

# Springfield Tax Rate Falls; Assessor Credits Valuation

SPRINGFIELD — This city's millage rate for the 1947-48 fiscal year will be 72.2, a drop of 3.8 from last year's rate of 76, according to figures compiled by County Assessor George Stock.

Stock feels that the lower rate in many of Lane's cities is due mainly to the 8½ million dollar increase in the assessed valuation of the county. Last year the county and state millage rate was 13.7; this year it will drop to 8.4 mills.

**Breakdown**  
The breakdown for Springfield (with last year's figures in brackets) is: School District 19 15.0 (15.0); school district 15, 19.4 (17.4); City of Springfield, 23.3 (25.1); Willamalane Park District, 6.1 (4.8); county and state, 8.4 (13.7); total, 72.2.

Assessed valuation for Springfield has increased \$387,432 over last year to bring total assessed valuation to \$2,203,793 for 1947-48. School District 19 has increased \$1,088,429 to a total of \$5,444,399; School District 15 has increased \$1,179,069 to a total of \$6,460,060 and the Willamalane Park district increase is \$1,287,840 for a total of \$4,468,085.

**Price Levels**  
Stock's office uses 1941 levels as a basis for estimating assessed valuation of property.

Stock pointed out that lower millage rates do not necessarily mean lower taxes for individuals because there might be a compensating rise in the assessed valuation of a person's property.

Stock said the increase in assessed valuation in the various districts in this area was due to new construction. He said there would probably be more increases when the area is re-assessed for next year.

# City Bandsmen To Present Season Finale

The city band will wind up its third summer concert season Thursday night with a "request" program at 8 p. m. in the park blocks.

The members, who play because they like music, will request the numbers. And John Stehn, who has directed the band for 18 years, will lead them through the program for the same reason.

The band received new uniforms this year as part of its reorganization that began with Manager Frank Gilstrap in 1945.

City Manager Deane Seeger and Playground Superintendent Don January were active in supporting Gilstrap and Stehn in their efforts to surpass Eugene's pre-war musical program.

Thursday night's overture will include many favorite melodies

# Paper Firm Reveals Tacoma Plant Plans

NEW YORK — (AP) — Construction plans for a \$6,000,000 Kraft paper mill and bag plant at Tacoma, Wash., were announced Thursday by St. Regis Paper Co.

R. K. Ferguson, president of the concern which already operates a large sulphate pulp mill in the area, said Tacoma was chosen "because it offered an exceptional combination of geographical and industrial advantages which bags."

The mill will be arranged by Tobani, and three military marches will complete the program.

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# DAV to Aid Vet Building

Sunday's work on the rapidly growing Veteran's Memorial Building at Sixteenth and Willamette will be sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans John Bryant, Eugene commander, said Thursday.

Bill Strong foreman in charge of volunteer work expects to show good progress Sunday with the DAV on the job. During the week the installation of the bi pre-fabricated roof structures over the south end of the building made further progress possible.

Clarence Urey, building chairman for the combined veterans' groups, emphasized that all veterans, of any war, are welcome to join in the project during their free time. He pointed out that various organizations take turns sponsoring the work but all are welcome.

# Site Clearing Starts For 2-Story Building

Clearing of the former Bartle Court site at Eleventh Ave. E. and Pearl St. now is under way preparatory to construction of a two-story building to house stores and offices.

Spencer Collins, Miner Building accountant and head of the Bartle-Sweeney Corp. which owns the property, said his accountants would be housed in second-story offices. It was Collins and his group of associates who attempted to buy the Miner Building in Eugene by offering a higher price than that paid by a group of local physicians.

Collins said the new building will be 100 feet wide on Eleventh Ave. and 80 feet on Pearl St. Completion is hoped for by January 1. A theater ultimately will be constructed on the Eleventh Ave. side of the site, but Collins said no date for its erection had been set. Ralph Beardsworth is architect for the new store and office structure; Stien Brothers are the contractors.

# Revetment Project Bids Asked by Army

The revetment along the right bank of the Willamette River at Harrisburg bend will be repaired soon, and bids for the job were asked Thursday by the Portland district, Corps of Engineers.

Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland district engineer, said bids for the Linn County job will be opened in his office Sept. 4 at 2 p. m., and award of the contract as a whole will be made to one bidder.

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