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Local Budgets

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
In line with the look at the state budget last Friday, let's take a careful look at local budgets, also. In his taxation report, Dr. Sly cautioned that the state must exercise "restraint on expenditures from its property tax base."

All our local budgets, city and county, and city and county schools depend for a great part on property tax assessments for the greater share of their budgets.

It might be enlightening to take a careful look at the budgets of these groups and compare them. Comparing budgets for the past five years, 1953-54 budgets with those of the 1958-59 year, we turn up these facts.

The budget for the city of Klamath Falls has increased from approximately \$1,200,000 in 1953-54 to \$1,603,000, up \$403,000, about a 33 per cent increase, or approximately the six per cent yearly increase permissible.

In the county, the budget has gone from \$2,216,000 in 1953-54 to their current figure of \$2,640,000, an increase of over \$400,000, or about 15 per cent increase.

In the schools, the city elementary has jumped from a budget of \$879,000 in 1953-54 to \$1,189,000 in 1958-59, an increase of about \$310,000 or about a 35 per cent increase.

The KUHS budget has gone from \$569,000 in 1953-54 to a current figure of \$778,000, an increase of \$209,000, or a percentage boost of about 37 per cent.

In the county schools, the budget figures have jumped from \$1,479,227 in 1953-54 to a total of \$2,639,927 in 1958-59, an increase of \$1,160,000, or a percentage increase of just about 80 per cent.

Let's summarize those percentage increases over the past five years:
County schools — 80 per cent boost.
KUHS — 37 per cent.
City elementary — 35 per cent.
City of K. Falls — 30 per cent.
County — 15 per cent.

These figures are exclusive of building funds and special bond issues, and are confined only to operating budgets.

Certainly, if the Sly report is meant to restrict big increases in state budgets, it also cautions against expanding any further against property tax revenues.

I find myself in full agreement with Dr. Sly that the state, nor the county, or city or schools is in a position to make any sharp increases in expenditures.

All levels of spending must be held in tight restraint for the time being.

Cat Tale

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Friends of ours who came from Montana earlier this year with their 13-year-old daughter and nine-year-old cat have just come through a harrowing experience.

On arriving in Klamath Falls, the family took an apartment and the cat took a dim view of the confining quarters after the wide Montana tracts where she had the horses and other animals for companions.

Hoody, the cat, so named by the daughter who, at four, thought the kitten bore a striking resemblance to the hoot owl in her book of nursery rhymes, was delighted, therefore, when the family moved into a house. Every tree had to be climbed and the weeds and the river bank investigated. The supply of bathtubs was unlimited and there were birds to stalk again.

The settling-in process appeared to be going along uneventfully until a recent late afternoon when Hoody showed up at the door and scratched to get in and was just as hastily shoos back outside again.

Hoody had somewhere gotten into such proximity with a skunk that her whole face, ears, chest and forelegs were beaded with the oily secretion a skunk uses in its gas attacks.

A hurried call to veterinarians brought a variety of replies, ranging from the advice to leave the cat outside until she had cleansed herself to giving her repeated baths with tomato juice, on the theory that the acid would cut the oil and the stench.

Hoody is a dearly beloved feline. Her mistress slipped out of her going-down-town-to-Christmas shop clothes, donned jeans, an old sweat shirt, rubber gloves and a full length expendable raincoat and swathed her curls in an old towel. Cat and tomato juice in hand, she repaired to the garage with the complete supply of cleaning cloths and went to work. The cat was bathed in tomato juice and dried, then bathed and dried. Hoody became ill and up-chucked. Hoody's mistress wasn't having an easy

time of it, either, but finally it appeared that progress was being made.

Eventually she thought she could risk a water bath for Hoody in the house and that got rid of the tomato juice which had quelled the skunk aroma to a major degree by that time.

The rags got wrapped and garbaged and the later towels, etc., came out of the washer sweet-smelling and finally all the water got wiped up and Hoody encased in the top of the little clothes hamper in front of the bathroom heater where she spent most of the next two days.

It is probably important to learn that tomato juice is the antidote for skunk, but we wonder if we would have had as much fortune as our friend.

She's from Montana, though, and they develop fortitude up there.

When she told us the story at a coffee last week she added another bit of information that was new to us.

Moth balls, she says, will drive a skunk out from under a house or porch.

Might be a good idea to keep a few mothballs on hand and, especially for those of us who live out away, toss a couple under the porch from time to time as a preventive measure.

Leo Carey

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—It takes a real laugh master to retain the true comedy touch for three decades.

One who has never lost his skill at tickling the national funnybone is Hollywood director Leo McCarey.

"I'm accused of being the latest man in the business," said Leo, who has a weatherbeaten face and dark snapping eyes.

"In over 30 years I've only made about 25 pictures. Some men in that time have turned out 200, or even 300."

But McCarey has won three Oscars and been nominated for two more. And his roster of films include such landmarks as "The Awful Truth," "Ruggles of Red Gap," "My Favorite Wife," "Indiscretion," "Going My Way," and "The Bells of St. Mary's."

Leo over the years has been one of Hollywood's top money earners. He has a great gift for friendship, and his friends have ranged from Jack Dempsey and the late Jack Barrymore to a host of colorful unknowns, in practically every walk of life.

An associate said this is McCarey's unspoken creed: "Never go up the hill alone."

Son of a famous West Coast boxing promoter, Leo became a lawyer and still brags he came from active practice with a perfect record: He never won a case.

He started in pictures as a script clerk, directed a number of the Charlie Chase and Laurel and Hardy comedies. They gave him a love for pantomime that has never left him, and he still likes to write with his camera as much as his typewriter.

"Everything I do is partly visual," he remarked. "I love pantomime. I revel in it. Words are necessary, but the movies are still a very visual art. I like wherever possible to let action tell the story."

Whether he takes a writing credit or not, Leo almost always takes a firm hand in shaping the final script.

"Nobody should tell a story who is not a story teller," he said. "The writer is the story teller, and the future of movies is to have more directors who are also writers."

"I find it easier to direct characters I have created rather than those created by someone else. You know them better as people."

A stout defender of Hollywood, McCarey says its biggest need now—and always has been—fresh ideas.

"The truth is," he added, "that every time you have a novel idea, it is hard to find people willing to put their money into it — because it doesn't remind them of something else that has been successful."

Worried Man

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The political beat where I work is more noise than substance just now so I've been browsing again in the little volume of the collected writings of my father, the late Harmon D. Wilson.

My father used to write a column in Arthur Capper's Topeka (Kan.) Daily Capital. He often wrote about a character he called "the worried man." My father was a good man and he really wasn't worried much. He used to write, and mean it, that he was perfectly reconciled — would be wholly satisfied — if he just could succeed in being a good average man. He was, in fact, way above average. He never tasted alcohol in any form, but he was not a prohibitionist. He didn't smoke much, but he had a pipe and old Carrie A. Nation, a battle-axe if ever was, stormed into the office one day and beat up his pipe with her hatchet. My father thought that was funny and wrote a piece about it for his column, but the piece I am borrowing today is one he wrote about "the worried man." My father knew what men worried about. This is the piece:

"I frequently wonder how it is that I hold my job. Half the time, when I receive my check at the end of the week, I expect also to get a note informing me that my services are no longer needed; that it is time for me to hunt a new job. There may be no real reason for this, but I cannot get over the feeling. I do my best with the tasks that are assigned to me, and try in every manner to please my employers. But in spite of all I can do, I am continually meeting people who tell me how my work should be done."

"They tell me that I did this thing wrong, and that I fell down miserably when I attempted to do something else. They are continually pointing out errors of judgment and telling me how much better things could have been done. I am painfully aware of the deficiencies in my work, but I find that my wise friends are on to my failings in better shape than I am. It is on this account that I wonder so frequently how it is that I manage to hold my job."

I meet so many people who are doing nothing, and who tell other people how much better they could do my work, that it is a constant source of surprise to me that my employer does not give me the bounce and put some man in my place who is really competent.

"I intend to query a lot of my working friends to ascertain if my experience is a common one. If it is, I am going to quit worrying; but if it turns out that others are not criticized as I am, then I am going to hunt a new job, in order to have a place to light when I am fired."

My mother was alarmed when this piece appeared. But my father reassured her, explaining that his boss wouldn't be chump enough to fire him, and he never did.

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American Telephone is owned by more stockholders than any other company in the nation. Some 1,600,000 stockholders make up the lists of this utility giant which also is larger than any other business organization in the nation.

This split, amounting to three shares for one, should bring in even more stockholders, possibly sending the total well above two million in a short time.

As usual in a case of this kind the initial buying went wild and the stock rose a lot faster than it might have if the split had come a short time ago when the Street was better prepared for it.

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The split-up reports have come over the years on telephone stock. The denials of the past recall to traders' minds the old statement that when Erie pays a dividend, hell will freeze over. Erie directors knocked that one out but abandoned the dividend again this year because of the recession.

This stock market has proved itself a barometer of business for some time. It sensed the coming recession after it hit its high in 1957 and the industrial average fell 100 points in discounting it.

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The economists had said the recovery process would be a long, dreary one. The market said: "No it will be swift and short." The market hit the nail right on the head.

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business experts and now it has demonstrated also that it has an insight into directors' thinking that isn't shared by corporation heads.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The annual Christmas program was presented by school pupils here Thursday evening, December 18. There were state decorations about the auditorium as well as a lighted tree.

The second and third graders wrote their own story and planned the dramatization for it, according to Earl Rice, principal, who emceed the program.

Karen Moran and Judy Dubois, eighth grade pupils, wrote another of the skits enacted. It was a takeoff on visiting relatives. The cast presented a program within the play, featuring accordion selections as well as readings.

Vocal groups sang several numbers, including "Jingle Bells" and "Up on the Housetops." Mr. and Mrs. Rice directed the program. Mrs. May O'Keeffe was piano accompanist.

Bobby Rosebrook was stage manager and Judy Dubois handled the recorded music between scenes.

DUNSMUIR — Five new bobcats were welcomed into Pack 98, Cub Scouts, at the December meeting in the Hotel Dunsmuir.

Dan Padilla, Greg Hamilton, Eddie Wilson, Mike Hamilton and Joe Jarvis were presented with bobcat pins by Cubmaster Harold Walsh, assisted by their mothers and den mothers.

Den 6 opened the meeting with the flag ceremony. Den 8 led the opening song. Den 3 gave an explanation of the pack budget and the various uses of the \$3 annual dues. Den 2 gave an Indian skit on the values of Cub Scouting and the meaning of the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the pack.

Boys receiving awards were Pat Kostiz, Mike Fay, Mike Kostiz, Mike Flannery, Gene Bersos, Gene Goodrich, Harry Eastlick, Bob Wheeler, Timmy Murphy, Bruce Linebarger, Lee Osborn and Eddie Owens.

The meeting concluded with Cubmaster Walsh reading a special Christmas story with Cub Scouts providing the sound effects. Den 6 provided a Christmas tree complete with ornaments.

There are now eight dens in Pack 98. Plans are being made to reactivate Pack 94 in January.

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Ervin Edge, no operator's license, \$7.50.
Addie May Nixon, fall dim head, lights, \$5.
Michael Arthur Robinson, violation basic rule, \$7.50.
Benjamin Katz, no PUC permit, \$15 forfeited.
George David Wardell, fall display license, \$7.50.
Edmond Joseph Dwyer, fall display license, \$5.
Frank George Charles, drunk public highway, \$50 or 22 1/2 days in lieu of fine; committed.
Temple John Prestlar, drunk public highway, 30 days and \$100 fine and costs or 47 1/2 days in lieu of fine; committed.
Jessie Dean Nero, burglary not in a dwelling, waived preliminary hearing, ordered held grand jury, bond set \$3,000; remanded to custody of sheriff.
Shelby Lawlor, drunk public highway, \$50 forfeited.

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