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## EDITORIALS

### MR. JUSTICE BLACK

This week saw the seating of Hugo Black as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. And the occasion also brought forth something not before seen in the history of this country. Never before in all the one hundred and fifty years since the first supreme court was organized has a formal protest been presented at the opening of the court against the seating of a duly appointed and confirmed new member of that august body.

The whole thing smells to high heaven. First President Roosevelt tried to sneak the appointment through by slipping it in with a bunch of routine appointments for rural postmasters, etc. Then, when the matter of former Klan membership came up in the senate, Mr. Black was conspicuously silent. As soon as the appointment was confirmed he rushed to the nearest insignificant public officer empowered to administer oaths and was sworn in so as to get his name on the payroll as quick as possible, instead of following the time-honored custom of waiting until the opening of the next session of court to be sworn in by the Chief Justice. Then he sneaked off to Europe and hid out from all newspaper correspondents, refusing to make any statement regarding the Klan matter. Finally he sneaked back home just in time to appear at the October session of the court. Belatedly, he tried to smooth the whole matter over by means of a nation-wide "fire-side chat" in which he stated he had joined the Klan in the long ago, but had resigned his membership and never rejoined. He stated the life membership given him by the Klan was unsolicited and just didn't mean a thing.

The record is written. By his own record—speeches, letters and radio talks—Mr. Black stands convicted of having once oath-bound himself to doctrines absolutely incompatible with his more recent oath of office as Justice of the Supreme Court. And by his own record, no matter what may be the ruling of the court regarding his being entitled to a seat on the court, he has proven himself absolutely unfit for the position. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week is here. What are you going to do about it? If you are short-sighted, you will do nothing. If you have any interest in protecting your property and your family's lives, you will use Fire Prevention Week as an occasion for taking the simple, essential measures that usually suffice to make homes and places of business safe from the most common and dangerous fire hazards.

Fire Prevention Week is not designed to sell anything. It is designed to serve—to conserve—to protect. During the Week insurance companies, civic bodies, fire experts and public officials will use the radio, newspapers, displays and

printed literature in an effort to make you act.

In the average home grave hazards exist of which the owner knows nothing. Ignorance, as well as carelessness, is a prolific source of destructive fire.

The simplest and most easily corrected causes are responsible for the great bulk of fires in dwellings. A slight fault in a heating plant may devastate a home. Accumulations of papers, clothes, furniture and other odds and ends require only a spark to burst into flame. Improperly stored fluids such as gasoline, benzene and kerosene are a constant menace. Amateur repairs of electric appliances and light cords cause millions of dollars' loss annually. Paint or oil-soaked rags are often the cause of spontaneous combustion. An improperly protected hot electric iron, or cigarette ashes invite fires.

It costs you nothing to eliminate these hazards, and takes little time. That small effort may save you thousands of dollars—and infinitely more important, save a life. Fire Prevention Week was inaugurated to serve you. Make the most of it.

## Washington Snap Shots

That the Congress will do most of its own legislating, come next January or possible before, is an expanding probability in the Capital city!

The current note is being sounded by Representative John J. O'Connor, of New York, chairman of the potent House rules committee, and his plan is finding wide favor.

Mr. O'Connor would end the custom of having most of the legislative drafting service done in downtown departments by young and inexperienced legal employees.

He proposes to form a Congressional drafting committee composed of members of both the House and Senate.

One idea behind this proposal is that a Congressional drafting service would be much more likely to write laws that will stand up in the courts than would a group of young legal lights in government departments who never had any personal legislative experience and who had never been renowned for their legal ability before they went to work for the Federal Government.

The Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage bill is frequently cited in this connection. The original bill, drafted hurriedly, was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Mr. O'Connor says of his plan: "If we are going to pass a lot of new laws, let's write them carefully so they will stand the tests of the courts."

But more important to most of the veterans of Capitol Hill is the determination to enact measures dictated by their own judgment and by their constituency—to break away from the "rubber stamp" approval of quickly drafted "emergency" measures.

Farm bills, the majority of which were written by department lawyers, ran into this feeling last session. Most Congressmen who were lawyers themselves with years of legislative or legal experience, thought they were unconstitutional. In fact some do not yet see how they can write constitutional bills embodying Secretary Wallace's aims.

Another example of how little attention was paid to some of the administration's "must" legislation before the Congress staged its revolt at the close of the last session, was the bill which cut the gold content of the dollar. No public hearings worthy of the name were held. After the bill passed the House, a leading member of the House Coinage Committee, who supported it on the floor, admitted he hadn't even read it.

Strangely, the House Coinage Committee, which started the rubber stamping vogue, also began the trend toward restoration of legislative powers to the Capitol. What happened was that the Coinage committee members took a hearty "razing" for their lack of understanding of the gold dollar bill.

Determined not to be "caught short" again, the committee took itself to task when the Treasury sent up a bill asking authorization for the issuance of fractional coins less than one cent in value to be used to pay sales taxes in several states—and pondered the measure more carefully. The result was that the measure was pigeon-holed.

## 4-H Winners Enjoy Trip to Portland

Olive Davis, Central Point, and Melvin Poyer, Ashland, winners of the Jackson county division of the 4-H Club Achievement and Leadership contest, were in Portland this week with 72 other outstanding 4-H members as guests of The First National Bank of Portland during the Pacific International Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The two arrived in Portland in time for the opening of the official schedule Monday noon with a special luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce. A remote control address of welcome by Mayor Carson was a highlight of the program, followed by the first visit to the Livestock Exposition grounds.

All were guests at a 4-H Club banquet in Penney Hall that evening, later taking part in a great 4-H parade preceding the horse show, which they attended as guests of the host bank.

Tuesday was filled with visits to The First National Bank Building, Swan Island airport, the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, a local industrial plant and to the Exposition again, where many had entries in 4-H and open divisions. A banquet and dance was arranged Tuesday evening with bank officials and members of the judging committees present to honor the winners.

Following a final visit to the Pacific International Wednesday for the 4-H Club auction of fat stock and a luncheon planned in their honor, the group was scheduled to return home. Rooms was reserved for the entire party of visitors during their stay in a leading Portland hotel, where headquarters were also maintained.

Miss Davis, daughter of Mrs. O. L. Davis, holds one of the most remarkable 4-H Club records in the state. Since starting 4-H work in 1929, she has won 29 prizes in handwork, cooking, canning, chickens, sewing, rabbits and pigs. She has also been the recipient of two summer school scholarships to Oregon State college. During the 1937 Jackson county 4-H fair she was awarded first in canning and canning judging, and placed sixth in the state canning exhibit. She is a junior in Medford high school.

Melvin placed last year in several Pacific International events, and expected to show a pen of four pigs this week, as well as exhibiting yellow dent corn. He also hoped to enter the stock judging contest. In eight years of 4-H Club work he has taken 26 prizes through special work with rabbits, goats, dairying, pigeons, chickens, sheep, corn and pigs. He held a summer school scholarship to Corvallis last year.

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## NOT SCARED



"What happened when the fellow threw a bottle at the umpire yesterday?"  
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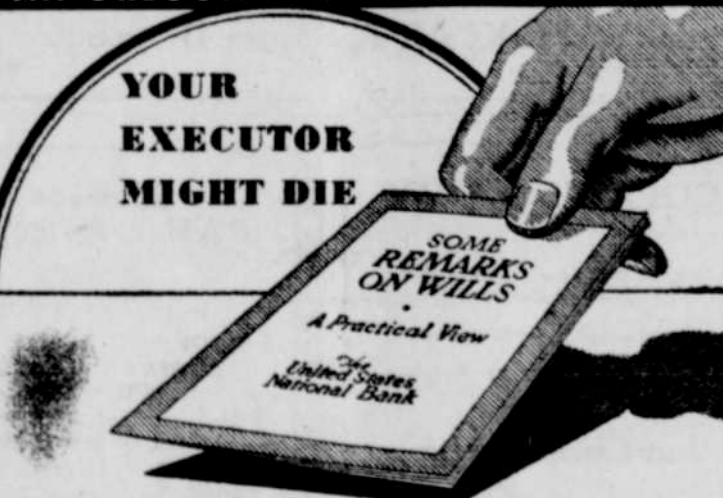
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# PROPOSED BUDGET

FOR THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT, OREGON  
FOR THE YEAR 1938

The following is a budget of the estimated expenditures of The City of Central Point, Oregon, for the Year 1938, together with the estimated receipts from all sources and the levy of taxes required to raise the necessary revenue:

### SUMMARY

For the Year 1938.

Department	Levy	Estimated Receipts	Budget
Recorder	\$ 474.00	\$ 826.00	\$ 1,300.00
Treasurer	130.00		130.00
Police	930.00	50.00	980.00
Library	145.00		145.00
Fire	1,490.00		1,490.00
Street	950.00		950.00
Legal	335.00		335.00
Maintenance & Repair	230.00		230.00
Emergency	300.00		300.00
Total General Fund	\$ 4,984.00	\$ 876.00	\$ 5,860.00
Redemption of Bonds	2,500.00		2,500.00
Interest on Bonds	1,790.00		1,790.00
Total	\$ 9,274.00	\$ 876.00	\$10,150.00

### DEPARTMENT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1938

Recorder—Salary	\$ 1,230.00	
Office Supplies	70.00	\$ 1,300.00
Treasurer—Salary	\$ 120.00	
Postage & Comm.	10.00	\$ 130.00
Police—Marshal's Salary	\$ 900.00	
Special Police	30.00	
Supplies	50.00	\$ 980.00
Library—Support	\$ 120.00	
Light & Fuel	25.00	\$ 145.00
Fire—Fire Hydrants	\$ 1,320.00	
Fire Truck	70.00	
Supplies	100.00	\$ 1,490.00
Street—Labor & Material	\$ 600.00	
Street Lighting	200.00	
Truck Gas & Oil	150.00	\$ 950.00
Legal—Employees Bonds	\$ 35.00	
Insurance	120.00	
Audit	50.00	
Attorney	100.00	
Election	20.00	
League Dues	10.00	\$ 335.00
Maintenance & Repair		
Jail & Buildings	\$ 100.00	
Parks	50.00	
Fuel	30.00	
Telephones	20.00	
Miscellaneous	30.00	\$ 230.00
Emergency	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Total General Fund		\$ 5,860.00
Redemption of Bonds		2,500.00
Interest on Bonds		1,790.00
Total Budget		\$10,150.00
Less Estimated Receipts		876.00
TOTAL LEVY		\$ 9,274.00

### Indebtedness

65 Re-funding Bonds Nos. 46 to 110 Inclusive in \$500.00 Denominations, 1938 to 1948 \$32,500.00

### Funds on hand on October 1, 1937.

General Fund—Cash in Bank	\$2,692.51
Sinking Fund—Cash in Bank	384.80
Interest Fund—Cash in Bank	64.70
Special Fire Fund—Cash in Bank	160.25
Total Cash on Hand	\$3,302.26

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement of the proposed budget of expenses for the year 1938, as adopted by the Budget Committee of the City of Central Point, Oregon, on September 28, 1937, and notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that the City Council will meet in the City Hall, in said City, on Tuesday, October 26, 1937, at 7:30 P. M. of said day, and then and there discuss said budget and make the levy of the City taxes for expenditures for the year 1938, and at which time and place any person interested therein may meet with the Council and make his objections to said budget, and said proposed tax levy, if any he has.

Dated this 4th. day of October, 1937.

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City Recorder

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