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ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

"History shows that the decisive factor in all great wars invariably has been sea power," wrote Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, U. S. N. recently. Think back over the major conflicts of history and you'll realize the truth of that. When Drake's fleet destroyed the Spanish Armada he eliminated one of the greatest threats to England's security and safety. When Nelson broke the back of French sea power at Trafalgar he assured Napoleon's ultimate defeat. Japan under the brilliant Admiral Togo made herself a world power to be reckoned with when her fleet routed the Russian navy at Port Arthur. And in the World War No. 1 it was the British feet under Jellicoe which forced the German navy to bottle itself up in port after the battle of Jutland and so made it possible to tighten the blockade which proved to be one of the decisive factors in that sanguinary conflict.

Sea power has always made world history, and it is for that reason that a number of military authorities tend to the belief that Germany's great successes on land, important as they are cannot win the war for her no matter how far they may be carried. Germany's air power is today the best in Europe and it will be at least a year before British-American production can really rival hers. Her armies are supreme, in size, in equipment and in generalship. But Germany has no fleet in any way comparable to Britain's. The submarine is a dangerous weapon but it is extremely limited and it has been proven time and again that sufficient surface power is superior to undersca power. Italy had a large fleet at the start of this war but it proved sadly deficient in fighting quality and a large part of it has been destroyed. German shipyards have been working overtime but it seems certain that their production has been held to a minimum by British air raids on Kiel, Hamburg and other ports.

British sea power is tremendously strained. Her ships must police every ocean in the world. They must attempt to bring her merchant ships home with the supplies that are needed to feed her population and arm her fighting forces. That is why British hopes are today pinned to a considerable extent on the American navy. British strategists are confident that the full participation of our navy would assure ultimate German defeat.

The American navy is the largest and most powerful in the world according to such authorities as Admiral Woodward. Five years from now if plans go according to schedule it will also be the fastest navy and will be infinitely more powerful. And it is the one branch of our fighting services which is ready to go to war right now if the call is made.

Admiral Woodward believes that if we went to war the job of our navy in the Atlantic would be fourfold. First we would occupy and defend all Atlantic islands on the "other side," both to forestall their seizure by the axis and to strike at invaders moving out from Europe. Second, we would blockade ports on the Spanish and French West African coast. Third we would cooperate fully with the British navy in convoy work. Fourth we would have to keep large forces about the Panama Canal to defend it from attack.

In the Pacific a fleet would probably be based at Singapore to keep an eye on Japan. American naval officials think relatively little of the Japanese navy and are certain we would have little difficulty in defending ourselves from Hawaii to the mainland.

A number of authorities feel that Hitler would have taken a tougher line with us long ago had it not been for the American navy, that he wants to avoid actual war with because he fears that the unlimited participation of our fleet would turn the scales against him. It is certainly true that his blockade of England would be immensely more difficult if our destroyers and cruisers were used for convoy work. Our entry into the war would more than double the sea power which the Axis must face.

There are reports that Hitler may shortly take over what is left of the French navy, Admiral Darlan, No. 2 man at Vichy is notoriously pro-German and has a deep hatred of England and everything English. If that happens Hitler will be greatly strengthened, the French cruisers would be excellent raiders and could harass Britain at many exposed points. And in the meantime high British officials are becoming franker and franker in intimating that the cause of the democracies may be lost unless this country sends its ships in with its guns roaring.

WORK RELIEF SETUP DISSOLVING EXPECTED; WPA CHANGED

Clackamas county WPA workers and key men are facing two situations of importance to them. They are in many instances expecting a call to do work at Ridge road camp near Warrenton and are of the opinion that the WPA setup will be abolished July 1.

A physician has physically examined about 100 of the enrollees and is daily expected to return and examine the remainder of the number. They were told that those who are able-bodied and who can leave their families may expect a call to go to the Warrenton camp.

There the barracks are largely completed and the survey has been made for Ridge road from Fort Stevens to Camp Clatsop and in addition the men were told that when there they will work 40 hours weekly and be paid in proportion. There are few who object to the proposed transfer as their pay will be better. In some other counties where certification has proceeded further about 20 percent of the men are being taken for this defense work. Two have so far gone from this county.

It is believed that there will also be constructed a railroad connecting the fort and the camp which would mean that the men will be there for some months. It seems to be the purpose to possibly later transfer them to other points where defense jobs are open. All the workers are curious to learn who will land the coveted jobs.

There is a rumor among the higher-ups that congress seems determined to entirely do away with the WPA setup, certify all able-bodied workers now on the roll to do defense work and provide for the others by direct relief. This has reached down to the men and there is considerable nervousness over the prospective change. It will be remembered that some such outcome was predicted in these columns about two months ago the news having come from Washington. In trying to save something out of the WPA setup a compromise has been proposed to merely change the name. —Banner-Courier.

STRAWBERRY PICKERS ARE BADLY NEEDED

In a letter from Manager R. A. Blyth of the state employment office at Room 8 courthouse at Oregon City he states that he has placement for many strawberry pickers to harvest the abundant crops in Clackamas county. Mr. Blyth's office has been working hard in every conceivable way to save this year's harvest of this crop and have been unable to secure sufficient numbers of pickers and many crops are suffering.

Mr. Blyth further states that the matter is urgent and that his office will appreciate all the cooperation they can get from citizens of this community.

Those wishing to pick are urged to contact him without delay. Prices for picking are the highest in several years.

Free Enlargement at Davidson's Drug Store, Gresham, with any 6 or 8 exposure film finish at reasonable price of 25 cents.—Adv.

More Dry Beans Sought By Federal Government

Dry edible beans are another crop added to those for which increased production will be sought this year according to announcement of secretary of agriculture Wickard. More beans are needed to meet defense needs as they are so concentrated that they may be more easily shipped to other countries.

SEALED BIDS FOR WOOD WANTED

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors of School District No. 108, Estacada, in Clackamas County, Oregon, at a meeting to be held at the school building, Estacada, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., on the 5th day of June, 1941 for furnishing said school district with 60 cords of 4-foot wood. Wood must be sound and in good condition. Submit bids on both old and second growth wood.

I. W. TUCKER, Chairman.
Fremont Hayden, Clerk.
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. U6 of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, that a School Meeting of the said district will be held at Estacada, Oregon, on the 23rd day of June, 1941, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal year beginning June 29, 1941, and ending June 29, 1942, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

The total amount of money needed by the said school district during the fiscal year beginning June 29, 1941 and ending June 29, 1942, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, elementary school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district.

Until the ballots are counted at least one hour after the time set for the meeting in districts of the second and third classes, any legal voter of the district shall be entitled to vote upon any matters before the meeting.

BUDGET

Estimated Receipts	
To be received from non-high school district; tuition	\$350.00
Total estimated receipts	\$350.00
Estimated Expenditures	
1 General Control	
Personal Service:	
Clerk	\$325.00
Supplies	300.00
Elections and publicity	80.00
Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	100.00
Total expense of general control	\$805.00
2 Instruction—Supervision	
Stenographers and other office assistants	\$500.00
Supplies, principals and supervisors	100.00
Total expense, supervision	\$600.00
3 Instruction—Teaching	
Personal Service:	
Teachers	\$18,163.00
Band	500.00
Student activities	300.00
Supplies (chalk, paper, etc.)	1,200.00
Textbooks	800.00
Total expense of teaching	\$20,963.00
4 Operation of Plant	
Janitors and other employes	\$2,550.00
Janitors' supplies	500.00
Fuel	600.00
Light and power	1,000.00
Telephone	130.00
Other expense of operation	25.00
Total expense of operation	\$4,805.00
5 Maintenance and Repairs	
Repair and maintenance of furniture and equipment	\$1,000.00
Repair and maintenance of buildings and grounds	1,500.00
Other expense, maintenance and repairs	200.00
Total expense, maintenance, repairs	\$2,700.00
6 Auxiliary Agencies	
Library books	\$700.00
Supplies, repairs, etc.	100.00
Personal service (nurse, etc.)	250.00
Supplies and other expenses	100.00
Transportation of pupils	9,350.00
Total expense auxiliary agencies	\$10,500.00
7 Fixed Charges	
Insurance	\$900.00
Total fixed charges	\$900.00
8 Capital Outlays	
New furniture, equipment and replacements	\$1,575.00
Total capital outlays	\$1,575.00
9 Debt Service	
Interest on warrants	\$350.00
Total debt service	\$350.00
10 Emergency	
Total emergency	\$2,500.00
Total estimated expenses for the year	\$45,698.00
Total estimated receipts not including proposed tax	350.00
Balance to be raised by district tax	\$45,348.00
Indebtedness	
Amount of bonded indebtedness	NONE
Dated this 14th day of May, 1941.	
F. W. Bates, District Clerk	Lloyd H. Ewalt, Chairman, Board of Directors.
Approved by the Budget Committee May 12th, 1941.	
F. W. Bates, Secretary, Budget Committee.	Lloyd H. Ewalt, Chairman, Budget Committee.

Notice of School Election Upon Question of Increasing Tax Levy Over Amount Limited by Section 11, Article XI, State Constitution.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in School District No. U6 of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, at Estacada, Oregon in said school district, to begin at the hour of 2:00 to 7:00 o'clock P.M., on the Fourth Monday of June, being the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1941 for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the year 1941-42 over the amount limited by section 11, article XI of the Constitution of Oregon.

The reasons for increasing such levy are; to legalize 1941-42 budget.

The amount of tax, in excess of the 6 percent limitation, proposed to be levied for said year is \$5,347.13.

Dated this 14th day of May, 1941.
LLOYD H. EWALT,
Chairman, Board of Directors.
Attest: F. W. Bates, District Clerk.

Notice of Annual School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. U6 of Clackamas County, State of Oregon that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at Estacada, Oregon; to begin at the hour of 2:00 to 7:00 o'clock P. M. on the Fourth Monday of June, being the 23rd day of June, A.D. 1941.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing One Director, for a Five year term and to vote to increase the Tax Levy over amount limited by Sec. 11, Article XI, State Constitution, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

In districts of the second and third classes the ballots shall not be counted until one hour after the time set for the meeting to begin. Until the count begins, any legal voters of the district shall be entitled to vote upon any business before the meeting.

Dated this 14th day of May, 1941.
LLOYD H. EWALT,
Chairman, Board of Directors.
Attest: F. W. Bates,
District Clerk.
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Last pub., June 20, 1941.

Bids on Cord Wood Wanted

Union High School District No. 6 asks for bids on 120 cords of old growth cord wood; delivery to be made to the High School on or before August 15th, 1941; all bids should be in the hands of the Board on or before 8:00 P. M., June 9th, 1941, and the Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LLOYD H. EWALT,
Chairman, Board of Directors.
Attest: F. W. Bates,
District Clerk.
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Last pub., June 6, 1941.

"CLEAN-UP" DAY AT MT. ZION CEMETERY

There will be an all day "clean-up day" at Mt. Zion cemetery in Garfield on Tuesday, May 27. Bring rakes, hoes, scythes, spades, grub-hoes, etc. Also bring your lunch and come prepared to stay all day.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate No. 6635

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for County of Clackamas, Probate Department.
In the matter of the Estate of Beach R. Kimmel, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Beach R. Kimmel, deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my home in Estacada, Oregon, or at the office of my attorney, John W. Loder, Room 4, Andresen Bldg., Oregon City, Oregon, with vouchers and duly verified within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published May 2, 1941.
Date of last publication May 30, 1941.

DORA KIMMEL, Administratrix of the Estate of Beach R. Kimmel, deceased.
Address, Estacada, Oregon.

John W. Loder, Attorney.
Room 4, Andresen Bldg., Oregon City, Oregon.
Attorney for Administratrix.

No. 6379 NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas, Probate Department.
In the Matter of the Estate of Peter William Ledine, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Administrator of the Estate of Peter William Ledine, deceased, has filed his Final Account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County, and that Monday, the 26th day of May 1941, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the court room of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published April 25, 1941.
Date of last publication May 23, 1941.

STANLEY T. LEDINE, Administrator.
Cooper & McAllister, Attorneys,
Gresham, Oregon.