



Washington.—Some seventeen or eighteen years ago when I was a staff writer for the Associated Press, I was called upon to write the "lead" or general story about the annual estimates of expenditures sent to congress that day. The late L. C. Probert was my chief. He read my story and ordered me to rewrite the first paragraph, saying: "You ought to stress that total more; make it read something to the effect that 'billion dollar congress has arrived.' Show where these government expenditures are heading."

The circumstance impressed me for some reason. I can recall the incident as vividly as though it were yesterday. "The era of billion dollar congresses appears to be upon us" but it was one of those incidents that was just a good story to a writer. Little did I realize then what it would mean when viewed from the perspective, say, of 1938, for only the other day President Roosevelt submitted the annual estimates, now called the budget, for the next fiscal year. The call was for \$6,869,943,000. That was not all. He said there likely would be additional requests for money later and he added a most significant expression or observation that probably we can expect the annual federal budget to run around seven billion dollars in the future.

In truth, where are these government expenses heading? And what do they mean in the lives of present and future citizens and taxpayers? What does it mean in taxation, especially when one considers that besides this list of scheduled expenditures, there is a little matter of thirty-eight billion dollars in national debt? Then, we ought to remember there has been a deficit for nine successive years—nine years during which the government has spent more than it received in income, and there probably will be at least one more.

As the figures were approved by the President and sent to the capitol, the government will spend \$539,000,000 (its deficit) more during the fiscal year that starts next July 1 than taxes will bring into the treasury. That means, of course, more borrowing and more borrowing means an increase in the public debt. Onward and upward! Or should we say it in a revised form: upward—and upward!

Most of the newspapers made headlines out of several items because they were huge, immense. Attention was called to the fact that the appropriation for national defense—the army, the navy, the marine corps—was \$991,000,000. That was the greatest peacetime total in history. They also referred at length to a billion dollar appropriation for relief, and to an item of \$976,000,000 in interest on the public debt, and to \$538,000,000 for pensions to veterans of wars.

These are startling in their size. They should occasion comment. Sometimes I think it requires staggering totals to cause people to stop and think a bit. Maybe these will do that. But in any event, the budget just submitted to me seems to carry some additional significance, matters that deserve more thought than the size of those items mentioned. I refer to the general trend as exemplified by the President's remark that we may expect seven billion dollar budgets in the future.

As to that indication, is it not about time to call a halt? If throughout the nearly twelve hundred pages of figures in the budget, as printed, everywhere one can point to new items or expansion of old ones. When I say new items, I refer to expenditures that have come along in the last six or eight years. Scores of them have bobbed up in the last four or five years in the great war on the depression; others have just bobbed up.

I prefer, therefore, to call attention to these scads of little items that, like so many holes in a tank, are allowing public money to flow away without trace or benefit. That is why I think there should be a good deal of attention paid to the general heading in the budget "independent units." Because, tucked away in the list is where the dangers lie.

It is made to appear that we cannot avoid such expenditures as those for national defense, those for veterans who have served their country well, those in payment of interest on a debt that ought not to be so great. There is not much chance, therefore, to effect economy in that direction. Thus, it seems that if the President is sincere about reducing government expenditures and if the politicians in congress have any courage, they had better start looking at the children that are growing up. I mean the children of older government agencies as well as the new children whose parents are politicians.

In this connection, let us advert to that budget mentioned at the opening of this discussion. The Department of Commerce that year was getting something like seven million dollars, as I recall. In this year's budget the appropriation is for \$44,710,000.

Now, I assume some one will point out that the functions of the Department of Commerce have expanded immeasurably. That is true. The development of aviation has added many millions to the required expenditure of that government agency. In other words, the federal government has to meet new conditions just like its citizens must meet new conditions. But the point I am trying to make is this: there are enough of those necessary expenditures, outgo that cannot be avoided because they represent real governmental functions, without adding a lot of trick schemes, visionary ideas, theoretical possibilities to the functions of the federal government.

There is not space here to list them, but every one of the older agencies has been guilty of biting off new appropriations through the medium of a new child or two or three of its own every few years. I am not suggesting, therefore, that those established agencies, those that have proved necessary, are to be cut out. I am only proposing they be restricted.

I have authority, too, for terming many of these expenditures waste. The authority is the comptroller general of the United States. The comptroller general sent his annual report to congress recently. In it he charged there had been wanton waste of government money by most of the federal agencies. He did not charge dishonesty—just something like weak minds in the way they planned and spent and did not keep books to show exactly what had happened.

The comptroller general, R. N. Elliott, told congress that there was a regular campaign going on among what is usually called the spending agencies of the government to get control of their spending without checkups by the general accounting office. There are continued efforts, he said, "to secure for spending agencies legislation making further surrender by the legislative branch (congress) of its right and authority to direct by law the use of public funds." Of course, Mr. Elliott made no reference to the President's repeated demands of congress for what is called "blank check" appropriations. There were few persons, however, who failed to connect the two. The report singled out the Department of Justice, the War and Navy departments and a whole flock of the independent children as agencies that are getting out of line in keeping track of what they do with their appropriations.

From these facts, it may be apparent to every one that a real need exists for a tight grip by congress on appropriations and an absolute cessation of the great game of starting new agencies.

And here is a story about one teeny, weeny item of government expenditures. It is a story that seems to belie the discussion above about waste by the government agencies. The fact is that the story shows how niggardly the government is in some instances when we all know how wanton waste and recklessness characterize larger spending.

Brig. Gen. Harold C. Reisinger, of the marine corps, is being court-martialed on a charge that he "padding" his personal expense account by \$77.35. That is to say the general may be dishonorably discharged after a useful life and perhaps even jailed because the claim is made that he did not spend as much money as his voucher showed.

OWYHEE

The Owyhee Parent Teachers held their regular meeting at the school house Friday afternoon. The chairman of the Round-up committee presented the National Round-up certificate showing the completion of the years work in that line. Each member was requested to bring their P. T. A. dues to the next meeting. A committee was appointed to plan a Founders Day program, and plans for a play were also discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeBord of Payette were dinner guests of the Klingbacks Sunday.

The election of officers at the Owyhee C.E. last Sunday resulted as follows: president, Henry Mitchell; vice president, Russell Patton; secretary, Louise Klingback and treasurer Doc Douglass.

Mrs. Chas. Bradley will be hostess to the Owyhee Community club on Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Critton entertained the Pleasant Hour club last week. An especially good attendance is reported and two new members were added to the roll. Work on their quilt progressed nicely and delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

An appreciative audience attended the special meeting of the Owyhee Dramatic club given in honor of the parents. The program consisted of songs, readings and skits by the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Burke are visiting at the parental O. R. Hite home.

At the regular meeting of the Owyhee Dramatic club last Wednesday evening officers for the year were elected as follows: Russell Patton, president; Henry Mitchell, vice president; Nadine Crocker, secretary and Juanita Franklin treasurer.

The funeral of Claudio Arrien who died in Boise Sunday was held at St. Bernard Catholic church Tuesday morning. A number of friends from Boise were here for the services.

Gardner Skinner and Holmes Glover left Tuesday on the ION stage for Oakland where Gardner will enter school and Holmes will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenero Rementeria spent the first of the week in Boise returning Tuesday.

A son who has been named Carlton Franklin was born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fretwell of Arrock on January 13.

Bernard Maher, Charles Swisher and Arthur Whitby returned Wednesday from a three weeks auto trip to California points. They report a very fine trip.

A number of Basques went to Boise Wednesday to attend the funeral of Dion Letimendi who was drowned in Julia Davis park while trying to rescue two small boys last Sunday.

Miss Marie Marks went to Portland last Thursday.

Jap Duncan of Nampa was here to attend the Borders sale Monday.

making comforters. Two guests Mrs. Thora Waverley and Mrs. Rock Shelton and the following members were present: Mesdames Ewen Chard, Fred Boness, Archie Smith, and Wyatt Smith.

The sixth and part of the seventh grade cleverly dramatized their history lesson Friday. Monday the 4th grade dramatized one of their lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holmes and family spent Sunday at the parental Bill Toll home in Fruitland.

Mrs. George McKee went to Boise Sunday.

Glen Urey returned Sunday after spending the week with Oliver and Arthur Sykes of Ontario.

Juanita Fudge of Nyssa visited with Betty and Peggy Chard Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Smith visited in Payette Sunday with relatives. This is the first time she has been out since her recent illness. Her many friends are glad to hear that she is much improved.

Avis Uly returned home Sunday. She has been employed at the Highsmith home near Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holmes attended the entertainment presented by the Owyhee Dramatics club last Friday evening at Owyhee school.

Friday evening an achievement program will be given at Oregon Trail. Mr. Hauser will be present. All those interested in 4-H club work should plan to attend. The regular January PTA meeting will also be held at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Matherly, Yog Zittercob and Lee Dail spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lakey.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Splawn, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bullard were guests of the Al Bohys Sunday evening.

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HISTORY Was Made

January 20, 1778, West Point established.
January 20 1783, American Revolution ended.
January 21, 1928, Major Gen. Goethals died.
January 22, 1901, Queen Victoria died.
January 22, 1903, Panama Canal Treaty signed.
January 23, 1845, National Election Day fixed.
January 24, 1848, Gold Discovered in California.
January 25, 1860, Vice President Curtis born.
January 25, 1863, First colored regiment formed.
January 26, 1837, Michigan becomes State.
January 26, 1869, Bessemer Steel Converter patented.

Nyssa Heights
MRS. DAN CORBETT

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Suiter and children were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Harlan Maw in Beuna Vista. Miss Norman was Sunday night guest of Idaleen Maw.

H. C. Bennett has been ill with the flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Lunger and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Lynn Inglesby home near Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Willis and babies were week end guests at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Willis of Ontario.

Mrs. J. W. Moss was a dinner guest at the J. B. Quigley home in Nyssa Friday.

Reece Byram is on the sick list again this week with a relapse of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith called Friday at the J. Wolf home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartholoma and children called at the Harry Gahsan home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Graham is reported ill with the flu this week.

Mary and John Scott have been absent from school on account of severe colds.

Don Rardon was a guest at the Webb Pennie home Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Anderson called on Mrs. Glen Suiter and Mrs. Rbert Smith Monday afternoon and evening.

John Lake of Nampa was a overnight guest at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Glen Suiter. He and his brother-in-law Hal Evans left early Sunday morning for Butte, Montana.

Buena Vista News

Mr. Boyles is quite ill with pneumonia having taken sick last Saturday and was taken to the Dixon Nursing home at Nyssa in an ambulance.

S. B. Hoffman left for Nebraska Thursday where he will visit.

Mesdames C. H. Bennett, A. A. Jamieson from Richland district and Mesdames E. L. Jamieson and A. P. Goodell of Beuna Vista called Thursday afternoon at the Orrin Choot home.

Mrs. Ralph Boyles called to see Mr. Boyles at the Nursing home Sunday and found him some improved.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamieson and family ate Sunday dinner at the I. B. Allen home at Nyssa Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wycoff, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Goodell were Ontario visitors Wednesday.

The well at the S. B. Hoffman place has been completed, getting water at 317 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamieson called at the A. P. Goodell home Monday.

Bob White moved his family to Adrian the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oce Schweizer visited relatives in the Bend Monday.

Miss Delva Beers, Emma Young Florence Russell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe King Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Stradley and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stradley of Arcadia who were celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary that day.

Thursday the ladies of the PTA brought a hot dinner to the men folk who were working on the new PTA kitchen.

The Boy Scouts with their Scout Master Chas. Witty met in the PTA kitchen and cooked supper at their last meeting. Later they enjoyed a

game of Blackman.

Ruth Eastman is ill at her home with an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Howell of Weiser visited at the Cecil Cise home Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Sradley was luncheon guest of Mrs. M. A. Bradney Monday.

J. W. Scott and son Kle spent Sunday at the Search home in Arena Valley.

There will be a program at the Lower Bend school Saturday, January 22 sponsored by the PTA. Men and Boys vs Women and Girls, come out and see which can put on the best program. There will be no charge and we assure you a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell called on Mrs. Roy F. Perry of Adrian who had just returned from the Ontario hospital.

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Disgustedly yours,
Sally Switchkey.

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ARCADIA NEWS

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Vernon Walker spent the afternoon and evening Sunday with the Smith young folks.

O. J. Kurtz and Geo. Webster made a trip to Vale Tuesday to obtain material for the roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Corbett and sons called on Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis and Ella Hilton in Nyssa Sunday afternoon. Also at the Carl Roth home near Nyssa in the evening.

LINCOLN NEWS
By MRS. ED DUPRE

Miss Luise Hopper who is helping Mrs. Bill Leavitt visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hopper over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Labon Kelley of Vale and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Leavitt visited Grandma Leavitt Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young of Ontario were dinner guests of Mrs. Young's sister Mrs. Bill Leavitt and family.

Harvey Denham the upper grade teacher is ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Kinney. His mother Mrs. L. M. Denham and sister Doris of Oregon Slope visited him Monday. Mrs. Joe Blahnk is substituting for him while he is absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Emrick Holloway and son Leonard of Oregon Slope was Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hopper and family.

Bob Chadd visited over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Major Evans in Fruitland.

Bill Leavitt helped Luther Fritts drive about two carloads of cattle to the Ontario stock yards Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fulk of Oregon Slope and daughters Katherine Ester and Charlotte were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hopper en route to Los Angeles, California with a load of household goods. They plan to locate there.

The quarantine has been lifted on the White Redsell home and the children are all in school again.

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