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IS IT TO SAVE MONEY?
Well, the hearing on senate bill 195, held in Salem Thursday evening, developed exactly the points discussed in this column the day before.

Frankly, whenever we hear of municipal officers who are objecting to publication of any of the financial details of their operations we begin to wonder what it is they have to conceal. We shall not suggest that the Oregon city officials who belong to the league want to cover up any of their transactions but we do insist that when they place the saving of a few advertising dollars ahead of giving taxpayers full budget information in the place where they are most certain to see it—their local newspapers—they are asking for an investigation of their other expenditures.

Let's say that the publication favored by the league can be made at a saving of \$100 a year. The figure is high but it will do for the argument. The league's proposition, then, must be that that \$100 cannot better be cut from any other account, that it is less desirable to inform the public in the manner proposed than to spend for some other purpose.

CURE THE CONGRESS
Unqualified opposition is expressed by Charles A. Sprague, in his column in the Salem Statesman, to the proposal for an amendment to the federal constitution limiting income and state taxes to 25 per cent. Even though the idea is sound, Sprague argues, it would be a mistake to adopt it because it would be difficult to repeal or change the amendment.

Washington Column
By Peter Edson
Washington, D. C.—Of all the many proposed reforms of congress, those which would seek to change the relationships between congress and the people are most controversial.

Veteran of War Fills Bend Berth
Walter Remington of McMinnville, a veteran of two years service in the army, and who received a medical discharge on Dec. 15, 1944, today was transferred to duty at state police headquarters in Bend.

Washington Column (continued)
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The Prize

A SONG TO REMEMBER
by Willard Wiener
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The story: Frederic Chopin insults the new Czarist governor of Poland by refusing to play before him at Count Wodzinski's dinner party. His friends warn him to leave the country. Jozef Elsner says he has saved enough money to take them both to Paris.

XII THE ROAD TO PARIS
The nightmarish hours were behind them. They had traveled by night and had slept by day in fields and in haylofts, Frederic from exhaustion, Jozef Elsner with an impatience to be on their way. They had avoided main-traveled roads and had crossed the Polish border unchallenged under cover of darkness.

Washington Column (continued)
Nor get a bomber on which to fly over from Britain to get married, gas for a plane to fly to the Grand canyon for the ceremony and a plane priority to get his brindle dog out to Hollywood. But, of course, no one should say such things about a member of the royal family.

Washington Column (continued)
The whole question of improving relations between congress and the people really boils down to a problem for the electorate, not to a problem for congress. It is the matter of choosing better congressmen. It has been proved time and again that most people don't know who their congressmen are. Too few good men want to make public service a career, considering the risks too great.

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and four weeks practical training in a hospital before being assigned to an army hospital, it was said. Under the new medical unit program, eligible women not engaged in essential war work will be organized into platoons representing their city or county and will select one of the 11 army general hospitals in the Ninth Service Command for duty after their basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. After training at the Georgia military post those enlistees classified for further training at a medical or surgical technician school will receive an additional month of school before active duty at the hospital of their choice.

Is Civic Duty
"I'd like to see Deschutes county send in the first platoon of medical department Wacs from Oregon," Simerville said. "Actually it's a civic duty and would entail a great deal of civic pride to accomplish this vital mission first in the state." Full details of eligibility and physical requirements for the special medical Wac platoon may be obtained from Simerville at the city hall, county OCD headquarters or from any member of the OCD committee or civilian Wac recruiting committees.

Bend's Yesterdays
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 17, 1930)
Emil Nordeen and John Ring win honors at the first annual snow carnival staged by the Skyliners. Nordeen, wins 25-mile ski marathon, and Ring is victorious in ski jumping. In Redmond, Matt Dailey sells 500 sheep to John Kotzman of Bend. Members of the Bend Elks lodge returned after aiding in the initiation of a large class at Lakeview. In the Bend party are Exalted Ruler Harry Swanson, N. H. Gilbert, R. B. Parsons, H. H. DeArmond, Clyde Johnson, A. B. Estebenet, Fred Ulrich and Jack Dudley.

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A Royal Arch Chapter of Masons is inaugurated in Bend, with the following officers: Clyde McKay, high priest; J. D. Davidson, king; O. Laugaard, scribe; J. H. Corbett, captain of the host; A. O. Walker, principal sojourner; H. A. Miller, royal arch captain; H. A. Overturf, master of the first veil; U. C. Coe, master of the second veil; A. D. Lewis, master of the third veil; C. M. Redfield, sentinel, and C. S. Hudson, secretary. Word is received from the nation's capital, that the government will put up \$450,000 for development of irrigation in Central Oregon if the state legislature will match the sum. Civil service examinations are arranged for the selection of a postmaster at Deschutes. L. D. Fox goes to Portland to get a heavier shaft for his automobile.

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OCD to Seek Aid For War Nurses
In an effort to relieve an acute shortage of nurses in army general hospitals throughout the United States, the Deschutes county Civilian council today launched a campaign to recruit women in the Women's army corps, it was announced today by George Simerville, coordinator for the council. Simerville said that he had received a request from Gov. Earl Snell and State Administrator Jack Hayes, of the OCD, to aid in recruiting Wacs. The Civilian defense council accepted the responsibility to recruit Wacs from Central Oregon because there is no regular Wac recruiting service here, Simerville explained. Aiding the defense council in the drive will be Mrs. W. A. Wirtz, whose daughter, Jessie, is a Wac overseas; and Mrs. George Brick, whose husband is in the navy. Would-be Wacs may obtain information from them at their respective homes, 317 Newport avenue, or 418 Florida avenue.

Need of Nurses
Simerville said that there is a dire shortage of nurses in the army hospitals, the average being one nurse to 36 beds. The present drive is to form Wac hospital companies from each county and state, Simerville said. Women enlisting in this branch of the service will receive six weeks basic training, six weeks special training at a medical technical school,

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HECTOR, PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!—AS A PERSONAL FAVOR, WILL YOU PLEASE STOP JUNIOR YOGEL BEFORE HE GETS TO MR. WILSON'S HOUSE?
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YOU BETTER TRY ANOTHER APPROACH!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! IF YOU AND JUNIOR MET, I'M AFRAID YOU MIGHT GET HURT!
THAT DOES IT!

Loggers Develop New "Skyhook"
Molalla, Ore., Feb. 17 (UP)—The much-publicized "Skyhook," a new overhead high line setup for logging developed by the Pointer-Willamette company, was shown in action for the first time today. The company says the new development will reduce the necessity for constructing expensive logging roads into almost inaccessible country. The skyhook is also said to reduce fire hazards by eliminating log dragging, which the company says caused the Tillamook fire of 1933. The test model set up on the north fork of the Molalla river stretches across a canyon for about 200 feet. It is 160 feet from the ground at the canyon's low point. In a five-hour test, the company says, more than 100,000 feet of logs were moved out with the aid of only one chokerman on the ground.

Buy National War Bonds Now!
Anticipating the building of sawmills on the Deschutes, Frank Robertson of Portland, takes up an option on the Sisemore property, thus controlling the "best site for a mill pond in Central Oregon."
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