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Remember it costs no more to buy Red Cross stamps for your Xmas packages, than other seals and the proceeds go towards the crusade against tuberculosis. Buy your supply now at any of the local stores.

We are this week reproducing in full the Clackamas County Budget for the year 1918, believing that this is of so much importance to the taxpayers of this portion of the county, that it should be brought to their attention, in other than the manners required by law.

The News has gone to considerable extra expense in reproducing this matter, but thanks to County Judge Anderson, part of the expense was defrayed by the county court, which arranged with the Oregon City Enterprise to furnish us with the linotype for printing.

The law requires that this budget be presented to the taxpayers by advertising same in the official county newspapers, but as that method of publicity far from assures the taxpayers of Eastern Clackamas County from seeing it, the News agreed to give it front page free publicity.

This budget should be read and studied by every citizen and especially by every taxpayer. It is the duty of a taxpayer to familiarize himself or herself with the county's expenditure of their tax money and as this budget is subject to acceptance by a vote of the taxpayers at the annual meeting December 22nd, every taxpayer should decide in advance what items he or she favors or what appropriations he or she believes are unnecessary.

Fully one half of the fault finding with the expenditures of tax money and the complaints against high taxes are due to the average citizen not familiarizing himself with the budget and exercising his right to accept or reject its appropriations.

So read this budget carefully and then plan to join the Eastern Clackamas taxpayers delegation December 22nd, which will attend the annual budget meeting in Oregon City and look out for the interests of the home section.

Every man registered under the draft law who has changed his residence or postoffice address should immediately, without fail, notify his local board of his present address so that he will receive the Questionnaire he is required to fill out under the new draft Regulations.

This applies to all registered men, even those previously exempted or discharged. All previous exemptions and discharges from the draft are automatically revoked on December 15.

The Questionnaires will begin to be sent to registered men on December 15. Each man will have seven days in which to fill out answers to the many questions asked and return the Questionnaire to his local board.

Failure to answer the Questionnaire and return it to the board within this seven-day limit will endanger a man's right to claim exemption, regardless of whether he did not receive the Questionnaire.

Hence it is urgent that every registered man whose address has been changed should, for his own protection, at once notify his local board of his change in address.

So important is this matter considered by Provost Marshal General Crowder, at Washington, D. C., that he has issued the following instructions relative to giving it full publicity:

"Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, local and district boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and postoffice address to communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered, and furnish their present addresses so that Questionnaires, which will begin to be mailed December 15, will reach such registrants without delay.

"Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect of them, and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge."

Ray Eschleman, who for the past year or two has been janitor of the Estacada Schools, last week resigned, his place being filled by J. F. Douglas of Estacada. Mr. Eschleman's resignation was due to the added work entailed by the addition of the new building, with the salary not in proportion to the extra work required.

Announcements are already out, calling attention to the Christmas dance to be given at Cogswell's Hall, Eagle Creek, on the Saturday evening before Christmas, December 22nd, with everyone invited.

Fred and Elmer Anderson of Eagle Creek last week purchased a new Ford car from the Estacada Garage, replacing their old "fiver".

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