

VARIED OPINIONS VOICED AT AIRING OF CITY BUDGET

Many Suggest Reductions in Expense List — Provision for Tax Delinquencies Is Main Objection Point

No definite action on the 1933 Medford budget was taken by the city council last night when the budget of \$172,000, as recommended by the budget committee, was presented at a public hearing at the city hall, attended by approximately 30 taxpayers.

For more than two and a half hours suggestions for changes in the budget, all aimed at reductions, were presented, then the meeting adjourned to reconvene Monday, at which time a budget will be adopted.

The council has until December 20 (next Tuesday) to file a report. At tax committee of the city were represented at the meeting and disapproval of the budget as it now stands was voiced by O. C. Boggs, representing the self-organized citizens' tax committee. Hamilton Patton of the Chamber of Commerce tax committee, A. W. Pipes, E. C. Gaddis, W. A. Gates, Bert Thierolf and George Iverson.

Others participating in the discussion were M. N. Hogan, A. C. Hubbard of the city budget committee, Emerson Merrick, Dr. B. H. Elliott and members of the city council.

Tax Delinquency Is Nxt. The leading objections centered around the provision in the 1933 budget for more than \$30,000 to care for tax delinquencies and specification in the emergency relief measure for widening of the Bear Creek bridge and the bottle neck on East Main street.

O. C. Boggs, leader in the opposition move, stated that the provision for tax delinquency was unsound and that the provision would place an extra and unjust burden upon the man who is paying his taxes, and thus discourage payments now coming in. More money would be received under a lower tax levy, he maintained.

In the report of the city budget committee it was shown that a total of \$36,500 bonds will have to be paid in 1933 and that the city is now short \$8000 for 1932, making a total of \$44,500. Working on the basis of the past year the city will collect 72.8 per cent of this in taxes, leaving a deficit of \$11,000, which is the amount asked in the budget provision for bonds. The other \$30,000 asked will be used in the general fund, to avoid floating warrants.

In levying for delinquency, it was pointed out by budget committee members, the man who pays is not penalized. Since there is a limitation period of six years on delinquencies, taxes now unpaid will be coming in during that period of time, and as they come in the levy will be lowered. The budget law prevents the council spending more than the budget provides. If a surplus is realized by better payment of taxes, it must be deducted from the succeeding tax levy.

Object to Widening. Objections to the widening of East Main street at Bear creek bridge were answered by A. C. Hubbard, who stated that the property owners of the section would pay \$12,000 of the \$17,000 estimated as the cost of the project, leaving the city about \$5000 to be paid out of the emergency relief fund. In carrying out this improvement, he also stated 60 per cent of the money would be spent in labor and 40 per cent in materials, providing work to a great number of the unemployed.

Before the Bear creek designation was included, the budget committee had decided to establish an emergency relief fund of \$5000 requested by relief agencies of the city to provide work to the unemployed.

Several years ago the city entered into an agreement with Gene Childers for an exchange of property, and agreed to do certain work on the bridge in the way of widening it. The agreement has never been fulfilled.

Holds Theory Unsound. Hamilton Patton stated, for the members of the Chamber of Commerce tax committee, that that group believes, regardless of the legality of the delinquency provision, that the principle is wrong, the theory unsound, not economic and that it should not be accepted.

E. C. Gaddis, former mayor of the city, stated that a retrenchment program was necessary and that the people were willing to get along with less service in order to obtain lower taxes.

Emerson Merrick added that he could not understand why those desiring cuts in every other department should desire an increase in the budget for the library. Mr. Boggs, a member of the library board, stated that the book supply is very inadequate and books more needed now than in good times.

A. W. Pipes stated that the people are on the verge of a tax strike and that if taxes were cut to the bone they might have a change of mind and make a great effort to pay. W. A. Gates maintained that the city's business should be adjusted to fit its income, as all private businesses have been. "If we can't afford the service we're accustomed to," he declared, "we'll have to get along without it," he declared.

Suggested cut in the city fire department was silenced when Councilman P. M. Kershaw announced that such a cut would bring increased insurance costs.

The budget committee maintained its answer to complaints of the delinquency provision that the city can't afford to float warrants for the benefit of "money sharks," and that the bonds must be cared for as this city has never defaulted.

They're Happy



A son was born at a New York sanitarium to Barbara Bennett wife of Morton Downey, stage and screen singer. (Associated Press Photo)

Inch of Snow Covers Salem

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—An inch of crushed snow which became ice on the pavement covered Salem this morning. The temperature hovered just below freezing during the past night.

FABER TO FETE FOOTBALL TEAM OF ASHLAND HIGH

Don Faber, coach of the Ashland football team, is entertaining tonight with a banquet honoring his team. G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of schools, will act as toastmaster and referee of the event. As the entire program will be carried out along football lines, Principal B. C. Forsythe, who has helped Ashland through many athletic seasons, is acting as head linesman for the evening.

which, although the score was against it, exceeded expectations of many sportsmen, who predict that next year will give the team the experience and necessary weight to make Ashland a winner.

CITY THAWS OUT AFTER COLD SNAP

At 12:30 this afternoon the highest temperature since December 5 was reached, when the federal weather bureau reported a maximum of 44 degrees. W. J. Hutchinson, meteorologist, said this afternoon that prospects are good for some precipitation, and possibly some sleet.

NOODLE FACTORY IS NEW INDUSTRY

John Fischer, owner of the Swiss Creamery, has announced the establishment of another local industry, a noodle factory, to be called the Gold Medal Noodle company. The plant is located in a small building next to the creamery, and the owner plans to build as soon as the business expands.

wooden boxes, made by the Timber Products company. Mr. Fischer has several gold medals and awards won at exhibitions in Antwerp, Paris, Bern, Switzerland and at the Pacific Southwest Exposition in Long Beach in 1928.

This new industry employs three people at the present time, besides making a market for local milk, eggs and grain.

HALSEY—Tabernacle under construction here.

ELKS' CHRISTMAS PARTY SUCCESS

Turkeys, hams and groceries were toted out of the Elks' temple last night by members who had left good-bye donations for the Christmas car-

ity work which will be carried out by the lodge throughout the valley. The annual Christmas tree affair of the lodges was a success, as usual, despite the fact that some of the brothers pulled the dimes and dollars out of pockets a bit reluctantly at times.

An appetizing feed prepared by P. C. Bigham was a feature of the evening. NEWPORT—Robert E. and Lucile Davey purchased Bruce building.

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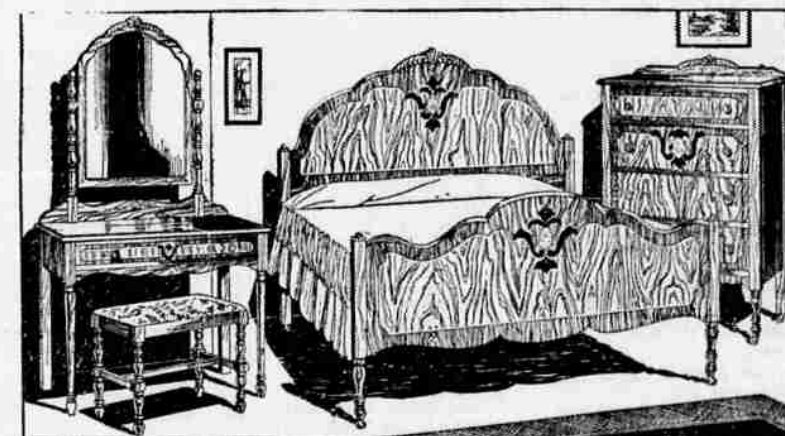
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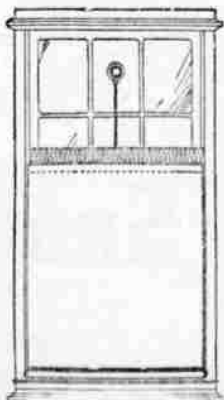
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