



TAXATION IN AN EDDY

"Revenues Diminish". "Pressure Groups Attack". "Taxation Question Unsettled". These and similar headlines that are sure eye-catchers for taxpayers have been coming from Washington, D. C. for the past 10 weeks as well as from Oregon's capital. Ours is not the only state with a financially befuddled legislature.

Other states have balanced their budgets by whacking down on pressure group extravaganzas. Wisconsin took the slogan, "When broke, don't spend."

Here at the Oregon legislature the deficit keeps on growing. Seven weeks ago it was \$42 million. Two weeks later it had reached sixty million and now it is calculated to be \$75 million.

Some legislators are screaming (in smoked committee rooms) "Sales tax pressure", while others are futile of escaping a state property tax unless a sales tax is voted by the legislature. They are reminding their cohorts that the people will very probably referendum a sales tax. In that case the property tax automatically becomes effective, plus a county, school and a city tax for those in cities.

ANOTHER "COULD BE"

Last Monday morning a friend

of Edward A. Geary, Speaker of the House, projected this picture of political circumgyration to the Klamath Basin farmer:

If Gov. Patterson should run against U. S. Senator Wayne Morse for the U. S. Senate in 1956 and win, Patterson could appoint Senator President Elmo E. Smith head of the State Motor Vehicle Department before resigning as governor. President Smith is first in line to be governor whenever the office is vacant. If he should accept the Motor Vehicle position Ed Geary would become governor if and when Patterson should resign to go to the Washington job.

There are as many ifs in this picture as in an imported insurance policy. However consider Smith's probable continuity in the motor vehicle position. He would have two years under Geary who probably would run to succeed himself as governor, win, and keep Smith another four years.

Resume: But who wouldn't prefer to be governor two years than hold any other state office even for life?

NEW LUMBER CONTRACTS

A revised timber sales contract will be in full use for all but small sales by the U. S. Forest service on July 1, 1955.

Designed to save time and complications the new forms eliminate the fire fighting previously required of a purchaser (without reimbursement) for forest fires within or near the sales area regardless of cause, altho he is still responsible for suppression costs of fires caused negligently by his operations.



OKEWANITA CAMP FIRE GIRLS

At our last meeting the group elected officers: president, Sandra Jones; vice president, Doris Morris; secretary, Shirley Van Winkle; treasurer, Francine Moyer;

TIMBER PRICES SOARING

The scrap for timber in Oregon is getting keener and record prices are being paid. Bids of over \$60 a thousand feet are not uncommon this season.

With timber beetles And spruce bud worms Eating at forests, One soon learns That by fire bugs and Building bees a cinch, We'll soon be selling Lumber by the inch.

This week the senate passed a bill giving the state the right to continue requiring that timber sold from its own lands be processed in mills or plants of a designated area.

Arguments for the act were that it sustained local economy in processing, built up industries and eliminated the danger of the county losing any return from its timber resources.

GLADLY FOR A SACRED DUTY

The Hon. Fred Meek, Portland, a member of the forty-eighth legislative assembly of Oregon, is a grandson of Joe Meek who called for the vote which decided that the Oregon country should become American territory.

The standing vote that decided the pioneers seeking to organize a government was taken May 2, 1843 at Champoeg, now a semi-neglected shrine of the Americanization of the Northwest.

Rep. Meek is spearheading an act to establish a pioneer museum at Champoeg to be sponsored by the state. A statement of approval sent to Fred Meek, The Capitol, Salem, Oregon, would register a noble thought to the memory of our pioneer forefathers and the motherhood of our cherished American Northwest.

COMPLIMENTS PRES. SMITH

The Legislative Informant for the current session is held by W. F. "Fred" Drager who has an unusual record as an attaché. His service in the House extends over half a century—51 of the past 52 years. In his long experience he has served as Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, Clerk of the Engrossed and Enrolled Bills committee and as Desk Superintendent.

He gives President of the Senate Elmo E. Smith a signal accolade for not having made a wrong decision or having asked for advice on knotty problems of parliamentary procedure.

song leader, Rogena Wagner; clean up committee, Bernice Thomson and Julie Pfeiffer.

At the recent ceremonial there were nine girls who earned the ten hour service emblem. They are Shirley Van Winkle, Jeanne Schmidt, Bernice Thomson, Mary Kay Slocum, Sandra Jones, Mary Evelyn Tucker, Sharon Keithley, Doris Morris and Sheryl Harris.

The group helped the Soropti-

st club by stuffing envelopes for the Easter Seal drive. Some of the group helped with the American Legion auxiliary.

This is the beginning of the fifth year in Camp Fire.

Most of the membership dues of the group has been collected. Most of the girls are earning the money by themselves for the dues.

The group is making head-

bands and on them are the names in symbols. Mary Evelyn Tucker, scribe

JOLLY BLUE BIRDS

The Jolly Blue Birds met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Roice Fulleton. New officers chosen were; president, Pamela Cochell; vice president, Sheryl Hartman; secretary, Mary Ann Johnson; treasurer, Patty Mahon; reporter,

Marlene Fetsch; door keeper, Diane Fulleton and charge of cards, Judy Bradford.

Easter decorations were made during the meeting and refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. H. Fastabend of Portland has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 1CJ, of Morrow County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of said district will be held at Hepner, on the 12th day of April, 1955, at 1:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning July 1, 1955, and ending June 30, 1956, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

BUDGET

Schedule I		ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES	
ITEM (1)	Total All Funds (2)		
Estimated Receipts From—		17. Rentals—Books	500.00
1. Delinquent Taxes	\$ 700.00	19. Estimated Total Receipts	\$62,858.00
4. County School Fund	4,958.00	20. Estimated Available Cash Balance or Deficit (Add Cash Balance—Deduct Deficit)	800.00
5. Basic School Support Fund	52,000.00		
6. Common (Irreducible) School Fund	400.00	21. Estimated total receipts and available cash balance or deficit	\$63,658.00
7. Vocational Education	1,500.00		
12. Tuition—Secondary	2,800.00		

Schedule II		GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
ITEM (1)	Elementary Schools Grades (2)	Secondary Schools Grades (3)	Total Estimated Expenditures for the Ensuing School Year in Detail (4)	Budget Allowance in Detail for the Current School Year (5)	Expenditures for Two Fiscal Years Next Preceding the Current School Year (6)	First Year Give Yearly Totals (7)

I. GENERAL CONTROL						
1. Personal Service:						
(1) Superintendent	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 5,025.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 3,500.00	
(2) Clerk	775.00	775.00	1,550.00	1,550.00		
(3) Clerical assistants	1,025.00	1,025.00	2,050.00	2,050.00	3,000.00	
(4) Compulsory education and census	25.00	25.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
(5) Other service				400.00		
2. Supplies	200.00	200.00	400.00	400.00	262.78	
3. Elections and publicity	125.00	125.00	250.00	300.00	370.74	
4. Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	330.00	330.00	660.00	2,000.00	777.27	
5. Other expense of general control:	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	800.00	952.99	
6. Total Expense of General Control	\$ 6,330.00	\$ 4,655.00	\$ 10,985.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 8,873.78	\$ 9,366.41

II. INSTRUCTION						
1. Personal Service:						
(1) Principals	\$ 2,183.00	\$ 1,975.00	\$ 4,158.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 1,000.32	
(2) Supervisors					3,000.00	
(3) Teachers	58,517.00	49,000.00	107,517.00	105,992.00	100,809.85	
(4) Sub Teachers	625.00	625.00	1,250.00	1,300.00	1,242.51	
(5) Travel, Etc.				700.00	681.96	
(6) Librarian	575.00	1,825.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,275.00	
(7) Clerical assistants & official	400.00	300.00	700.00	700.00	400.00	
2. Library supplies, repairs	75.00	75.00	150.00	150.00	170.01	
3. Teaching supplies	2,320.00	960.00	3,280.00	3,136.00	3,369.60	
4. Textbooks	1,893.00	616.00	2,509.00	1,922.00	2,794.05	
5. Tuition to other districts				600.00	90.00	
6. Other expenses of instruction	400.00	600.00	1,000.00	400.00	510.00	
7. Total Expense of Instruction	\$66,988.00	\$55,976.00	\$122,964.00	\$126,050.00	\$116,343.30	\$100,850.99

III. OPERATION OF PLANT						
1. Personal Service:						
(1) Janitors and other employees	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 12,720.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 9,792.95	
2. Supplies	1,040.00	1,040.00	2,080.00	2,080.00	3,510.99	
3. Fuel	2,500.00	1,500.00	4,000.00	3,100.00	2,638.30	
4. Water	726.00	726.00	1,452.00	1,025.00	855.40	
5. Light and power	4,088.00	787.00	4,875.00	1,575.00	1,622.13	
6. Telephone	432.00	432.00	864.00	500.00	539.62	
7. Other expense of operation	200.00	200.00	400.00	350.00	353.08	
8. Total Expense of Operation	\$15,346.00	\$11,043.00	\$26,389.00	\$19,030.00	\$19,312.47	\$14,133.86

IV. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS						
1. Personal Service:						
2. Repair, maintenance and replacement (1) Furniture and equipment	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,896.61	
(2) Building structure	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,611.10	
3. Upkeep of grounds	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	971.35	
4. Other expenses of maintenance and repairs	400.00	400.00	800.00	1,000.00	980.10	
5. Total Expense of Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,459.16	\$ 3,883.44

V. AUXILIARY AGENCIES						
1. Health Service:						
(1) Personal service (nurse, etc)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 50.00	\$	
(2) Supplies and other expenses	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	741.98	
2. Transportation of Pupils:						
(1) Personal service	8,000.00	3,250.00	11,250.00	11,950.00	11,068.08	
(2) Supplies and repairs	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,599.64	
(3) Replacement of buses	3,118.63	1,559.32	4,677.95	4,105.00	3,700.00	
(4) Insurance	300.00	300.00	600.00	600.00	543.91	
(5) Other expense of transportation	800.00	480.00	1,280.00	1,280.00	1,103.25	
3. Other Auxiliary Agencies:						
(1) School lunch						
a. Personal service	1,530.00	1,530.00	3,060.00	2,970.00	2,183.00	
b. Supplies and other expense					62.07	
4. Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies	\$18,248.63	\$ 9,619.32	\$27,867.95	\$28,155.00	\$25,001.93	\$21,889.04

VI. FIXED CHARGES						
(Exclusive of items included under V-2)						
1. Insurance	\$ 1,432.00	\$ 1,432.00	\$ 2,864.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 747.34	
2. Rent	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	2,146.06	
3. Retirement	2,301.14	2,301.15	4,602.29	5,000.00	7,286.02	
4. Other fixed charges Soc. Sec.	1,433.65	1,433.65	2,867.30	2,418.00	82.45	
5. Total Fixed Charges	\$ 5,666.79	\$ 5,666.80	\$ 11,333.59	\$ 9,818.00	\$ 10,261.87	\$ 5,573.30

VII. CAPITAL OUTLAY						
2. New buildings	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,292.89	
3. Additions and alterations to buildings	8,365.00	8,365.00	16,730.00	3,997.00	1,624.49	
4. Library books	668.00	494.00	1,162.00	900.00	609.61	
6. Furniture, fixtures and other equipment	600.00	2,323.00	2,923.00	2,500.00	2,578.13	
8. Other capital outlay—Band	545.00	545.00	1,090.00	600.00	368.49	
9. Total Capital Outlays	\$10,178.00	\$11,727.00	\$21,905.00	\$ 7,997.00	\$ 7,473.61	\$ 7,768.54

IX. EMERGENCY				\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	
TOTAL SCHEDULE II—GENERAL FUND—Total Estimated Expenses						
Items 1-6, II -7, III-8, IV-5-V-4, VI-5 VII-9, VIII-3, IX				\$235,944.54	\$220,000.00	

Schedule VII		SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS, AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES, AND TAX LEVIES	
Estimation of Tax Levy (1)	General Fund Total Schedule II (3)		
1. Total estimated expenses	\$235,944.54		
DEDUCT:			
2. Total estimated receipts and available cash balances (Schedule I)	63,658.00		
3. Amount necessary to balance budget	172,286.54		
DEDUCT:			
5. Balance to be raised by taxation	172,286.54		
ADD:			
6. Estimated amount of taxes that will not be collected during the fiscal year for which this budget is made, including estimated rebate on taxes	2,800.00		
7. Total estimated tax levies for ensuing fiscal year	\$175,086.54		

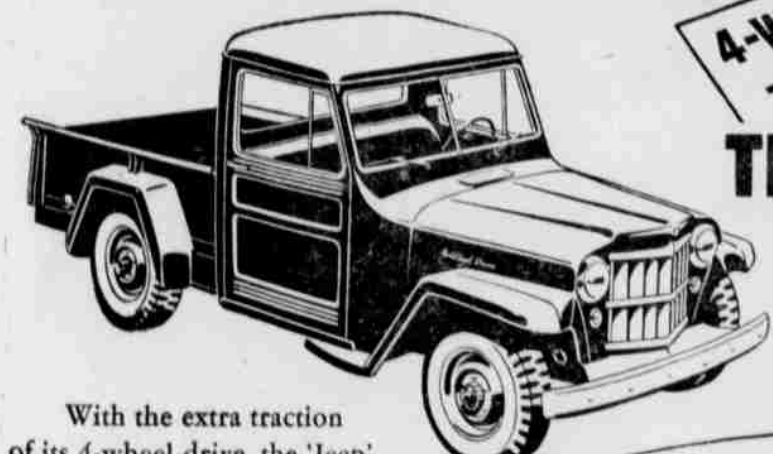
Dated this 15th day of March, 1955.
Signed: Nona R. Sowell, District Clerk
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Signed: Howard Bryant, Secretary, Budget Committee
R. B. Ferguson, Chairman, Budget Committee

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