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WATER RESOURCES BUDGET

By George Castillo

The elements of enthusiasm on one side and efforts to economize on the county budget on the other are being mixed in a pot of some dissension, now that it's budget time.

The subject at hand is the budget for the Douglas County Water Resources Survey office.

Pitted on one side are the seven members of the Water Resources Advisory Committee, as thoroughly dedicated a citizens group as the county ever had. On the other side are members of the Douglas County budget committee, whose aim it is to allow all departments of county government to operate efficiently but not enough to make them fat.

Leading up to the present difference of opinion between the advisory committee and the budget committee is the fact that the latter committee lopped the survey office's budget almost in half. The proposed budget was \$52,296.25. It was sliced to \$28,230.

The most outspoken member of the advisory committee, Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, calls the court "penny wise and pound foolish." He says the advisory committee believes the policy on the part of the budget committee (which includes the three members of the county court) is "short sighted."

Members of the budget committee, according to County Judge V. T. Jackson and Commissioner Huron Clough, feel, however, that the items cut from the budget would in effect be nice but not necessary.

Cuts Listed

Among the cuts were \$5,400 for the salary of an engineer to assist department head Ben B. Irving, \$10,000 in cooperative projects funds in which the county might be asked to assist federal or state agencies, \$2,250 for additional stream gauges on Smith River near Reedsport and the Coquille River in Camas Valley and \$6,000 for drift control and removal.

Judge Jackson says the budget committee felt in making the cuts that it was holding the line on the budget so it could continue to operate at its present level of activity. But it could not see where it was necessary to expand that activity. (The current year's operating budget is \$27,522.50.)

To an extent, this does appear to be a short-sighted view because information about the Umpqua basin's streamflows, rainfall, needs and possibilities for improvements of water supplies for future municipal and industrial uses, flooding, etc. is the most important need at the present moment. Without facts about the basin, no programs for control of waters can be formulated. And with the aid of the survey office, all agencies conducting studies in the county can be assisted by making these facts available and coordinating efforts of the agencies. It serves as a central clearing house for facts.

Work To Continue

The committee also takes a view, Jackson and Clough said, that it wanted to continue the work of the survey and advisory committee until the reports from current surveys are made. (Surveys are now being made by the Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and Soil Conservation Service.) The members tacitly indicated that if the reports were unfavorable the activity of the advisory committee and survey office might be discontinued.

I don't feel this is the correct approach because a failure doesn't mean the end of the battle. People will continue to come to the county and need water. Floods will continue to ravage the county. Industries will still base their decisions to set up operations on the availability of water. Information and a mobile group to push for legislation is necessary to meet these problems.

It is recognizable that in these times of need for austere economy, some of the items in the budget may be deferred for another year. And the advisory committee, I'm certain, will consider this.

The budget has not yet been finally approved, and a final evaluation of the vital nature of the needs will be explained next Tuesday night. I think it is the duty of every citizen to take part in his future in the county by attending the meeting to make his own evaluation.

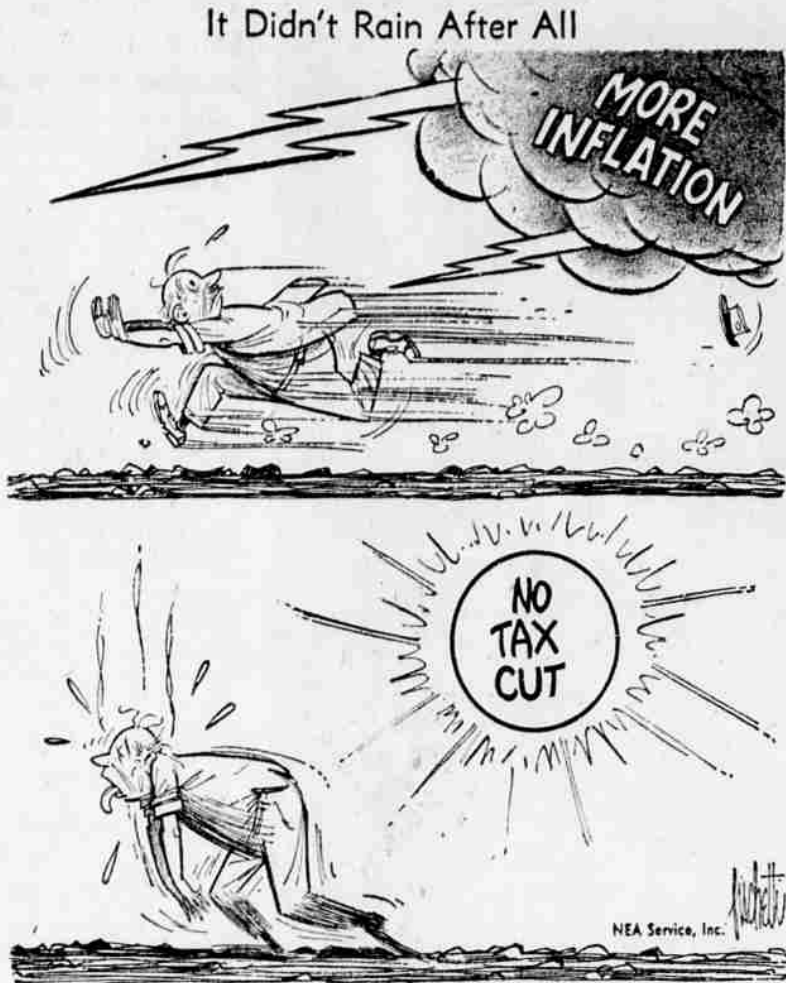
—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP)—It has come to my attention lately that some men are having trouble with women—and don't know why. In my lifetime, taking the flow as it goes, it has appeared to me that there are only two ways to deal with women, girls and widows:

Moscow Censors In Tough Mood

NEW YORK (AP)—Moscow censorship appeared to be in another tough mood this week. The Associated Press Moscow staff advised that three stories concerning Premier Khrushchev's meeting with and comments to a British Peace Council delegation were being held awaiting clearance, although Moscow Radio broadcast news about it. The Moscow AP staff also reported that a reply to an inquiry on the whereabouts of former Premier Nikolai Bulganin remained unclear. A later message said checks on rumors concerning the whereabouts of Bulganin, former Premier Georgi Malenkov and communist theoretician Mikhail Suslov had been "checked all ways without confirmation." Moscow censorship varies in its blue penciling activities from month to month, even from day to day.

Go outdoors and point out the stars to them. Stay indoors and tell them about the stars. Women have a strange sense of truth. They can be sharp as a tack in a business operation, but they are eternally vulnerable to flattery. They will even consciously pay for it to bolster their ego. An honest man can look at himself in the mirror and know that he isn't desirable. It is the rare, rare woman who can do this. No woman, though her face could startle a nervous rooster into laying an egg, is without a conviction of personal beauty. Demands To Be Pretty A man hesitates to be handsome. A woman demands to be pretty, and in a way she can, by being desirable and thinking of herself as desirable, enforce this concept of at least partial loveliness. The ugliest woman has a passion to be admired and desired, not for her character but for her physical charm. The whole art of dealing with women is one of perpetual adoration... emphasized by departure. Put your best girl on a pedestal, then walk away from her. The rest of her life she will gratefully pursue with both of her clay feet. Never turn back.



—Bruce Biossat—

Premier Charles De Gaulle's program for his troubled countrymen impresses France's friends abroad as one designed not to undercut free government but to shore it up and equip it to deal with such perennial problems as Algeria.

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At the same time, however, he wants an effective separation between the legislature and the executive authority. Lack of that separation, weakness of the executive, has been a prime factor in the instability that has marked the postwar course of French political history.

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population and RAPID technological advancement — lies ahead of the USA, there's a good three-point rule to follow:

- 1. Work hard while you work.
- 2. Play hard while you play.
- 3. SAVE A LITTLE MONEY OUT OF EVERY PAY CHECK.

Hmmmmmm.

Let's add a fourth point: Don't pay too much attention to the politicians who will be gunning for your vote with promises of something for nothing. There is NO SUCH THING as something for nothing.

Financial note No. 2: Stocks in New York edged higher this (Thursday) morning with the leading averages bumping their highs for 1958. Railroad shares appeared to have crossed into new high ground with most of them showing fractional gains in response to a senate bill that would authorize government guarantees on private loans to the railroads to the extent of 700 million dollars.

The roads need the money to buy new and more modern equipment. Their present earnings are insufficient to provide for their needs.)

The railroads need more than loans. Among other things, they need permission to be MORE COMPETITIVE. They need permission to abandon lines and services that are unprofitable. They aren't allowed to do these things without government permission.

Put it to yourself like this: Suppose you were running a hamburger stand and paying rent and taxes and hiring help and your business began to run down but GOVERNMENT WOULDN'T LET YOU QUIT. In that event, you'd be in a bad fix.

Well, that's the fix the railroads are in. If you think they ought to be allowed to get out of it, it would be a good idea for you to write to your congressman and your senators and tell them so.

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Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D. (Written for NEA Service)

Neckties do not keep men warm any more than necklaces protect women against the weather. Neither of these items is particularly utilitarian, yet most people dress with some adornment which is related more to appearance than it is to an essential function.

Some people pride themselves on being entirely "practical" or utilitarian. They overlook the fact that these extra details raise morale and keep the thoughts of people above the level of mere necessity. Beauty or an esthetic influence raises the level of human thought and action.

Possibly a person can keep in touch with God without going to church or without being active in a religious group. One may find great spiritual satisfaction in feeling God's presence in nature, but he fails to have the extra life of fellowship if he does not worship with others.

Worship is more satisfying if it includes fellowship with others. We need some spiritual adornment along with spiritual utility.

Princess Margaret's Visit Includes Smaller Towns

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—Princess Margaret's two-week tour of British Columbia next month will take her from the largest population centers to bustling frontier towns in the interior.

Premier Bennett, releasing the princess' itinerary this week, said it had been arranged with the "best possible officialdom" to give Margaret a chance to see British Columbia and its people.

The basic purpose of the visit is for her to take part in the province's centennial celebrations. The visit will begin July 12, when she lands at Vancouver airport.

She will fly here the same day and spend four days here. Her tour of the province will end July 26 when she leaves by train.

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TO ENTER WILLAMETTE SALEM (AP)—Queen June Parrett of the Portland Rose Festival will enter Willamette University next fall, the university announced Thursday. She plans to major in music and drama. Her brother, Gene, is a music major at Willamette. He will be a senior next year. Ruth will be the third queen in a row to attend Willamette. If You Want ECONOMY AND A LOW PRICE TAG In An Automobile BUY A CHEVROLET "6" FROM HANSEN MOTORS Corner of Oak and Stephens

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