

Valuation Rise, Tax Rate Climbs Shown by Tables

Increases in assessed valuations, plus skyrocketing tax rates for a number of rural school districts, characterize the annual summary on Lane County tax affairs recently released by County Assessor George Stock. Analysis of the report showed Saturday.

Valuation increases for cities and some of the larger school districts:

	1946-47	1947-48
Eugene	\$15,746,148	\$17,916,384
Spfld.	1,816,361	2,203,793
Coburg	70,677	80,043
Cottage Gr.	1,207,121	1,334,395
Creswell	162,807	201,848
Flor.	206,829	279,634
Jun City	634,195	729,133
Oakridge	229,948	319,828
Eugene School Dist.	19,171,342	21,844,155
Spfld. El.	4,357,970	5,444,399
Spfld. U.	5,280,991	6,460,060
Cob. Schl.		

Dist.	1946-47	1947-48
Cot. Gr.	448,028	499,576
El. Dis.	1,673,966	1,933,118
Cot. Gr.		
U. H.	4,993,298	5,868,290
Cres. El.	826,486	990,161
Cres. UH	918,746	1,061,356
Flor.	1,156,455	1,314,204
Jun City		
Ele.	1,055,999	1,637,284
Jun City		
U. H.	3,003,544	3,263,464
Oakridge	2,511,517	2,851,810

Total assessed valuation of Lane County property increased from \$55,033,962 in 1946 to \$63,436,177 in 1947, a rise of \$8,402,215. Of the 1947 total, public service corporation properties assessed by the state accounted for \$10,981,092, compared to \$10,322,442 in 1946.

About \$7,000,000 of the \$8,402,215 increase in valuation was accounted for by increases shown in the following table:

	1946	1947
Timber	\$ 4,772,430	\$ 5,618,535
Improv.		
On farms	6,506,570	7,260,415
In cities	10,850,065	12,766,745
City lots	5,228,245	5,497,555
Mov. mach.		
& Equip.	3,573,410	4,792,360
Aircraft	6,800	68,075
Merch.	2,336,365	4,354,040

Tax rates for rural school districts showed no uniform trend. Some showed marked decreases but many districts, hit by sudden boosts in population or other reasons for rising costs, had to hike their rates sharply, some by several hundred per cent. Some of the more striking increases:

Clear Lake, from 2.2 mills to 27.7; Saginaw, from 3.0 to 33.5; Deadwood's Ferry, from 1.8 to 47.8; Deerhorn, from 1.6 to 41.8; Lynx Hollow, from 36.4 to 65.5; Irving, from 11.5 to 39.2; Crown Point, from 5.3 to 28; Danebo, from 15.5 to 33.2; Ten Mile, from 8.7 to 71.5; Bear Creek, from 22.4 to 50.2; Wendling, from 1.1 to 27.8.

Tax rates for rural school districts, with last year's rates following in parenthesis:

Pleasant Hill, 20.2 (20.5); Cloverdale, 5.9 (1.5); Trent, 30.7 (23.3); Upper Camp Creek, 32.7 (24.4); Willamette, 19.4 (19.7); Oak Hill, 16.1 (8.7); Franklin, 6.3 (11.6); Stafford, 10.4 (9.7); Goshen, 12.3 (13.1); Lancaster, 11.3 (10.9); Twin Oaks, 4.3 (4.6); Union, 11 (10.9); Meadowview, 12 (10); Clear Lake, 27.7 (2.2); Walden, 11.1 (11.8); Latham, 20.2 (19.3); Saginaw, 33.5 (3.0); Liberty, 4.3 (4.6); Veneta, 21.1 (25.9); Edenville, 20 (19.5); Blue Mountain, 6.4 (5); Mapleton, 31.8 (31.5); Crown, 25.4 (21.9); Lorane, 43.5 (37.3); Riverview, 12.7 (18.2); Creswell, 15.3 (21.1); Walker, 9.1 (24.1); Central, 21.4 (21.1).

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Drain's Only Doctor Retires

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all day, all night and all the next day without sleep.

Risks Her Life

Not infrequently she risked her own life to keep others alive. Once, only a few years ago, she narrowly escaped drowning in the swollen Umpqua River when she was being rowed across it to reach a patient.

For the last 20 years Dr. Bertha has been the only doctor in Drain, and she has served the people in the surrounding area, sometimes as far as 50 miles away.

Recently she has been trying to get another doctor to locate in Drain, but she has not had much luck. Country doctors don't seem to be very plentiful, nowadays. Perhaps Dr. Bertha is one of the last.

A few days ago she sort of took stock of things. In her time she must have been at the bedside of at least 1000 mothers when their babies were born. Many of those babies have grown up Dr. Bertha has been at their bedside, too, when their babies were born. And, looking back as she checked up, she could catch in her memory the drama and the tragedy, the humor, the heroism—and the inspiration—that the country doctor finds in his work.

Time Creeps Up

It was while she was checking up on these things that Dr. Bertha checked up on herself, too. She had come to Drain as a young woman, to gain experience while she decided on a place to locate. Somehow, 39 years had passed and she just never got around to picking a "permanent" location. Time had a way of creeping up on a person. And now, at last, she was tired. Day and night she had been on the job for almost four decades. Recently the load had grown much heavier. Reluctantly she admitted there was no escaping the fact—she was too tired to go on.

Not long ago the people of Drain gave her a party in appreciation of her long service. But her office isn't closed—yet. A nurse is still there. Dr. Bertha hopes it won't have to be closed. Somewhere, even yet, there may be a young medical graduate who'd like to be a country doctor in Drain while he looks around for a "permanent" location.

Polio Detected in 60 Malheur County Persons
ONTARIO, Ore., (AP) — Health officials Saturday reported infantile paralysis had been detected in 60 persons in Malheur County.

Only five were acute, four in Adrian and one here, Dr. Louis A. Maulding, county health officer, said.

Of the others, 35 were children in this area who were temporarily afflicted but not harmed and 20 more escaped serious effect in other parts of the county, he said.

In an effort to check the epidemic, swimming pools were closed, the county fair cancelled and the opening of schools delayed.

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Three Sisters Thrill Hikers

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due to seepage from colored formations ground to powder under the glacier; blacktail deer, mule deer, elk, and other game. The whole trip lies within the Three Sisters Primitive Area and Game Refuge. Some of the remote lakes, like the famed Green Lakes, are fishing attractions.

Camping places: If you take the west side first, your first camp will be Sunshine Shelter, a rustic log chalet at 7500 feet, with Collier Glacier and the Little Brother towering over its tiny deer meadow bespangled with flowers.

This is perhaps the best known of the Forest Service's mountain shelters, the starting place for skiers and climbers of the North Sister, Middle Sister, and Little Brother.

South Sister's Dome

The next day you travel along the knees of the Middle Sister, and down to James Creek Shelter at 6000 feet, where its heavy log portals face the red and white dome of the South Sister across a tiny deer meadow.

Following south, you come out of the forest and find the strange, rocky desert called the Wikipi Plains, and in the distance you can see cars traveling the Century Drive. At this point you can hitchhike down to Elk Lake Resort for more coffee and pancake flour.

Then you take the lonely trail again, and trek around the side of barren Kaletian Butte and through the South Sister badlands to Moraine Lake, and on to the Green Lakes, where you camp and start the eastern side of the trip.

The Green Lakes are pinched in a narrow cleft between the South Sister and 9000-foot Broken Top mountain. They are as strong a green color as Crater's Lake's famous blue.

Phenomenon Explained

Some explain the phenomenon by pointing out that after gazing at the red of the South Sister and the yellow of the pumice soil around the lake, one sees green as a complementary color when looking at water.

At any rate, the trout in the Green Lakes are reputed to have an organized suicide patrol which constantly circles the banks, and nothing will satisfy them but a Guy with a Dry Fly.

Leaving the Green Lakes, you climb an easy pass and enter the fantastic mountain desert country of eastern Oregon. Tongues of colored lava are encrusted with heather and strange flowers. White face cattle, deer and elk roam through the vast pine forest.

Your next camp is at a well-known elk hunters' base, Pole Creek Camp, and there is a wonderful view of the unfamiliar eastern side of the North Sister, close up.

Next morning you take the old Scott Trail, up which the pioneers toiled with wagon trains, and up to Scott Pass, where a breathless view of eastern and western Oregon and most of the major peaks of the Cascade Range, is unrolled as you top the ridge. From there it's a whoop and a holler back to the highway and so on home.

This writer has just returned from this "perfect" trip, with a sunburned nose and a storehouse of memories to prove it. Others in the party: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Dow and Mr. and Mrs. S. Stierwalt, all of Lost Creek Ranch, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon.

Not the least attraction of the loop trip is the opportunity to become well acquainted with these three personality peaks. The North looks like a skinny old razorback hog with snowy tusks, especially when you reach the scary heights of barren, lava-tossed Obbie Dillock Pass. The Middle is a cone-shaped, classical, pointed, black gravel pile with graceful, farflung escarpments. The South is a big smooth, red tomato, splashed with whipped cream.

If you want to know your Oregon country, put this trip down on your calendar for next summer, or use it for a base this fall for your hunting trip into the game country surrounding the territory of the game refuge.

6000 Students Plan To Attend University

Enrollment cards from almost 5000 of the approximately 6000 students expected for fall term have been returned to the University of Oregon, according to Registrar Curtis E. Avery.

Students who have returned the cards are guaranteed prompt and smooth service when they come to the campus for registration week, Sept. 15 through 20, Avery asserted.

Appointments
He said that the cards, which have been sent to all new students and to all who attended the university last spring term, constitute an appointment in the registrar's office.

Registration material is prepared for the student upon receipt of the card and is handed to him upon his arrival on the campus.

Best Choice
Avery also warned that, while classroom facilities are adequate to handle the expected 6000 enrollment, the best selection of programs and classes is dependent upon the prompt return of the enrollment card.

Prompt action is especially urged for new students as their time during registration week will be filled with entrance examinations, physical examinations, and Freshman Week activities. The new students, other than graduate students, must be on the campus Sunday night for a special meeting.

'Flying Showroom' To Visit Airport

A "flying showroom," equipped with movie apparatus and other selling aids, will visit Mahlon Sweet Airport here Sept. 4. The four-motored DC-4 will be the scene of meetings of Standard California dealers and distributors, according to E. C. Hefner, local branch manager for Standard.

The plane is said to be one of the first to have two-way telephone communication through regular phone exchanges. Hefner has invited flyers, plane owners and motorists to visit the craft Sept. 4 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Longer Skirts Create Furore

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"ballerina" or "cocktail" dresses, but expressed the belief that "as soon as a few wear them the rest will rush to buy them."

The bulk of sales of the more extreme ballerina length (10 to 12 inches from the floor) gowns are being made to college girls, so they may be the ones to set the style in Eugene. Only one local store has received a substantial shipment of these dresses, and a saleslady there said customers are "buying cautiously." Two other stores in Eugene said when questioned that they have ordered the dresses, that shipments should be arriving soon, and that they have been advised by their sources of supply that "the ballerina craze is sweeping the country."

Traced To France

Meanwhile the press services carry the word from other areas where the skirts are being considered. In Tacoma, a French designer told a women's club that the French decided the long skirts were needed to cover legs that lost some of their girlish beauty during the short rations brought on by the war.

In Dallas and Berkeley girls protested that they didn't have anything to hide.

In Seattle the men (who usually pay the bills) organized a Male Anti-Long Skirt Assn.

In Hollywood the J. Walter Thompson Co. observed that long skirts will mean goodbye bobby sox. That brings back stockings which require something to hold them up.

Problems Follow

So the people who make and market riddles are also getting a sleigh ride on the skirt tails of fashion.

The chain reaction, calculated by clothiers, will also sell more stockings, overcoats, hats (to go with the overcoats) and gloves (to go with, etc.). Ultimately, the girls and their men will admit defeat and pay.

But don't throw any of the 1946 short skirts away. When the market eventually becomes saturated with long skirts and buyer resistance begins to shape up again... watch out. The skirts will be slashed off and the chain reaction will begin again.

'Eagle to Fly' Next Tuesday

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not all be dumped at once because of the danger of inflation. Dozens of veterans surveyed locally observed they would have to cash theirs because the inflation had already happened.

Some will be spared the decision as to whether or not to cash the bonds... They haven't got theirs yet. War Department finance officers in separation centers have fallen behind in processing applications for bonds.

The postoffice announced that it was not cashing the terminal leave bonds but still had forms available for veterans wishing to apply for the bonds.

Holiday Trips Start Saturday

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start about 1:30 p.m. with the first lap reserved to children under 13. Two laps will be free for all with the next two laps limited to 15-year-olds and younger. The races will wind up with three laps free for all. All bikes must be equipped with balloon tires to avoid danger from tire failures at high speeds, said Ray McNinn, president of the central labor council.

Championship Game
The championship softball game between the winners of the first two games will follow. Last on the program will be a softball game for children between the ages of 7 and 9, and all participants will receive prizes.

A dance sponsored by the council will be held at the Armory Monday at 9 p.m. with an eight-piece orchestra furnishing the music.

Meanwhile, for those leaving on trips the National Safety Council and the National Automobile Dealers Assn. as well as local police and other authorities reminded motorists that it would be better not to get to that picnic spot in time that not to get back at all.

DUCK RESCUES DUCK

CANNON BEACH — (AP) — Eight persons aboard an ex-army amphibious craft on a fishing cruise were rescued Saturday in heavy seas off Bird Rock. The duck's engine failed, and the craft began drifting toward the rocks. Another duck, piloted by D. R. McCoy, Cannon Beach, made the rescue.

Red Cross Swim Classes For 1947 Season Finished

The largest "learn to swim" program in its history was completed Saturday by the Lane county chapter of the Red Cross, according to an announcement by the Rev. Hugh McCallum, chairman of the board. Almost 1300 swim certificates have been issued to children since the campaign started at the end of the school year.

Although all available water facilities were used, it was still not possible to train all those who had registered for the course, Rev. McCallum said. Only those pools and lakes which met strict health authority requirements could be utilized and a crew of ten teachers was kept busy all the time.

Had Training

Richard Evans, director of water safety in the Pacific area for the Red Cross, trained the teachers in the men's pool on the University of Oregon campus at the beginning of the season. Then, the group attended various branches of the National Aquatics School for further instruction.

Many adults were taught how to swim and if facilities are available next year, the program will be expanded to permit more men and women to participate in the program.

Rev. McCallum said that the Red Cross was deeply indebted to the various communities for co-operation shown in registering children. He praised the "fine

work," of the school boards in furnishing buses and drivers to solve the transportation problem.

Campaigns were conducted in approximately 20 communities, the largest enrollments being recorded in the Eugene area and in Florence. Four separate schools were held in the Eugene area and they ran continuously all summer.

Other Towns

Other communities served by the program included Springfield, with instruction at the Anchorage

Pool; Cottage Grove; Junction City, using the Benton-Lane pool; Creswell, Saginaw, and Pleasant Hill in Crick's Pool and the Zula-Lake Clearwater; Noti, using the Blackwell pool.

Campaigns which ran in Fern Ridge served Vaughn, Elmira and served as well. Blue River, Siskiyou and Mapleton trained together; Oakridge, Pacific City and Westfir used the Westfir pool.

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