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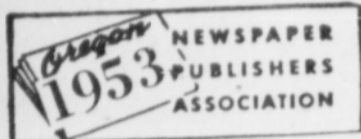
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EVERYBODY GETTING BUDGET HAPPY...

This is the time of year when political subdivisions get budget happy. Already Rogue River school district #35, and Evans Valley school have set their budget.

Gold Hill's city council have set a tentative budget, about 17% less than last year and have submitted it to a citizens committee for recommendations. If no changes are made, Gold Hill can look forward to a tax cut.

Rogue River has named the budget committee of citizens but a general feeling among the council is that about \$2,000 will have to be added if a drainage project is to be done. This would mean a tax increase.

Meanwhile, the county, not to be outdone, has named a budget committee and this group too will have its problems on what to do with all the money that is coming the county's way. There is some pressure to invest some of the county funds in a juvenile home.

And just so the taxpayers don't forget, another month will see the county board of equalization meeting. This board, headed by aged Judge Coleman, is the same one that last year attempted to secretly order a 17% tax increase for Central Point, Gold Hill and Rogue River. The state tax commission stopped the move after protests by the cities involved.

Also just so you won't forget... the taxpayer has a voice whether it be city or school district. If he permits his taxes to be raised, they can be; if he fights, who knows....

INVESTIGATORS SOUGHT BY DA.

The last county grand jury came up with a good idea. They recommended that funds be provided for a special investigator to be assigned to the district attorney and responsible to him.

We'd like to commend that grand jury and make a wry face at the one that preceded. You'll remember the one before that "investigated" the Rogue River bridge with a white wash brush in one hand. They had no investigator to help them and they sought none.

Other grand juries might be different. They might WANT information that only a private investigator could dig up for them. We believe that an investigator for the district attorney would be a healthy thing right now for Jackson County. He'd undoubtedly be worth a good deal more to the taxpayers than his salary would cost them.

But, of course, there will be those who don't want to be investigated and they have money and power....

WEATHER CONTROL

During the May primary and during the general election, The Times opposed the election of Representative Robert Root.

We did it because we felt, and subsequent events have proved our stand right, that he represented the pear growers.

We felt and we still feel that NO one should represent a certain branch of industry or agriculture to the extent we felt Mr. Root would.

Now, here is some history. Senator Ben Day of Gold Hill and a committee of the legislature spent considerable time and money investigating this knotty problem of weather control. The committee came up with a lengthy report and recommendations and Senator Day introduced a bill.

The pear growers hired Medford Attorney McAllister to draw a bill for them but some gesture was made toward other interests to make it look like it wasn't just a pear growers bill. They fooled some of the people some of the time.

Root, and Representative Mann (we hope he was fooled part of the time) introduced the bill. As this is being written, the bill lies on the governor's desk, awaiting only his signature to become a law. Pressure from the moneyed interests will be for him to sign it.

Now, we'll admit that some control over the cloud seeders is better than no control at all but we hate to see the same old story repeating and repeating itself with power dictating law rather than the will of the people.

Remember the margin on the anti-could seeding bill in this county was only 32 votes... if some mistake wasn't made....

KEEP OREGON GREEN

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

By Harris Ellsworth
Congressman, 4th Dist.

The legislative program of the House is about to narrow down to a consideration of annual appropriations bills. The House originates all money bills, acts on them and then sends them to the Senate. The new fiscal year for which the appropriations are made will begin July 1. Time is therefore short in which to pass eleven bills through both Houses of Congress. The first one will come to the floor about April 22 and the others will follow in rapid succession. The House is not usually able to handle more than two such bills in a week.

Fortunately, the Senate has been holding hearings and otherwise getting its preliminary work done on the appropriations job. Therefore, when the Senate receives a bill passed by the House it can be acted upon quite promptly.

The same question may occur to you which has been the subject of considerable argument here. That is: "Why so many appropriations bills -- why not just one bill for the entire job?" In fact, that idea was tried, but it took just as long, if not longer, to do the job in one bill as it does the other way. The same subcommittees have to do the same work. The difference and the disadvantage is that those committee members who finish their work early cannot get final action on their part of the bill until all of the other sections are completed. I believe the time the "one package" idea was tried, the big bill was not finally passed until some three months after the beginning of the fiscal year. Thus All departments were compelled to operate for a quarter of the year in a state of uncertainty regarding their funds. Under the multiple bill system many of them could have been cleared on time.

President Eisenhower has issued a ringing challenge to the rulers of the Russian people and the iron-curtain satellites. It was a challenge to make peace -- not to make war. Sincere, simple, but with smashing directness, President Eisenhower stated the problem (peace in the world) with great clarity and offered an equally clear solution. Without rancor or bitterness but in words which can be understood by anyone, the President pointed the finger at the Russian dictators and invited them to make peace and disarmament possible. I hope everyone reads that speech. I believe I can obtain a copy and send it to anyone who missed it in the press and would like to read it. Just let me know.

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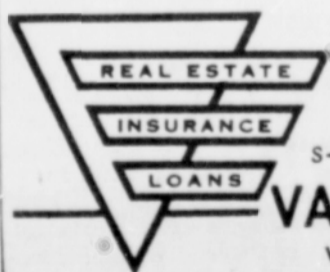
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