

\$60 Million Tax Budget; Where The Money Will Go

This is the second in a series of four articles on the Oct. 15 tax referendum. The subject today is the general fund budget itself and what a \$60 million increase provided by the new tax structure includes.

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One of the first questions which came to the minds of voters when they found they would have to vote on the general fund budget Oct. 15 was the reason for the increase.

The answer generally was (1) to maintain state services at their

present level, (2) to pay more of the costs of education and to increase salaries of some state employees.

The area of the budget involved is the general fund. Actually, Oregon government expenditures run to more than a billion dollars for the biennium, but other funds are not affected by the referendum because they are earmarked (protected) funds. Fishing and hunting licenses, for example, make up the prime source of revenue for the Game Commission, and state motor fuel, taxes and vehicle licenses and taxes support the Highway Department. These revenues can be

used only for designated purposes.

Resume Of Fund

The general fund supports the following areas of state government: Education, \$234,573,742; public health, \$36,365,661; social services, \$49,940,788; public safety, \$27,146,537; transportation, \$97,000; natural resources, \$10,773,868; commerce and labor, \$2,082,891; general government, \$27,813,707. These figures, plus \$15.5 million for construction of buildings, account for the \$404.3 million in the general fund.

The big increases came in education, public health and public safety.

Higher education received \$18.1 million dollars of the increase, mostly for capital construction; community college program received an added \$1.9 million; basic school support fund \$15.5 million additional; mental institutions \$4.3 million and correctional institutions \$2 million.

How Decisions Made

The legislature based its decision to allow increases on estimates of rising school and institution populations. It was told that higher education would receive 4,257 additional students during the biennium, pushing total enrollment next year to almost 34,000 college students. It was told public schools would receive 32,722 more grade and high school students for a total 441,000 in schools by the 1964-65 school year.

It was told MacLaren School for Boys would have a 12.1 increase in inmate population, the Oregon Correctional Institution 16.3 per cent and the Oregon State Penitentiary 3.8 per cent.

In the area of mental health, it was told the Fairview Home and Columbia Park State Home for mentally retarded would increase 11.9 per cent in population.

School Fund Hiked

One of its major decisions in light of these reports was to raise the basic school support fund. It boosted the amount from \$127 per census child to \$143. The amount is being paid to the local school districts, so equal amounts can be cut from property taxes. During 1961-63 biennium, the Basic School Support fund totaled \$125,958,228; for this biennium, it will be about \$141 million.

For Douglas County, the basic fund apportionment for 1963-64 is estimated at \$2,759,245.01 and for the 1964-65 year \$2,930,792.80.

One other increase in that for welfare. It is a boost of \$400,000 for case workers primarily to beef up the fraud division.

The general fund from which this money would come makes up about a third of the total state budget (32.7 per cent). All the rest of the expenditures for the \$1.2 billion total budget (67.3 per cent) is in dedicated funds, and cannot be changed.

Republican Leaders Start Gathering For Eugene Meet

National Republican leaders began assembling here today for the four-day Western Republican conference which opens tonight with an Oregon reception.

Attention will be focused on Saturday's scheduled speeches by New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater.

The two, possible front runners for the GOP presidential nomination, will speak in the 10,000-seat MacArthur Court Basketball Pavilion-Rockefeller at noon, Goldwater at 7 p.m.

Rockefeller is expected to arrive here Friday night, Goldwater Saturday afternoon.

Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield will keynote the conference Friday morning. Hatfield has been mentioned as a vice presidential possibility, and as a GOP presidential dark horse.

Other governors slated to participate include Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma, Robert Smylie of Idaho, Paul Fannin of Arizona, John Love of Colorado, and Tim Babcock of Montana.

Frank Reynolds, field man for the Republican Congressional Committee, said other governors may also attend.

Republican National Chairman Rep. William Miller, New York, and Assistant Chairman Mrs. Clare Williams, will be honored at the conference.

Among U.S. senators expected, in addition to Goldwater, are John Tower of Texas, Len Jordan of Idaho, Milward Simpson of Wyoming, Gordon Allott of Colorado, and former Sen. William Knowland of California.

Reynolds said state chairmen and vice chairmen from throughout the west would be on hand. He said between 700 and 1,000 registrants were expected.

Some of the governors will leave late Saturday on a State Department tour of the Orient. It will mark the first time Rockefeller and Goldwater have

appeared in the same town the same day, to speak in the same auditorium since their unannounced campaigns for the 1964 GOP presidential nomination were launched.

The conference is the last major Republican regional meeting to be held before next summer's GOP national convention in San Francisco.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

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Mercy Hospital

Admitted

Surgery: Mrs. David Evans, Roseburg; Mel Cayvell, Grants Pass.

Medical: Michael Miller, Mrs. Richard Martin, Roseburg; Mrs. Clair Fox, Elkton.

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Wilbur Sellars, Mrs. David Busenbark, John McCool, Mrs. Robert Kinyon, Mrs. LeRoy LeBlau, Roseburg; Mrs. Walter Miller and baby, Donna Rae, Winston; Jack Smith, Oakland, Mrs. Walter Moe, Sutherlin.



HELICOPTERS DOWN — Two U.S. helicopters, like the one shown above, carrying 12 American soldiers, crashed and burned in jungles south of Saigon. Cause of the crash was not determined. The copter crews were looking for a Vietnamese plane, piloted by an American army captain, which crashed earlier. None of the crewmen survived.

Distinguished California Pastor Scheduled For Baptist Meeting

The line-up of distinguished speakers scheduled to participate in next week's Oregon Baptist Convention here will include Dr. Frank M. Kepner, a longtime pastor of the widely known First Baptist Church of Long Beach, Calif.

Dr. Kepner will speak at a men's banquet Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Umpqua Hotel. The noted clergyman will make two other appearances during the three-day convention which opens Tuesday at the Roseburg First Baptist Church.

On Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. he will address delegates on the topic: "Relations Between Church and State." He is also scheduled to deliver the closing convention address at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Baptists from throughout Oregon will attend the sessions which will be devoted to consideration of major world issues.

Dr. Kepner is a former executive secretary of the Southern California Baptist Convention, one of the largest and strongest conventions within the American Baptist fellowship.



DR. FRANK M. KEPNER
Baptist speaker

A gifted speaker, the Californian is in demand throughout the country. For several years he was speaker for the Laymen's Hour, a religious program on radio. His talks given over this weekly broadcast were enjoyed by a nation-wide audience.

A native of Kansas, Dr. Kepner was educated at Southwestern Theological Seminary.

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