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EDITORIALS

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

The President's budget message was widely heralded in the headlines as a move for economy, comparatively speaking, in government. Practically every item of expense was pared in his estimates. Single major exception was national defense, and on this there is almost unanimous agreement that we must spend more, though there is considerable disagreement among the expert and the not-so-expert as to just how the money should be spent.

Despite the headlines, however, it will come as a tremendous surprise to the more hard-headed analysts if expenses are materially cut in any direction this year. And they will not be at all surprised if the final budget involves the expenditure of as much or more than has been spent in any year of New Deal history. That may seem contrary to the general impression of Mr. Roosevelt's message—but there are sound reasons for it.

First, the President's budget makes no mention of the money the Treasury must appropriate for old age pension payments, which start February 1. These payments, according to estimates, will amount to better than half a billion dollars during the coming fiscal year. And no provision is made for farm benefit payments—instead, a major cut in the budget was in spending for agriculture. It is of course possible that Congress will follow the President's budget in this regard, but if it does a miracle will have occurred. Secretary Wallace thinks that about \$250,000,000 should be paid in farm benefits. And Congress at large, so far as anyone can see now, will back him up—don't forget that this is a general election year and Congressmen of both parties, including some of those who talk the loudest about economy, are breaking their necks seeking to win the great farm belt vote.

Second, Washington observers think the President has played a very clever trick on Congress. He has simply dumped the budget problem in the lawmakers' laps. He has offered them a budget which though it may be economically wise, is full of political dynamite. Congressmen are only human. As the records abundantly prove, they are all for economy when it hits some district other than their own, and all for spending when their constituents are to be the beneficiaries. The exceptions to this rule are few and far between, though they do exist. So the probability is that Congress will up the proposed expenditures in many if not most of the divisions.

So far as the prospect of new taxes is concerned, there seems to be more smoke than fire. Again, the fact that this is an election year makes Congressmen of both parties exceedingly reluctant to pile more burdens on the taxpayers. They think it politically safer, according to those who make a business of watching Washington affairs, to let the deficit rise. In other words, new taxes are possible, but not probable. If new taxes are imposed, they will probably be of a character which will directly affect comparatively few people.

To return to the budget message, Paul Mallon summed it up aptly when he wrote: "On its smiling face it appears to be a stern economizing venture. Actually it contemplates the largest spending program in New Deal history." The fiscal problem is up to Congress now.

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard reports a very enjoyable meeting at the installation of the new officers of the D.U.V. last Friday night. On account of illness many members were unable to attend. The newly elected president, Zola Griffin, brought Mrs. Hubbard home just before midnight. Mrs. Hubbard report that the stars were as bright and pretty as she ever saw them. Mrs. Frank Rossi took Mrs. Hubbard to Medford for the meeting.

Townsend on the Air

By D. D. DAVIS

The writer thru the kindness of your editor will try to have some Townsend News each week for this live paper of yours.

Installation of officers in the Central Point club, resulted in the election of Oliver Martin as President; John Anderson, 1st Vice President; Mary Higinbotham, 2nd Vice President; and D. E. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer. This club is one of the most "up and coming" clubs in Rogue River Valley. Townsendsites are proud of you.

The Townsend Bill is expected to come up on the floor of Congress this week. Townsend Weekly says, "In this the final session of Congress, the question of old age pensions and recovery looms large. All members' terms end with this session. They must again face the voters and offer themselves for re-election or retire. Few who have entered Capitol Hill ever voluntarily retire. The others who voted against the bill at the last session will once more be called upon to go on "record" vote and let the "home folks" know just where they stand on the Plan. Every person vitally interested in National Recovery and the respectable care of our aged will be checking these names very carefully as they go to the polls in November.

CHICAGO, Townsend Headquarters—Flash—More delegates will attend the coming Townsend Convention than any previous convention and we are urged to take the necessary steps now toward raising the necessary funds to send our delegates back to the Convention. This is the most important time and year in the history of the organization and we want to swell the numbers at this coming convention and make it the greatest, grandest and largest convention in the history of the United States.

Payment of "Social Security" and the size of its checks will provide its own evidence as to its futility in caring for the aged or in bringing back recovery. They will go to people 65 and over who have worked since 1937 and have accumulated a surplus fund into which they and their employers have paid 1%. For example a person who has earned \$50 a month will get back \$20.60. If his wage has been \$100, he will begin "subsisting" upon \$25.75 and remain upon that level as long as he remains. If his wife is of retireable age she will get one half as much as he and so they both can retire upon the munificent "benefit" of about \$38.00 per month. And the Government has the "guts" to call this "security". When in fact in most cases this "benefit" will average around \$13.00 to \$17.00 per month. For instance let us take the man who has worked steadily for forty years without any loss of time at \$100 per month. His benefit will be \$35.00 per month. If his wife is living and 65 years or over, she will receive her "benefit" which will bring the total for the two up to \$52.50 per month. Remember however they must be 65 or over, NOT 60. This five years difference is sufficient to bury thousands and thousands of our old folks who will never have received any benefit. Yes, folks, quite different from the Townsend Plan, so let's stick together with Townsend. It's a National Recovery Plan. It's a pay as you go plan. It's the one plan that is workable and that will succeed.

Did you ever stop to count among your friends, those who have lived and earned \$100 per month unbroken for 40 years? Take a look about. Official labor statistics will show that 30 million people in the United States earn \$870.00 and less per year. 11 million \$500.00 and less, and 500,000, \$300 and less.

Bill Perry was officially "drafted" as the continuing President of Eagle Point Club. Congratulations, Eagle Point. Here is a club that recognizes a good man when it finds him. Congratulations to both of you.

Watkins Glen, New York—A capacity house greeted Paul Chase, National Representative, when he addressed a mass meeting in the Court House. Also at Gloversville, New York, Horace Griffith, President of the Tax Payers' association, gave a wonderful address endorsing the Transactions Tax Townsend Plan.

SPECIAL FLASH—"Town Meeting of the Air" will debate the Townsend Plan Tuesday the 23rd in Springfield, Illinois. The broadcast will be carried over stations WCBS and WTAX. Roy J. Webb, National Representative for Townsend will take the floor for the Plan, while

Fletcher Kettle of the Illinois division of old age assistance will be his opponent. Gee!! Would I like to listen on that. This too is another slap at the arrogance of the N.B.C. "racketeers" in their attempt to keep Townsend off the air. I use the word "racketeers" because any racketeer is a violator of the laws while the NBC gang is a violator of our American Bill of Rights, guaranteed to us under our Constitution. NBC stands willing to crush free speech whenever that free speech interferes with the likes and dislikes of its "boorhon" tory higherups who live in hiding.

There was a picture of Edwin Hall in the Oregonian one morning this week or last showing him in loving embrace with some other Republican Representative in New York state. However, nothing was said in the paper about his having run for the office on the Townsend Plan while his opponent, another Republican, Mr. Chamberlain, who was overwhelmingly defeated, had run against the Plan and in fact had branded it as "un-American". Three cheers for Mr. Hall and the people of New York State who didn't intend to be fooled. New York is one of the Townsend states that is self supporting in its Townsend Program and it's Townsend clubs are sending in their surplus cash to help National Headquarters carry on the fight in other states.

"Have a Care!" Raymond Pearl, speaking before the American Statistical Society, Philadelphia, comes forward with the statement that "When people get old enough to ask for pensions, they are too old to vote." If this is the case I would suggest that we include those in government service who are automatically pensioned. Suppose we suggest the members of the Supreme Court. My! What a howl would go up. Most of them brilliant men. If age is the measure of mental capacity then surely these men should have been retired many years ago. Pensions? Yes. But \$12,000 per year and then quibble about a proposed \$200 per month or even less than \$100. Are these men so much more valuable to America after they quit working than other good American citizens? You answer it, my vocabulary fails me. After reading what this fellow Pearl has said, I think he should be retired by the boots on the seat of his pants method and then the American people should make him pay for the privilege of living in this great nation of ours.

Springfield, Illinois—Illinois pensioners average \$20 per month. This is \$1.37 more than a year ago. Gee! how the money rolls in!!!

Now, folks, if you like this "column" and want it continued, tell Mr. Powell of your Central Point American. Also if you have news of interest, for this column, mail them in to Mr. Powell or direct to me. Let's make it "bigger and better" all the time and when you are thinking about putting in that "ad" or subscribing for a newspaper, just remember this is your paper. Patronize it. Remember Dr. Townsend would have you do just that. If Mr. Powell tries to leave out this last paragraph I will put the hounds on his trail.

Mr. Ralph Train was elected President of the Shady Cove Townsend Club at their election Monday night January 1st. A good way to start the New Year, sez I.

Mrs. John Hesselgrave is slowly recovering from a bad bruise and torn ligaments in her hand when she fell three weeks ago. Mr. Hesselgrave says he has to do most of the house work.

Legal Notices

SUMMONS  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY  
 LOGAN C. STEWART and DOROTHY M. STEWART, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,  
 vs.  
 HOUSTON LANGE and EMIL C. LANGE, husband and wife, and OTTO J. FROHNMEYER, Defendants.  
 TO EACH, EVERY AND ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the last day of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof, the Plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their complaint, succinctly stated as follows, to-wit: That Defendants be adjudged to be in default under the terms of that certain contract entered into

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Beginning at a point on the north line of Block Number Two (2) of Barr's Addition to the City of Medford, 193 feet west of the Northeast corner of said Block Two (2), and running thence west 104 feet; thence south 60 feet; thence east 104 feet; thence north 60 feet to the place of beginning;

That the Defendants, within such time as the Court shall fix as reasonable, not exceeding thirty (30) days, pay Plaintiffs any and all amounts due Plaintiffs herein, being the sum of \$786.18, plus interest at 5% per annum from February 24, 1939, and unless Defendants pay any and all amounts obligated to be paid under said executory contract, not in arrears, together with all delinquent taxes, in the amount of \$168.40, and unless Defendants within such period make full payment now due Jackson County Building & Loan Association on mortgage, recorded in Volume 104, Pages 411-413 Mortgage Records of Jackson County, Oregon, owned by said Association, that the said contract be cancelled and held for naught and that the Plaintiff be decreed to have the possession and

ownership of aforesaid property, free and clear of any and all claims on the part of the Defendants, and any of them, that the Plaintiffs during the pendency of this suit may retain possession of the above described real property.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable H. D. Norton, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 28th day of December, 1939. The time prescribed for publication of this summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 28th day of December, 1939.

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