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BUDGET DECISION

By Charles V. Stanton

The outcome of the election on the Roseburg school district budget fooled me.

An editor is presumed to have his "ear to the ground" and to be able to predict elections with a reasonable degree of accuracy.

I must be getting hard of hearing.

I learned another lesson and that's not to wager on the outcome of elections, particularly right after being stripped by income tax payments. I should know better than to assume a betting risk in my financial position. But, with reckless abandon, and cocksure of my judgment, I wagered a cup of coffee — no refills — that the budget would be approved, if 3500 voters turned out at the polls, and further, that the negative vote wouldn't exceed 1500. So, I'm stuck for a dime. That should cure me from being so reckless on these things.

It had been my opinion that the normal nucleus of anti-tax votes would be around 1,000 and that another 500 people would be influenced by demands for an "evaluation," as proposed by opponents of the budget. I calculated that a certain amount of doubt would be raised, but I surely was far off in my estimate on the "vote of confidence" issue.

Budget Cuts Mandatory

Possibly I'm wrong again, but it is my opinion that the outcome of this election is a victory for the anti-tax group rather than those who want an evaluation. I must qualify that statement by a time limitation. It applies only to this year's budget.

The proponents of an evaluation of school policy, methods, curriculum, building program, etc., admit that it will take at least a year — probably more — to do an effective job of evaluation. Consequently any cuts made in the next budget must be based strictly on economy measures rather than upon a survey of school efficiency and deficiency.

The overwhelming defeat of the budget makes it mandatory upon the budget committee to revise its figures for the coming school year. The committee already had claimed the budget to be austere, based on current management policies. The management policies now must be altered to permit a lower financial expenditure — one satisfactory to voters in the district, to whom the issue must be referred at a third election. But the cuts involved must be made without the benefit of the proposed evaluation. Everyone agrees that the long range evaluation is desirable but, inasmuch as it cannot be made in time to aid in the preparation of the current budget, reductions must be made arbitrarily to reduce the budget to an acceptable figure.

Voters Should Assist

Inasmuch as we must accept the defeat of the budget as indicating a lack of confidence in the school system as now organized, it is my belief that those who voted in the negative should give the budget committee the benefit of their opinions with regard to changes desired. Certainly every negative voter had his reason for voting as he did. Members of the budget committee are not mind readers. Every voter having an idea of the economy he wants included in the budget, has a duty, I believe, to advise the budget board, either by an open expression at a board meeting, a letter to all or one of the members, or a personal conversation with one or more members.

It will not be possible to submit any budget that will please everyone. We all have our personal ideas of how the schools should be conducted, what should be taught, and other such matters. The best we can expect is a budget compromising the various opinions.

If, however, those who voted in the negative will give the budget board ideas as to what cuts are desired, an acceptable budget should be available for the third try.

I believe none of us (excluding News-Review advertising salesmen) wants the budget to go to a fourth election.



PRESIDING OFFICERS at the recent Phythian Sisters district meeting in Roseburg were front row, left to right, Gertrude Hess, page, Roseburg; Violet Jackson, manager, Medford; Ola May Heaton, guard, Bandon; Josephine Cline, past DDGC, Medford; Edna Kluever, press correspondent, and Doris Lauer, secretary, both from Roseburg. Back row, left to right, Margaret Garberson, protector, Grants Pass; Edyth Landis, page, Roseburg; Edna Bryant, grand chief of Oregon, Medford; Thelma Cameron, district deputy grand chief, Roseburg; Jessie Schlingos, treasurer, Roseburg and Bertha Griggs, senior, Klamath Falls. The first prize in the yearbook contest was won by Roseburg. Grants Pass will be host to the district convention in 1957. (Photo Lab.)

Reader Opinions

George Luoma Pleaded With Budget Vote Result

To the Editor:
Naturally I am so pleased with the school election results that I would like to personally shake hands and congratulate everyone who voted.
That real problems do exist has been publicly recognized. Some support present policies.
It is important to remember that many lay citizens have sincere convictions on different sides of all important issues involved, and these parents and other citizens are good people.
Most important, our educators are hired to spend their full time in the origination and administration of school affairs. The job is theirs and only through and by them can actual results occur.
Undoubtedly during the coming year various lay citizens will further their interests in trying to help on education matters but we all understand that these efforts are merely that, helpful assistance, and the actual results must necessarily be obtained by those in control who are hired for that purpose.
George Luoma
Roseburg, Oregon

Southern Pacific, Highway Men Are Banquet Guests

Southern Pacific, highway department and other officials who helped the Lower Umpqua area last winter when Highway 38 was blocked were honored at the annual banquet of the Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce.
Five SP officials were on hand to hear plaudits for the railroad's cooperation in transporting school children around the huge slide which blocked the highway east of Reedsport.
Highway men, including State Engineer R. H. Baldock and Division Engineer Tom Edwards, spoke briefly on the project of clearing the slide. Also, persons instrumental in setting up ferry service to circumvent the slide were honored, including Captain Judge Carl C. Hill, according to Chamber Secretary Gay Vaughn.
Southern Pacific public relations man Leith Abbott was master of ceremonies at the affair, held at the new Highland School Thursday night. George Gratke and Mrs. Lillian Hahn were named "man and woman of the year."
President Skip Carson presided. More than 200 attended.
Levy crept into the program when "Sons of Noah" citations were presented to various officials. The citations, drawn up by William Tugman, editor of the Port Umpqua Courier, commemorated a headline in a Portland paper during flood times last winter. The headline indicated Reedsport had been evacuated, Vaughn reviewed.

Attorney General Rules On Traction Co. Tracks

SALEM — The City of Portland and Multnomah County have full power to determine whether Portland Traction Co. could maintain its tracks on Hawthorne Bridge, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Friday.
The power is conferred upon the city by a 1913 legislative act, Thornton said.
The opinion was sought by State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie.
Transit Savers, an organization of customers of the traction line's interurban system, have demanded that the line be permitted to use the new bridge in order to continue service to Portland's West Side.

COMPANY EARNINGS UP

NEW YORK — Net income for the Scott Paper Co. was \$3,790,134 for the quarter ending March 31, equalling 72 cents a share.
Net income last year for the same period was \$5,601,492 or 70 cents a share. The firm has a plant in Everett.

Young Republicans Elect Two Officers; Barker Gives Stand On County Court Job

Two new officers were elected to the Douglas County Young Republicans Club in Roseburg this week. New secretary is Anette DeDobbeleere, and new treasurer is Del Martin. John Horn continues as president.
It was reported at the meeting that the Young Republicans were planning a candidates' night May 9. All Republican candidates will be invited.
The Young Republicans got a preview at this week's meeting when Ernest M. Barker Jr., candidate on the GOP ticket for county judge in the May 18 primaries, reported his stand in the current campaign.
Barker said he was dedicated to the thought of establishing a county court which will exercise "positive and active leadership in county affairs." He said it would be a court which would make positive decisions "based upon the wishes of all the people within the county — not any person or one group."
He also called for coordination of activities of all county officials, an enlarged park and recreation program, sound conservation practices and "a county court which will take the politics and personal favoritism out of the road department and install up-to-date procedures."
He said he also believed a qualified engineer to take complete charge of the maintenance and construction phases of county streets, roads and highways should be hired. He said the engineer should purchase all equipment and material on a "bid basis from Douglas County merchants and dealers wherever possible," and not have the purchasing power "delegated to individual members of the court or employees of the road department."
Barker had considerable to say about what he thought was wrong with the county road department, which has been under fire from former commissioner Elmer Metzger in recent months.
He said the accounting department should be simplified, "but all suggestions to such an accomplishment have so far been vigorously opposed."
He also said the court "through its failure to exercise its proper control of this department has allowed practically a free hand with public funds — both when and where they are spent."
He said the county auditor has urged the court to correct this supervisory situation, but it had taken no steps to "rectify these practices."
He said the court was recently quoted as saying it had been "thinking about hiring an engineer for 4 1/2 years." He said he would not try "by any stretch of imagination to call this a constructive step towards better county government... when people employed by the county government are allowed to spend upwards of \$570,000 of public monies without an audit being able to arrive at an actual accounting."
He said the problems must be dealt with "in a fair and impartial manner." He called for a county government "which will work for the people and with the people of Douglas County using the means of public hearings to listen to representative groups and interested individuals before making decisions which affect the health, welfare and livelihood of the residents of the county."

In The Day's News

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fully, not flashily. Their faces gave evidence of culture. They were surrounded by white people. No talk was going on. People were just looking out at the scenery.

Then — casually, naturally — the colored woman turned to a white woman in the next seat and made some remark that opened a conversation. In the course of the conversation it developed that she and her husband were just back from Japan, where they had spent several years.
She is a teacher, and has been teaching English in the GI schools. He is a Red Cross official. They are on their way home for a vacation.

In their years in Japan, they have been close to a fascinating situation — a conquered country whose conquerors are engaged in the fabulous task of making the conquered people over from enemies into friends.

They spoke interestingly of this amazing enterprise. They told of the Japanese people's feeling toward us. They told of the feeling of our people toward the Japanese. They related illustrating incidents. They answered questions. They offered opinions that were obviously based upon experience and understanding. In a few minutes the conversation was animated, interested and PERFECTLY NATURAL.

Among those taking part in it, there was no consciousness of race or color or social differences.

This, I think, is the moral: TIME has been passing in our country. It took time, for example, for those two colored people to acquire a degree of education and culture that matched the education and the culture of those with whom they were associating in that railroad club car. Their parents or their grandparents couldn't have managed it, because not enough TIME would have elapsed. Time heals so MANY sore spots.

Let's go back a few centuries into history.

The Normans conquered Saxon England. The culture of the Normans was higher than the culture of the Saxons. For a long, long time the wall dividing Norman from Saxon was high and impassable.
But TIME tore down the wall. In England, there is no longer any Norman or any Saxon. There are only ENGLISH. The same thing happened in France when Rome conquered Gaul. There was a long time when there were Romans and Gauls. But time fixed that. Now there are only FRENCH.

If we can have TIME enough — if the radicals and the rabble rousers on both sides of this segregation business will only keep their shirts on and let nature take its course — we will arrive at a solution of this race problem that will be quite satisfactory to everybody. I think this little incident in the club car bears out that conclusion.

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Bruce Biossat

The Illinois presidential primary might best be described as a kind of holding operation for all the major candidates involved.
It was most crucial for Adlai Stevenson because it was his home state. A poor showing there would have sent him plunging. As a minimum for staying in the race, he had to have a respectable score in Illinois.
He got it. The 700,000-odd votes he hung up compared almost exactly with the 700,000-plus he recorded in Illinois in 1952 as Democratic candidate for a second term as governor. He bested by nearly 200,000 the total amassed four years ago by Senator Kefauver, then the only Democratic ballot entry, as Stevenson was this time.
As for Kefauver, he failed to pull a write-in vote big enough to embarrass Stevenson on his home grounds. His 30,000 total was less than 5 per cent of the former governor's vote. In the view of most, he would have had to run up at least 75,000 to do even slight damage.
But since Kefauver made no Illinois appearances and his write-in campaign was a relatively subdued affair, he didn't suffer much, either. At the worst, his momentum from the New Hampshire Minnesota and Wisconsin primaries was slowed.
The Illinois event demonstrated once again how potent organization politics are in that state. Stevenson piled up nearly half a million votes in machine-dominated Cook County, some 220,000 more than President Eisenhower drew there on the Republican ticket.
The President passed the 740,000 mark in his statewide total

and wound up roughly 40,000 ahead of Stevenson. Obviously his advantage was gained in traditionally Republican downstate, where he outran the Democratic prospect by more than a quarter million.
Yet here it must be noted that it would be most unwise to attach undue significance to comparisons between Mr. Eisenhower and Stevenson. They were not running against each other.
FURTHERMORE, the total Illinois vote was a weak 1,500,000. That means 800,000 people who voted in the 1952 primary didn't turn out this time, and a whopping 3,000,000 of the 4,500,000 who voted in the 1952 Illinois fall election failed to show.
When the vote is so very light, it is foolish to seek significant conclusions from the respective vote percentages gained by the leading entries.
About the only safe deductions are largely negative ones. Mr. Eisenhower's downstate triumph suggests farm rebellion there is not now of serious moment. Angry men act. And under Illinois law any Republican farmers who had passed the 1955 primaries (affecting mostly local affairs) could have switched this time to the Democratic column. Yet the results indicate most either supported Ike or stayed home. No one knows, of course, how the stay-at-homes will vote next fall.
On the Democratic side, as we have seen, the Illinois primary gave Stevenson the home state ball, but he absolutely had to have, but didn't push him ahead. At the same time, it did nothing to advance the Kefauver fortunes.
It was not what you might call a decisive day at the polls.