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H.B. 335 OR S.B. 195?

We lack a copy of the constitution of the League of Oregon cities but if there is anything in it that justifies the effort now being made by its officers to whittle away the structure of the local budget law we think the constitution should be amended to remove that justification or the league disbanded.
The budget law has been on the statute books for over 20 years. Its purpose is to bring tax payer participation into the business of budget making and to provide a means by which the tax paying public can be informed regarding the expenditures that are to be made possible by taxation. That means has been the required publication of the estimates that the budget makers have agreed upon. When the law was new and before it had been interpreted the estimates were presented in a detail since decided to be unnecessary. Two years ago an attempt was made by the legislature to clarify the law but when the Yamhill county court sought, under the amended statute, to present only a meagre set of figures as its budget estimates the supreme court rebuked it and, in effect, left the law as originally enacted.
Still desiring clarification the state association of finance officers, cooperating with a committee from the Oregon newspaper publishers association, has worked for the past 18 months in the preparation of a new budget measure and it was introduced by Representative Marsh, the speaker, on February 2 as house bill No. 335. This measure clears up the difficulties that 20 years of experience with the old have developed. It meets the objections to the 1943 amendment raised by the supreme court decision.
And now comes the League of Oregon cities with a proposal (senate bill No. 195) that would get around the decision and provide for the publication of estimates such as those for which the Yamhill court drew the rebuke. The league officers will urge that their measure provides that the estimates and original estimate sheets shall be on file and open to public inspection, thus providing all needed opportunity for interested tax payers to get details, and they will assert that senate bill 195 do so on account of their financial interest in the use of large advertising space. They will urge that their desire is to save advertising cost.
Our reply is that our interest is in providing the tax payers with the full details of the proposals that their servants are making for spending their tax money. The record of this column is a fairly good one, we think, on saving money for the tax payer by means of critical inspection of published budgets. We think that the public should be informed of its affairs by the publication of budgets and tax proposals.
How about getting into this yourself—you, the reader of these words. If you think it's a desirable thing to continue to publish budgets about as they have been published in the past and if you think house bill or something like it should be passed write us and say so. We'll pass the word along to the legislature. If you think the reduced publication such as is

suggested by senate bill is sufficient tell us so and we'll pass that word along.

Do you want to be informed by means of an advertisement as in the past or do you want to see a little money saved? It's your tax money that will be spent. What's your preference?

THIS WAS BOUGHT

Well, for the first time, we are writing a piece for this column for which, as you might put it, pay has been offered. No one, so far as we can remember, has ever had the temerity to offer anything of the sort before and it may seem strange that on this first occasion we should fall. But have charity and before you condemn us hear our story.

It was our friend, Bob Fox, (Postmaster Robert H. Fox, officially) who came to us with the proposition and we accepted his offer more for the purpose of helping him than on account of the personal gain.

Here is the story. Over at the post office a new method of sending small sums of money by mail is now in operation. It takes the place of the former postal money order and has been devised for the purpose of simplifying things both for the office and its customers. Instead of filling out a money order application and having a postal clerk then go through all the detail of making out the order the customer buys a so-called postal note (actually it is a stamp) for the amount of money he wishes to mail, attaches it to a card that he gets with the stamp, writes in the name and address of the payee and mails it. Before giving him the card the clerk who sold the stamp has written in three places on the card the value of the stamp (the top size is \$10) and imprinted in three places with a rubber stamp the name of the post office and the date. That's all he has had to do. The customer pays five cents for the service whatever the size of the note.

There are lines on the back where the purchaser writes in his name and there is a coupon on which he may make a record, if he wishes, of the person to whom and for what he sent the stamp. This, of course, is to be detached before mailing. The stamp itself is on another coupon which is to be detached at the office where the stamp is cashed and only there. This is important. The payee signs on the face of the note when he receives payment.

Bob Fox wanted to get the story of this new postal note over to the public and he wanted us to do it for him. So that we might know just what we were writing about he bought a stamp, made the note out to the paper, went through all the rest of the procedure and then brought the note to us. It lies on the table beside us as we write.

And there you have the story of the new postal note and of the first time we have taken anything for a piece in this column. It's only a 50 cent stamp, at that.

P.S. We are giving the note to a stamp collector who may like Bob Fox's autograph, as well.

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 15, 1930)
(From The Bulletin Files)
A county-wide organization of sportsmen is formed at a meeting in the Elks club rooms, with H. J. Overturf as president, and Don H. Peoples as secretary-treasurer.
Ben Alsop and Antone Fossen, Bend men, escape death when they are rescued from the waters of Suttle lake after waves swamp their boat.
Announcement is made that 28 contestants have entered the Sky-

liners snow carnival set for tomorrow at the McKenzie pass.

A joint meeting of the Knights of Pythias is held in Madras, with the following Knights from Bend attending: T. E. Duffy, John Newby, Oscar Springgate, Tracy Tyler, Charles Slivis, C. P. Becker, Richard Connarn and Dr. R. D. Ketchum.

In Sisters, the Lions club stages the show "The Haunted House." Clarence LeRoy Adams and Florence Irene Marsden obtain a marriage license here.

Dr. E. E. Gray returns to his office after two months' absence, due to illness.

M. J. McClain, Eastern Star grange candidate, is named deputy collector for the Grange Hall district.

Mrs. Daisy Stephenson of Lapine, is a Bend caller.

Japs Fear Landing On Chinese Coast

Tokyo, Feb. 15 (U.P.)—Japanese propaganda broadcasts predicted today that American invasion forces next would attempt a landing on the China coast.

Less likely alternatives were findings in French Indo-China or the Malay peninsula, a Captain Matsushima, spokesman for the Japanese fleet in China waters, said in a Tokyo broadcast.

Matsushima said the Japanese fleet "will be only too glad to grapple" with American invasion forces in the event of an attempted landing in China.

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I BET THE PRINCIPAL WOULD SURE LIKE TO KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN DOIN' YOUR HOMEWORK FOR YOU!... SEE YOU LATER, DOPES!
CATCH HIM, LARD! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
COME BACK HERE, TWERP!

Sisters

Sisters, Feb. 15 (Special)—Lt. Jess Wilson, who has been stationed at Morfit, Texas; Mrs. Luetta Wilson, mother of Jess, from McMinnville; Mrs. Blanche Ireland, from Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Berniece Riggins and daughter, Clarice, were guests at the Charles Boyer home Saturday evening. All were relatives of the Boyer family.

Mrs. Charles Boyer went to Portland with her husband one day last week. Boyer hauled a load of lumber there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Harris and brother, Tom Harris, of Weiser, Idaho, have moved to Sisters to live. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are the parents of Mrs. Charles Boyer.

Gilbert Boyer has been very ill from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Potter went to Sweet Home over the weekend.

Mrs. James Bowles is home from the hospital with her baby son.

Mrs. Margaret Owens, a welder at Swan island, spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lane Fillmore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stills and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stills spent the weekend in Burns.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gridley at the Willow ranch Saturday evening. Three birthdays were celebrated at one time, those of Mrs. Faye Goff, Mrs. Thelma Gridley and Mrs. Mildred Fillmore. Other guests present were William Goff, Roland Gridley, Lone Fillmore, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gridley, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hearshey and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Shaw.

Mrs. George Wakefield and Mrs. Jerry Benson gave a farewell party Saturday evening for Evelyn Zumwalt. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Baker, Mrs. Nellie Bembrey, George Wakefield, Jerry Benson and Mrs. David Zumwalt.

The Bank of Bend and employees gave several farewell parties for Evelyn Zumwalt who was employed there for quite some time. She has left for Oakland, Calif., where she will be employed and will stay with her sister-in-law, Mrs. David Zumwalt. Miss Zumwalt received many beautiful and useful gifts from her friends.

Norma Ensore is employed in Redmond working at the Co-operative creamery.

June Dobkins spent the weekend in Redmond and attended the dance at the community hall Saturday night.

Larry Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Blanchard, has been very ill the past week, but is better now.

Roy McClean from the Rim Rock ranch visited at Sisters Sunday and went to Redmond Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Roach are leaving for Portland, where Mrs. Roach is having dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. James Candel and Wilma Sue moved to Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Tassel are moving to Bend, as Mrs. Van Tassel's father is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Parker took Mrs. Laura Memmer to a hospital in Portland, where she is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Arly Redman and children moved to Portland in their trailer house.

Mrs. Daniel Davis went to Portland for a few days.

Gus Thorpe moved to Portland where he will have employment on the railroad.

Mrs. Howard Smith is ill at the St. Charles hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Peck, a 10 1/2 pound son, Vernon Louis. Emmet Culpepper left Tuesday

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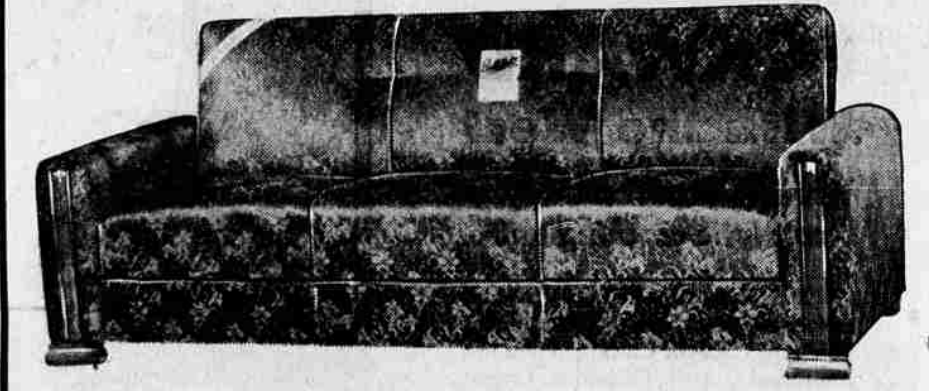
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for coast guard training. There were 20 guests present at the Valentine party given by Miss Cole and Miss Doolin Saturday evening at the church recreation hall. Hot chocolate and cake was served. On the sick list the past week are Sharon and Denny Day, Jerry Hoke and Sonny Reddick. Mrs. Don Wyatt was a guest at the Telfer home Monday. Mrs. Blaine Gammon left for a two weeks visit at the homes of her two sisters who live at Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Bush gave a birthday party for Bobby Nunnellee while his father, Jack Nunnellee, was on furlough. Those present were the Bush family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nunnellee, Frances Day and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hitchcock and Earl Russell. Gladys Abolene, who is taking nurses cadet training at Spokane, Wash., had a tooth extracted which had caused her to be paralyzed in her hips and back by infection. She is getting along nicely now. Jess Wilt was taken ill last week and rushed to the hospital. He is much better at present and is home again. The Hitchcock mill has been closed for some time due to weather conditions. Mr. and Mrs. George Schmidt and family are moving to Fossil in the near future. C. A. Widmark is building a machine shed on his ranch. Lane Widmark has gone back to school after a five weeks' absence due to illness. The chairman of the infantile paralysis fund reports the sum of \$80.47 from the Sisters area and Mrs. Helen Baker collected the sum of \$41.46 through the schools, which makes a total of \$101.93 for Sisters. O. C. Stanley has been ill for the past several days. The Sisters Townsend club held its regular business meeting at the Copeland building, Feb. 10,

with 15 members present. A potluck lunch will be given after the meeting on Feb. 17 in celebration of all the members who have birthdays in January and February. Games will be played and prizes given. Last week's winners were Archie Telfer and Mrs. Glover, first prizes. Other winners were Mrs. Dobkins and Lawrence Telfer. Seattle, Feb. 15 (U.P.)—Eight navy airmen were killed last night when a twin-motored navy bomber crashed into a hillside 8 1/2 miles northwest of Arlington, Wash., and exploded into flames, the 13th naval district announced. The plane, on a training mission, was flying over a sparsely settled farm area. Names have not yet been released.

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COLUMBIA FOOD MARKET advertisement with various food items and prices like Crackers, Coffee, Skippy Peanut Butter, Quaker Oats, etc.

Comic strip 'Freckles and His Friends' with dialogue bubbles and illustrations of characters.

Comic strip 'What'll We Do Now?' featuring a woman on the phone and a man's reaction.