

### Rural School Tax Plan Is Explained For County Voters

GOLD BEACH—There seems to be some question in the minds of the taxpayers concerning the Rural School District tax and what it is levied for.

For background information, the Rural School District Law was approved by the voters of Oregon in Nov. 1946, and amended by the 1947 session of legislature. Every county in Oregon, with the exception of the five counties operating under county unit system, was divided into five zones. The Curry county rural school board was elected in June, 1947, at the regular annual school meeting, one director representing each of the five zones. The following school districts are included in the respective zones:

10J; 5 UHS No. 3, Zone 1, John Donaldson, director.

1; 20; UHS No. 2; Zone 2; Chas. Brooks, director.

12; 18; 7; 4; Zone 3; C. M. Gray, director.

3; 16; UHS No. 1; Zone 4; C. H. Young, director.

22; 17; 23; Zone 5; Mabel McVay, director.

Every school district in Curry county is included in the Rural School district. It is the duty of the Rural School Board to audit and approve all school district's budgets submitted to them in February of each year. After the budgets are audited and approved the total of all the budgets of all school districts and the Rural School district budget is combined into the rural school district levy.

The 1948-49 total amount approved for maintaining and operating the schools in the county was \$182,433.90, plus \$6,590.00 for the operating expense of the rural school district (district superintendent's salary, office supplies, traveling expenses and mileage and expense of the rural school board members, formerly budgeted by the county in the county budget) making a total of \$189,022.90. The amount with-

in the rural school district's 6% constitutional limitation was \$125,752.50, making it necessary to submit the amount in excess of the 6% limitation (\$63,270.40) for approval of the tax payers of the county.

The amount in excess of the 6% limitation (\$63,270.40) was not approved by the voters and so the rural school board levied the amount within the 6% limitation, or \$125,752.50. This figure is apportioned in the proportion that the original levy as determined and included by the rural school board for each district is of the total of all such levies in the rural school districts. The levy is equalized and the rate in mills for the rural school district is 21.9 for all taxable property in the county.

The fact that the amount in excess of the 6% limitation was not approved made it necessary for most school districts in the county to raise additional funds for operation of schools by levying a tax upon its own district. The combined rural school district tax ley and the individual school tax levy represents the total cost of operation of schools as paid by the tax payers in the county.

The rural school district tax is

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No. 1169

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an equalized levy for elementary and high school districts. The rural school district tax is NOT an additional tax. It is levied for the purpose of paying the operational costs of all schools in the county on an equalized basis.

### Local News Items

W. W. Smith, who recently arrived here to retire from railway work, plans an extended Christ-

mas tour, which will take him to Longview, Wash., for a visit with a daughter, Mrs. G. M. Meade, then to Warrensburg, Mo., to spend Christmas with another daughter, Mrs. Geo. Nightingale, to return home via Pacific Palisades, Calif., where he will visit a few days with still another daughter, Mrs. J. M. Detwiler. He expects to be home about Jan. 15, he told the Pilot.

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