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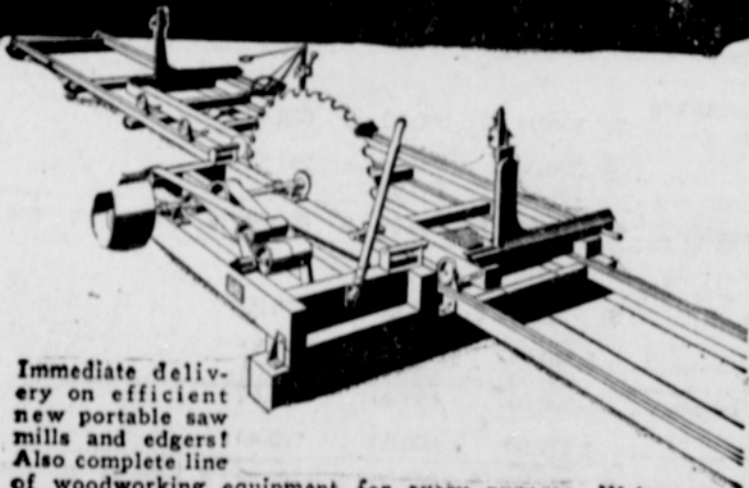
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Cottage Grove Tax

By Mayor H. A. Hagen

(continued from last week)
Rising costs are standing in the way of many kinds of municipal works. Municipal workers, from school teachers and policemen and firemen all the way through the list, have been hard hit by the higher costs of living. But, in spite of the fact that their pay has not kept pace with the 50 per cent lift in the cost of living that has come about since 1939, municipal pay rolls are more than 30 per cent higher than before the war.

City construction needs have grown into the billions of dollars during the war years when neither materials nor labor were available. Cities have upward of \$7,000,000,000 of sewer and sanitary work to do, and need a minimum of \$2,000,000,000 of new school buildings. New streets, municipal building and fire, police and recreational facilities may raise the total to well over \$20,000,000,000.

But inflated costs are holding up these activities. Construction costs are from 20 to 50 per cent higher than before the war. Bids for construction sometimes run as high as 135 per cent above city engineers' estimates of what the costs should be. Even on small items that cities buy, the wholesale prices are up anywhere from 10 per cent on some pieces of equipment to as much as 125 per cent for various textile products.

The combination of higher wages and inflated construction costs is forcing many cities to postpone major public works projects. Cities such as Austin, Tex.; Berkeley and Long Beach, California; Roanoke, Va.; High Point, N. C., and Muskegon, Mich., have announced such postponements.

In spite of the increased costs, however, the cities steadily are being compelled to expand the number of services that they provide for their citizens. In 1824, Detroit gave its citizens 24 services. It now supplies about 400, including the traditional police and fire protection, public health, hospitals and education, along with such newer things as broadcasting stations and traffic control.

But the cities must find the money somewhere to pay for these things. And the men and women are moving out of the cities into suburban areas to get away from the crowds and into the fresh air. People commute by automobile, by trains, by subways and otherwise, and pay smaller taxes.

But the suburbanites work and play in the cities and often educate their children there. The cities now are trying to tap the money that the suburbanites earn inside their borders.

The property tax still supplies about 85 per cent of the revenue for the 155,000 local units of government. In spite of all of their efforts to increase their receipts from this source, the cities are not getting enough money from it to finance the big public-service institutions that they maintain.

Valuations and assessments are being pushed upward steadily. Between 1941 and 1946, the assessments in 249 U. S. cities were boosted by 10 1/2 per cent. Seventy-one of these cities now assess property at 100% of its value.

But upward of \$20,000,000,000 of the property that lies inside cities is tax exempt for one reason or another. New York City alone has \$3,500,000,000 of tax exempt property in the form of schools, churches and government property.

Thus, while the costs are rising and new jobs are piling up for cities, their time worn source of revenue is reaching the peak of its producing power, and city debts are rising. The bonded debt of cities over 25,000 slacked off from \$7,795,000,000 to \$7,492,000,000 during the war years when materials and labor were not available. Now it is beginning to soar again.

Words of the Wise

What is becoming is honest, and whatever is honest must always be becoming.—(Cicero)

Rubber Bands—The Sentinel.

MOSBY CREEK

Those going from here Friday to attend the stork shower honoring Mrs. Eugene Duley of Knox Hill were Mrs. Lester Rearick and son Allen of Blue Mt., Mrs. Chester Rearick and two children Glenda and Charles of Walden, and Mrs. Harry Castle of Blue Mt. Melvin and Russell McGuire and Larry Lancaster visited that day with their aunt Mrs. Geo. Foster.

A program and eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at the Blue Mt. school Thursday evening, the 22nd, and the picnic and 4-H achievement day will be on Friday, the 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones returned home Sunday from a several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Jones and daughter Paula of Tillamook. While there they visited with John Allen, an old friend and neighbor who used to live at Blue Mt.

A. E. Carpenter of Overton, Nebraska, surprised his daughter, Mrs. Ben Anderson, with several days' visit recently.

Mrs. Ellen Land reports that she had ripe raspberries off her patch May 10.

Art Jenkins has started to log again on the Fred Overton place.

Mr. and Mrs. Cripes of Pasadena California have put up another tent house on the Lee Dugan property. They look quite cool and comfortable for the summer.

Bill Bostick has bought a gravel truck.

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County Allotted \$500 for Rodent Control in 1947

Lane county has been allocated \$500 of funds provided by the state legislature for rodent control work in 1947, according to information received by County Agent O. S. Fletcher. The money will be used principally to control rats in the rural areas of the county as a part of the cooperative rodent control program carried on by the Oregon State College Extension Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with Eugene, Cottage Grove, and Florence.

Donald Dickey is heading up the rat control program in the county and has cooperated with the county agent's office by preparing the rat bait which is for sale by dealers throughout the county. Most dealers who are handling squirrel poison in cooperation with the county agent's office also handle rat bait. Farmers throughout Lane

county report excellent results from using the rat bait.

Mr. Dickey also cooperates with the county agent's office in preparing squirrel poison and in conducting demonstrations on farms on the control of rats, moles, and gophers.

WALKER

After the picnic and short program, Delbert Mathis received his 8th grade diploma. Women attending the picnic were Mmes. H. Mathis, Ray Harris, Annie Myers, Alfred Small, Ralph Wright and grandson Dale, Alton Long, Louise Johnson, Boyd Walker and children, Mary Quinn, Donald Conner, Harold Walker, Wickendoll; and Jim Conner, a graduate from this school last year.

One of Donald Conner's good sized pigs got on the highway and was run over by a car.

Deannie White was a week end guest of Nancy Quinn.

Rubber Stamps—The Sentinel.

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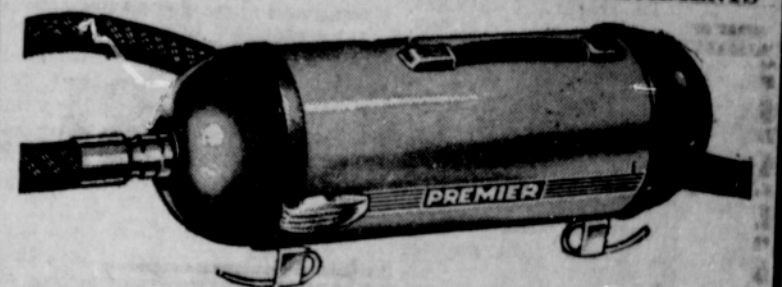
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