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TRUMAN'S BUDGET

It may be that in these days of wild inflation a budget of \$71,000,000,000 (is that enough ciphers?) should not be surprising. To put it in 1940 dollars it is probably around \$40,000,000,000. Yet one might consider it another way: that before it is all paid for it may cost \$100 billion.

If the administration will use the money wisely, will rearm the nation to make it safe from successful attack and will curtail the "gingerbread" that has decorated so many federal budgets in late years the complaints will not be too numerous. It does seem, however, that residents of a nation paying that amount of money are entitled to some very careful economy.

People might also insist that when war materials are gathered again they are not sold for a song and that it be considered that we may need to remain on a war footing for some years. Within a ten year period we have prepared for war twice and have fought a war twice. It is barely possible that the wars could not have been evaded although we think that a minority view. But the double cost of war preparation is entirely uncalled for. It is the result of mismanagement and governmental fumbling. It should not happen again.

It seems trite to say that all citizens will be called upon to make sacrifices to meet this budget. It should be unnecessary to say that the government should make some sacrifices itself. By that we mean there should be curtailment of politically valuable innovations, the kind that are instituted to assure the next election.

Of course the people would part with their money more readily if they felt that our foreign policy had been better or would get better soon. The decision to retain Acheson and other leaders who made the many mistakes keeps public confidence low.

And furthermore, congress has the power to cut the budget where and when it chooses and people can write congressmen about it.

TAX MEETING

Members of the Oregon senate and house were called together Tuesday to listen to state officials and chairman of ways and means and taxation committees talk and answer questions. Officials generally held it to be a satisfactory meeting.

This is the season for worry about the size of the budget and if that season is prolonged the taxpayer will be benefitted. Reports are current that there is a deficit of \$58,000,000 which is true if the state's finances are figured one way. Some can make it \$80 million. In fact if enough new buildings are added it might grow larger.

Yet the budget can be balanced after a fashion if the building program is forgotten, if expenses are cut down to the minimum and if the surplus \$15 million which was set up for safety is used and if income tax funds are thrown into the general pot.

It will require drastic treatment to put the state in position to live within its income by which is meant to spend no more than the present intake of taxes. Oregon has not done that for some time because we have been gradually eating into the funds accumulated during the war and there has been a demand that surpluses be spent. The people by their votes have done much to rid the state of its surplus.

Considerable sentiment was expressed about economy. And whether it will survive the onslaught of appropriation minded citizens or not cannot be foretold. History foretells that it will not. Perhaps it is pertinent here to reconsider that the legislative battle is often one between the ways and means committee which is the spenders and the taxation committee which is the money raisers. For many years the ways and means has dominated and expenses have gone up and up.

There was nothing particular,

new ideas were expressed and except for a disavowal of some of the action of the senate taxation committee in the 1949 session nothing strange came from the meeting.

BEAUTY AND MONEY

A tearful little story from Yugoslavia tells of a local lass who was put in jail because her boy friends and accomplice in black marketing spent the money they made running around with other women.

Men have debated about whether women should prefer good looks and attractiveness to money, but so far as known the women have never been in doubt about which is the more valuable. A girl in moderate means may be sure that when a young man smiles at her with serious intent he is attracted by her natural charms; whereas if she is endowed with a lot of money she doesn't know but that the youth's interest is financial.

The sad part of the story isn't so much that the girl will have to remain indefinitely in Yugoslavia, which, no doubt, is a good place to live for Yugoslavs, or that she must remain for some time in jail. But that she must lose faith in human constancy is sad indeed.

Yet, it has happened to many, in some degree to all. There are those who are selfish and dishonest and who would take advantage of innocence and virtue. And always sad. How this particular story was considered worthy of coming clear across the sea in a time of common deceit was not told. It might be a better story than the original.

LEGISLATIVE COLUMN

By Giles L. French

There are various interpretations of the first legislative week, most of them written, usually, to indicate the superior ability at observation of the writer. Actually the first week of this 46th legislative assembly bears a great similarity to other first weeks. A few more bills have been introduced in the senate, a few less in the house.

Analysis of committee appointments has not been made adequately. They are no better than fair and unless committee work is better than expected the session will drag on until the sound of bat against ball is abroad in the land and the grain crops are in the boot. Other factors than knowledge have been used in naming chairmen.

There are always those who feel that the problems of the state can be expedited if enough committees are brought together in a joint meeting. It isn't so, of course, but the opinion still prevails in the minds of some.

So taxation committees and ways and means committees held a big meeting Tuesday and everybody was invited. Purpose: to give information to all alike, make everyone believe the same set of figures. Men come from all over state so they will have different ideas.

Opinion growing in minds of Henry Semon, house ways and means chairman, and Rudie Wilhelm, house taxation, that appropriations must be held down and no new taxes levied. If voters can write enough letters or call on enough legislators to keep that idea uppermost there may be some economy this time, but if administrators get their mouths in legislative ears it will be the old story of the ways and means boys meeting the well puffed-up demand and the taxpayer meeting a puffed-up tax statement.

Senator Tom Mahoney, Portland Democrat, has a bill to repeal the civil service act. Tom is usually on the side of labor. Question: how come? would repeal permit labor to organize employees? would it cut out the silly classifications of the civil service? is it the gesture of an Irishman determined to halt regimentation? is the move open to help labor get the dues of 9000 state workers? how are the people affected?

The statement is reliably attributed to Cecil Posey, head of the so-called Oregon Education Association, that his group was not going to worry about the education committees this time, but would concentrate on the taxation committees. The statement may indicate a further development of the long held theory that the professional "educators" in the OEA are interested in getting more money for themselves and that they have a limited interest in education.

Bills to implement the Holy report are coming in; they will suggest changes in the organization of districts and of the entire state system which certainly needs it. Education committee members, with few exceptions, come from first class

districts and may have to study to learn of the problems of residents of the other seven kinds of school districts. This year more than ever before there is an opportunity for the "educators" to contribute something to legislation. And they are chasing the dollar.

Resolutions to amend the constitution so that initiated bills would carry a price tag came in early. Of the purged 22 twelve are on hand to sign their names to another resolution asking that the people be informed about the cost of projects urged on the voter. There is also a resolution to make petitions circulate in each congressional district instead of getting names around the crowded market place. Groups that habitually put bills on the ballot by initiative oppose this plan as they want the city tail to wag the state dog. These are the tax spending groups, labor and its satellite farm groups.

Information given out by officials is that a big, 72,000 gross, truck making the 338 mile run from the Columbia to California pays the state \$15.55. An average car would pay that state in taxes \$1.26. The truck weighs 24 times as much as the car so is taxed about half as much per ton-mile. My, my, what you can't learn by asking questions.

Nobody very happy about proposal to spend millions for bomb shelters. Most would rather live like a man than die like a mole.

THESE THINGS WE NOTE

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vada or Idaho. Residents of the counties that trade with Idaho prefer that state while those who drive or haul stock to Wimmuca would like to join with Nevada. They think they would have more recognition about roads, economic and political matters and besides would be thrown in with people who talk their language. It is certain that eastern Oregon is due for great growth in the next decade and that might make it attractive to other states.

T T W N

"A brave endeavor  
To do thy duty, whate'er it's worth,  
Is better than life with love forever  
And love is the sweetest thing on earth."

Grass Valley

Mrs. A. P. Balzer

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puty treasurer, Mrs. Earl Olds; deputy chaplain, Mrs. Frank von Borstel; deputy inside guardian, Mrs. Herman Ziegler; and deputy musician, Orville Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel were in Portland last Sunday where Mrs. von Borstel attended the conference of district 8 and 9 of the American Legion auxiliary at Navy hall. In the morning about 20 officers attended a brunch for Mrs. M. E. Leavitt at the Heathman hotel. This was a joint meeting with members of posts of districts 8 and 9 which included Portland and nearby towns. More than 200 heard the guest speaker, Mrs. M. E. Leavitt of Las Vegas, the national western division vice president. Mrs. von Borstel gave the legislative chairman report. After the meeting the officers and refreshments at the home of Mrs. H. A. Goode, past national president of the auxiliary, honoring Mrs. Leavitt.

Mrs. Olan Stark and children from Kent, Mrs. W. D. Barnett and Mrs. Harold Owens and children were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap were hosts at a dinner last Tuesday evening honoring their daughter, Mrs. Art Watkins, on her birthday anniversary. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. John Foss of Wasco, Connie and Dorothy Wilson and Bob Hoskinson from Moro. After dinner all attended the basketball game in the local gym between Moro high school and Culver high school.

Those from Grass Valley attending the banquet held for Union Oil dealers in The Dalles Wednesday evening at Hotel Dalles were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike, B. C. Baumgartner and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust were dinner guests Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews and family were visitors in The Dalles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg went to Portland Saturday on business and to spend a few days visiting their son, Harold Blagg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters had as their guests Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horner. The evening was spent playing canasta. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley went to Portland Friday on bus-

ness for a few days. Among the Grass Valley people in The Dalles Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and son, Gary, Ed Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Ellinger and family, Robert Manke, Hugo Manke, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and daughter, Deanna, Mrs. Clair Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and daughter, Miss Carolyn Harry, Geraldine Rust and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Busse of Moro went to The Dalles Sunday where they attended the concert held at the high school auditorium.

The American Legion and auxiliary held their regular meeting at the Kent Legion hall on Thursday evening. Marcus Eslinger, commander, conducted the Legion meeting and Mrs. Robert Tatum, president, conducted the auxiliary meeting. The auxiliary made plans for a benefit card party to be held at the Legion hall in Kent Thursday evening, January 25. After the meeting a social evening was spent playing pinocle at four tables. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

James Easter returned home Thursday from a hospital in The Dalles where he spent days for medical treatment.

Ivan Blagg was a visitor in The Dalles one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Ruggles were business visitors at Bend Monday.

The Wheatland Rebekah lodge of Kent sponsored a showing of two educational films on cancer at the school house before their meeting on Thursday evening, January 4. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Bob Helyer, noble grand. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting at the home of Mrs. Etta Buchanan.

Rev. A. L. Kintner was a dinner guest Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain of Tygh Valley were visitors here one day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark.

A benefit card party will be held at the Kent Legion hall on Thursday evening, January 25 at 8 o'clock to which the public is invited. There will be prizes and refreshments, admission is 50 cents, and is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Crews of Stevenson, Wash., spent the weekend here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerdon Lemley and family were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Reckman.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley left Monday on a trip to Louisiana to visit their son, Harry, who is in officers training at Camp Polk. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox spent Monday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forrester in Goldendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moore of Goldendale were visitors Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and the twins of Portland were overnight guests Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young.

Harvey Thompsons on Winter Trip to Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson started Monday for a trip which will take them into Mexico. They were accompanied by Mr. Thompson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ward of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heater will stay at their farm during the absence of the Thompsons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Noonan had a phone call from their son, Carroll, saying that most of his company had been sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, or overseas, but that he among a few others were to remain at Fort Ord, Calif.

Grass Valley Methodist Church

Rev. H. Gravenor, Pastor  
Services of divine worship will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday, January 21 at this church.

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.  
C. S. Bennett, W. M.  
H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113 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.

Donald Martin, W.M.  
Leo Watkins, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 118  
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.  
Helen Kruger, N. G.  
Lucille May, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S.  
Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.  
Gwen Ross, W. M.  
Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

CAGE SERIES FOR BENEFIT OF HOSPITAL

Opening the fourth annual winter series of basketball games at Goldendale and The Dalles, with teams representing the Shrine clubs on each side of the Columbia river, will get underway at the Goldendale high gymnasium Saturday, January 20, with the feature game at 8 p. m.

The return game will be played at Kuris gym in The Dalles Friday night, February 9. Both are benefit contests, with proceeds going to the Portland Shrine's Hospital for Crippled Children.

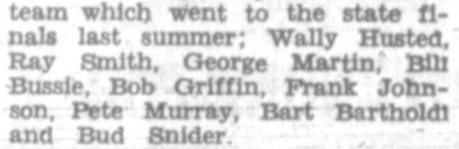
Burt Wilkins of Goldendale is again handling arrangements for the Goldendale game for the Columbia Gorge Shrine club, with a selection of players largely from the Centerville town team.

Willard H. Woodard is general chairman for the Mid-Columbia Shrine club game arrangements, assisted by Ed McKune and, entire Shrine membership ticket sales; E. G. Rash, public relations; George Lindsay, publicity and advertising; E. A. Brouhard, finance chairman and Frank V. Staack, lobby displays for the hospital.

Rajahs Walter L. Van Horn and Delmer Martin, with Secretary Carlton Pepper, will be hosts at the players dinner in The Dalles. Ken Grossmiller will announce The Dalles game.

Shriners will leave the Masonic Temple at 6:30 p. m. Saturday with a group of players for the game, including stars of town team, high school and college play. The player list will be made up from a group including Bob Clements, former captain of The Dalles high Indians; Vic Jones, former Kansas State college football and basketball player; Dick Ryalls, former Hood River high cage star; Gene Morrow, better known as a great backfield man at The Dalles and Oregon State college; Chuck Urness, Dalles high player and pitcher on the American Legion junior baseball team which went to the state finals last summer; Wally Husted, Ray Smith, George Martin, Bill Busse, Bob Griffin, Frank Johnson, Pete Murray, Bart Bartholdi and Bud Snider.

Goldendale and The Dalles teams have split in games played to date, each with three victories.



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Personals

A card has been received from Mrs. Chester Smith, who is making a two months visit with her sister in Tucson, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawrence were in Portland for two days last week while Mrs. Lawrence had a medical check-up.

The Moro American Legion is collecting toys for the underprivileged children of Europe. Please leave any donations at The Tavern. No toys pertaining to war are desired.

The birthdays of Carrol and Mary Sayrs were celebrated Monday evening with a dinner and bridge at the Carroll Sayrs' home.

Mrs. Vernon Flatt, who recently underwent an operation in Portland has left the hospital and is staying with relatives before returning to Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Powell are expected home this week from a trip which took them to San Francisco to visit Mrs. Powell's uncle, Lyle Olds, and to Los Angeles, where her brother, Lyle Nahouse, lives. Their son, Robert, has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Noonan, and attending school. The younger children, Karen and Richard, were taken as far as McCoy, Oregon, where they stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nahouse, during their parents' absence.



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Diane Christianson spent last weekend in Corvallis as a guest of Jackie Helzer, who is a student at O. S. C. from The Dalles.

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Tele-fun by Warren Goodrich

