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THE BUDGET

The budget making board has met and gone on to its own pursuits and another of the big jobs of county financing is over for a half year. There can be no serious criticism of the 1941 budget makers; they worked hard at their job of learning enough about county business in a day to appropriate money for many items into which county business is divided.

Since Sherman county paid all its indebtedness it has had a sizable cash surplus. When the county was indebted for bonds such a surplus was a good thing to have for with it could be bought bonds now and then at a low figure. Now a cash surplus is of little value and the court has been trying to reduce it.

Last year the published budget showed a balance of \$8000 left in the general fund. This year it found \$31,644.06 in cash balances. These are deducted from the total budget as made by the appointed committee.

The way to get rid of a surplus is to use it in a short period—less than three years. Otherwise the county's tax base is lowered permanently. A county is permitted to use any of three previous year's base for tax making purposes. Distributing a cash balance over a long period makes the tax millage more even but, therefore, tends to destroy the base.

It might conceivably be possible for the county to get through the six months period until July 1, 1942 without levying any tax at all. In any event it is within the power of the levying board, the court, to reduce the estimates in the published budget either by direct reduction or by the application of such additional balances as may become evident in the month before the final meeting is held.

Budgeted appropriations larger than can be properly spent make for larger cash balances the following year and are dangerous for that reason.

FIRE PROTECTION

A group of citizens in which the three grain growers organizations were well represented talked to the budget committee Wednesday about the purchase of fire fighting equipment for rural areas.

It was explained that there are two ways in which this can be done, either by the formation of a district, or districts, by a vote of the people, or by authorization by the county court.

In the first case a fire control district would have a board of directors with power to levy a tax for equipment. In the second place the court would levy. The matter was held in abeyance by the court.

This newspaper has long felt that fire fighting equipment suitable for putting out wheat fires and farm dwelling fires would be a good investment for the farmers of this county. However, it seems reasonable that the people should vote it themselves if they desire it. It should not be an action of the court unless on an extensively signed petition, for the simple reason that this is a people's government, in theory at least, and action should come from them instead of from their government in such cases.

It seems likely that reductions in rates will follow the installation of fire protection to rural communities and these might well make the plan very cheap for owners of good farm buildings and huge fields of wheat.

FOOT BALL

This is the time of year for football. Thousands of young men prance about the nation's gridirons in funny looking clothes, batter each other with body blows of the shoulder, run over each other, run away from each other and in

general attempt to wreck the systems corporate and corporeal of their opponents. It is a devastating business, this football and annually some lads are ruined if not killed over it.

Perhaps the worst destruction, the worst havoc, is not on the boys themselves but on those who watch them. Thousands each Saturday hie themselves a few hundred miles to glory in the greatness that is alma mater, to meet old friends of the days when both had hair and youth, to quaff the cup of defeat together or celebrate with cheering cup another momentous victory.

Hitler's entry into Moscow could bring no greater glee to the butter hungry burghers of Berlin than did the victory over Stanford at Oregon State.

Old grads hail each victory as a personal one. Thus is kept alive the strains of loyalty in the hearts of America.

A tottering member of the class of '06 or '16, wearing a cysanthemum and carrying a pennant, shouting the battle cry of dear old Siwash, may be a bit pitiful to one who has never tasted the topic wine of higher learning, but to himself he is young again and as bitter a partisan as when he stole onto another campus and painted his college colors.

Football is a great game and watching it, following it, is more exciting, more exacting than playing it.

RAIL THEM OUT

The apparent intent of the county court when it asked the opinion of the budget committee Wednesday, was to get the fair board out of debt this year by taking some funds out of the emergency appropriation of 1941.

It will no doubt meet with approval from the taxpayers.

Most people enjoy the county fair and are proud that this county can put on so good a one. They are proud of the stock, the kids that grow them, the fine horses. And its hard to find a Sherman countian who isn't pretty proud of the whole county.

It is understood that the court isn't going to keep on settling up for he fair board. In fact it hasn't been asked to do so. The fair can be managed so it will break even and will be in normal times. A fair board tries to use up all its appropriation each year, give all it can with its money. It stands a chance to lose but not to gain. There lies the rub. Its improvements are permanent and well might come out of other funds than those of the fair board.

In Other Days

From the Observer Oct. 20, 1922

W. C. Bryant, I. M. Peterson, J. F. Noonan and Herbert Ellsworth returned on the 16th from a two day hunting trip to Heroniston. The party got 13 China pheasants.

J. P. Strahl, of Portland, was a guest of the J. C. Hockman family during the fair. Mr. Strahl recently had his collar bone broken in an auto accident on the lower Columbia highway, when his car skidded off the grade.

During the institute a county division of the state teachers association was organized. The following officers were elected: L. E. Webb, president; J. O. Russel, vice president; Miss Isla McCain, secretary; Miss Rosa Drager, executive committee member. A normal school association was organized with Miss Bessie Anderson of Moro as president and Miss Marion White of Grass Valley as secretary.

From the Observer Oct. 18, 1912

Mrs. Starnes of Marion county is up on a visit to her daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Reese of the Monkland district.

Nearly every part of the stock exhibited at Moro and the contents of the pavilion were transported to the Condon fair, leaving Moro Sunday evening in 14 cars, arranged distinctly with a view of helping out Gilliam & Morrow counties in the tri-county project.

W. A. Norcross and family will occupy Mrs. McCallum's residence property on Church street as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Amidon can get into their new home.

From the Observer Oct. 17, 1902

Carl Peetz expected to visit the Old World this fall but does not feel able to stand the trip, so John Johnson will do the visiting for him by proxy.

John Donahy has sold out in Hood River valley, and may return to Sherman county.

Condon, Gilliam county, is threatened with an epidemic of typhoid fever and the Globe advocates cleaning up the streets as a precautionary measure. Moro has a committee for a similar purpose.

Kelly's Column

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Washington.

There is a determined fight in the house committee on agriculture to amend the farm credit law, a requirement of which when a farmer borrows he must subscribe a percent of his loan for stock in the organization. In effect it is the same as paying a commission for the loan and has never been popular with farmers. The committee is conducting hearings on a proposal to do away with this compulsory subscription for stock.

Spokesmen for western states farmers have come to Washington to meet with representatives from other sections to outline a campaign against having a ceiling placed on farm products, as is recommended by the price control officer. Originally, farm prices and wages were not contemplated in the program, but there is now demand for a lid on farm products although not touching wages.

Farm representatives have made a canvass of house and senate members and are providing the farm bloc with arguments to be used in debate. Practically every member from Idaho, Oregon and Washington wants as little restriction on farmers as possible.

Statehouse Gossip

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involved in the appeal of the tax commission to the courts is that of enforcement of its orders to the county assessor back of this issue is the legality of the "varied ratio" system of assessment against which the commission has ruled.

Attorneys for Tom Watson, the Multnomah county assessor, protested against the proposal that the case be taken to the supreme court, insisting that under an act of 1929 the commission's only recourse was through a petition to the Multnomah county circuit court.

Attorneys for the tax commission, on the other hand, contended that the importance of the case and its state wide significance entitled it to a review by the state's highest tribunal and a speedy determination.

Want Ads

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NOTICE OF 1942 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law," (Sections 110-1201 to 110-1215 O. C. L. A., as amended), notice is hereby given that the Budget Committee of Moro, Oregon, has prepared in compliance with the "Local Budget Law," Budget Estimates for the ensuing fiscal period January 1, 1942 to June 30, 1942. All persons are hereby notified that on Monday, the 10th day of November, 1941, at 8 p. m. in the Council Room, Moro, Oregon, the following Budget Estimates for the ensuing fiscal period ending June 30, 1942, for the City of Moro, Oregon, may be discussed with the City Council, the levying board for the said City of Moro, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof. The estimates of expenditures to be required, the miscellaneous revenues to be received and the taxes on property to be levied as prepared by the Budget Committee, and adopted October 6, 1941, are set forth in the accompanying statements, Schedules I, III and IV. Schedule II shows the outstanding indebtedness of City of Moro, Oregon as at October 1, 1941.

The original estimate sheets as required by Section 110-1204 O. C. L. A., have been placed on file in the office of the City Recorder. JOHN FOSS, Chairman DEWEY THOMPSON, Secretary

Actual For Year Ending Dec. 31 1938	1939	1940	Current Year 1941 Actual for Six Months	Budget for Full Year	Fund and Classification	Estimates for period Jan. 1, 1942 to June 30, 1942
120.00	120.00	120.00	60.00	120.00	General	
120.00	120.00	120.00	60.00	120.00	Recorder	60.00
	65.08	39.10	21.03	50.00	Treasurer	60.00
			1.20	150.00	State Industrial Administration	\$ 25.00 75.00
1,040.00	1,240.00	1,195.00	790.00	1,500.00	Water	
178.43	504.25	40.40	11.59	100.00	Marshal and Collector—salaries	750.00
393.69	1,310.01	406.07	30.28	400.00	Labor a-c water	50.00
507.87	560.55	514.67	214.73	550.00	Supplies a-c water	200.00
202.82	123.00	22.48	64.40	100.00	Power a-c water	275.00
					Fire Department	100.00
296.01	144.49	298.22	401.85	300.00	Miscellaneous	250.00
810.96	871.78	770.40	865.20	770.40	Emergency	385.00
44.12	1,106.52	431.20	346.84	431.20	Power a-c Street Lights	200.00
	50.00	60.00	50.00	50.00	Hotel Insurance	25.00
					Library Fund	25.00
					Debt Service	
					Principal on Bonds	750.00
					Interest on Bonds	440.00
3,713.90	6,288.38	9,109.31	5,336.54	6,821.60	Total	4,345.00

Estimated Cash Balances and Receipts Other Than Taxes

Actual For Year Ending December 31 1938	1939	1940	Current Year 1941 Actual for Six Months	Budget for Full Year	Fund and Classification	Estimates for period Jan. 1, 1942 to June 30, 1942
			34.90	6.94	State liquor fund apportionment	
			20.00	40.00	Licenses and fees	\$ 25.00
			456.50	375.00	Rental or sale of property or service	390.00
			3,647.50		Water Rent	1,500.00
					Add estimated available cash balance at Dec. 31, 1941 - Deduct estimated deficit	400.00
					Total receipts and available cash balances	2,315.00

CITY INDEBTEDNESS OCTOBER 1, 1941

Total Bonds Outstanding	22,000.00
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Oregon's Grass Seed Becoming Famous Throughout Nation

Oregon produces such a wide variety of grass seed that species are available that do very well in establishing lawns in areas where no irrigation water is available, points out Harry A. Schoth, federal agronomist at Oregon State college.

The kind of grass to plant in such a situation depends somewhat on soil conditions and other factors. For a soil that gets exceptionally dry and warms during the summer months Schoth recommends the use of either standard or Fairway crested wheat grass. The Fairway has a somewhat lower and spreading growth habit.

Budget Meeting

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fund of \$10,000 to which Judge Potter objected. Still the meagre budget of \$14,934.67 (without emergency fund) seemed too small so the fund for purchase of county road machinery was raised to \$7000 and the appropriation for crushed rock to \$14,000 to make the total road appropriation \$38,900. Then an emergency fund of \$3500 was voted to raise the budget to \$25,434.67.

The wave of generosity had not entirely subsided and because the information prepared by Clerk Ornduff had pleased the budgeters he was voted an additional sum of \$150 (\$25 per month) for keeping the road fund books. Total budget to be published October 24 and 31 and presented to the tax payers November 20 will therefore be \$25,584.67, or \$10,650.00 more than first estimates by the budgeters, a sum large enough to take up five-sevenths of the two mill decrease in state taxes because of elimination of the elementary school tax.

Grass Valley THEATRE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Richard Arlen & Jean Parker.

"Power Dive"

PLUS CARTOON

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

Jeffery Lynn

"Underground"

PLUS CARTOON

Iron Hurts Battery

Presence of dissolved iron in spring water causes considerable difficulty when such water is piped to houses for domestic use, according to reports repeatedly received by J. S. Jones, agricultural chemist at Oregon State college. Sometimes this dissolved iron may come from the pipes themselves when the original water is strongly acid, although more frequently it is dissolved out of the soil.

The only effective way of removing it from solution is by the use of a tank or settling basin in which sodium carbonate is used to precipitate the iron after which it will settle out, says Jones.

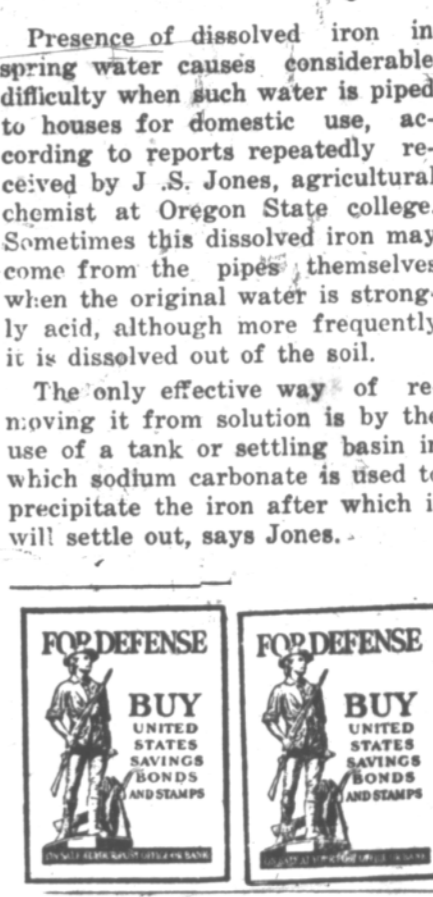
CHURCHES

Wasco Methodist Church: Morning worship at 11 a. m. Russel Belshe of Moro will preach. League at 6:30 p. m. In the absence of Rev. Cannel church in Grass Valley will not be held.

Community Presbyterian Church: James D. Moberg, pastor. Bible school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Sermon, "Isaac, The Man Who Put First Things First." C. E. meeting at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Dewey Thompson. Wednesday evening at 7:30 prayer meeting. Wednesday afternoon a special meeting of the Ladies Missionary society with luncheon at 1 p. m.

Moro Christian Science Society: Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Church services begin at eleven o'clock. Wednesday evening meeting convenes at eight o'clock. The reading room is in the rear of the church building where all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.

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SUMMARY OF BUDGET ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS AND TAX LEVIES

Total Estimated Expenditures	4,345.00
Deduct Total Cash Balance and Receipts	390.00
Balance to be Secured by Taxation	2,030.00