

Limitation said answer to property tax position

The proposed property tax limitation is the answer offered by its proponents, which include the United Taxpayers of Oregon, the sponsors, and the Oregon Apartment Owners Association, for the high property tax situation.

The need for a tax reform is seen by many leading businessmen but, according to Governor Tom McCall, to raise the same amount of money removed from the tax base would require a 4 per cent sales tax or the highest state income tax in the nation.

If a sales tax were instigated into Oregon's system, Mayor Terry Schrunk suggests the use of a tax relief program, such as that used by Wisconsin and Minnesota, where a refund is received by those who pay over 5 per cent of their income.

The local school district has more than two-thirds of its revenue coming from the local property tax. The proposed amendment states that the legislature is to decide the method of implementation; if the measure should pass, the legislature's decision is unknown.

The effect on schools varies greatly from one method to another. Estimates of the loss range from 70 to 100 million dollars per year, which is between one-fourth and one-third of the money that schools now need.

Depots awaiting arrival of bundles for rummage sale

Collection depots are ready and waiting to receive your rummage for the senior class rummage sale, which will be held December 7 at the new rummage center downtown on Front Street.

"It is always exciting and fun for the people selling. Meanwhile there is lots of hard work," commented Mrs. Ruth Alcorn, senior advisor. Rummage must be collected from the depots and taken downtown to the rummage center, sorted, fumigated, and priced.

"Everything is going according to schedule," Mrs. Alcorn continued. The first step in getting the sale underway was getting the information out to the seniors. Seniors were asked by questionnaire if they would contribute to the sale. The information was then collected from the questionnaires and formulated.

"I am proud to report that there is a rummage depot in every elementary school area," Mrs. Alcorn smiled. Rummage can be left at these depots for collection on December 5. "We are open for business," she stated.

Transportation has been arranged to take the rummage down to be fumigated two days before the sale. On the following day rummage will be taken to the rummage center and be sorted, arranged, and priced.

All money collected from the sale goes to the senior class. Money they collect helps to finance the senior prom or pay for a senior gift to the school.

The senior class also raises money by rally ribbon sales. Ribbon sales are under the direction of Mike Harris, senior class vice-president. "Excellent, beautiful," commented Mrs. Alcorn about the sales. "We have good sales, quick returns, and they are making good money," she concluded.

If the amendment is approved, it would affect the tax extension the 1969-1970 fiscal year and it is doubtful that any new program will yield enough to compensate the local taxing agencies for the loss of property tax money during the first year.

Organ bought in realization of dream

"A dream is now a reality—a beautiful concert organ in memory of the Vietnam War casualties from Grant High School," said Mrs. Fred Kempe elatedly, in speaking of the purchase of a Rodgers Trio Deluxe Theatre Organ.

The organ, valued at \$7180, was purchased at the Zoomsi auction held in the Memorial Coliseum Saturday for \$4250, with money from a memorial fund for six Grant alumni who have given their lives in Vietnam. Actual funds totaled \$2500, leaving \$1750 to be raised by January 1, 1969, according to arrangements made with Zoomsi by Irving Enna, bidder for Grant.

Memorial funds began in 1965, when the senior class of that year set aside \$300 for the specific purpose of buying an organ. The contributions began to pick up tempo when alumnus Rickie Pierce died in Vietnam. Lance Corporal Pierce was awarded the Bronze Star posthumously for gallantry.

Rickie's parents suggested that friends might wish to contribute to this organ fund, rather than send flowers.

The other five boys that are being commemorated are Cpl. William Irwin; Sp. 4 Dwayne McClure; Sgt. Kenneth L. Thomas; Cpl. Steven Miner, and Gerald Dedmore, Jr.

Delivered on Sunday, October 27, the organ will remain veiled until the Dedication Assembly on Wednesday, according to Mrs. Kempe.

"As far as we are able to determine, Grant has more alumni that have died in Vietnam than any other school," commented Mrs. Kempe. "Jefferson is the only other school that has set up a memorial," she continued.

When asked about their reactions to the purchase, Gerald Merryman and Mahlon Read expressed similar feelings.

"When I can get down off the ceiling," Mr. Merryman commented, "I might be able to walk. Shall we say I'm excited?"

Mr. Read's first reaction was "Aiiii . . ." and then he said, "I think it is a fitting memorial. It is a living memorial; instead of just a plaque, it is something that can be used."

Both teachers expressed the feeling that this organ "was meant to be ours."

"I believe it was meant for us," Mr. Merryman asserted. "It was just waiting for us to come and take it."

On Monday, October 28, the first school day after the purchase, Mrs. Alex Homchisk, the mother of a Benson alumnus—Gary J. Homchisk—contributed ten dollars towards the final goal.

"Since Gary is in the Navy doing patrol on a destroyer escort, and travels up and down the coast of Vietnam, and since the organ is a memorial to boys in the service, I believed that Gary would have wanted to contribute. This is Gary's contribution to the memorial, not mine," she stressed.

She went on to say that since this is a memorial to all servicemen, perhaps by having a Navy man contribute, the other services, such as the Army, Marines, and Air Force, would help out.

In closing, Mrs. Kempe said, "We want to express our thanks to all those who have contributed to the Memorial fund, and call on other students, parents, and teachers for help in raising the remainder of the money needed for the purchase of the organ. We would also like to point out that all the money goes straight to Zoomsi's treasury, so in a sense all contributions are 'double contributions'."

First all-city debate of season to be held; Forensics League members to participate

The first all-city debate of the season will be held at Grant on November 19. Taking part in this debate are members of the Forensics League, coached by Mrs. Opal Hamilton.

In order for students to become members of the National Forensics League they must acquire 25 points from forensics meets and pay dues of \$3.00. The new members are Bruce Hovet, Donna Howe, Jeff Klien, Frank Myers, Stephen Reid, and Laurie Stuckey.

Students participated in after dinner, humorous and serious interpretation, sales, and impromptu speaking, at a meet in Corvallis. First place trophy

winners were Elise Anfield, humorous interpretation, and Kathy Scott, serious interpretation.

"For humorous interpretation they choose the very funniest article they can," stated Mrs. Hamilton. "It's not unusual for a student to practice humorous fifty times."

In after dinner speaking the student prepares a toast. In impromptu speaking the student is given a subject concerning "trouble spots of the world" and immediately starts speaking.

"In sales they sell everything under the sun," commented Mrs. Hamilton. "They sell things from toilet

paper to Bibles."

At a meet at Madison on October 22, Grant took 16 first-place ribbons and the sweepstakes.

First place winners were Liz Klonoff, oratory; Jim Ream and Phillip Bruce, impromptu; Kathy Scott, Jill Ernst, and Linda Simon, serious interpretation; and Ben Prows, after dinner speaking and poetry.

Completing the first place winners are Janet Timme and Paul Esselstyn, poetry; Bill Buck, radio; Larry Wheeler and Laurie Stuckey, oratory; Barry Simon, sales; Mark Lowenthal and Paul Esselstyn, impromptu; and Phil Bruce, extemporaneous.



MRS. ALEX HOMCHISK, mother of Benson alumnus Gary Homchisk, hands Gerald Merryman ten dollars towards the organ fund. Mrs. Homchisk felt that Gary would want to contribute since he is in action in Vietnam and the organ is a memorial to the Vietnam War dead.

'A Man and His World' set theme for annual fall senior choir concert

"A Man and His World," the theme of Expo '67, has been chosen as the idea for the annual choir concert to be presented Wednesday evening. This concert will be a semi-serious program with a humorous highlight added by the Octet.

Giving a religious touch to the program, "Exultate Deo," "Silent Devotion," and "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" will be sung by the senior choir.

The Octet will insert a lively touch into the program with their presentation of "Eight Bells" and "Pollution."

"A Man and His World" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth," the finale, will be sung by the combined choirs.

Ticket prices are 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

The ensemble groups also participated in the Big and Little Sister Party and the Alameda Teachers and Room Mothers Banquet. "For their first community performances they did great," stated Mrs. Janet Howland.

A Spring Concert and Thanksgiving Concert are a few of the other choir programs to be presented this year.

Retakes scheduled for upperclassmen

Here it is, your final chance underclassmen. Pictures of underclassmen who were absent on October 1 or 2 will be taken Tuesday in the north end of the multi-purpose room, according to Willard Mohn, Memoirs advisor.

Notices will be sent to all students needing retakes or absentee pictures. A number of students who had their eyes closed in pictures will also be notified of retakes.

Any student wanting to order a picture package at the time of retakes may do so by paying \$2. A second line will be formed for those wishing the package.

Any student who has not had his picture taken and has not received notice by Monday should check in room 203 immediately after school Monday night.

Also, any students new at school should come to room 203 Monday to receive an appointment slip.

This is the final time pictures of underclassmen for Memoirs will be taken.

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Friday—Football, Cleveland, at stadium, 8 p.m.

Saturday—College Board tests.

Tuesday—Underclass picture retakes; senior class meeting, period 3.

Wednesday—Choral concert, 8 p.m.

Friday—Veterans Day assembly.