

about negotiating the future status of Formosa, he simply said he was willing to talk about reducing tensions in the area, which could mean — for him — withdrawal of U.S. Naval forces protecting the island and threatening defense of Quemoy and Matsu.

By this view, there was nothing inconsistent when Chou later added that Red China would not yield its plan to grab Formosa.

It is this unshakable determination of Chou and his government, then clearly there is nothing at all to negotiate.

This country has talked earnestly of prospects for a cease-fire in the Formosa Straits. Yet all our tentative hopes have been based on the idea that if we made some concessions toward the peaceful evacuation of Quemoy and Matsu, Red China would in turn agree to give up use of force in pressing its claims for Formosa itself.

Secretary of State Dulles has made it thoroughly plain we are not asking the Reds to yield their claims to the island.

If it is merely these that Chou wants to preserve at this time, if his notion of "easing tensions" really does embrace a willingness to put force aside, then he can readily demonstrate the fact by bringing negotiations a step closer to realization.

If he does not so act, then the free world, including a fair number of the neutralists he seeks to lure, may conclude that Chou's offer was phony from the start, and was made only in response to pressures for a settlement which developed at the Afro-Asian conference.

Riddle Student Wins First Prize In U.N. Contest

Joan Mitchell, junior student at Riddle High School has been notified that she has won first prize in the Oregon United Nations Assn. examination contest held in mid-March.

Miss Mitchell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitchell of Riddle.

She was awarded her \$50 cash prize at a luncheon given at the annual meeting of the Oregon United Nations Assn. Saturday at Portland State College in Portland.

Over 3,000 schools participated in the contest, including 40 schools in Oregon, and state winners will receive a \$500 cash prize. Miss Mitchell is an active participant in all school activities including special work in art and the International Relations Club. She is a charter member of the National Honor Society of Riddle.

Recently she led a conference panel of discussion at the state I.R.I. conference in Eugene. Vernon Little, social science instructor, has been instrumental in creating interest in this field. Last year one of his students, June Fairchild, won a \$500 state scholarship in a state AFL examination.

Another interesting sidelight on Miss Mitchell is that she is the only girl taking mechanical drawing at Riddle. Upon graduation next year, she expects to enter college and major in mechanical engineering. As may be expected, she is a straight A student and currently heads the honor roll.

Mrs. Beatrice Stevens, chairman of the schools' committee of the O.U.N.A., of Portland issued the announcement of the winning entrant. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell accompanied their daughter to Portland.

MEMORIALS PASSED

SALEM (AP)—Three memorials asking Congress for river and harbor improvements were passed by the Oregon Senate. They already had received House approval.

They call for maintenance of a 48-foot channel over the Columbia River bar, completion of the channel for ocean-going ships between The Dalles and Bonneville and development of the Gold Beach and Chetco River harbors.

Red China Again Says It Doesn't Want U.S. War

TOKYO (AP)—Red China, in a special May Day broadcast, said again Saturday night it wanted no war with the United States and was willing to negotiate on the Formosa crisis.

"We are ready to sit down with the United States and talk over the tense situation in the Taiwan (Formosa) area and the whole Far East," the official government statement said in a broadcast heard here. It quoted no source for the statement.

"There is no reason why such talks cannot prove to be a turning point for the easing of tension in the Far East, and react favorably on the whole world scene."

In essence this repeated the offer made by Premier Chou En-lai at the recent Asian-African conference at Bandung, Indonesia.

But the broadcast omitted the usual Red China claim that the "liberation" of Formosa is an internal Chinese affair.

Repeatedly emphasizing the theme of peace, the broadcast spoke of China's friendly feelings toward workers throughout the world. It specifically mentioned the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the Communist "Peoples Democracies."

Plywood Petition Asks Partnership Dams Approval

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 4-by-8-foot piece of plywood bearing more than 1,000 names of Linn County, Ore., residents who favor the partnership plan for construction of dams in the Willamette Valley has been presented Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.).

The piece of plywood, in the shape of a postcard, arrived by air express. On hand for its delivery to Ellsworth's office were Max Landon of Sweet Home and Douglas Bradley of Jefferson.

The dams are the Cougar on the south fork of the McKenzie River and the Green Peter-Whitebridge on the Middle Santiam River. They have been authorized by Congress for flood control and power.

Ellsworth has introduced legislation to lay aside this authorization for two years to allow local interest to apply to the Federal Power Commission for a license for power facilities.

If they obtain the license, they could join with the federal government in construction of the dams with local interests paying cost of construction and the government footing the bill for flood control costs.

A hearing on Ellsworth's bill is scheduled for Monday before a House public works subcommittee.

Series Of Bills Outlawing Certain Comics Passed

SALEM (AP)—A series of bills to outlaw comic and pocket books which portray sex and crime was approved by the Oregon Senate without opposition here and sent to the House.

The bills, prepared by the Senate Judiciary Committee after extensive public hearings, provide county jail sentences up to a year for the sale and display of such books, and make it illegal for wholesalers to force retailers to accept them in order to get others.

Sen. Paul Geddes, Roseburg, told the Senate that the public is more interested in this legislation than in any other before the Legislature.

"There is much ground for this concern," Geddes said. "Our committee received many exhibits of obscene and crime books."

Geddes said, however, that it wasn't necessary for him to explain what the books were like, because many of the books have disappeared from the committee room. He hinted strongly that the senators took them.

Case Of Corporal Who Has To Prove His Father Is Innocent Stirs Capital

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent
WASHINGTON (Special)—

The case of the Aberdeen, Wash., corporal who has been threatened by the Army with an undesirable discharge unless he can prove his father is innocent of charges of Communist connections has had the Eisenhower administration scurrying all week to find out how this happened.

Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.) who explained the case to the House and called for an investigation of it, had hardly sat down when a general from the Pentagon showed up at his office to get the background of the case. He had been dispatched to the scene by Assistant Secretary of Defense Hugh Milton.

The White House had earlier received a letter detailing the case of Corp. Walter William Kulich from his attorney, Paul O. Manley, an Aberdeen Republican. Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, put two top defense officials on it.

What administration officials learned was that shortly after Kulich had been given an honorable discharge last Jan. 6, after two years of active duty, he was informed by the Army that certain allegations were on file with the Department of the Army that his father was a member of the Communist party, had attended meetings and received travel expense money from the party to go to the United Nations in New York. The Army told the 22-year-old veteran he would be compelled, as a consequence, to accept an undesirable discharge or request a hearing in which to prove the allegations to be false.

A copy of the proper form for requesting an undesirable discharge was enclosed.

Kulich's attorney said the boy and the father deny the charges.

He said Army officers at Fort Lewis told Kulich they could not divulge the nature of the information being used against his father, but that it would be his responsibility to prove his father's innocence nevertheless.

"No charges have been filed against the father by way of criminal proceedings or otherwise," Kulich's lawyer wrote Eisenhower. "In view of the fact that we have stringent laws concerning individuals engaging in subversive activities, it seems almost incredible that the authorities are concentrating their energy on efforts to smear the son with an undesirable discharge rather than attempt to substantiate their charges against the father."

The Army said it had no other choice under the Eisenhower administration's personnel security program.

"Is this American justice?" asked Congressman Magnuson. "Since when does an American citizen have to prove his innocence? I had thought it was up to the accuser to prove guilt."

The Administration has contended it must protect its sources of information by shielding accusers, instead of permitting them to be confronted by the accused.

"Since when do we condemn a man because of what his father or any other relative or any other person has done?" asked Magnuson. "I had thought that in our free land guilt was individual and innocence was individual, and that we did not punish a man or tarnish his reputation because of what an ancestor might have done."

Three other West Coast congressmen have joined Magnuson in protesting the action taken against Kulich: Reps. Mack and Kelly, Washington state Republicans, and Rep. Miller, California Democrat.

Reader Opinions

Budget Comparisons Cited By Resident

ROSEBURG — Tuesday is May 3rd, and May 3rd is the appointed day for the first of the 1955 school budget elections — the first call for the embattled property owner to come to the defense of the ramparts.

This time they are asking for \$1,014,454.16 above the 6 per cent limitation — \$79,338.90 above the current year.

Now — how much would this raise our taxes? Superintendent Deller has refused to hazard a guess; he is not so cautious in asking for more money however. Last year he asked for 7.5 mills, but the voters allowed him only 1.1 mills after three elections. He must have his tongue in cheek this time since a sizeable sum is budgeted for "elections." Perhaps he realizes that the proposed budget is not a realistic one and that it will have to be resubmitted to the voters later.

Now, let's take a look at the record: According to statistics appearing in the publication of the Oregon Education Association of March 15, 1955, Roseburg District pays the highest average class room salaries of any district in the State, namely, \$4,839, while such district ranks 26th in the State in cash value per census child, or approximately \$8,000. The district which ranks No. 1 in the State in cash value per census child, or approximately \$12,214, pays an average class room salary which is \$625 less than the Roseburg District. Myrtle Creek, Dillard, Sutherlin, Glide and Eugene have average class room salaries which are \$800 to \$700 per year less than Roseburg District. Can Superintendent Deller explain away these figures?

Last year our taxes were 83.3 mills or \$83.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Where will it end if we keep voting for everything Superintendent Deller wants?

Be sure to vote on May 3rd. See you at the polls.

JOHN E. PINKERTON
Roseburg, Ore.

County Court Upheld In Sheriff Appointment

WINCHESTER—According to the article by Gen. Curtis F. Beecher and his cohorts, their egotism got a large hole punched in it, and they are trying to find cover and sympathy.

Here are the facts as I see them: The County Court was empowered by law to fill the recent vacancy in the sheriff's office from the Republican Party. The Central Committee can, and should, give to the court a list of two or more names, then willingly abide by the court's decision.

According to General Beecher's article, it was a mere gesture to submit any name to the County Court, as the committee made the appointment and the court should be bound by it.

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In The Day's News

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use our schools to teach people how to manage their affairs in such a manner that they won't NEED SO MUCH IN THE WAY OF WELFARE.

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The interesting part of it is that the broadcast omits the usual Red China claim that the "liberation" of Formosa is an internal Chinese affair.

Let's go along with Virgil in his counsel to "fear the Greeks, even when they come bearing gifts."

Let's follow the advice of hard-boiled and realistic old Oliver Cromwell to his troops: "Put your trust in God, my boys, but KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY."

Negotiating with communists is tricky and difficult and dangerous business, for NOBODY CAN BE LIEVE A COMMUNIST and it's hard to make deals with someone you can't believe.

But—

Talk costs a lot less than shooting.

As long as we can do it HONORABLY, let's keep on talking.

Meanwhile, of course, keep our guns loose in their holsters.

Secret Service Cracks Down On Picturing Money

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Declaring it is illegal to photograph currency, U.S. Secret Service agents have cracked down on a gambling house here which has been exhibiting pictures of the million dollars in cash it displays.

The "Golden Horseshoe" has been using as a showpiece a case containing 100 bills of \$10,000 denomination.

Secret Service men say they have confiscated 150,000 picture postcards showing the display, and have also seized photographs taken by the local Desert Star News Bureau and two local newspapers.

The Golden Horseshoe management has been ordered to cease permitting tourists to photograph each other standing in front of the million dollar showcase.

Agents said they took action under a federal statute which forbids the reproduction of paper currency, purportedly to discourage counterfeiting.

The Golden Horseshoe spokesman said the club's attorneys plan to appeal the Treasury Department's action. The club contends that because the bills are behind two thicknesses of glass photographic reproduction is distorted.

The photographs have been widely printed in newspapers and shown on television. Picture postcards of the display have been mailed all over the nation. Some 7,000 or 8,000 tourist photographs have been made, the club estimates.

Secret Service agents admit it would be an impossible task to trace down all the reproductions.

Woman Remains 11 Years After Dinner Invitation

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Fuller W. Fooshe obtained an eviction order Friday against a woman they say stayed on after accepting a dinner invitation 11 years ago.

But an attorney for Mrs. Eleanor Fooshe, Lee Harris, against whom the eviction order was served, said Saturday that Mrs. Harris paid rent of about \$90 a month during the entire period.

Mrs. Harris, 58, left the house Friday night and moved in with her son in a St. Louis suburb. She said the eviction suit was the result of a misunderstanding.

Irvin Dubinski, attorney for Mrs. Harris, said he wasn't present at the hearing before Magistrate P. Donald Fisher, who issued the order, because he had an agreement with the woman that the case would be continued.