

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—The budget which Governor Sprague will present to the next legislature for its consideration will be a "streamlined war-time budget" he told news men this week. That is, he explained, it will be pared down to absolute necessities. The new budget, the governor said, will take into consideration numerous salary increases as well as increases in commodity costs.

"The state is having a great deal of difficulty in keeping key men on the job in the face of better pay offered by private industry and the federal government," Governor Sprague said. "But as an offset to the pay scale there will be a reduction in the number of people on the state payroll. A number of state departments are finding it possible to operate with less help now since the demand upon their services has been substantially reduced. We are also short-handed at some of the state institutions where it has been found impossible to replace experienced professional help."

Another saving would be made in capital outlays, the governor pointed out, with typewriters and automobiles being rationed.

The governor said that he thought the legislature should continue the appropriations made by the last session for new state buildings—a \$1,000,000 office building and a \$325,000 treatment hospital at the state institution for the mentally ill—and to make additional appropriations for other badly needed buildings so that this work could be undertaken without unnecessary delay after the war ends when there will be a need for work of this type to take up some of the slack in employment.

To date a total of 124 Oregon young men who are otherwise eli-

gible for military service have been granted deferment as conscientious objectors, according to records of the state selective service board. During the first World war Oregon produced only 17 conscientious objectors. The 124 includes men who would be classified in 1-A. Eighteen others with slight physical disqualifications have also been granted deferment as conscientious objectors as also have a number who were found to be totally unfit for military service. Multnomah county with one-third of the state's population is credited with 25 conscientious objectors, or one-fifth of the state's total. Linn county with 13 and Yamhill with 11 have the greatest number in proportion to population. Morrow county has no conscientious objectors so far.

An increase of \$3,282,835.58 in the assessed valuation of public utilities in Oregon—from \$168,867,974.87 in 1941 to \$172,150,810.45 in 1942—is reported by the state tax commission. The apportioned valuation of utilities in Morrow county was increased from \$2,380,254.21 to \$2,448,576.83.

There will be no state fair in Oregon this year. This definite announcement was made by Governor Sprague following a conference with J. D. Mickle, state director of agriculture and Leo Spitzbart, manager of the fair. Cancellation of the fair was decided upon because of the tire shortage as well as labor situation, the governor said. Judging of Four-H exhibits which win blue ribbons at county fairs will be carried on at the fair grounds during the week usually given over to the fair and the annual sale of Four-H club fat stock will be held as usual except for the boys and girls in charge of the stock on its way to market none of the club members will come to Salem as in normal years.

The old bull-dog of the navy of an earlier era, the battleship Oregon, now resting snugly in Portland harbor, may yet be called on to do its bit in the present conflict.

The war production board has written Governor Sprague suggesting that the state contribute the battleship "to be used as deemed

wise by those in authority at Washington, D. C."

In reply the governor has expressed the state's willingness to surrender its claim to the ship to the navy department but only on the requisition of the secretary of the navy. In offering the ship to the war effort, if and when needed, the governor expressed the hope that "the Oregon could go forth as a fighting unit, either remodeled into an air-craft carrier or something of the sort, and not just be melted down in scrap or junked."

David Eccles, former state budget director but more recently assigned the job of coordinating Oregon's industrial development, is back in Salem where he will devote the next few months to a study of the tax problem with a view to preparing a report for the benefit of the next legislature.

Careless smokers who toss their burning cigarettes onto the highway while driving through forested areas are liable to find themselves explaining their careless habits to some justice of the peace this summer. The state police as well as all state forestry officials have been instructed to strictly enforce the law which prohibits such practice in the effort to "keep Oregon green."

The state, which only recently acquired an old natatorium at Baker with a view to converting it into an armory, is now returning the building to the city which will rent it to a newly organized company which will engage in the manufacture of war materials.

Governor Sprague and State Forester Nels Rogers spent the first three days of this week on a tour of the coast counties inspecting fire protection preparations and the operation of the forestry development program. The officials visited the Hamlet station in Clatsop county where considerable reforestation work is in progress, the Tillamook burn area where salvage operations are being carried out, and the Elliott state forest in western Douglas county.

The state police have been engaged in a roundup of slot machines the past few weeks. The round-up was ordered by Governor Sprague at the request of Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, commander of the western defense area, who was particularly interested in the removal of these nickle-grabbers from areas in which troops are stationed.

State departments and institutions contributed 61.36 tons of rubber in the recent drive, it was reported by the board of control. The state has also contributed 194.96 tons of scrap metal to the war effort so far.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that F. W. Turner, administrator of the estate of Myles McEntire, deceased, has filed his final account with the County Court of the State of Oregon, and said Court has set as the time and place for hearing on and final settlement of said final account, Monday, the 10th day of August, 1942, at the hour of 10:00 A. M. of said day, at the County Court Room of the Morrow County Court House in Heppner, Oregon. All persons having objections to said final account must file the same on or before said date.

Dated and first published this 9th day of July, 1942.

F. W. TURNER,
Administrator.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF THE COUNTY COURT, dated July 8, 1942, I am authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction the following described property at not less than the minimum price herein set forth:

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C. J. D. BAUMAN, Sheriff,
Morrow County, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of W. E. Pruyn, deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, her final account of her administration of the estate of said deceased, and that said Court has fixed Monday the 10th day of August, 1942, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the County Court room at the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file the same with said Court on or before the time set for said hearing.

Dated and first published this 9th day of June, 1942.

JESSIE H. PRUYN,
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