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FEDERAL BUDGET

The new federal budget has been given to congress by the president. The first impression is that it is too high. That is likely to be the second and third impression, too.

There are many arguments in favor of this nation spending money in 40 billion dollar chunks and most of them have been prepared by those who are making a living by doing the spending.

The fact is that the people of the United States are letting their federal government usurp too many of the functions that individuals should perform for themselves.

Regardless of the fact that by appropriations for government works in the western states the west draws eastern money, this is no time for the government to be performing these public jobs. As long as it is impossible for the individual citizen to hire an artisan for any job, as long as there is no labor to build homes, the government should stay out of the labor market by not carrying on public works. These should be saved for the times when private employers cannot hire labor.

It is very foolish for the government to continue spending on the scale of the war years. Nothing could hasten economic disaster quicker. The present budget would have paid off the entire national debt after World War I in one year. Regardless of the criticism heaped on Secretary Mellon for reducing the national debt from 25 to 16 billion, it was a much more sensible method than this spending, spend and spend program of the Truman administration.

Probably the people will criticize little the 11 billions for national defense and ask only that it be carefully spent. European aid of seven billions can be cut and will be. Six billion in veteran aid will cause little trouble and the five billion for interest on the national debt must be paid. These are the major items and there isn't much cutting that can be done on them, a billion or so perhaps.

That only leaves around ten billion that is subject to much reduction and much study will be required to do that reducing properly. If five billions can be taken from the budget it will be a good job.

The fact is that the federal budget is actually reducing the budget of individual citizens to too great an extent. Probably the average person doesn't miss paying the \$270 average as much as his income tax statement would indicate. Corporations pay their tax by charging higher prices; labor (when it can) pays its taxes by getting higher wages. The whole \$40 billions comes out of the American people.

When the voters learn to vote against huge expenditures instead of smacking their lips over possible receipt of a few pennies from the tax dollar there will be better budgets, especially in election years.

RAD NEWS

During 1947, Oregon did a fine job of publicizing its misfortunes. Papers all over the land carried stories about the terrible hordes of Mormon crickets that marched hungrily across the sand dunes of Umatilla county until they starved to death within sight of the inedible concrete huts of the ordinance depot.

Easterners probably thought that some crops were endangered. Readers in the valley wondered if there was going to be any wheat crop at all.

Already this year news writers have so publicized the Williams high water that broadcasters all over have told listeners about the great flood that endangered lives and property in wet and miserable Oregon. The California broadcasters have had a field day telling of Oregon high water.

Disasters are dramatic and usually get more paper and radio space than more pleasant matters. Perhaps one of the very fine occurrences of 1947 was the

heavy rains that fell on eastern Oregon wheat fields. It's cheerful news despite some small damage done by flash floods. It should insure a crop for the next two years, crops that should do much to feed Americans and probably Europeans.

Probably it is not intended but Oregon seems somewhat like the publicity hungry criminal who would rob a bank to get his name and face in the papers. An equal amount of effort and a lot less time would be required to achieve the same amount of publicity in laudable ways.

SCHOOL TAX

The parents of children in Sherman county seem determined to obtain better education for their youngsters and are insisting on consolidating high schools to that end.

If there is to be one high school, and if a new one is to be built, the more quickly plans can be made and construction started the easier it can be financed.

Probably it will be years before there is again so much money in Sherman county; probably this county will not long be paying so big a part of its income to state and federal government (we cannot expect yields and prices to long be so favorable).

A new building now would be partially paid for from income tax deductions. In other words we can build something in Sherman county, for the use of Sherman counties, instead of paying so much money to outside governments.

The means chosen by the committee to make this forward step possible is the county school law special election to be held April 17. After considerable study that method seems the most desirable to those who have studied it most. Its passage will make it possible to get started a year quicker than any other method proposed.

CHESS

An advertisement tells of the pleasures of the game of chess, with intent, no doubt, to further the sale of chess sets.

It is a heartening thing that some one should consider it possible to return to the quiet times when chess was a frequent contest around the family circle. Probably chess was played in monasteries where there was a great deal of time and much quiet. One wonders how it could fit into these times.

Pondering on the weighty question of whether to parry with the rook or the knight would seem inappropriate while the omni-present radio blared out the latest tune. Modern music is not fitted to the study of chess—or anything else for that matter.

Chess was a game for people who wanted to entertain themselves, an art now almost entirely historical. If chess could be revived some one might try to bring back the reading of good books instead of the frivolous tales of unrequited love, murder over the cocktails and dashing cowboys.

Chess was for people who stayed home nights by choice not because a leg was broken or the car had a flat tire. These jittery times are not fit for it. The advertisement will probably bring small return.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Jan. 15, 1909
 Mrs William Henrichs entertained the ladies of the Rebekah lodge at an afternoon tea. Whist was the game played.

Max Bull, Fred Peetz and T. C. Lee had some "experience" cleaning snow off the roof of one W. W. M. Co. warehouse in Moro Monday. A long timber was hitched to a horse down below which L. Barnum led. Tommy was the man in the switch tower and held the lever (a stout rope) to keep machinery right, but he miscalculated his strength, "sting bloke" and Tommy keeled over taking a slide toward mother earth but a friendly nail in the corrugated roof and a stout seat in his pants saved him. Max and Fred were less fortunate and each took a plunge into snow, clear out of sight. Nobody being hurt, the boys went at it again and the buildings treated were saved from collapse.

From the G.V.J. Jan. 17, 1919
 The long cold spell has broken and this week has been much milder and it is hoped that those frozen water pipes will be running order by next summer.

Henry Peters and Giles French came in on Tuesday's flyer direct from Camp Lewis and are glad to be home again. Ted von Borstel arrived Tuesday evening with his discharge.

Dr. M. B. Taylor was called to Antelope Tuesday to see some flu patients.

Church Class Hears of Trip Of Member

By Mrs Belle Clothier

The Standard Bearers met at the Methodist parsonage Monday evening for their monthly meeting and potluck dinner. Patricia Kaseberg gave her report from the Cleveland conference. Those present were Patricia Kaseberg, Joyce Wallace, Sharon and Ann Jean Briggs, Gwen Nisbet, Patsey Fulton, Darlene Macheel, Audrey Blackburn, Nell Coats, Mrs Paulen Kaseberg and Rev. Carl Stierle.

Mr and Mrs Paul Stierle and family from Norwalk, California were guests in the home of Rev and Mrs Carl Stierle a few days last week. Paul is a brother of Rev. Stierle.

Mrs Ilene Callaway entertained with a birthday party Friday afternoon honoring her son William Lanning's third birthday at the home of Mr and Mrs Ora Workman. The afternoon was spent in playing games. The decorated table and pink cake with white candles ice cream and punch were served. Guests were Mickey O'Meara, Robert, Phyllis and Beverly Lutje, Jack and Dean Rich, Judy and Donnie Watkins.

The Tuesday Study club met at the home of Mrs Stanley Swett, co-hostess was Mrs Ed Dutton. Roll call was current events, leader Mrs Leo Watkins, reading Mrs Clifford Fridley followed by refreshments.

The Tillicum club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs Vernon Van Gilder. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by three tables of bridge. Scoring honors went to Mrs S. J. Brock and Mrs Andrew Shearer.

The Tuesday contract club met at the home of Mrs Arthur Smith. 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by two tables of cards. High score was held by Mrs H. M. Zell.

Leland McMiller of Stevenson, Wn., died Thursday night. Services were held in Stevenson Tuesday afternoon with interment in the Wasco cemetery.

R. H. McKean returned from the mid-Columbia hospital, Sunday. Mrs Kenneth Walker is his night nurse.

Bill McKean of Vancouver, Wn., was a weekend visitor at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs R. H. McKean.

Dr. L. R. Richeider accompanied by her son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs David Richeider, motored to Portland where she took a plane to Westminister, Maryland to join her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs Robert Bish and son, Doug las.

Mrs Andrew Shearer and grandson, Billy Williams, spent the weekend in The Dalles where the Shearer is employed.

Mr and Mrs K. R. Ferguson, (Lorraine Darby) are the parents of a daughter, Susan K. born January 5 in Portland. Grand parents are Mrs Lydia Darby and Mr and Mrs Ferguson of Portland.

Mrs Pearl Grosscup was a weekend visitor of her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Sam Van Vactor and sons in The Dalles.

The Auxiliary of the American Legion held its meeting in the basement of the Methodist church due to the bad weather. Friday afternoon with nine members present.

Mr and Mrs Leon Smith entertained with a luncheon and cards Saturday night after the dance honoring Mr and Mrs Robert Turner (Joy White) of Alaska.

From the Observer Jan. 15, 1929

The Harmony district new school building will be used for the first time when school starts January 28.

The new school building at Rufus will be used for the first time when school starts Jan. 21. Approximately 200 persons attended the lectures and movie picture demonstrations of the use of tractor power and combine harvesters at the Legion hall by representatives assisted by C. H. Larsen.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
 Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Irving Hart, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.
 Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Pauline Douma W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Irma Johnson N. G. Clara Houston, Sec.

Moro Lodge No. 112 I.O.O.F.
 Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

Mrs Frank Lamborn returned from Portland after spending the holidays with her son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs B. W. Guy Monday.

Mrs Bertha Johnson left Friday for The Dalles and Walls, Wash., after a three months visit with Mrs Pearl Grosscup. She will spend the winter in Walls, Wash.

Mr and Mrs S. M. McMillen and John and Olive Robinson motored to Stevenson, Wn., Friday. They were accompanied home by Mrs Lee McMillen.

Mrs Ruby McCann of Bend arrived Saturday, with Steven son, Wn., with Mrs Lee McMillen Sunday and returned home Monday.

Mr and Mrs L. L. Funk accompanied by Joe Yocum were weekend visitors of the former's mother, Mrs J. M. Yocum and family at Heppner.

Mr and Mrs Andrew DeNoma are having the restaurant redecorated.

Mrs A. T. Striker was taken to the mid-Columbia hospital Sunday and was operated on Monday.

Mr and Mrs H. M. Zell and Mr and G. H. Root attended the White Shrine meeting in The Dalles Thursday.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to give our sincere thanks to the friends who gave us comfort and solace at the time of the sudden death of our husband and father, Orville Yocum. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.
 Mrs Jaennette Yocum
 Mr and Mrs Glen Blossom

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NOTICE OF RURAL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Section 110-1207 O.C.L.A. as amended by Chapter 393 Oregon Law 1943 and Chapter 345 Oregon Law 1945 as amended by Chapter 591 Oregon Law 1947, to the legal voters of the Rural School District of Sherman County, Oregon, that a meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, on the 4th day of February, 1948, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of discussing the Budget of the Rural School Board for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1948 and ending June 30, 1949, hereinafter set forth.

BUDGET
1948 - 1949
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1. Estimated available cash on hand at beginning of the year for which Budget is made	None
2. Estimated Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	None
3. Amounts received from other sources	None
Total	None

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

ITEM	Estimated Expenditures for 1948-49
1. Personal Service	\$ 3,900.00
(A) District Superintendent Salary	1,800.00
(B) Clerical and Legal	600.00
(C) Travel and Expense	250.00
2. Postage and Telephone	300.00
3. Supplies, Printing	100.00
4. Elections and Publicity	350.00
5. Board Expenses, Travel, Etc.	200.00
6. Other Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00
7. Office Equipment	400.00
8. Emergency	\$ 8,000.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 8,000.00

SUMMARY OF EST. EXP., RECEIPTS, AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES & TAX LEVY

1. Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 8,000.00
2. Deduct Total Estimated Receipts and Available Cash Balances	None
3. Amount Necessary to Balance the Budget	8,000.00

INDEBTEDNESS
 1. Amount of Warrant indebtedness on Warrants issued and endorsed "not paid for want of Funds" \$ None
 2. Amount of other indebtedness None
 3. Total indebtedness (Sum of items 1 & 2). None

Dated January 7, 1948
 Signed: Wily W. Knighten, Clerk
 W. A. Nisbet, Chr. Board of Directors
 Approved by Budget Committee January 7, 1948
 Signed: Ronald R. Powell, Sec. Budget Comm.
 Lester Wilson, Chr. Budget Committee

NOTICE OF NONHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with section 111-1244, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of the Nonhigh School District of Sherman County, Oregon, that a meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, on the 30th day of January, 1948, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948, and ending June 30, 1949, hereinafter set forth.

BUDGET
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1. Estimated available cash on hand at beginning of year for which this budget is made	\$ 500.00
2. Estimated receipts from delinquent taxes	2,500.00
3. Amounts received from other sources	Basic School Support Fund
	TOTAL
	3,000.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

ITEM	Expenditures 3 fiscal yrs. next preceding current school year	Exp. budget allowance 6 mo. current sch. yr.	Est. Exp. for 1948-49
1. Tuition	1944-45 1945-46 1946-47	Exp. Bud't allow'ce	1948-49
2. Transportation	\$11,713.28 \$10,123.68 \$6,981.84	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
3. Personal Service (Clerical—Legal)	1,823.80 1,573.70 1,742.92	460.00 1,500.00	3,000.00
4. Postage Tele. Etc.	42.50		10.00
5. Supplies and Printing	6.00	6.00	6.00
6. Election and Publicity	15.75	20.85	17.10
7. Travel, board mileage			108.00
8. Audit & filing fee	22.50	32.50	11.25
9. Emergency			500.00
TOTALS	\$13,581.33	\$11,706.71	\$8,770.36

SUMMARY EST. EXP., RECEIPTS AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES, AND TAX LEVY

I. Total estimated expenditures	\$ 14,171.50
II. Deduct total estimated receipts and available cash balances	3,000.00
III. Amount necessary to balance the budget	11,171.50
IV. Balance to be raised by taxation	11,171.50
V. Total estimated tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year	11,171.50

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For the New Look
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, James Hudson White, has been duly appointed as administrator of the estate of Cora Hudson White, deceased, and has qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the office of Brown & Van Vactor, Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon, within