

Douglas County School Costs Shown in Planners' Report

SYSTEM ABSORBS 43 PCT. OF TAXES

Balanced Outlay Between Schools and All Other Public Needs Sought.

From every dollar paid by Douglas county taxpayers in the form of taxes, 43 per cent goes to the school system, according to a report submitted to the county planning commission. The report has just been completed by Judson H. Keizer, executive secretary for the commission for a survey made of school costs, utilizing the records of the county school superintendent, district clerks' records, assessors' records, tax roll summary, etc. The survey and report are expected to be used by the planning commission as a basis of study upon which to formulate plans for more economical school operations.

The report is very exhaustive, showing school attendance, district valuation, levy, tax costs, unpaid taxes, teaching costs, cost per pupil, teaching costs per month and other interesting factors.

Figures Summarized
School costs in 1933-34 were \$116,732.94, the report shows, dropping to \$389,127.94 in 1934-35 and increasing to \$493,261.77 for 1935-36. These expenditures of tax funds for school purposes compare with \$436,065.23, \$412,236.86, and \$444,275.84, for the same years for all other state and county purposes, the ratio of school tax to other taxes remaining fairly constant.

The report shows a total school attendance of 4,097 for the 1933-35 period, a decrease of 388 from the preceding year. Valuations of school districts increased from \$29,142,100 to \$39,192,970, a total increase of \$10,050,870, while taxes increased \$1,499.39 and totaled \$219,832.2. Costs totaled \$619,765.17, an increase of \$64,147.74, while teaching costs, totaling \$217,397.88 increased \$8,596.18.

The survey covered all factors of school costs which are set forth in lengthy tables in the report submitted to the planning commission for its information and study.

Equitable Balance Sought
In submitting the report, Mr. Keizer accompanied the facts of the survey with the following letter of introduction:

"A considerable portion of the annual expenditures in Douglas county is regularly devoted to the education of our children. To prevent inefficiency and waste, planning boards in many states of this country during the past year have undertaken extensive studies of the costs of the various school systems. While notable progress toward a planned program in many states is reported, much yet remains to be done.

"In considering public programs, the state planning boards have had in mind the achievement of a reasonable, socially equitable balance between these and other public programs. In view of the total amount of available money. Neglect of this consideration in the past too often resulted in a disproportionate development of certain types of state services and facilities at the expense of others no less necessary. Balance cannot be attained, however, by partitioning out money to various types of programs according to some arbitrary formula.

"Investigations by other state planning boards have revealed that over-development of one class of public works often exists in the same locality with painful lack of facilities in another class. Too frequently well-paid and well-qualified teachers may mean more to

a county educational system than monumental school buildings, on the other hand, money spent on pre-ventives, such as recreational facilities and sanitary, pleasant living environment, may offer greater values than money spent on recreational institutions, hospitals and jails.

Economy Put First
"In any survey of public expenditures resulting from taxation with the purpose of determining standards upon which to base recommendations, two steps appear to be essential. First, an inventory of existing records and conditions, and second, an examination of possible future corrections of benefit to all the people of the county and state.

"These factors and many others are to be considered by planning boards in studies of long-time public planning of programs designed to substitute economy and order for waste and chaos by the gradual and systematic extinction of existing poor conditions.

"The establishment, control, and support of public schools is a responsibility of the state, but has been largely delegated to local school units, or districts, which may comprise a county, a township, a city, or may embrace an area not related geographically to any other governmental unit. Local school districts in the past have usually furnished most of the funds for the support of the schools, but lately have been accepting a larger and larger percentage from the county and state.

"Broadly speaking, our school systems have developed through local initiative, and their nature and development have depended upon the financial, social and physical conditions of separate geographical districts.

"This report is presented with a view to acquainting you gentlemen with existing conditions in this county, and the staff has tried to obtain maximum information and statistics for the effort and money expended by this project. Further studies of school costs would provide data on physical conditions which would assist in making proposals pertaining to consolidation, cooperative action, or state aid for distressed school districts.

THIRD DIES FROM HIGHWAY CRASH

NEWBERG, April 15—(AP)—A motorcycle automobile collision near here Saturday cost a third life with the death of James Hadley. Two other youths riding on the motorcycle with Hadley, Glen Mathis and Carl Holcomb, were killed when it sideswiped an automobile driven by Samuel McCune, Jr.

SUTHERLIN

SUTHERLIN, April 14—Margerie Alcorn, junior in the local high school, was taken to Morey hospital in Roseburg Tuesday morning to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Brittain Slack and Mrs. Verne Holgate returned from Portland last Thursday. Local townspeople held a noisy and jolly charivari Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Goenberger, who were married last Saturday.

Fred Plesner of Sutherlin was called to Tenuille Saturday due to the death of his sister, Mrs. James Gurney of Tenuille.

Miss Virginia Stark arrived in Sutherlin Tuesday from Portland to visit with her mother until Saturday. Miss Stark is attending Northwest business college in Portland and is home for spring vacation.

Word has been received here that C. H. Carley, formerly connected with the local cheese plant, is now located in Coquille, where he will be associated with a new creamery there.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Morning Hours

6:30—Early Birds.

7:00—Alarm Clock Club.

7:30—News-Review News Broadcast.

7:45—Alarm Clock Club.

8:45—Devotional.

8:45—Sacred Music.

9:00—Louis Kaufman and His Orchestra.

9:30—Old Favorites.

10:00—Jesse Crawford at the Organ.

10:30—Women's Exchange.

11:00—Melody Moods.

11:30—Song Hit Revue.

Afternoon Hours

12:05—Lillard Motor Co. Presents the Dodge Program.

12:20—News-Review News Broadcast.

12:30—Hansen Motor Co. Variety Program.

1:00—Feodor Challaup.

1:15—Popular Stars.

2:00—On the Emerald Isle.

2:30—Garden of Music.

2:45—Close Harmony Four.

3:15—Southern Serenade.

3:30—Story Land.

4:00—The Editor Views the News.

4:15—Sawturns.

4:30—Chamber of Commerce Program.

4:45—Westerners.

5:00—Clyde McCoy and His Orchestra.

5:15—Carl's Tavern Vagabonds of Prairies.

5:30—Motor Shop Garage Presents The Hawk.

6:00—Chevrolet's Musical Moments.

6:15—Friendship Circle.

7:00—Sign Off.

20-30 CLUB PLANS SOFT BALL LEAGUE

The 20-30 club held a 6:30 dinner meeting last night at Carl's Tavern with the president, A. J. Ellison, in charge, and Jenks Baird, deputy district governor of No. 14, as the speaker. Mr. Baird talked on "20-30 International" and the good will broadcast to be presented from 11 to 12 o'clock Friday night over KFRB for the Apex club of Australia.

Plans were made for the city soft ball league, and it was voted to give a loving cup to the winner. Leo Walker is chairman of this project. A meeting has been called for Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Tavern for managers of all teams planning to enter the league tournament.

Plans were also made for ladies' night, which will be a dinner meeting, April 28, at Carl's Tavern.

WILD NACS ROUNDED UP ON APPLIGATE

MEDFORD, Ore., April 15—(AP)—Seven wild horses of the Applegate were chased into a corral last week, Lee Port, Applegate district ranger chief, reported today.

The wild horses were the object of a concentrated round-up Sunday, March 15, which failed when the crowd frightened the horses away from the round-up pen.

Port said the seven animals were poor specimens but very fractious.

The animals are being held for claiming by owners, if any, before disposition as provided by law.

Port said another round-up of the wild horses would be held soon, but the date was being kept secret.

GLIDE GRANGE FETES ITS 25TH BIRTHDAY

Glide grange celebrated its 25th birthday with a pot-luck supper

and program Saturday night, April 11. About fifty members and friends were present.

At a special table, centered by a large birthday cake with 25 candles, were seated the five charter members, the county deputy, master, past masters and other special guests.

The program, conducted by the lecturer C. B. Holland, included community singing led by Fred A. Goff; history of Glide grange, Mrs. Gertrude Hatfield; vocal duet, Florence Everts and Doris Holland; instrumental music, L. D. Horner and Gordon Kenby; presentation of silver stars and certificates, Fred Goff; response, Mrs. Gertrude Hatfield; talk, J. Roland Parker; male quartet, George Casper, A. E. Everts, Myron Harris, C. B. Holland; talk, Dr. C. H. Bailey; whistling solo, Whistette Jensen.

Oddities Gleaned From Day's News

Salty Disappointment

TOPEKA, Kas., April 15—(AP)—Chief Justice R. A. Burch of the state supreme court, began listing some of the things he'd always wanted when notified by oil drillers that they expected shortly to bring in a well on his western Kansas ranch. A billiard table for his home, an Oxford dictionary, a decorated "den"—he was figuring the cost when the telephone rang again.

The well had come in—and was gushing salt water.

Ovate Encore

ALMYRA, Ark., April 15—Today's nature story:

G. R. Jones said until recently his chickens were normal in all ways and laid normal eggs. Then came a wind storm that badly damaged his hen house.

Now all the hens lay double-yolked eggs, he said.

Good Measure

URBANA, O., April 15—Bart Saxbe wondered today if the stories he'd heard about the extinction of the buffalo were true.

He found two bison heifers in a corral of cattle he purchased in Kansas City.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all warrants of School District No. 4, Douglas County, Oregon, up to and including No. 19,119, protested for non-payment December 18, 1935, and prior thereto, are this date called for payment and all interest ceased after this date, April 13 1936.—Adv.

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Around the County

MELROSE

MELROSE, April 14—Mr. and Mrs. George Munson have as their guests the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. Maason of California, who arrived at Melrose Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ann Peglot of Sutherlin spent Tuesday visiting the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Richards. Carl Backlund, who is employed in the Siskum CCC camp, arrived home Friday evening to spend the weekend and Easter Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Edith Gabbert and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Muir, and her three grandchildren, Dwight and Pat Gabbert and Wilford Reynolds, all of Portland, arrived at Melrose Saturday evening to visit Saturday night and Easter Sunday with the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn. Mrs. Gabbert is a former Melrose resident.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Meredith went to Yoncalla the fore part of the week and their small niece, Caroline Thiel, accompanied them home and visited until Sunday when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thiel, came after her.

Miss Alice Becker, teacher at Calapooia school, and Miss Clara Becker, teacher at Azalea school, arrived home Friday evening to spend the weekend and Easter Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Minnie Becker.

Miss Dorothy Backlund and Miss Charlotte Williams and Norman Williams visited Lookingglass high school all day Friday and Wesley

and Bud Glass spent the day at the Roseburg junior high school. They are all eighth grade pupils in the Elgarose school and were required to visit the above mentioned schools and pre-register.

Mrs. J. G. Wicklund recently left for Los Angeles where she will visit for two weeks. Mrs. Wicklund formerly resided at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson, the former a creamery man from Moose Lake, Iowa, visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Bloomquist, Thursday evening. They left Friday morning for Portland where they will spend several days. They are on an extended tour of the states and visited some time in California prior to coming to Melrose. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Bloomquist were friends and neighbors in Minnesota but have not met for many years. This is their first visit to Roseburg and Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Bloomquist spent Easter Sunday in Roseburg visiting their daughter, Miss Violet, and their sons.

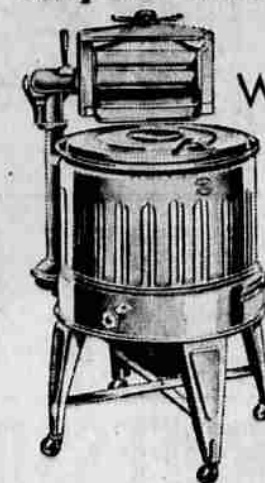
Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who recently arrived at Melrose from the east to visit their niece, Miss Evelyn Bowen, have purchased the Joe Lincoln place in the Doerner district. They have taken possession of the place and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln have moved to Roseburg to reside.

MELROSE

MELROSE, April 13—Gunner and Henry Hedberg left Tuesday morning for Klamath Falls where they will attend to business.

Lue Joles of Canas Valley visited several days last week with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Skaggs, and returned to his home on Saturday.

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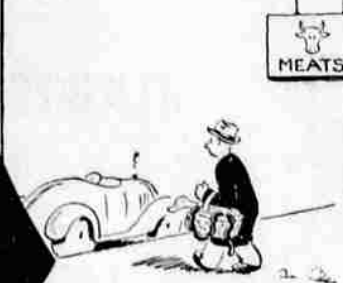
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