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THE FINAL BUDGET

The action taken on the budget deserves the commendation of every taxpayer in the county. The result will be pleasing to those who would have been called upon to pay 18 months taxes in one year if they are to obtain the discount. It will satisfy those who believe that a tax base of sufficient size should be maintained.

The situation was like this: During the worst days of the depression the county court wisely spent money as it was received, not as it was budgeted. If \$10,000 was levied for roads, for instance, and but \$8000 paid in taxes, that is all that was spent.

This resulted in a large sum of money on hand when delinquent taxes were paid. The reconstruction of the court house was done on such surplus funds.

When the county's bonds were paid off a few months ago the cash on hand piled up more rapidly and on June 30 was \$122,000 as reported by the treasurer in her mid-year report.

On October 31 the treasurer's report showed \$134,000 on hand. Not all of this is available to the county, however. Some belongs to the cities, the school districts, the state fund and other bodies.

It was learned at the budget hearing that there were \$17,000 in the general and road fund which was more than the \$64,000 of estimated expenditures in the budget.

The court had apparently felt that a goodly part of this should be retained to make the 1942-43 budget lower. The tax federation thought otherwise. Retaining the funds would have made it likely that the county's tax base would be lowered for some years to come.

The decision to include enough cash to balance the expenditures was a wise one. It assures taxpayers of a light property tax load at the same time when they are called upon to pay an increased federal income tax.

Those who pay their taxes in one lump sum will have a light payment in March, then a full year's tax in November. Those who pay by quarters will have two light payments, one in March, one in June and another in November. Thus the burden of real property taxes will be lessened during the period of adjustment to the state's new fiscal year and when higher federal taxes are being started.

1843 - 1943

The state of Oregon and many of the counties along the northern border have committees working on the details of the Oregon Trail celebration to be held in 1943 in commemoration of the trek of the pioneers to this western land.

This county is not as yet organized for that effort. It should be.

Wagon trains crossed this county just as they did Umatilla, Gilliam or Wasco. Except for the few that took the southern route and crossed mountain trails all of them forded the John Day, pulled up through the canyon to Emigrant Springs where they could camp for a few days and rest their cattle where there was water and abundant grass.

From that camp they struck westward to go through what is now the Johnson and Medler land, then the trail crossed China Hollow directly north of Wasco. When on the ridge again, almost in view of the Wasco townsite the wagons turned northwest down the ridge to cross Spanish Hollow at what is the Richelderfer place. They went through the gap to Mud Hollow and down a ridge to the Columbia river and thence to the crossing of the Deschutes at its mouth.

The crossing of the two rivers, the favored camping spot of Emigrant Springs are noted in many histories of the pioneers. This county has as much interest, therefore, in the centennial of the first wagon train as any in the state.

We have no large cities in which to hold parades, no chamber of commerce to rally our place in the history of the emigrants.

But we have a goodly number of men and women whose forefathers made the trip by wagon and recognition of the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of that trek is something the county might well consider.

ACTION AGAIN

Congress, it appears, is not going to do anything about the approach of inflation. Whether it is holding back at the behest of the president is not known but it usually follows his command.

An inflation control bill that did nothing about wages and farm products would be worse than useless and laborers and farmers are a very large voting block. However, they are the ones who would be most hurt by inflation.

While inflation would cause defense work to cost much more it would also make taxes roll in much faster. The present exemptions may be very small indeed if prices go up rapidly. Long before we reached the condition of Germany after the war income taxes would take a good part of our living.

The president was originally elected because he promised to "do something." No one cared much what it was. Now he is being condemned because he refuses to do anything about strikes in defense industry and because he does nothing about coming inflation. If the public polls are correct the people are anxious once more for a man who will do something and are again not particular about what it is.

A MAJOR ILL

Even though this is almost entirely an agricultural county some of the same tendencies that affect industrial areas prevail here. One of them is the accumulation of the resources of the land into the hands of a few persons.

Perhaps that, in itself, is not so bad. But if the result is that fewer of the younger generation have an opportunity to use their abilities in productive and remunerative work then ownership of large blocks of income making property is very bad indeed.

The rumor comes buzzing around that the government is going to try to curtail the purchase of farm land by large owners. That seems almost impossible under our system of government. It is difficult to pass a law that makes the small operator well to do and prevents the large operator from doing as well or better.

Yet, some way to halt the more aggressive, fortunate or money making one before the others rise up in revolution would be a benefit to this suffering old world.

Anyway, we'll be done with Oregon's civil war pretty soon now. Until that is settled who gives a darn about Hitler?

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 28, 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Burgin and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hennagin will spend the winter in California leaving December 15.

Albert W. Woods has bought the J. R. Belshe farm near Monkland, one of the finest and best.

A wagon load of wild geese is no longer a novelty in Sherman county this fall.

Messrs Moore Bros. and Elrod will devote their attention to the management of the new Emporium.

From the Observer, Nov. 29, 1912 Sheriff Freeman and Deputy McKean had quite a time putting G. R. Meyer aboard the train to take him to Salem. He was convicted of stealing a horse.

Everybody named Eugene near Moro has democratic hens, at least Eugene Amidon and Eugene Cushman are bringing in 45 cent eggs to the stores.

T. W. Brennan's sale on the J. G. Walker farm Tuesday was largely attended. Tom is not quitting.

A pair of fine large grey horses, bred in Sherman county, were sold to the Portland fire department.

Russia will spend \$34,000,000 on battleships next year; the new congress in this country will be shocked at such wastefulness.

From the Observer Dec. 1, 1922 The new J. C. McKean house, facing the Sherman highway, has the plaster work about finished and carpenters will soon be busy placing the interior work.

The railroad company has been busy this week putting in the grade crossing at the Hockman place so the market road can be used.

Power and lights were off part of two days last week caused by the neutral wire of the Sherman Electric system being pulled loose by wind near the east bank of the Deschutes river.

The new septic tank for the city is about completed. Work on the Court street sewer is progressing rapidly and the pipe will soon be laid.

Kelly's Column Kent Women Give Shower For Mrs. R. Mitchell

Continued from page one prices for everything else used on the farm.

Priorities are now hitting the government itself, although they were intended to affect only civilian industries and war defenses in part. Because of priorities, work has had to suspend on four public schools in the national capital a \$10,000,000 hotel has stopped at the foundation; a contractor is unable to obtain supplies to erect a building intended to house one of the defense agencies; work on two warships has been held up for want of steel; four or five plants with contracts to build tanks cannot start; war department is scurrying around to locate material for the \$30,000,000 building for which foundation has been laid in the national capital.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks because of shortage, the government is demanding steel frames and doors for its new buildings and steel walls for partitions, when lumbermen of the Pacific northwest are unable to sell their product because of federal restrictions on strategic metals.

Statehouse Gossip

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For the property owner who pays his taxes on the first due date in order to take advantage of the cash discount the new schedule will work somewhat of a hardship in that he will be called upon to plunk up one and one-half times his normal annual tax toll during 1942—a half year's tax on March 15 and a whole year's payment again on November 15. On the other hand the taxpayer who pays on the installment plan will have only three quarterly payments to make next year—March 15, June 15, and November 15—instead of the four quarterly payments he would have made had the law not been changed.

After 1942, however, the tax paying problem will settle back into old groove, except for a change in dates, with the cash customer paying his bill on November 15 and taking the discount and the installment payer distributing his load over four quarterly payments.

Irl McSherry, Salem republican, is expected to make his announcement as a candidate for secretary of state some time about the first of the year. Former McMinnville and Salem newspaper man McSherry served as private secretary to Governor A. W. Norblad and is now assistant director of the state board of parole and probation. Only other candidate for this post so far appears to be Robert S. Farrell, Jr., of Portland, also a republican. No democratic aspirant for this office has yet appeared above the political horizon.

Establishment of a work camp for conscientious objectors at Cascade Locks was announced this week by Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director for selective service. Six Oregonians whose religious convictions have gained for them exemption from military service have been ordered to report at the Cascade Locks camp December 5. The six include John Henry Dasonbrook of Malheur county; Arthur John Franz and Gilbert Seaton Heald of Marion county; Lester Earl Gahler of Clackamas county; Robert Wayne Northey and Ralph Edgar Rogers of Lane county. The nature of the work to be performed at this camp is not known to the draft officials in Salem.

Oregon will receive a substantial slice of the \$220,000,000 defense highway bill just received by President Roosevelt, in the opinion of R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. At least \$500,000 will be needed to strengthen bridges on strategic highways in this state, Baldock points out, while large sums will also be needed for the construction of access roads leading to military bases and industrial plants.

A miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Robert Mitchell was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson Monday. A game was played with the prize going to Mrs. E. M. Helyer. After the opening of the gifts refreshments were served. Those present included mesdames Edgar Smith of Dufur; A. A. Dunlap of Grass Valley; E. M. Helyer, L. W. Amick, R. P. Barnett, W. P. Jefferies, Theo. von Borstel, Harry Howell, Jay McKay, Robert Schilling, Allen Bekkedahl, J. J. Decker, Paul Wilson, Verne Mobley and the honor guest, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Justesen and son of Walla Walla, Wn., were visitors at the Fred Justesen home last week.

Charles Bothwell spent the holidays with his wife and son who have been visiting at the J. M. Wilson home for several days. They returned to their home at Hood River Sunday.

Miss Helen Halverson spent the holidays at Bend.

Mrs. Cammack and daughter, Esther Cammack, went to Salem to spend the holiday week end.

Jerry Wilson Jr., who attends Hill Military Academy in Portland, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents.

Gus Schilling and son Robert are rebuilding the house on the Gus Schilling place which burned two years ago and is now owned by J. E. Norton and farmed by Robert Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson had as dinner guests Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons and family and Elmer Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith of Redmond were visitors here Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Chauncey Rambo and son Bobbie and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith of Moro were dinner guests Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. G. F. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke and children.

Guests at the Max Pluemke home over the week end were Mrs. Pluemke's sister, Mrs. Elsa Cramer of Ocean Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Pluemke and Albert Pluemke of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and sons left Thursday for Portland and Yamhill where they visited friends and relatives. They returned to their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Schadevitz and family and Lee Hanchett of Willow Lake, S. D. came Friday to visit friends and relatives. Mr. Schadevitz left Sunday evening for Dutch Harbor, Alaska where he will be employed. Mrs. Schadevitz and children will remain here a few days before returning to their home at Klamath Falls.

Allen Bekkedahl and family, Ribert Mitchell and wife, William Mitchell and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Decker Thanksgiving day.

Misses Geraldine Norton and Juanita Mitchell who attend Northwestern School of Commerce in Portland, were home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purchase were Saturday evening guests of Jesse Helyer and wife.

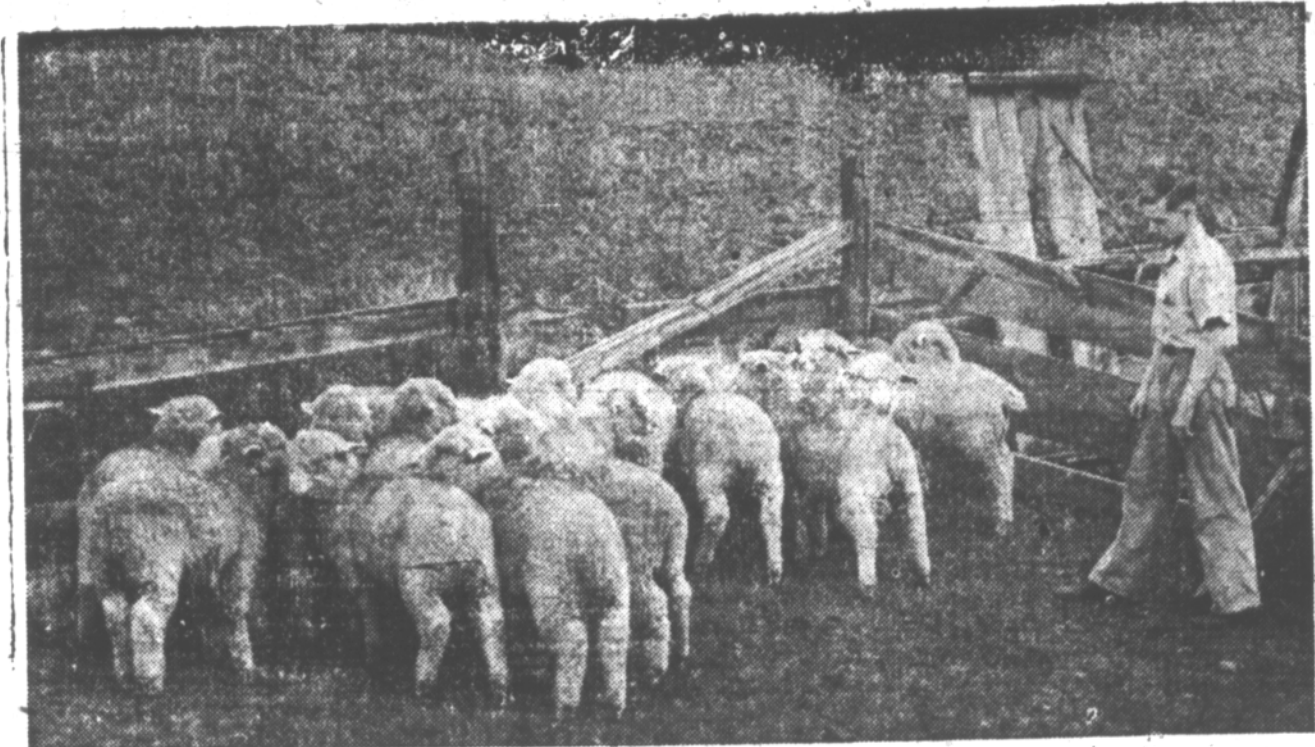
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and daughter spent Thanksgiving day with Dr. and Mrs. E. Noel Smith in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Helyer and family were dinner guests of Virginia and Myrtle Helyer in Grass Valley Thursday.

J. C. Wilson spent Thanksgiving day at Bend with his wife who is ill with pneumonia at the H. C. Nelson home. It is reported that she is improving.

Robert Schilling and family were business visitors at Grass Valley Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purchase, Mrs. Cino Nelson, Mrs. Grace Gregg and Miss Doris Styles drove



Clifford Bergen of Dufur is shown here with his pen of wheat-fed lambs, which will be exhibited at the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league at Heppner December 4 to 6. Clifford is one of 28 club members in the Columbia basin counties who have fed wheat to lambs this fall to demonstrate the value of wheat as the concentrate in lamb fattening rations. The Eastern Oregon Wheat league appropriated \$300

for prizes and expenses for this feeding project. The lambs used were purchased by the league, assembled, and divided as near equally as possible as far as quality was concerned. The lambs were started on feed the last week in August, when they averaged about 60 pounds in weight. They will be assembled at Heppner December 5, where they will be graded and shipped to Portland. Each boy will receive 50 cents for

every lamb that grades in the top class, in addition to the market price. After the lambs are slaughtered, the 4-H club boys will be taken to Portland to view the carcasses and compare the different grades of lambs after they are dressed. Clifford is a nephew of Eugene Chase, one of the large wheat farmers of Wasco county. He is an ardent 4-H club member and has carried on a number of projects in addition to the lamb feeding.



"NAVY INTELLIGENCE"

Is it necessary to be a high school graduate in order to enlist in the Navy? No. Navy enlistees need not be high school graduates. All applicants will be given an examination containing approximately 100 questions. A grade of 50 per cent or better on this examination is sufficiently high to pass the Navy educational standards. However, a high school education will be valuable to the seaman during his Navy enlistment.

\$126 a month by the end of your first term of enlistment, and remember that your clothing, lodging, medical and dental care are all supplied free.

After I have served my term of enlistment, what benefits do I get for re-enlistment?

Depending on your rate and length of service, you can get a cash bonus up to \$300 plus 30 days leave with pay.

If I enlist in the Navy or Naval Reserve, will I be sent to a Navy Trade School?

What does the term "ash can" mean in the Navy?

All new recruits are sent to one of four Naval Training Stations and after a training period they may take examinations for entrance into Navy Trade Schools. Those recruits who pass their examinations with sufficiently high grades are sent to Navy Trade Schools before assignment to the fleet. While attending these schools, they will receive regular Navy pay and free schooling valued at \$1500.

An "ash can" is a slang term applied to the depth charge used to combat submarines. The average "ash can" is a container filled with approximately 300 pounds of T.N.T. and can be dropped overboard from a ship and so controlled as to explode at depths ranging from 35 to 300 feet. These are generally carried by the fast ships in the fleet, as a boat dropping a charge regulated to explode at 70 feet depth must move away from the explosion area at a speed of 23 knots or more. These "ash cans" are either rolled off the stern or shot from "y-guns" which hurl one right and one left simultaneously.

What is the greatest possible pay I can expect to earn during my first term of enlistment? It is possible to earn as much as

Nail driving contest, Norma as auctioneer; Fortune telling Ted Everett; Bazaar, Cassie booth, Helene Lemley and Dorothy Holmes and Adelia Simon; Nigger Ball; Turkey Raffle, Marie Wil-Baby Game, Ted Ball; Fish Pond, Hilma and Ellen Rooper; Ball Sylvia Gilkison and Floye von Borstel; Food Sale, Millie von Borstel and Guy Hoskinson; Dart Game, Henry Peters and J. E. Norton; White Elephant Sale, meeting will be held in Grass Dorothy Dunlap with Geo. Wilcox

Kent Auxiliary Plans For Carnival

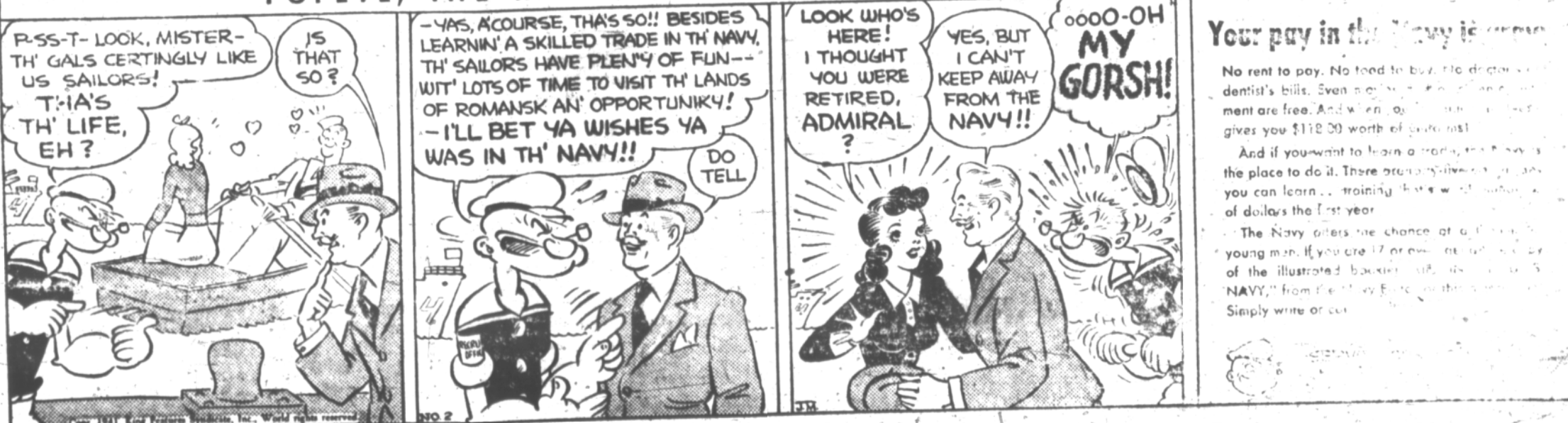
The Kent American Auxiliary held its regular meeting Tuesday night in Kent Legion hall.

Members who attended Dist. Conference in Portland November 23 were Ellen Rooper and Floye von Borstel. Plans were made to hold an Americanism Essay Contest in schools with prizes for local entries.

Helen Lemley, President, submitted her plans for Carnival to be held December 13 in Grass Valley civic auditorium. Games of chance, food sale, bazaar etc., to follow a free program of music, plays etc., to begin at 7:30 p. m.

Chairmen were elected as follows: Cashier, Arzell Lemley; Hot Dog Stand, Anna Barnett and Clara Kock; Shooting Gallery, Ted von Borstel with Jackie von Borstel and Gordon Lemley as helpers; Beano, Norris Gilkison and Bob LeBleu;

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Your pay in the Navy is... No rent to pay. No food to buy. No dental bills. Even your clothing and equipment are free. And when you're discharged you get \$110.00 worth of cash bonus. And if you want to have a good time in the place to do it. There's no other place you can learn... money that's worth more than dollars the first year. The Navy offers the chance of a young man if you are 17 years old and a citizen of the United States. The illustrated booklet "THE NAVY" from the U.S. Navy Department. Simply write or...