County Budget Estimates Show Increases In Most Offices; Treasurer Down

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The high cost of living and of everything else will be reflected again this coming fiscal year in the county's official spending, unless the budget estimates prepared by the various county department heads are whittled on considerably.

Virtually every phase of county government and business is requesting more money to spend this year than last. A few minor functions are asking for just the same amount of money received for the 1946-47 fiscal period, and one county officer figures he can get along on less.

That bright spot in the fiscal picture is the office of the county treasurer, the little cubbyhole upstairs in the courthouse where Chet Langslet holds forth.

Last year Langslet's office had a budget allowance of $5440. For 1947-48 he wants only $5400. A reduction of 40 bucks—not much, of course, but possibly an indication that at least some government officials know how to ask for less money rather than more.

The difference is made up in a smaller request for supplies—envelopes, letterheads and the like.

The current expense budget for 1946-47 was $380,983, and the preliminary estimates of department heads thus far indicate that the unwhittled figure for next fiscal year will be over $440,000.

Road Budget Up

That doesn't include the amounts asked for roads, libraries, fair board, armory and the like. Those estimates are up, too. For instance, the county road budget called for a layout of $376,330. The preliminary road estimate for next year is $403,220.

In the current expense budget estimates most of the boosts asked for could be described as "substantial." Included are these:

Last year the county court had $16,535; next year it wants $20,790.

Last year the steriff and tax office had $48,030; next year that department would like to have $51,825.

Last year the county clerk was allowed $31,090; next year he wants $41,830. Most of this increase is to forestall a deficit in the election fund.

Last year the assessor's office needed $15,110; next year the request is for $17,820.

Last year the district attorney was allowed $6110 for his office; next year his estimate calls for $8030.

Last year's budget for the surveyor's office was $400. For next year the surveyor has submitted an estimate for $12,000. That increase is contingent upon a pay-claim suit now being tried in circuit court.

Care of Poor

For care of poor not at the county farm, the welfare office asks $46,750. Budgeted last wear for that item was $36,750. The infirmary wants $24,400 in place of $19,200 for last year.

Similar increases show up in almost every estimate thus far submitted to the county court.

When all the estimates are in and shuffled together in some semblance of order, the county court will go over the figures. Each department head will be called in to explain, and possibly defend, his budget request. Undoubtedly there will be some paring of the estimates come of the county court's perusal.

Then the county budget committee, composed of R. P. Ellingson, Alfred Collier and Gene Hammond, will be handed the figures for further study and possibly still further cuts. After that the proposed Klamath county budget for 1947-48 will be published, and a public hearing conducted on the document.

At the time of the hearing the taxpayer has his inning and theoretically a chance to whittle some more dollars off the budget. However, for the past several years these budget hearings have become mere formalities. The taxpayers, apparently satisfied, don't show up to protest, and the budget as outlined by the budget committee goes into effect.

Off To School—For The Company

Elmer H. Balsiger, (left) owner of the Balsiger Motor company, bids his son Eston good travel, as he leaves for the Ford Motor company merchandising school in Dearborn, Mich, where he will attend a five-week course.

Balsiger To Attend School

Eston E. Balsiger, 1948 Esplanade, sales manager for the Balsiger Motor company, Klamath Falls, has been chosen to represent the Richmond district at the Ford Motor company's new merchandising school which opens at Dearborn, Mich., May 5.

Richmond district takes in all the territory north of Bakersfield in California, all of Oregon and Washington and part of Idaho. Balsiger is one of five representatives chosen from 11 western states.

He has been with the nearly quarter-century old company, Balsiger Motor, as sales manager since he returned from service in the air corps over a year ago, and before that he worked there during summer vacation from school. He was in the service four years and eight months, is a graduate of the University of Oregon, is 28 years old and married. His wife accompanied him to Michigan where he will attend the five weeks' course offered by the Ford Motor company.

They left Klamath Falls Friday and expect to return about July 1.

Donors Found By Radio

CLEVELAND, May 8 (AP)—Answering a radio appeal sandwiched between programs of two comedians, donors with a rare blood type last night came to the rescue of a French war bride giving birth to her first baby.

Mrs. Christine Lore, 20-year-old wife of James Lore, veteran of the Normandy invasion, was losing blood when she arrived at a hospital yesterday expecting her first child. Her blood was the rare BRH negetive type and hospital calls to the American Red Cross and other institutions had succeeded in obtaining only one pint. More than 100 responded to a radio appeal.

Three pints of the precious fluid were rushed to the hospital. Mrs. Lore gave birth to a son — and both mother and baby are reported "doing fine."

Cornett Issues Burning Warning

A proclamation has been issued by acting Governor Marshall E. Cornett warning that any burning operations in Oregon forests will require a state permit.

Permits are to be issued by fire wardens or rangers under the ban which followed the state forestry department's report that dangerous fire conditions exist in many sections.

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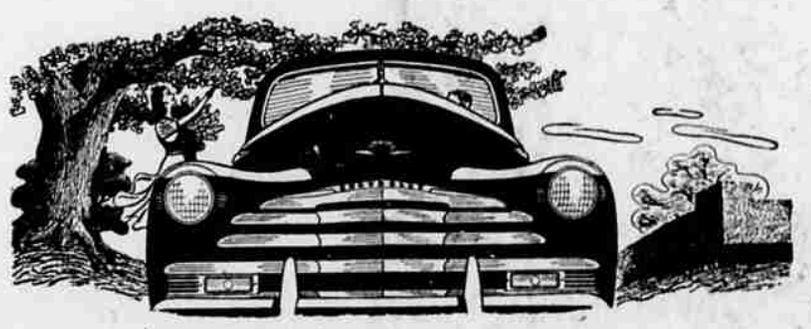
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