

Tax Boost Seen Budget For County

Old Age Assistance Shows Big Increase: Supervisor Proposed

County tax levy of \$465,831 will be required to meet the 1944-45 budget, estimated by the Washington county court and the citizens' budget committee. This figure is \$25,480 over the figure for the past year of \$440,351, but is within the six per cent tax limitation according to County Judge H. D. Kerkman.

Principal increases in the budget resulted from a boost of \$4,800 in public welfare estimates for old age assistance, an item of \$23,225 in the county superintendent's budget to provide an elementary supervisor and travel expense, and a number of salary increases. Estimated expenditures of a number of departments showed reductions.

Date for the public hearing on the budget has not been set definitely, Kerkman stated. However, it is expected to be scheduled early in July.

Members of the budget committee, besides Judge Kerkman and Commissioners James Lewis and J. W. Hughes, were Leonard Adams, treasurer, chairman, H. L. MacKenzie of Hillsboro, secretary, and Richard Fendall of Forest Grove, substituting for Verne Burlingham.

Estimated expenditures for all funds totaled \$775,913.40 for the coming year as compared with \$764,975.30 last year, an increase of \$10,938.10. Comparison of estimates for various funds were as follows: with the 1943-44 figures given first and for the 1944-45 figures second: General fund, \$294,428.34; road fund, \$128,586.12; school fund, \$116,281.30; \$120,331.40; post war emergency fund, \$85,000; \$72,000.

Receipts down. Estimated receipts from all funds amounted to \$338,167.39, while last year they were set at \$389,649.33. (Continued on page 2)



LION LEADER—James C. Say, who was elected president of the Hillsboro Lions club Wednesday.

James C. Say Named President Of Lions Club

James C. Say, manager of the Hillsboro branch, First National bank of Portland, was elected president of the Hillsboro Lions club Wednesday and will take office at the last June meeting. He succeeds Ed Coman.

Other officers elected for the coming year were Don Anderson, first vice-president; Jerry Gray, second vice-president; Kenneth Peterson, secretary; Kenneth Wilcox, treasurer; Del Jones, 1st assistant; Russell E. Lion, 2nd assistant; J. V. Horne, Francis Sturgis, Robert Beattie and Hal Barrows, directors.

Delegates to the Oregon Lions war conference in Portland June 25, 26 and 27 were: R. P. Rasmussen, Dr. A. M. Abrams, and Jerry Gray. Dr. J. V. Horne was named as alternate.

The local club is one of the host groups. The Lions club also voted to sponsor a boy at Boys Beaver State.

Cannery Workers Put Blood Bank Quota Over Top

Co-operation of B. E. Maling, Inc., cannery workers in providing a number of emergency volunteer blood donors made it possible for the Washington county center to collect 148 pints of blood, eight pints over the minimum quota set for the day. On the first day of the Red Cross "bloodmobile" to Hillsboro 148 pints were donated, making a total of 294 pints for the month.

Only one visit of the bloodmobile will be made to the county center during June, July, August and September. The bloodmobile will be operated by Mrs. P. Abendroth, county blood bank committee chairman. The Monday visits will be given up during the month of June. The plan is to make Sunday-Monday trips to counties further away from Portland which are not now served. The plan will also ease the pressure in meeting monthly quotas in this area during the harvest season, she pointed out.

Schedule of two visits a month will be resumed in the fall. The June visit of the "bloodmobile" to Hillsboro is scheduled for June 16. Mrs. Irma Gorman of Hillsboro, one of Washington county's court reporters, is the "bloodmobile" driver. She donated her ninth pint of blood at the center Monday. Included in the list of volunteers were seven from the bank in Sherwood and 15 from the bank in Hillsboro. The 32 first time donors.

Fire Permits Now Needed for Burning

Reminder that fire permits are required for all burning other than piles of debris and trash along road sides or in the farm lot was issued this week by Joe Millet, warden for county district number two. Permits may be obtained from the office in the courthouse at Hillsboro on Tuesdays. On Fridays, Millet may be contacted in the morning at the bank in Sherwood, and in the afternoon at Adams & McMahon office in Beaverton.

Average Electric Use Here Greater, KWH Cost Here Half, Says Hodge

Residential electric customers of the Portland General Electric company average 2218 kilowatt-hours per customer in contrast with the Edison Electric Institute estimate of 1070 kilowatt-hours per customer, asserted Fred G. Hodge of Portland, general division manager of the Portland General Electric company, in speaking before the Rotary club here Thursday.

The average cost per kilowatt-hour throughout the United States is estimated by the Edison Electric Institute was 3.64 cents per kilowatt-hour, whereas the Portland General Electric company's average cost of 1.90 cents per kilowatt-hour during 1943, continued Hodge. This PGE average rate of 1.90 cents is taken into account the reduction just announced, which amounts to approximately seven per cent on a monthly basis, he said. The average residential customer paid PGE \$42.22 in 1943, and for this amount of money received 69 per cent more electricity than he did 10 years ago, it was pointed out.

On Current Billing. The announced rate reduction, based on estimated earnings for 1944 as a result of increased earnings brought about by inflated wartime conditions, will be made on the current monthly billings and will amount to 86 per cent, according to the utility executive, who said the company had been anxious to make a reduction for some time. Hodge called the plan "the sound way to handle it without endangering the future stability of the company."

All utilities in the west have organized a vast network of pooling arrangement in order to handle increased demands for electricity wherever they may occur in the area, continued Hodge.

Speaking of the home of tomorrow and the developments to come following the war, Hodge called particular attention to possibilities in home laundry, frozen food, heating and lighting.

The Rotarians voted to send a local boy to the Beaver Boys State camp on the O.S.C. campus June 25-July 2. The boys' work committee will select the boy.

Charles Walker will be in charge of the program today.

Dick Sutherland, former Hillsboro O.S.C. football star, was a luncheon guest. He is now athletic coach at Beaverton and expects to enter the service soon.

High School Tax Held at Limitation

Levy Estimated at \$78,545; Annual Meet Scheduled June 26

Tax levy totaling \$78,545 is provided in the Hillsboro union high school 1944-45 budget approved last Wednesday night by the school board and citizens' committee. Receipts from the state and local sources are expected to reduce the actual levy by approximately \$20,000, or to approximately 67 mills, according to Principal John R. Cox.

All of the amount to be levied is within the 6 per cent limitation on the new tax base established this year by the district. Cox explained. Although a special election is not necessary, the estimates will be discussed and annual report given during the annual school meeting called at the union high school beginning at 1:30 p. m. June 26. Polls will be open from 2 to 7 p. m. for balloting on the proposed levy.

Petitions are now being circulated for the re-election of McNay. Expenditures for the coming school year are estimated at \$100,320 as compared with \$80,545 last year. Estimated receipts are \$26,510 and the amount of taxes that will not be collected during the fiscal year for which the budget was made was estimated at \$4,335. This leaves a levy of \$78,545 this year as compared with \$62,665 last year.

Salary increases of \$200 per year for high school teachers are provided in the budget. An emergency fund to provide an additional teacher if it becomes necessary next year is also provided. The fund has also been made for \$7,000 for a new school bus to meet the critical need for transportation expansion.

Estimates of expenses are as follows: general control, \$7,320; instruction, \$33,900; plant operation, \$9,700; maintenance and repairs, \$41,000; auxiliary agencies, \$15,800; fixed charges, \$1,700; capital outlays, \$1,500; and debt service, \$3,600.

Included under estimated receipts and cash balance, \$10,500; estimated receipts from delinquent taxes, \$10,000; vocational education, \$1,500; high school tuition, \$2,000; high school transportation, \$750; elementary transportation, \$300; cafeteria, \$450; rentals, sales supplies, property, \$1,000; and other sources in lieu of taxes, \$600.

Members of the budget committee considering the estimates are: Arnold Berger, chairman; Dr. E. W. Almqvist, secretary; Edgar Rehe, L. Sherman and Fred Gorman, board members; and Mr. C. Cady, John Kamma, John Gates, Carl Bechen and McNay.

The budget in detail is printed on the public notice page of the Argus this week.

Berry Pickers Urgently Needed

Strawberry pickers are urgently needed in Helvetia and North Plains fields, according to S. Torven, county agent. Picking has already started in these areas and is expected to start in other districts within a day or two.

All persons who wish to work in the strawberry harvest and who do not have jobs are asked to contact Roy Davidson, farm labor assistant, immediately. The farm labor office is now located in the county agent's office but will be moved to 318 East Main street (now occupied by Melbeck Electric and Furniture store) some time this week.

Rodeo Program Set for Sunday

Third rodeo program this spring is on tap at the Puhatin Valley rodeo ground at Witch Hazel Sunday afternoon, starting at 1:30 p. m. The program will include bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, steer riding, bull dogging, calf roping and all kinds of races.

Argus Distribution Friday Until Further Notice Due Printer Lack

Because of the shortage of experienced printers and operators, the Argus will be printed Thursday afternoon instead of Wednesday until further notice. Distribution will be Friday morning instead of Thursday morning. All community correspondence should be in the office at the same time as before. Deadline for classified advertising will be Wednesday, 3 p. m., while deadline for display advertising will remain the same as at present. Too late to classify can be accepted up to 10 a. m. Thursday.

Cub Scouts Slate Picnic Here Sunday

Hillsboro Cub Scouts and their parents will picnic at Shute park Sunday, according to loan numbers. The picnic will be held at Shute park, a program of races, a softball game between the Cubs and their fathers and a picnic.

Activities will get under way at 11:30 a. m. with lunch about 1 p. m. The softball game will follow the picnic.

Those attending the picnic are asked to bring their own plates and silver as well as lunch.

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DECORATED—Major Donald E. Long, former Hillsboro resident, who has been decorated for service in Italy.

Decorations Won By Major Long On Anzio Beach

Major Donald E. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Long of Hillsboro and a Multnomah county circuit judge, has received the bronze star for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations while with the 1st Marine Division on the allied 5th army's Anzio beachhead south of Rome, according to word from the 5th army in Italy.

Prior to landing at Anzio, Maj. Long was given six days to plan the military government to be adopted at the beachhead. When the 3d division landed at Anzio on D-day the plans had been completed.

Immediately upon landing, he proceeded to organize the towns of Anzio and Nettuno, appointed a mayor, instructed officials who remained there as to the policies of his commanding general, and personally directed the carrying out of these policies until the administration of the two towns was taken over by a higher headquarters some four days later.

Thousands of Italian refugees streamed back into the Anzio beachhead area and the Pontine marshes in the wake of the retreating Germans this week and spokesmen for the AMG said food and relief supplies were being rushed to them.

Major Long said Cisterna was "knocked flat" by Allied and German bombs and shell fire and only about 50 of its 2800 prewar inhabitants remained when the Americans occupied it.

The former Hillsboro man was judge of the court of domestic relations in Portland until he took a leave of absence to enter the army. This is the second time he has done this and it is also the second time he has been overseas in two different wars. Major Long was one of the first AMG officers assigned to Italy.

Teacher Shortage For County Seen Serious Next Year

Difficulty in filling the 66 teacher vacancies in Washington county next year is foreseen by Austin F. Scafford, county superintendent. Few students are attending the state normal schools with the result that only about 100 teachers were graduated this year.

The high school superintendent said the high schools, Scafford said. Sixty teachers who are being lost through retirement in other counties. Only 17 teachers who taught last year in the county have not been employed and Scafford anticipates that this number will be increased to at least 30 next year.

Captain Munford Has Long Service

HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AAF, SOUTH PACIFIC—Captain Charles W. Munford of Hillsboro recently completed 17 months' service in the South Pacific, much of it with the 13th AAF, the air force which was strafed and shot down Japs from Guadalcanal to Truk and then turned to assist operations on and around New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific theater.

Captain Munford is an engineer-officer at the headquarters of Major General Huber R. Harmon. Captain Munford entered active duty in November 1940, after having been employed as highway, land and power line surveyor and concrete inspector of Bonneville.

He formerly attended Oregon State college and was a member of Theta Xi.

Captain Munford's mother, Mrs. Flora M. Munford, resides at Banks, Ore.

P. U. Professor Speaks at Rotary

Professor Otis Smith of the Pacific university history department spoke before the Rotary club here Thursday on "Presidents We Have Had." He cited some of the qualifications for presidents and also told of the life of President Charles Walker was program chairman.

Donald Sloan of the investment firm of Sloan & Wilcox in Portland will speak Thursday, June 15, when a joint meeting will be held with the Lions club. Dr. Riddle of the University of Oregon will speak Thursday, June 15, when a joint meeting will be held with the Lions club. Dr. Riddle is a specialist in tropical diseases. Morris Weil will be chairman.

Barbara Twiford was announced as the Rotary club candidate for "Miss Democracy."

Sam Coy was reported as having suffered a heart attack.

Hillsboro Officials Attend League Meetings

Hillsboro was represented at the League of Oregon Cities meetings in Portland Thursday and Friday by a number of officials. City Manager J. W. Barney attended all the sessions. City Attorney Paul Patterson attended the attorneys' section. Water Superintendent R. E. Wiley of the utility section and Recorder Edwin Bowman, the finance officers' division.



VETERAN PYTHIANS HONORED—Four 50-year Pythian veteran jewels were awarded Monday night at a joint meeting of the Pythias and Pythian Sisters by Grand Chancellor Fred J. Sewell. Pictured from left: E. C. Brown, A. M. Carlie, Sewell, W. W. Williams and L. A. Long Sewell is pictured congratulating his uncle, W. W. Williams.

New Fire Truck Put in Service Monday by City

New \$4,500 fire truck, purchased and equipped by the Hillsboro Firemen's association and the city, was put into service Monday night, according to Fire Marshal Wilbur Dillon. The new unit gives the fire department at present five rigs with 500-gallon per minute pumps, one with a 350-gallon pump and one with a 150-gallon pump. Main need of the 35-man department now for top efficiency is an adequate alarm system and more water, he said.

The new truck has a 500-gallon per minute pump and will carry 500 gallons of water, Dillon declared. It is equipped with 500 feet of two and a half inch hose, 300 feet of one and a half inch hose, pump cans and other equipment for fighting forest and grass fires.

The new equipment meets all of the requirements of the underwriters, Dillon said. He pointed out that, if farmers in the territory around Hillsboro organized a district, they could receive credit for this truck on their fire insurance rates.

Hillsboro Firemen's association contributed \$1,500 from funds received in running the annual Happy Days celebrations. The city put up \$3,000.

Four Hillsboro Students Will Graduate at "U"

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—Four residents of Hillsboro are among the 350 candidates for degrees at the 67th annual commencement of the University of Oregon, to be held June 4, in McArthur Court.

They are Lucille Marie Yungen, who is applying for a bachelor of science in physical education; Phyllis Amacher, for a bachelor of arts in psychology; James Byron Adams, for a bachelor of science in education, and Melvin Leslie Adler, for a bachelor of science in business administration.

Miss Amacher, who was chosen this year for Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amacher. Miss Yungen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yungen. Parents are of Hillsboro.

Orlando John Hollis, acting president of the university, will speak at the commencement on "Our Frontiers."

Service People's Names Requested

Realizing that the list of names of those in the service is incomplete on the Memorial Honor Roll in the court yard, and that more are to be listed, the citizens of Washington County V. F. W. post, requests that all names not listed be sent to him as soon as possible. His address is route 1, box 932, Beaverton.

Memorial Day Talk Stresses Need of All Doing Part to Preserve America

Tribute to the memory of those who have given their lives to preserve America was paid on the Red Cross blood bank, so that more American boys may be saved through this life-giving blood, observe the rationing programs, which conserve food and other necessities for all and stresses the point that America stands for freedom from want; observe price control, which prevents the runaway

inflation that would take away everything for which our boys are fighting, and buy your share and more of the war bonds in the 3th war loan and at all times to assist in paying for the materials needed by our fighting men.

As for those who take the attitude of saving themselves for the post war period, the speaker pointed out that the war is a long haul from being over that American boys and their allies must pay heavily in the invasion of Europe to bring Germany to surrender and to the Japanese in the Pacific. It has been 10 months since Italy surrendered, but thousands of American boys have paid the ultimate sacrifice since then in fighting in Italy. It was pointed out that Patterson also called attention to the fact that it had been almost two years since we first worked to the Solomon Islands and that with the latest conquests American forces were still 900 miles away from the Philippines. And neither is the war over for those millions of men who stand on the springboard of invasion in Europe.

Away Nearly Four Years.

Patterson pointed out that the men from here in old Battery E have been away for nearly four years, that they spent 76 days on the firing line in New Guinea, which is the longest period any unit had ever been on the firing line, and are now back in the thick of it again.

The American flag stands for (Continued on page 6)

Four Pythians Given 50-Year Vet Jewels

Fifty-year veteran Knights of Pythias jewels were presented to E. C. Brown, A. M. Carlie, L. A. Long and W. W. Williams by Grand Chancellor Fred J. Sewell at a joint meeting of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters in the local temple Monday night.

Long has been a member of K. P. lodge since 1888, while the other three were initiated in 1894—Brown and Williams same night in the Hillsboro lodge. It was a particularly happy occasion for Grand Chancellor Sewell to present the 50-year veteran jewel to his uncle, Warren Williams.

Mr. Sewell's father, the late J. W. Sewell, was initiated the same night with Williams.

Twenty-five year veteran jewels were presented to Judge R. Frank Peters, John Gottlieb, G. Russell Morgan and Herbert Luck. H. A. Kuratli, Elmer Johnson, Bruce Schulmerich and Grant Zumwalt were not present to receive their 25-year jewels.

Pythian Sister 25-year jewels were presented by Mrs. Estella Johnson, grand mistress of finance, to Mrs. Emma Ferland for her mother, Mrs. Anna Gottlieb; Mrs. R. Frank Peters, Mrs. Nellie Fyram and Mrs. Gertrude Brown. Mrs. Earl Douceton and Mrs. H. A. Kuratli were not present to receive their veteran jewels.

The program included musical numbers by the Rice sisters, returned to their jobs after having been in the hospital, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Sewell, and readings by Kenneth Logan, Ray Miller, chancellor, commander of Phoenix lodge, president of the Pythian lodge, Mrs. Harry Seabold and Mrs. Frances Kearney were the Pythian Sister committee for refreshments, with Mr. Miller of the Knights lodge.

County Mills Resume Work

Lumber and sawmills in the west end of the county began operations again Wednesday as mill workers returned to their jobs after nearly a week of "fishing." The walkout which spread over the northwest began 11 days ago when the national war labor board refused pay increases at Washington, D. C.

Loggers and woods workers of CIO local No. 5 at Forest Grove joined the walkout Monday and have returned to work on Wednesday at the Glenwood Timber operations at Glenwood. This involved some 1200 quilling at Stinson Lumber company. At Gates Peak 40 men were out and at Carnation 100.

It was reported that the NWLB had offered to grant a hearing of the case. Several meetings of workers involved have been held and a meeting of the CIO workers is scheduled in Forest Grove Friday night.

The AFL has been seeking an hourly wage of \$1.10 and the CIO \$1.024. Minimums are now about 90 cents.

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