

## OSU Study Provides Close Look At Costs Of Local Government

The cost of local government in Oregon has become quite substantial.

To illustrate: In fiscal year 1963-64, town and city governments in the state spent approximately \$117 million, the equivalent of more than \$50 for each Oregon resident.

Oregon State University agricultural economists R. C. Youmans and R. W. Carkner recently completed a study in which the level of expenditures made during 1963-64 by the governments of every incorporated Oregon community were compared.

Youmans and Carkner explain, "The study was undertaken in an effort to provide information that could assist local governments in making management decisions; help communities in evaluating their tax structures; attracting industry and generally achieving growth; and assist in assessments of overall economic efficiency among local governments."

Five categories of expenditure were considered in the study: general government, which covers administrative and management costs; public

works, which includes such items as sanitation, sewage and water works; fire protection; police and parks and recreation.

### VARY WIDELY

The OSU researchers report, "The cost of providing these services varied quite widely. For example, of 63 communities with less than 500 population, one provided the services for 71 cents per capita. Another provided the services for \$88.58 per capita."

Considerable variation also existed between towns of differing population. "For example," Youmans and Carkner note, "among 40 communities ranging in population from 1,000 to 2,500, lowest per capita cost for providing fire protection was \$6.76."

"Among 30 communities ranging in population from 2,500 to 5,000, highest per capita cost for providing fire protection was \$80.64."

The cost of providing a specific service also varies according to population. For example, the per capita expenditure made for police in Portland -- the state's only community with a

## WORK SMARTER - NOT HARDER

HERE'S A MONEY-SAVING idea for framing pictures. Mrs. Dorothy Brown, Oregon State University Extension home furnishings specialist, suggests using an inexpensive ready-made frame and rubbing on a paste shoe polish. Select the shade of polish to bring out the colors in the picture. Next, apply a coat of floor wax (naphtha base) to give luster. Liquid wax for wood floors should be used.

population in excess of 100,000--was \$15.79.

The OSU researchers report, "The cost for police then dropped immediately to an average of about \$9 per capita in communities with less than 100,000 down to 2,500 population. It then dropped again to an average of \$3.21 for communities with less than 500 population."

Youmans and Carkner point out that this study is only a starting point. What explains the wide variations in costs? Is it merely a matter of efficiency? Is the quality of the service being provided the deciding factor?

Further research will be needed to answer these important questions.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Budget for ADRIAN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT for fiscal year 1969-70, beginning July 1, 1969, as detailed and summarized in the accompanying schedules, was prepared on an accounting basis consistent with that used in prior years. Major changes, if any, and their effects on this budget are set forth in an accompanying statement. A copy of the budget document may be inspected between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. at Brown's Insurance Agency office in Adrian, Oregon. The budget document, or any portion of it, may be obtained free of charge at the foregoing location. A meeting of the Adrian Rural Fire District Board will be held May 22, 1969, at 8 p. m., at the Adrian Rural Fire Station, for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

EDWARD R. BRANDT  
Chairman of Governing Body  
Malheur County

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY - FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1969

| TAX LEVY COMPUTATION                                                | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Total Budget Requirements -----                                  | \$4,995.00      | \$4,995.00   |
| 2. Less Budget Resources, Except Taxes To Be Levied -----           | 1,000.00        | 1,000.00     |
| 3. Taxes Necessary To Balance Budget -----                          | 3,995.00        | 3,995.00     |
| 4. Add Taxes Estimated Not To Be Received During Ensuing Year ----- | 379.50          | 379.50       |

|                                   |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 5. TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED ----- | \$4,374.50 | \$4,374.50 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|

### ANALYSIS OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 6. Within 6% Limitation -----         | \$-----    | \$-----    |
| 7. Outside 6% Limitation -----        | 4,374.50   | 4,374.50   |
| 8. Not Subject to 6% Limitation ----- | -----      | -----      |
| 9. TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED -----     | \$4,374.50 | \$4,374.50 |

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY - FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1968

| TAX LEVY COMPUTATION                                                 | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | GENERAL FUND |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 10. Total Budget Requirements -----                                  | \$8,964.81      | \$8,964.81   |
| 11. Less Budget Resources, Except Taxes To Be Levied -----           | 1,000.00        | 1,000.00     |
| 12. Taxes Necessary To Balance Budget -----                          | 7,964.81        | 7,964.81     |
| 13. Add Taxes Estimated Not To Be Received During Ensuing Year ----- | 435.00          | 435.00       |

|                                    |            |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 14. TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED ----- | \$8,399.81 | \$8,399.81 |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|

### ANALYSIS OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED

|                                        |            |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 15. Within 6% Limitation -----         | \$-----    | \$-----    |
| 16. Outside 6% Limitation -----        | 8,399.81   | 8,399.81   |
| 17. Not Subject to 6% Limitation ----- | -----      | -----      |
| 18. TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED -----     | \$8,399.81 | \$8,399.81 |

### STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

None  
PETTY CASH  
None

### NOTICE OF APPROVAL BY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Approved by Budget Committee April 24, 1969  
WILLIAM E. WILLIS  
Chairman of Budget Committee

### GENERAL FUND REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY - ADRIAN RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Fiscal Year 1969-70 - Beginning July 1, 1969

| HISTORICAL DATA       |                      | BUDGET Current Year | Budget For Ensuing Year Approved |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Second Preceding Year | First Preceding Year |                     |                                  |
| \$ 68.63              | \$ 87.75             | \$ 200.00           |                                  |
| 148.43                | 376.43               | 300.00              |                                  |
| 770.06                | 781.00               | 800.00              |                                  |
| 726.33                | 730.59               | 730.00              |                                  |
| 186.72                | 141.90               | 240.00              |                                  |
| 482.40                | 281.38               | 300.00              |                                  |
| 23.45                 | -----                | 50.00               |                                  |
| -----                 | -----                | 75.00               |                                  |
| 86.27                 | 126.02               | 200.00              |                                  |
| 600.00                | 600.00               | 600.00              |                                  |
| -----                 | 50.00                | -----               |                                  |
| 550.00                | -----                | -----               |                                  |
| 4,872.31              | -----                | -----               |                                  |
| 5,069.81              | 5,069.81             | 5,069.81            |                                  |
| -----                 | -----                | 400.00              |                                  |
| -----                 | -----                | -----               |                                  |
| \$13,584.41           | \$8,244.88           | \$8,964.81          | \$4,995.00                       |

### GENERAL FUND RESOURCES - FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1969-70 Beginning July 1, 1969

| Beginning Fund Balance:      |            |            | Previously Levied Taxes Estimated To Be Received During Ensuing Year |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Available Cash On Hand ----- | -----      | -----      |                                                                      |
| \$2,245.20                   | \$1,597.62 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00                                                           |
| 1,985.48                     | 1,929.68   | 435.00     | 379.50                                                               |
| TOTAL RESOURCES -----        |            |            | \$1,379.50                                                           |

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## ELECTION COSTS ON SALES TAX SAID \$3 MILLION

Senator Vern Cook, speaking before a YWCA April 10 Lunch Club Meeting attacked the June 3 election for the sales tax package as the most expensive election in the history of Oregon. Cook estimated that the election will cost the taxpayers of Oregon over Three Million Dollars in Tax money, not the \$300,000.00 quoted by those who favored the special election.

Senator Cook stated: "We know that the prospect of a one and one-half percent limitation had a profound effect upon the special district budgets of 1968, and especially upon the issuance and sale of bonds. This year it is reasonable to expect that the careful and conservative director, councilman or commissioner will anticipate the possible adoption of the sales tax, and include enough money in the budget to cover it. If the sales tax is defeated then it is most unlikely that the money obtained to cover the sales tax will be saved. Probably it will be used for some other governmental purposes."

### SCHOOL BUDGETS HIGHER

"There is another reason why this special election will increase the cost of government next year. That is because the ballot measure provides that the budget adopted by school districts this year will be the base for years to come. Naturally, therefore, school districts will shoot for the highest budget possible. They will not revise their budgets down just because the sales tax package is defeated, because their budgets will have been accepted by then."

"The supporters of the June 3 special election for McCall's Sales Tax Package have led us to believe that the cost of that election would be only \$300,000 dollars of tax payer's money. Nothing could be further from the truth. Actually the true cost tag will come closer to \$3,000,000 dollars. The reason this is so is that every school district, city, county and special district will have prepared and, where necessary, will have submitted their budget for next year. In view of the possibility that the sales tax will be adopted they will be required to add three percent to all monies budgeted for taxable items. Since one hundred million dollars is spent annually on such items by local governmental agencies, the June 3 sales tax election will cost the people, not \$300,000 dollars but Three Million Dollars."

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## More On Nyssa Schools Federal Aid Programs

(By Supt. W.L. McPartland)

One of the programs for the education of the disadvantaged child, which is financed through Federal funds, is our kindergarten. At the present time we are working with 64 youngsters four and five years of age.

Since many of these youngsters have a language problem, our hope is to provide them with a working knowledge of the English language prior to their enrollment in the regular six year old program of the first graders. Many other factors enter the picture besides language; association with other boys and girls in the classrooms and playgrounds and many other areas common to the needs of all beginning first graders such as: learning to listen, taking turns, retelling stories, learning to manipulate pencils, brushes, scissors; to express themselves with original drawings, to coordinate muscular control; tie their shoes; button their clothes; to overcome their shyness toward teacher and classmates. Even the experiences these children have in the cafeteria are a part of the preparation they need to enter the world of a first grader.

### SEPARATE BUILDING

This year we received from federal funds a portable building which contains two fairly large self contained classrooms. Each classroom has its own heating and air conditioning unit and toilet facilities, plus a sink and work cabinets with adequate plumbing. These classrooms were installed just west of the primary building and the children use the same playground at the primary boys and girls.

### FOUR INSTRUCTORS

Two full time teachers, plus two Spanish speaking aides, take care of these children. The classes are operated in two shifts. A bus gathers up the first group and delivers them to the school at 9:15. These youngsters then go to the lunch room at 12. From the cafeteria they are taken to their homes by bus. In the meantime the bus has picked up the afternoon group at 1:30 and delivered them to the cafeteria. As soon as this contingent has eaten their noon meal they go with their teachers to the classroom to begin their school work. At 4 p.m. the bus returns them to their homes.

### PUPIL COST \$263

The instructional and equipment cost of this project amounts to \$37,829. This is a per pupil cost of \$262.70. This includes the bus, food,

health, fixed charges and plant operation.

The cost of the building, which actually does not belong to the district, was \$36,261. This includes the preparation of the site, the sewer facilities, electrical wiring and heating connection, equipment, furniture and insurance.

## Limits Fishing For Salmon On Columbia

In emergency action today the Oregon Game Commission closed the Columbia River in its entirety to all sport fishing for spring chinook salmon to protect this valuable run of fish which is once more facing serious danger.

The closure will take effect at midnight Sunday, April 27, and remain in effect until further notice. The closure includes the Columbia from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream and all tributary streams above Bonneville Dam.

John McKean, state game director, advised sport fishermen that the action was necessary because of the serious condition facing the spring chinook run. He said that the cumulative run over Bonneville Dam at this date is well below normal. Just as serious is the heavy discharge of water at all impoundments which has impeded the upstream migration of these fish. Furthermore, McKean said there is a serious nitrogen problem throughout the river caused by the heavy spill which can be expected to cause heavy mortality of the migrant fish.

The director said that Game Commission biologists will monitor the spring chinook run daily along with other state and federal agencies. The sport fishing closure does not affect the Willamette River or the Willamette Slough.

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## A FABLE

Once upon a time there was a Little Red Hen who scratched about and uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her barnyard neighbors and said, "If we work together and plant this wheat we will have some fine bread to eat. Who will help me plant the wheat?"

"Not I," said the Cow. "Not I," said the Duck. "Not I," said the Goose. "Then I will," said the Little Red Hen -- and she did.

After the wheat started growing, the ground turned dry and there was no rain in sight. "Who will help me water the wheat?" said the Little Red Hen.

"Not I," said the Cow. "Not I," said the Duck. "Not I," said the Pig. "Equal rights," said the Goose. "Then I will," said the Little Red Hen -- and she did.

The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap the wheat?" asked the Little Red Hen. "Not I," said the Cow. "Not I," said the Duck. "Out of my classification," said the Pig. "I'd lose my ADC," said the Goose.

"Then I will," said the Little Red Hen -- and she did. When it came time to grind the flour, "Not I said the Cow. 'I'd lose my unemployment compensation,'" said the Duck.

When it came time to bake the bread, "That's overtime for me," said the Cow. "I'm a dropout and never learned how," said the Duck. "I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the Pig. "If I'm the only one helping, that's discrimination," said the Goose.

"Then I will," said the Little Red Hen -- and she did. She baked five loaves of fine bread and held them up for her neighbors to see.

"I want some," said the Cow. "I want some," said the Duck. "I want some," said the Pig. "I demand my share," said the Goose.

"No," said the Little Red Hen. "I can rest for awhile and eat the five loaves myself."

"Excess profits," cried the Cow. "Capitalistic leech!" screamed the Duck. "Company fink," screamed the Goose. "Equal rights," grunted the Pig.

And they hurriedly painted picket signs and marched around the Little Red Hen singing, "We shall overcome." And they did.

For when the Farmer came to investigate the commotion, he said, "You must not be greedy, Little Red Hen. Look at the oppressed Cow. Look at the disadvantaged Duck. Look at the underprivileged Pig. Look at the less fortunate Goose. You are guilty of making second-class citizens of them!"

"But- but- but I earned the bread," said the Little Red Hen.

"Exactly," the wise Farmer said. "That is the wonderful free enterprise system; anybody can earn as much as he wants. You should be happy to have this freedom. In other barnyards, you would have to give all five loaves to the Farmer. Here you give four loaves to you suffering neighbors."

And they all lived happily ever after. Including the Little Red Hen, who smiled and smiled and clucked. "I am grateful. I am grateful."

But her neighbors wondered why she never baked any more bread.



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