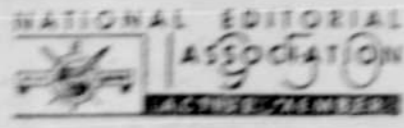


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### CUT IN VITAL SERVICES

Make no mistake about it. When a budget committee undertakes the matching of expenditures with revenue, it is in for a lot of criticism. At least, the county budget committee certainly deserves a quizzical look for its proposals, which come up for public hearing in the county courtroom, Hillsboro, on June 25.

Of all departments to feel the axe are two which affect a multitude of people—the public health service and the home demonstration agent of the county extension service.

By slashing an item of about \$25,000 from the public health service, the budget committee curtails highly important safeguards of the public. At present, there are three public health nurses with one supervisor, the latter serving both Yamhill and Washington counties. If the fund slash goes through, there will be but two nurses, plus the supervisor.

This means overall curtailment of the public health program. On the two nurses remaining in service will be a heavier load and doubling up of work. The public health will suffer in the event of an unforeseen emergency, with a reduced staff of nurses to meet the challenge.

The interesting commentary on this frantic lunge for "economy" by the budget builders is that 25% of matching funds supplied by the Federal government and administered through the state board of health, will be lost to the public health service and the county by this action.

Affecting perhaps as many if not more people than the cut in public health service is another deletion decided upon by the budget committee. This cuts out home demonstration agents.

The county puts up an amount equal to the expense of two home demonstration agents in operation of cars, office force and materials. The amount approximates \$4,000 and represents only a portion of the cost of the demonstration service—which is otherwise provided for by the state and federal governments and other sources.

What will result if this cut goes through is that there will be no extension unit work or girls' 4-H club work in Washington county. The demonstration agent supervises both of these activities.

In the 4-H home economics projects, there are 1260 enrolled to date, with 125 local club leaders. These youngsters took part in 1,187 meetings in 1949 and came to tangible grips with project work, citizenship and recreation values. About two-thirds of the 105 county youngsters attending the 1950 4-H summer school session in Corvallis are girls who next year face abandonment of their important character-building local clubs.

The work of 4-H is regarded by responsible educators as an invaluable proving ground for future citizenship. Whatever jeopardizes continuation of 4-H work, surely, threatens the very foundation of our future.

Another important assignment of a home demonstration agent is the supervision of the county's adult education program carried on by 22 extension units with a membership of 600.

An organization of farm and rural women, the extension unit brings to its members the advantages, through education, of better family living, nutrition, home management, clothing, health and recreation. Problems of family relations are not only brought to solution but, more important, causes for family upheavals are sidetracked by knowledge and information supplied by the demonstration agents beforehand.

There might well be detailed a long list of the year's accomplishments of the county's present two home demonstrators. A record of imposing depth, it might well explain the vital role these two extension ladies fill in the lives and guidance of county women.

This spring, in Hillsboro, the county extension units held a festival which likewise demonstrated the participation and the interest of members in the county extension program.

The grange hall was filled, with standees at the back of the room, as a program of speakers and skits was presented, touching upon various phases and policies of the extension work. Different groups prepared and had on display exhibits of various projects. The tone of the meeting was one of keen interest and enthusiasm. It was evident, to an onlooker, that the county home demonstration agents had done a conclusive job in adult education.

To have the county health services, girls' 4-H clubs and extension units curtailed in the name of economy raises storm warning signals. As in a democracy, those who will feel the greatest loss by this juggling of expenditures will speak out most bitterly and with most telling effect.

To the county as a whole, however, this is a situation of significance. To lose any of these three services will cut deeply into present standards. What will no doubt be tested, by the acid of public protest, is whether or not there is economy in the proposal as put forward by the budget committee.

There will no doubt be other criticisms at the budget committee's masterpiece of the year. No one, faced with a task of such magnitude may expect to escape demarcation of one sort or another. But an unprejudiced question still remains as to whether or not public health and home demonstration are the best targets for a trimming.

In each case, significant contributions come from without the county to finance the work. In each case, the effect of curtailment takes away services upon which many people depend.

Money talks, according to an old adage. But in Clatsop, a high school student bidding for the title of Queen of the Oregon Trail Pageant won't have speech's supporting her.

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The pageant requires each contestant queen candidate to have a sponsor in the community she represents. And although the city accomplished the crowning of a local miss as queen in 1947, this year only vocal or verbal support will be forthcoming.

### TAXES ON LOW INCOME

If all personal incomes in excess of \$10,000 a year were confiscated by Uncle Sam, it would barely give him the additional money needed to wipe out the \$5 1/2 billion deficit and finance the \$1 billion first year's cost of the new Federal spending programs proposed in the 1951 budget.

Since the nation faces a choice of submitting to higher taxes or reducing Federal spending if Uncle Sam is to live within his income, the Council of State Chambers of Commerce today pointed up some of the difficulties in increasing Federal revenues.

This study revealed that if, for instance, the Federal Government set \$50,000 as the maximum income that could be retained by individuals and took outright all income above \$50,000, it would get only about \$843 million more than it gets now from present taxes on those incomes. This \$843 million would be enough to run the Federal Government only one week.

Or suppose Uncle Sam called \$25,000 the most anyone could have and took everything made above that figure. That would give the Government a little over \$2 billion in additional revenue. This is just a little less than the Government intends to spend on agricultural activities and subsidies alone in 1951.

But, of course, Uncle Sam would never think of taking such a big tax bite because he knows he would destroy all personal incentives to earn that much again.

The survey showed further that in spite of the high taxes on incomes of \$100,000 and over, Uncle Sam collected only \$1.2 billion from 10,844 persons with such incomes in 1947 which is the latest year for which complete statistics are available. This total was only 6 1/4 per cent of all income taxes paid that year. And tax rates on incomes over \$100,000 that year ranged from 67 per cent to as high as 91 per cent.

On the other hand, 51 million taxpayers reporting incomes of less than \$5,000 in 1947 paid \$8 1/2 billion which is 48 per cent or almost half of the income taxes collected that year.

The Council said, "There is no getting around the fact that any additional burden of taxes must fall on the lower income groups. They have only two choices: submitting to more taxes or demanding cuts in present spending with a halt to new spending."—Council of State Chambers of Commerce.

### NAT'L WELFARE FIRST

Society is an organization of causes and factions. Special interests are even more prevalent than public interests. Those who get any degree of power while championing a "public interest" sometimes lose very little time in turning their energies toward a completely selfish purpose.

So it is with some of the outspoken lambasting that goes on against the government.

"Headlines", a news letter published by the National Association of Real Estate Boards, in its edition of June 5, labels the present government a "tyranny of tears", because there are so many causes and factions which "beg for our sympathies in order to steal our purse".

There might be a thesis to such a contention that "causes, classes and countries" call for tears and taxation. But is this situation a tyranny, after all?

Should there be no effort to clear away the eyesore slums maintained by private interests, even if the only way to do so is by public housing—which fills a definite social need, yet returns its investment in dollars and in a strengthened nation?

Support of the aged might well deserve a clamor of protest—at least until the nation passes a law permitting everyone over a certain age to be backed up against a wall and shot.

Growth and progress through merit and genius is a pleasant dream. But realism requires consideration of the national welfare first, particularly when private interests prove incapable of doing the job modern living demands.

## ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS CHRONICLED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

### RECIPE FOR SUGARCAKE

If anyone would care to whip up a delicious sugarcake, let them use the following recipe.

The KEEPERSS details ingredients for the world's largest strawberry shortcake, served to some 11,000 people at its 38th annual Strawberry Festival, June 9 and 10.

To whip up a recipe requires: 400 pounds of sugar; 400 pounds of flour; 200 pounds of shortening; 200 dozen eggs; 22 pounds of salt; 20 pounds of baking powder; 200 pounds of milk; 20 gallons of strawberries; 2000 pounds of fresh strawberries and 200 gallons of soft ice cream to top individual servings.

The cake itself measures 12 feet wide and 24 feet long. Constructed in pyramid style, it reaches a height of 4 1/2 feet. Total weight is 1,200 pounds.

The cake was displayed during the parade as one of the first entries in the line of march, concealed from air and dust by a sheet of cellophane 20 feet by 25 feet square. It was mounted on a huge flatbed truck.

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The answers to everyday insurance problems\* By Leonard Adams



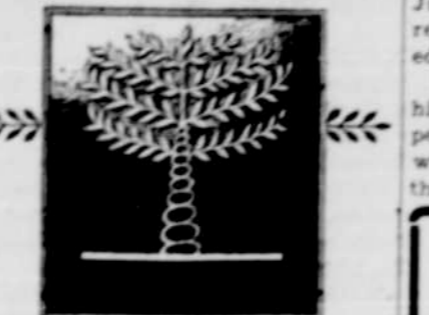
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Seems the local Lions club sponsored the winning candidate in 1947, a project which proved to be a costly task. The chamber, therefore says its money won't do much talking in the campaign this year.

### OREGON COLLECTOR

Leakdown awaits with some interest the operation of a Texas widow oil driller.

The LAKE COUNTY EXAMINER reports that the firm is drilling under contract with a woman of Brownwood who has been a wild-catcher for 20 years of marked success.

The woman relates she had made a careful survey of the area and is convinced that black gold lies untapped below the surface of Mother Earth.

### YEAR OF POLITICS

Milwaukee might well regard this as the year of politics, particularly on the local level.

The REVIEW puts forth this expectation in telling of the big turnout arising over the firing of a city manager and the race for mayor which follows.

Supporters of the ousted city manager contend there was considerable skullbargery in the removal of their man. And the manager himself, in an attempt to vindicate his position, is considered among the half-dozen who vow to unseat the present mayor.

### FIREWORKS SALE NIXED

If Philomath has a Glorious Fourth of July this year, it won't be to the accompaniment of screaming sky-rockets, bomb-bursting firecrackers or other pyrotechnic displays.

The BENTON COUNTY REVIEW gives the word that the city council had denied the first request that fireworks sale be allowed.

"Fireworks" cannot be sold here this year, members of the council ruled. Because of fire conditions usually obtaining in July, the prohibition is felt necessary in the downtown area.

### Pretty Girls Move Up

Other items of news in Gresham has its rightful importance, of course, but pretty girls are moving into the spotlight as the third annual Gresham amateur rodeo and horse show plans approach its July occasion.

The OUTLOOK announces the "royal court" is beginning to fill out and the usual share of beauty talent is assured.

Jeans and bright colored shirts will be required dress from June 19 through the rodeo. Women will not be required to wear jeans this year but must sport Western shirts and neckties to escape the penalties of a Kangaroo court.

### GIFT GOES BEGGING

In Sheridan, a gift building went a-begging when the city tried to have an old frame structure razed on a give-away basis.

The SUN reports, however, that after advertising to have it torn down without attracting any callers, carpenters finally consented to do the job for materials.

But it seems, now, that the city will have to help move some of the building wreckage away, to have the job completed. The building is considered a fire hazard and will be replaced by a modern concrete block structure.

### DEMONSTRATION PAYS

When a group of University of Oregon Journalism students took over the COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL last month, the demonstration paid off for the student-staff editorial director.

Announcement is made that Kenneth Cushman, who graduates June 11 from the university, will report next day as managing editor of the SENTINEL.

First time in the sixty year history of the paper such an experiment is undertaken, the change will have one man directing the editorial department.

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