

Lane Tax Ratio Upped 1 Per Cent But Payers Expect Little Change

Taxes are a rather complicated business—especially for a layman. County Assessor George Stock admitted Thursday when he attempted to explain the meaning of a new Lane County tax change.

A release from the State Tax Commission in Salem Wednesday said that the Lane County tax ratio for assessments on public utilities has been upped one per cent. Some reductions were noted also in other counties around the state, and some increases, as high as 50 per cent, were noted in the tax ratio, but most of the counties stayed the same.

May Not Change

This increase of 1 per cent in Lane does not mean that property taxes or personal taxes will change—necessarily—because they are figured independently of the public utility taxation.

The function of a county assessor's office is to assess the value of all private real property in the county and then levy taxes on this property according to the prevailing millage rate.

State Does It

But public utilities, such as airlines, railroads, telephone systems, dams, are usually statewide, or at least they cover more than one county. For this reason, and by reason of their special function in the economic system, they are appraised by the State Tax Commission in Salem.

The one per cent boost in state appraisals means that Lane's current millage rate will bring in somewhat more from public utilities taxation. Lane collects such taxes after the state's appraisal.

Stock could not say whether or not this increase would offset any of the county property or personal taxes now levied.

FIREMAN FIERY

PORTLAND — (P) — Joe O. Deyenroth, Colfax, Wash., fire chief, came to Portland Thursday and promptly smelled smoke. As he climbed from his car to investigate, four fire engines roared up. The blaze was in Deyenroth's car; he'd left the emergency brake on.

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'Little Miss X Case' Suspects Arraigned

GRANTS PASS — (P) — Mrs. Lucille Medlin and Hugh Gilreath Thursday were arraigned in justice court on a joint complaint charging assault with intent to kill. They waived preliminary hearing.

The pair have been in jail here and in Yreka since June 15 when they were arrested at Selma in connection with the "Little Miss X" case. Two Year Old Mary Jane Medlin, found beaten into unconsciousness at Weed, is recovering in a Yreka hospital.

Mrs. Medlin, the mother, and Gilreath are said to have implicated each other in attempting to get rid of the child.

Only 4 Men Appear At GI 'Graduation'

Only four of the 14 men who completed their apprenticeship training courses under the GI training memorandum were present to receive their certificates during a special session at Eugene Hotel Wednesday night.

The four who were given their certificates by A. R. Major, business agent of the AF of L carpenters' union, were Orville H. Spencer, carpenter; Oba L. St. Clair, clock and watch repairman; Edward H. Stanley, police patrolman; and William C. Hamman, bank teller.

Certificates will be mailed to the other ten men, members of largest group to win certificates at one time in this area.

Oldtime Singers Plan Schedule

Next week will be a busy one for the Eugene Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. First event is a conference in Portland at which Eugene President Emeritus Ernest Cullen Murphy and President Tad Luckey will establish a new Northwest district.

Attending will be delegates from Port Angeles and Tacoma, Wash.; Portland, Salem, Eugene, and Klamath Falls, and several delegates from new chapters.

The Eugene chapter also will participate in the convention of the Order of the Antelope at Hart Mountain, July 18 and 19. Representing Eugene there will be Ray Marlette, Frank Graham, Ted Wood and Charles Sargeant.

The quartet will move on to Klamath Falls the night of July 19 and will be joined there by another quartet from Eugene, composed of Rudy Ness, Dewey Robert, Ed Locklear and Ernest C. Murphy. Both groups will participate in a meeting at which the charter for a new Klamath Falls chapter will be presented.

Also attending the Klamath Falls meeting will be Charles Merrill, international president of SPEBSQSA, and the Bonanza Four, a quartet from Reno, which won the western championship in May.

Nevada Rangeland Swept By Brush Fire

ELKO, Nev. — (AP) — A roaring grass and brush fire broke into two parts Thursday and the two fiery prongs were racing out of control in two directions but the city of Elko was no longer in any danger.

The advancing flames, which have already blackened more than 100 square miles of rangeland and Wednesday night threatened Elko (pop. 5000) with destruction, were leaping ahead to the northeast and southwest.

Gerald Trescartes, director of the Elko office of the U. S. Grazing Service, returned from an aerial survey of the area to report that the flames were racing fiercely in the general direction of the railroad town of Carlin, 20 miles to the southwest.

He reported that the fire had now broken into two parts, one moving toward Carlin and the second to the northeast where the crackling flames were raging out of control eight miles from Elko.

There are no ranches or towns in the immediate path of the flames, now devouring empty stretches of brush and grass-covered plateau land.

Because of the direction the two segments of the fire had taken Elko was considered no longer in danger, regardless of any wind that might arise.

BPA Curtailed By Budget Cuts

Bonneville Power Administration activities in Lane County and neighboring areas are now limited to those which apparently will be sanctioned by both houses of Congress, W. E. Trommershausen said Thursday.

Trommershausen, Eugene BPA office manager, said that surveys of the Detroit-Eugene, Eugene-Reedsport and Reedsport-Coos Bay lines are being continued, as well as inspections of construction projects and of equipment already on order now being fabricated.

Substations Put Off

Suspended because either House or Senate committees apparently are unwilling to authorize funds for the work are such "customer service facilities" projects as the proposed Eugene, Mapleton, Reedsport and Coos Bay substations and almost all work done by Bonneville's own crews instead of by private contractors.

The only exceptions to the halt-order on agency crew work are operations considered necessary for the protection of life and property.

Staffs Cut

Meanwhile, office staffs are on enforced vacations or furloughs,

in some cases drawing on earned leave reserves for pay. The Eugene office, normally employing five persons, now has only two on the staff.

Paul J. Raver, BPA administrator, in a statement indicated that further personnel and project cuts necessary if a House bill cutting Bonneville funds through.

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