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BIG BUDGET

The word is that the ways and means committee has on file requests for \$322,000,000 and that this figure may be reduced to around \$275,000,000 including a \$10 raise in basic school support to \$90 and also an appropriation for distressed school districts.

If this is done it's doubtful if even the new tax bill released last week would bring in enough money to pay the bills.

In the 1939-40 biennium the legislature appropriated \$17,208,825 and spent less than that. The next biennium saw it raise to \$21 million (disregarding an interim six month budget of \$5 million), then to \$24 million, to \$42 million, to \$79, to \$138 in 1949-51 when inflation was fully under way to \$175 in 1951-53. The budget the next session was \$193 and last year it was \$221. Many of these increases have, in our opinion, been much too high. Oregon as a state was getting into the bad habit of spending all the money it could extract from taxpayers.

The 45 percent surtax was based on 1954 income tax figures. The income tax receipts for 1955 were much higher and made the 45 percent surtax more lucrative than expected with the result that some \$30,000,000 was on hand when this session began.

Now we have a session that plans to increase the budget by over \$50,000,000. That is nearly twice the raise of \$29,000,000 that caused the well and justly hated surtax.

Citizens of the state should have referred the 1955 tax bill and sent the legislature back to Salem with sharper pencils.

It is certainly true that such action will have to be taken some time as it seems impossible to elect men who can remember their pledges throughout an entire legislative session. Witness the promise to repeal the surtax.

It has been apparent to many observers for years that Oregon was spending money too fast, was building up government in areas that should have been left to people, was giving services not necessary and developing a bureaucracy it could not afford. By now it should be apparent to everyone that a halt is necessary.

"LAKE" CELILO

Now that The Dalles dam has backed water above it in the Columbia there is a movement to give that body of water a name. It will be called The Dalles dam pool, but there are those who think it should be officially something fancier. Lake Cello is often suggested.

Maybe we need a word in the English language that describes the sort of water made when a big river is dammed. Certainly lake is not the right word. It is more properly a pool.

The idea of calling the pool Lake Cello fails to move us. Not only because it isn't a lake, but because it isn't Cello. The white man has destroyed Cello, utterly and completely. It was a swift rapids or falls where Indians netted the rushing salmon to the amazement of visitors from afar; it was the historic meeting place of the tribes of Indians who had fished there for more years than the white men have known. Now it is a quiet pool with nothing of its former self.

If Cello meant anything in Indian language or white it meant "tumbling water". We cannot understand the thinking of those who would call the Columbia's latest pool "Tumbling Water Lake".

It should not be called by an Indian name or anything resembling it. Indians had nothing to do with it. It might more appropriately be called Herb Elder Pool or Guy Cordon Pool But not Cello.

NEW TAX PLAN

The Democratic members of the house taxation committee put out their idea of the way to write a tax bill last week. From the point of good government it is bad because it was written as a partisan document and without benefit of public advise. From the taxation standpoint it will discourage new industry or new citizens.

It does not repeal the surtax. The surtax was only a two year

law and will expire December 31, 1957. It is not being repealed. It is being allowed to expire. The legislators who campaigned for repeal of the surtax are not being honest with the voters.

The new Democratic tax bill will slightly lower the income tax for persons with three dependents who make less than \$8000. It will not make them lower than they were prior to 1955. The tax rate over \$3000 will be eight percent and the rates start at four percent.

The new bill does away with the personal property tax offset and puts the corporation excise tax at seven percent. The personal property tax offset is a means of giving those corporations that own large amounts of personal property to reduce their corporation excise tax by as much as one-half if they paid such personal property tax. This equalizes the corporation excise tax between firms that own such property and those that do not. For that reason it has been preserved for years.

The bill gives some favoritism to the smaller income taxpayers which is always a political move. Such persons cannot stay in Oregon, however, without jobs and the extremely high taxation of corporations and more well to do will preclude the addition of many jobs. A tax bill should favor—if any—the group a state needs to increase and Oregon does not need to increase the number of \$3000 net income persons.

Oregon's income tax is highest in the nation in almost every bracket. With this bill its corporation excise tax will be the highest in the nation. We cannot afford such tax policies.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Election of officers was held with Mrs. Frank Reid elected chairman, Mrs. Harland McDonald, vice chairman, Mrs. Don Macnab, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Allen Tom, county committee delegate. These officers will be installed at the Homemaker's Festival. The members voted on the projects and lesson for the next session.

Bill Huck has the record player in the hall in good shape. Records for it will be purchased soon. The abandoned community church building has been given to the Rufus grange and it is to remove it from the grounds within a year. The grange may use the ground for a parking lot until a new church is erected in the future.

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Sealed bids for the construction of a 100,000 gallon steel water reservoir and appurtenances will be received by the undersigned at the City Hall at Grass Valley, Oregon, until 8:00 p. m., P.S.T., on the 13th day of May, 1957, and will thereafter be opened and publicly read, all according to the plans and specifications of the City's Engineer.

Proposals will be received on furnished forms only. Plans, specifications, instructions to bidders and forms of proposals and other contract documents may be examined at the City Recorder's office in Grass Valley, Oregon, or at the office of Vernon B. Tenneson & Associates, Consulting Engineers, 908 1/2 East 2nd Street, The Dalles, Oregon, and a set obtained therefrom upon a deposit of \$35.00, which deposit will be refunded, provided the plans and specifications are returned in good condition within 5 days after bid opening time. Deposit checks shall be made payable to the City of Grass Valley, Oregon. Bidders shall prequalify as required by Oregon law.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the bid as a guarantee that if awarded the contract, the bidder

will enter into the contract and furnish policies of insurance and a 100% performance bond as required.

No bid may be withdrawn after the hour set for the bid opening nor before award of bid unless the award is delayed for a period exceeding 30 days. The Mayor and City Council of Grass Valley, Oregon, reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and to award the contract as it deems is to the best interests of the City.

Signed: Don E. Smith
24-25c Recorder

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executrix of the Estate of Harley Dutton, Deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, and with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the residence of the undersigned at Wasco Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: April 12, 1957.

Emma Dutton
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Harley Dutton, Deceased.
Donald E. Heisler

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