City Budget Balanced; Increase Levy Fraction

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west, but the point being made is that it was no small matter for the committee to work out a budget which would meet requirements.

Actual expense of operating the city was reduced by $300 for the coming 12 months, but due to delinquent taxes, lagging payment of water rent and anticipated further losses in this direction next fall, it was necessary to raise the general tax levy one-tenth of one mill (approximately $15) and foist burden of tax payments onto the diminishing ranks of actual taxpayers. Three thousand six hundred forty-five dollars have been provided to be raised in the budget for the coming year, $295.50 of which will go into the general fund; $1600 in salary fund and $950 in lights and fuel, and balance in miscellaneous funds.

The outstanding change in the budget committee's work this year was in its designation of funds for payment of watermaster and street commissioner from one fund and city marshal from another. When there had been some agitation last year to expand the work into two jobs it was discovered that the budget provided but one fund for the three duties and could not be diverted without avoiding some financial responsibility upon councilmen. As it has been arranged this time, the watermaster, street superintendent and marshal jobs may be combined into one or made two separate positions filled by two employes. There will be no budget restrictions this year should council decide to hire two where one served before.

Mayor Wesley Hartman, Councilmen Dunnington, Severance, Cantrall and Lewis were present and claimed distinction of cutting the budget and accused Budget Committeemen Wilson, Dorn and Godward of raising the tax levy while the budget committee insisted the reverse was true. Anyway, the combined groups, which compose the entire budget fixing body of Jacksonville, accomplished the feat of going both directions at the same time, all made possible by the depression, it was pointed out. Taxes were both lowered and raised Tuesday night by the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde budget committee and the entire matter has been posted, according to law, in three prominent places in the city pending regular council meeting December 5 when the proposed budget will be either adopted or rejected.

There will be a special meeting of the Jacksonville city council Tuesday evening, November 15, for the purpose of discussing proposed boosting of water turn-on fee from $1.50 to $5. According to Mayor Hartman, a representative turnout of Jacksonvillians is hoped for so that this matter, which concerns the city's financial structure to a great extent, can be settled to the greatest satisfaction. The proposed increase in turn-on fee has been suggested as a means of more equally distributing expense of the city's water system and encouraging more regular consumption of the town's one commodity—and chief source of revenue.

TOPNOTCHERS by KET

School Fair Hits Entertainment Peak At Little Applegate

The school fair held at Little Applegate Friday afternoon not only proved of exceptional interest to the children. but reminded the grown-ups of the good old days as well. The big folks doffed their dignity for a few hours, participated in a footrace or two, bought toy balloons to twiddle in the air and ate candy and popcorn like they meant business. The winners proudly flaunting blue and red ribbons for their footracing were Oscar Wolf and Glenn Saltmarsh, first and second in the race for men over 16. Although women are given credit for intuition, the men seemed to possess a little of that element in that they chose to run up hill to prevent falling down. Women winning were Miss Ethel Houston and Mrs. Harold Crump in the race for women over 20.

A variety of well kept pets were on display, the prize winners as follows:

Bantam chickens, first prize: Lydia May West; plymouth rock chickens, second: Florence Smith; belted giant rabbits, first: Richard Wolf; pigeons, first: Thelma Wolf; cats, first: Peggy and Sonny Boyd; cats, second: Arthur and Agnes Dunford; burro, first: Betty Sanger; burro, second: Glenn Sanger; airedale dog, first: Bernice Kusel; bird dog (spaniel), first: Arthur Dunford; pony, first, John Lovel; pony, second: Richard Nease. A neat display of school work ws on exhibition in the school building.

Children winning foot races are as follows: Helen Kusel, first; Bonnie Sanger, second in the primary grades; Jean Harrington, first, Lydia West second, in third grades; Sonny Boyd and Betty Sanger tied for first and Arthur Dunford received second in fourth and fifth grades; Raymond West, first, and Dick Nease, second. for upper grades.

A blue ribbon pumpkin belonging to Raymond West was sold at auction for 60 cents. Albert Hartley acted as auctioneer and Miss Ethel Houston was the highest bidder.

Those in charge during the afternoon were Miss Peggy Boyd, popcorn and candy booth; Raymond West, in the garb of a deep sea diver, sale of balloons, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dunford and Mrs. A. S. Kleinhammer, judges.

Claim Write-in Move Gaining in Popularity

"The move to write-in Ralph Jennings on the ballot next Tuesday has been gaining by leaps and bounds the final days of the campaign," stated one of the officials of the Committee of 7000, which is promoting the move to write in the present sheriff, who was defeated in the democratic primary last spring.

"The election of Jennings, if it carries," added one of the members, "would accord him the greatest honor ever given any sheriff of Jackson county, the honor of being chosen entirely on his past record and performance. It would indeed be a fitting tribute to our present sheriff if the voters would unite to write in his name and mark an 'x' in such great numbers that he would be carried to a sweeping victory."

"We feel that Ralph has deserved just such a tribute from the level-headed voters of Jackson county who appreciate the fine qualities of the man and who wish to express their approval of his exceptional service to his county. Our Committee of 7000 has been working night and day to impress voters with the fact that they must, in addition to writing in Ralph Jennings, place the usual cross before his name."

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