

Deficit of \$45,009,582 Seen in Budget For Oregon During 1955-57 Biennium

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Salem—(UP)—A deficit of \$45,009,582 is seen in the budget for the 1955-57 biennium which Gov. Paul L. Patterson will present to the 1955 Legislature opening Monday.

A budget totaling \$598,487,499 will be presented for overall requirements for the next two years beginning next July 1.

Despite some heavy cuts made by the budget division of the State Department of Finance and Administration, the total general fund requirements are listed at \$200,753,684, while anticipated revenues for the two-year period to meet these requests total \$155,744,101.

Building Program Extra
And this does not include a state building program of \$18,860,495, of which \$7,665,000 is requested by the State Board of Higher Education and \$10,305,000 by the State Board of Control.

In his budget message, Gov. Patterson informs the Legislature that he plans to discuss in his legislative message Monday, some appropriate means of raising additional revenue required to carry on the business of the state during the next biennium.

Paradoxically, the state will have a balance of \$108,704,133 in so-called dedicated funds—various self-sustaining state agencies and trust funds all of which, under the law, are not available for general fund purposes. These include the land board's irreducible school fund and highway revenues reserved for construction and maintenance of Oregon's highway system.

They also include the big reserve of the state unemployment compensation commission.

Pay Boosts Included
In his budget message Gov. Patterson says the huge balances that formerly existed and upon which recent legislative assemblies have relied to avoid deficits, no longer exist, as indicated by the fact that less than \$8,000,000 will be carried over from the present biennium to the next.

Budget request of departments supported by general fund appropriations and those that are self-sustaining, were slashed \$28,851,936 by the budget division. These budgets must now run the gauntlet of the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Legislature and further cuts are almost certain.

The budget provides for salary increases for the biennium for classified employees, but does not take into account increased payrolls that might result from adoption of recommendations of the legislative interim committee on compensation and retirement, based upon a survey of state employee classifications being conducted by the Barrington Associates of New York City. That interim committee met here this week with Barrington representatives, and indicated its report and recommendations to the Legislature will be ready about Jan. 19.

High Cost Anticipated
It is anticipated that the cost of placing the recommendations expected to be contained in the report would cost several hundred thousand dollars during the next two years. Both classified and unclassified positions are being reviewed in this survey. The classified are those under civil service.

The total of the approved budget for general fund appropriations—\$200,000,000—is about \$18,000,000 higher than the budget for the current biennium. More than 53 per cent of general fund expenses are for education, including basic school support of more than \$70,000,000 for the biennium.

Welfare takes 16 per cent and hospitals and state institutions about 11 per cent. Major increases in budget requirements were divided between three departments—welfare, higher education and basic school support, each asking about \$5,000,000 more than was granted for the present biennium. Substantial cuts were made in each group, although the reduction in the estimate of school children census or allocation of basic school support funds, make possible the budget cut, may be nullified if the estimates prove too low. The basic school support fund is made up on the basis of \$80 for each census school child in Oregon, and unless the law is amended, the appropriation must be made to cover this requirement.

Many Services Reduced
"In keeping the anticipated deficit as small as possible," Gov. Patterson says in his budget message, "many much needed services were reduced or eliminated entirely. If sufficient revenue can be found, it would be well to reconsider these seriously and provide funds where deemed essential."

The projected \$18,860,495 building program, not included in the general fund computations, includes \$10,305,000 submitted by the Board of Control. Of this \$1,250,000 is asked for the intermediate penal institu-

tion for which a site north of Salem and near St. Paul has been bought. The 1953 Legislature authorized the institution.

Total estimated cost of the intermediate institution is placed at \$4,800,000. An original appropriation of \$1,250,000 was made by the 1953 Legislature. If the 1955 Legislature gives \$1,250,000 again for the coming biennium, an additional \$2,300,000 will be required to complete the project in the 1957-59 biennium.

Mental Hospital Money Asked
The Board of Control is asking for \$6,330,000 for construction of a mental hospital in the

Portland area, twice approved by the voters. Total cost of this project is estimated at \$14,000,000. If the request for the next biennium is granted, future legislation will be asked to appropriate the remaining \$7,420,000 possible over a period of six years.

The \$7,665,000 building program of the State Board of Higher Education for the next biennium includes \$1,800,000 for an agricultural and biology building and \$1,500,000 for a building, both at the Oregon State College; \$850,000 for classrooms and laboratories at Portland

State College, and \$660,000 for an administration wing at University of Oregon. Also included are building requests for the three colleges of education. The board is asking \$132,802 for a training school addition; \$91,400 for remodeling the old training school, and \$287,601 for a library building at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. It asks \$360,000 for a library and classroom building at Southern Oregon College at Ashland. And it asks \$16,800 for a warehouse and \$283,699 for a library and museum at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

Manager E. K. Ricker has named a committee of five members of the administrative staff to make a space planning survey, in a move designed to afford greater convenience in the conduct of the domiciliary's business.

The need for revision of the original arrangement of departments, facilities and operating units in the overall plan of the domiciliary as a functioning unit has been apparent for some time.

As the program of activities has developed, several inconveniences and inconsistencies have been noted. The first of these, in the grouping of offices for special services, has been corrected.

Another feature of planning has been the location of new facilities, such as the building to house features in the physical medicine schedule. The building now housing the supplemental recreation program was originally opened for the rehabilitation features, convenient both to the medical and special services activities.

The space planning committee has already acted on one important change, deciding to move the laboratory from the

arts and crafts building to the medical building where it is incorporated in the clinical setup around the infirmary.

Also involved in this program is the problem of enlarging the arts and crafts space allotment, to provide for the growing needs in this activity, together with a better coordination of interest in proximity of the hobby shop, now located in the guard house building at the far end of the reservation.

A furniture refinishing project which is just being inaugurated as a phase of the domiciliary rehabilitation program will be allocated space in arts and crafts.

Assistant Manager R. H. Denning is chairman of the space planning committee, which will function as the need arises. The committee also includes Dr. C. K. Todd, chief medical officer; R. H. Ruffin, domiciliary officer; Burton Sims, engineer officer; and Vest Fleeman, supply officer.

Manager Ricker also approved a change in the method of conducting the manager's court. Assistant Manager Denning and Supply Officer Fleeman were designated to preside at the hearings of infractions committed by members.

A more formal court atmosphere is provided in reviewing the cases, with the domiciliary officers and company captains appearing to present the nature of the complaint.

The "detained" members are now brought from the guard house to the administration building, where court is held adjacent to the manager's office. Heretofore the assistant manager serving as judge had to go to the guard house daily for these hearings.

Among the advantages of the new arrangement will be the avoidance of confusion in moving about from place to place and in making it easier for new members as well as visitors to find their way about in the maze of hallways and buildings.

WATER DISTRICT TO VOTE
A special election for the purpose of electing two commissioners for the Jacksonville highway water district is set for Monday, Jan. 10, from 2 to 8 p.m., at the Oak Grove school. Nominees are Roscoe Hopper and Lyle B. Thurman.

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Northern California: Fair Sunday.

Samson Company Divided Into Three Different Firms

The division of the F. E. Samson company into three different firms was announced last week by F. E. Samson, founder of the business. At the same time Samson also announced his retirement from active business. He originated the company in 1929.

The original name will continue for one of the divisions, that of trucking and storage. The seed and feed division now is the Samson Seed and Feed company of Medford, according to Samson. Incorporation papers have been filed in Salem. Signers are Samson, Lyle E. White and Otto J. Fronhmayor.

White is the vice-president and general manager of the seed and feed division. He has been with the firm since 1948. Miss Margaret Dugan is the secretary-treasurer of the firm and Harold Hewlett is the assistant manager. Samson, though inactive in the business, is president. White, Miss Dugan and Hewlett are all stockholders.

Fuel Service
The third section of the original firm, the fuel division, has been purchased by J. C. (Pat) Kennedy, who has been in charge of that department since 1946. It will be known as Samson Fuel Oil Service.

The original F. E. Samson company store was at 229 North Riverside ave. In 1946 he incorporated the firm and for the past several years the company has been located at Fourth and Front sts.

Kennedy will continue to operate at the same location and lease space there. In addition to fuel oil he also deals in oil stoves and service for the stoves. He came to Medford in 1944 after being with the Standard Oil company at Richmond, Calif. for 18 years. He farmed here for two years and also owned the Talent Feed store before joining the Samson firm.

WOMAN INJURED
Phoenix—Mrs. Guy Prescott, 79, of 475 Chestnut st., Ashland, was hospitalized in Ashland Friday afternoon, after suffering leg injuries when she slipped and fell while starting to board a bus in Phoenix, according to Phoenix Police Chief Jim Perry and Medford Ambulance service attendants, who took her to Ashland. The injuries were not thought to be serious.

Television Set Tops List of Gifts Given To Couple by Friends

Dimes and dollars contributed by friends and neighbors in the Medford, Eagle Point, and Butte Falls areas have been used to purchase a television set for Mr. and Mrs. David Hannaford of Butte Falls.

The gift, which was presented to the Hannafords on Christmas eve, is the latest in a series of "community good deeds" for the family.

The good deeds started in September, 1953, shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford almost lost their lives in an automobile accident.

Both Mrs. Hannaford, who was expecting a baby, and her husband, were seriously injured, and extensive surgery was needed to save his life.

Immediately after the accident, neighbors took the Hannafords' cows to care for them during the winter months, sending the milk to market. Another neighbor cared for the smaller animals, and other friends cut, hauled and corded a winter's supply of wood for the family. All offers of payment were refused.

During their long convalescence, the Hannafords' friends and neighbors continued to help. One man sent them half his pay check, and others responded

with similar donations. Clothing, furniture, and enough food to last for a year was sent for the baby.

When plans were started to get the family a television set, everyone wanted to help. Employees of Courtesy Chevrolet company in Medford donated toward the gift, although they were not acquainted with the family.

The TV set was purchased at Home Appliance company, and when the owners of the firm learned the purpose of the purchase, they sold the set at a reduced price.

18 New Diesel Units Ordered for SP Line

Ashland—Eighteen new diesel power units for railroad freight service on the Ashland-Dunsmuir section of the Southern Pacific line will be delivered this month, according to reports here.

They will each have 1,750 horsepower, with six driving axles. The new units will be heavier than those now in service on the same section. It is planned to use three-unit sections, providing a total motive power of 5,250 horsepower.

Walter Leverette Defendant In Auto Crash Damage Suit

Walter Leverette, 65, of route 2, box 438B, Medford, has been named defendant in a \$76,338 personal damage suit filed this week in circuit court.

The suit was filed by attorneys for Richard L. Dorn, 778 Marshall ave., who was injured Oct. 26, 1954, when he was struck by a pickup truck operated by

Leverette. Dorn was working as a transit man with a state highway crew on Highway 99 north of Medford when the accident occurred.

Dorn's complaint charges that Leverette was "careless, reckless, and negligent" in six particulars. The complaint alleges that Leverette:

1. Failed to keep proper lookout for other persons.
2. Failed to keep a proper lookout and be watchful of the movements of his own vehicle.
3. Failed to have his vehicle under management to the extent that he could stop or swerve before a collision.
4. Drove at a speed greater than reasonable or prudent under existing conditions.
5. Drove his automobile without due caution and without circumspection.
6. Failed to drive in the right hand lane at a time when that lane was available for traffic.

Injuries which the complaint says Dorn received in the accident included cuts on his head, face and body; bruises, severe brain concussion, a whip lash injury to his neck, two broken teeth and permanent damage to four others, and severe shock. The plaintiff asks \$500 special damages, \$838 for loss of earnings, and \$75,000 general damages.

At the time of the accident, Dorn was in the southbound lane of Highway 99 near Elk Lumber company, locating marks for a crew to use in painting stripes on the highway. Leverette told officers he took his eyes from the road for a moment, to look at a passing car and to adjust his rearview mirror, and struck Dorn without seeing him.

Leverette was not held by police following the accident.

NLRB Ruling Effects Small Lumber Firms

San Francisco—(UP)—The National Labor Relations Board in Washington has come up with a precedent-setting ruling which will have a "marked effect" on small lumber companies in California.

The unanimous ruling, declares in effect that a lumber company doing less than \$50,000 annual business in inter-state shipments and less than \$100,000 yearly business in intra-state shipments does not come under NLRB jurisdiction.

The ruling specifically concerned a case before the board in which the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) charged that the Mast Lumber Co. of Laytonville, Calif., fired three men for "union activities."

Bates Candy Firm Files Incorporation

Salem—(UP)—Articles of incorporation were filed here last week for Bates Candy Co., Inc., Medford general jobbing firm in sale of candy, tobacco, beverages, groceries and sundries. They were signed by L. W. Bates, Doris B. Bates and George Wilster.

The firm has previously been unincorporated, it was explained by the proprietors last week, and the filing of articles simply changes the type of organization to a corporation.

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