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COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTED BY LANE TAXPAYERS

Bounty Fund Inadequate For Purpose, Belief

MANY INCREASES GIVEN

Property in City to Be Re-assessed in Order to Readjust Present Taxation Plan

The Lane county budget for 1926 as estimated by the budget committee was unanimously adopted by the taxpayers at the annual meeting held in the courthouse yesterday.

Each item as read by Judge C. P. Barnard, chairman, was adopted with the exception of the scalps bounty fund. This fund, \$4800, as expressed by taxpayers present, seemed insufficient to meet the demand and an amount of \$12500 was asked. This is to be referred to the committee, it was decided, and if found advisable will be taken from the emergency fund. The scalps fund for 1925 was pointed out as being insufficient to meet the demands as the payment of bounties ran short during the month of July and was curtailed for the remainder of the year.

This was due to the failure of the state to pass a law which would reimburse the county one-half of the amount expended for scalps. It was stated, however, this fund is necessary in order to combat the animals which are playing havoc with the livestock industry in the county. It was stated by taxpayers.

Most Funds Approved

All other items in the budget met with the approval of taxpayers present. One-third of the department showed increases over last year. Representatives of the various divisions were present and explained the necessity of the advance.

An increase of approximately \$1100 was budgeted by the county clerk's office. This was made necessary, stated R. S. Bryson, clerk, because of the increase in the amount of work which his department met during the past year. "This is the first time, since I have held my office, that I have exceeded my budgeted allotment. I feel that it was necessary this year because of the work which came into my office, making it necessary to increase the facilities," Mr. Bryson said. "However, with the increase of the budget this coming year I expect to keep within my limit."

The fund allotted to the sheriff's office was raised over that of last year but the need of this was pointed out by F. E. Taylor, sheriff, who designated the amount necessary to cope with the law enforcement situation as prescribed by law.

The assessor's fund was raised slightly over the 1925 budget. This was explained by Ben E. Keeney, assessor. "This increase is necessary because of the increase in the growth of the city of Eugene. I believe the time has come when a new assessment of the property in the city should be taken. Eugene has grown considerably since the last assessment was taken and I think it unfair to tax a man owning property built in recent years more than an owner who

took advantage of cheaper building years ago. It is my belief that when two men own property adjacent, one who built a few years ago and one who built recently, should pay the difference which prevails with the assessed assessment," Mr. Keeney said. "To overcome this I believe it necessary to make a new assessment of the property."

Emergency Fund Discussed

The question of the emergency fund, which totals \$15,000, was taken up for discussion. This fund is to be used for purposes at present unforeseen, stated Judge Barnard. An incident of this kind is shown in the case of the increase in the scalps fund asked for at this meeting. Also other funds may run short during the coming year and rather than discontinue the work, money could be taken from this allotment to carry on.

The roads and highway fund was outlined and the various phases of expenditure were given. Roads which have been built in the county must be maintained, it was stated, and new equipment purchased.

The fund for the care of the poor was increased over last year but was necessitated by the people who came to Eugene without sufficient money to live on and are unable to find employment to earn a living. It was said, the allotment of \$22,500 is expected to meet all demands of this type.

Figures are Given

The general fund items adopted at the meeting are as follows:

Advertising	1,900.00
Agriculture	2,500.00
Assessor's office	12,000.00
Auditing	494.50
Care of poor	22,500.00
Circuit court	12,000.00
Commons	500.00
County court	6,000.00
County fair	3,500.00
County house	2,000.00
Clerk's office	14,000.00
District attorney's office	4,750.00
District sealer	100.00
Emergency	14,000.00
Fruit inspector	1,500.00
Health officer	200.00
Indigent soldier	600.00
Inspection	600.00
Justice court	3,000.00
Juvenile court	1,200.00
Location	14,000.00
Retiring warrants	25,000.00
Scalp bounty	1,200.00
School superintendent	4,250.00
Sheriff's office	21,400.00
Shamblered animals	800.00
Surveyor's office	4,715.00
Tax collector	200.00
Theater & plant insect	2,000.00
Treasurer's office	2,250.00
Widow's pension	3,250.00
Roads and highways	111,825.00
Total	\$229,225.00

The general roads and highways fund adopted is divided in the budget as follows:

Road districts	42,000.00
Maintenance	18,000.00
Emergency	10,000.00
Equipment	18,000.00
Bridges	18,000.00
Eugene city	4,000.00
Perkins road	1,000.00
Total	\$111,000.00

Following are the items budgeted for the different market road projects:

Maintenance and betterment	22,000.00
Emergency	10,000.00
Not west	9,000.00
McCollum gap	2,000.00
East Vaughn	2,000.00
Perkins road	1,000.00

Watch Party and Dance at Midway

New Year's Eve THURSDAY December 31st 5-Piece Orchestra PUBLIC INVITED

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Paul Kelly, editor of the Guard, and Frank Jenkins, editor of the Morning Register, who were appointed by Mayor Lee as a committee to investigate an investigation as to the manner in which George W. Read, paving contractor came into possession of more than \$13,000 in city warrants before he was entitled to receive them, declared yesterday that they would decline to serve. Both said that it was a matter for the council to handle.

Mr. Kelly in a statement issued yesterday says:

"Investigation of responsibility for premature delivery to George W. Read, a contractor, of \$13,000 in city warrants which were under assignment, and whose delivery was thereupon illegal in matter for the city government. A citizens' committee, such as the council has proposed to appoint, could not do it impartially. Such a committee would have no authority in summoning witnesses or in requiring answers from any witnesses who might voluntarily come in. Nor would any kind of such a committee be binding upon the city council, the city or anybody. I cannot think the council's action was seriously meant, but rather that the mayor had intended to give the public a check with a pause for a grin or two of rebuff at thought of what they were handing back to the editor, who had the temerity to give voice to the public demand for the facts in a matter of public concern. I confess I get a grin out of it myself."

Mohawks Plan Banquet

FATHERS AND MOTHERS TO BE INVITED GUESTS

Club Meets in "Sick Room" Last Night; Reports Made of Christmas Activities

Mohawk Pioneers journeyed to a "sick room" last night to hold their regular meeting, and the session was convened in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. occupied by H. McAllister, assistant boys' work secretary who recently returned from the hospital following a major operation.

General Murray presided and reports were heard from the Christmas activities of the club. Four baskets were loaded with food, clothing and toys and delivered to needy families in the city.

The Mohawks laid plans for a "father and mother" banquet to be held in the Central Presbyterian church at 6:30 o'clock the evening of January 22. Music by the club and vaudeville acts are promised by way of entertainment. Each boy has been urged to take his mother and father to the banquet.

There were 25 members of the club and two guests at the meeting last night.

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1925 BUSY YEAR FOR Y. M. C. A. IN EUGENE

Increase of Young Men is Particularly Marked

300 BOYS IN CLUB WORK

Religious Training Integral Part of Program Frank Eberhart, Secretary, Says

The year 1925 has been a busy one in all phases of Y. M. C. A. work, according to a statement made last night by Frank Eberhart, general secretary.

More boys and men have been using the privileges here than for many years past, he said, and the increase of young men between the ages of 18 and 25 has been particularly marked.

"At the present time 65 per cent of our membership is under 25 years," said Mr. Eberhart. "This is a little above the average of 53 per cent for the entire country."

"The Y. M. C. A. continues to be a Young Men's Christian association."

"Approximately 300 boys are now under the direct supervision of the Eugene Y. M. C. A. in 18 clubs, three of which are H. Y. five are Comrades, six Pioneer and three Friendly Inn organizations, each adapted to a different age, ranging all the way from 19 to 18 years. These clubs have the same four-fold emphasis to their work that has always been stressed since the association began work for boys more than 40 years ago. The fourfold emphasis is the physical, mental, social and spiritual—the spiritual being the basis of the whole and recognized by all leaders as the foundation of all character-building."

Work Adapted to Churches

"Because of the religious emphasis in the program, this type of boys' work is naturally adapted to the churches," continued Mr. Eberhart, "and is eagerly sought by them."

"One denomination, the Presbyterian, has adopted the Pioneer plan nationally, as its program for boys."

"Fifteen of the above clubs are in connection with local churches, the Y. M. C. A. discovering and training most of the leaders. But whether the boys' work of the Y. M. C. A. is done in connection with the church or not, the religious training is an integral part of the program which the leader cannot ignore. This tends to lead the boy to church connection."

"During the last year 42 boys made Christian decisions and 16 were known to have joined churches, as a result of the Y. M. C. A. work. While the Y. M. C. A. is not confined there but is community wide, embracing all desires of the boy from gymnasiums to summer camps, with a wide range of outdoor activities. Last year the Y. M. C. A. units of the country had more boys in summer camps than any other organization."

Mr. Eberhart continued to say that for the year 1926 the association plans for larger things in all phases of its program for both men and boys, including points of Eugene, as in the past. Events in the immediate future he said, included an older boys' conference of Lane county, boys' pet and hobby show, county basketball tournament for young men, young men's forums by the Pioneer boys' chorus, swimming contests, various athletics among the boys' clubs of the city, and a volleyball league among the business men.

DEGREE OF CIRCUIT COURT HANDED DOWN

City of Eugene and E. S. Rolfe Declared to Have No Right to Strip of Land

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"Y" SPEAKER IS NAMED

REV. BRUCE J. GIFFEN TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Completed Program for Open House Festivities New Year's Day is Announced

Rev. Bruce J. Giffen was last night named speaker for the Y. M. C. A. "open house" celebration which will be held in connection with a general program on New Year's day.

Rev. Mr. Giffen was obtained through Dr. Sherman Moody, chairman of the program committee, who announced the complete outline of entertainment for that day.

The festivities will begin at 2:30 o'clock with community singing, to be led by C. H. Hohmann. The public has been extended an invitation to attend and take part in this program.

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FRUIT MEN WILL MEET

TWO FIELD DAYS PLANNED FOR JANUARY

Third Day Will Be Devoted to Discussion in Gathering at Chamber of Commerce

Lane county fruit men will have two field days, to be held January 21 and 22, and the 23d will be spent at a conference at the Eugene chamber of commerce. The announcement last night after a conference between O. S. Fletcher, county agent, and Howard Merriam, president of the Lane County Horticultural association.

Fruiting demonstrations will be featured and tree diseases and pests will be studied in different orchards, it was announced. Clayton F. Long, extension horticulturist, H. P. Basse, plant pathologist, and F. E. Price, extension engineer of the state college, will be present. Mr. Price will discuss irrigation problems both for vegetables and fruit. Les R. Turner, field man for the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, will be in the party and he will talk on bees.

The meeting at the chamber on the third day will be devoted to the discussion of the demonstrations and the suggestions of the two days previous.

The places of demonstration have not yet been decided upon, it was stated.

DEVICE MEASURES CALLS

TELEPHONE COMPANY IMPROVES LOCAL SERVICE

Installation of new equipment in the plant of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, at a cost of about \$4500 was announced yesterday through J. L. Hland, local manager.

The equipment will consist mainly of a recording instrument by which a closer check may be kept on both local and long distance service, he said.

This device is a switchboard unit connected with the local and long distance lines in such a way that observers can watch the service and keep a record of the time involved and the quality of the service.

FLOURNOYS WIN SUIT

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BROOM CASE APPEALED

NOTICE GIVEN AFTER SENTENCE PRONOUNCED

The case of the state against Mark Broom, who was found guilty a short time ago in the circuit court of the charge of possession of liquor, was appealed to the supreme court yesterday after Judge Skpworth had sentenced him to pay a fine of \$300 and serve three months in the county jail. The notice of appeal was given by F. C. Heffron, his attorney.

Broom was found guilty by a jury of the charge of possessing liquor in his car one night last summer.

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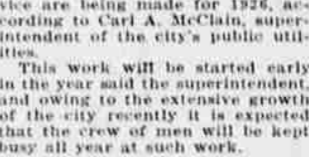
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