

Reedsport To Test Legality Of Property Tax Levy Law

The Reedsport City Council has decided to test the constitutionality of an Oregon state statute which allows cities to differentiate on property tax levies.

The test suit is prompted by the city's annexation of the John Hubbard subdivision tract in which an agreement was negotiated providing 50 per cent tax relief for a period of five years to Hubbard to compensate the owner for certain costs of sewer and pumping station installations.

City officials will institute proceedings for a declaratory judgment or for a writ of mandamus in Douglas County Circuit Court as start of a process which is expected to be carried to the state Supreme Court, reports Dawn Peaseau, Reedsport correspondent.

Correspondence Read
The council's action came at this week's council meeting when City Attorney William Jayne discussed correspondence between Douglas County Tax Assessor Leland Svarverud, state Tax Commission attorney Ira Jones and League of Oregon Cities research attorney Orval Etter.

The statutory authority cited by Jayne for the tax relief reimbursement method was enacted in 1957 and amended in 1959. It was sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities.

The Oregon attorney general and state Tax Commission have raised the question of possible conflict with the Oregon Constitution, specifically Article I, Section 32 which states that "all taxation shall be uniform on the same class of subjects within the same territorial limits of the authority levying the taxes."

In seeking the opinion of the state Tax Commission, Svarverud was advised by the commission's attorney that "you are not responsible to make the division of the levy between the two parts of the city."

Litigation Advised
The state Tax Commission, Mrs. Peaseau reported, recommended the city should consult with the district attorney and bring a declaratory judgment proceeding in Douglas County Circuit Court to determine whether or not the statutory authority at issue is constitutional and whether or not it is permissible for Reedsport to divide its city into two parts and tax property located within one part of the

city at a different rate from that of another part.

"It would seem that you are in the enviable position of being the first to be confronted with a legal case which will test the validity of this section," the Tax Commission wrote Svarverud.

The county assessor apparently wasn't too envious of the position for he declined to institute the proceedings and passed the matter to the Reedsport officials.

League Offers Help
Jayne indicated the legal entanglements will take several months to unravel. He said the League of Oregon Cities has offered to join in the suit by participating in costs involved in litigating the action.

The action is not expected to affect the Hubbard site development. Dist. Atty. Avery Thompson has pointed out the assessed valuation of the undeveloped tract is not significant at this time and by the time the site is substantially developed, the legal test will possibly have been completed.

Winners Announced For Tenth Show

A large audience enjoyed the talent show sponsored by the Tenth PTA last weekend in the multipurpose room at the school, correspondent Mrs. Walter Coats reports. Judges were from Camas Valley, Lookingglass, Olalla and Winston. Keith Huxen was master of ceremonies.

In the 3 to 8-year-old group, first place was won by Timmy Bradshaw of Green, second by the first grade square dance group of the Tenth School, third by Karla Ligon of Green and fourth by Dicky Bechtolt and Laurie Lambright of Tenth.

In the 9 to 12 age group, winners were, first, Cheryl Centers; second, the three Nelson brothers; and third, Diane Huff. In the 13 and over category, winners were Terry Volkman of Camas Valley, first; Donald Lawson and Terry Volkman in a joint number, second; and Ann Northcraft of Olalla, third.

Entrants came from as far away as Roseburg, Mrs. Coats reports. Surprise feature of the evening was a comic style show put on by the members of the Olalla-Tenth Home Extension Unit, with Mrs. Bill Centers as narrator and Mrs. Edgar Dwight at the piano.

Girl Scout Day Camp To Be Held In July

Mrs. Dean Swanson, neighborhood chairman for the Glendale Girl Scouts and Brownies has announced that the second annual Day Camp will be held in July. The exact date and location of the camp will be announced later. Proceeds from an "goodies sale" and a dinner raised sufficient funds for the financing of the camp, she said.

Mrs. G. B. Fox, correspondent said troop leaders have been making preparations for the summer's program by their attendance at district training meetings. They have already participated in two workshops in Grants Pass and will take part in a third planned in preparation for the outdoor camping portion of the day camp work.

Mrs. Swanson also announced that the annual Fly-Up ceremonies in which older Brownies are promoted into the Girl Scout troops, will take place in the Grade School gymnasium Friday. The annual Mother's Day program will be included in the program for the Fly-Up.

Heart Film Draws Many To Showing

Over 90 persons attended the Monday night showing of the new film "Pulse of Life," in the recreation room of the Roseburg City Fire Department, according to the Roseburg Chapter of the American Red Cross, sponsoring group.

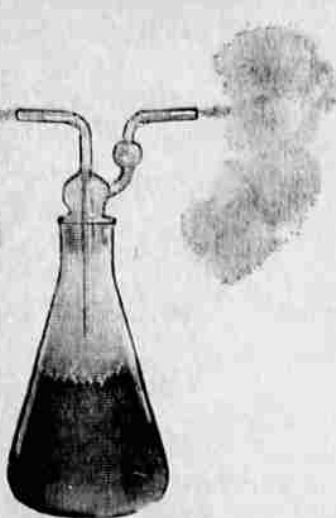
Members of the Roseburg and Winston fire and police departments and key personnel from local industries were present to see the film which demonstrates the new method of external heart massage whereby the heart may sometimes be started and stimulated without the use of special equipment or surgery.

Dr. Lewis Hart, Roseburg physician, was present to answer questions and elaborate further on the use of heart massage.

At present, the teaching of external heart massage is not included in the Red Cross first aid classes or manual but the Red Cross is trying to make the public aware of this method to be used in extreme situations of apparent death, class spokesman state.

Norman Thurnhofer, Douglas County Chapter first aid instructor, made the arrangements for the meeting as a public service to the community and also was chairman for the event. The film was loaned to the Red Cross by the Pacific Power and Light Co.

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