

Illinois Valley News

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES	
In Josephine County	
One Year	\$2.50
Six Months	\$1.25
Outside Josephine County	
One Year	\$3.00



FOUR MORE DAYS TO REGISTER

At the risk of becoming a bore, we would again like to call attention to the fact that the registration deadline for the May primaries is drawing nigh and there are a few people who have not yet registered—quite a few, that is.

One need not be a property owner to vote; any person 21 years of age or over who has resided in the state six months and in his present precinct for 30 days is eligible to vote—if he has registered 30 days prior to the election.

There are good reasons for requiring registration, and for closing registration 30 days prior to the election. The 30-day deadline is necessary so that the county clerk can make up registration lists to furnish the polling places on election day. When you appear at the precinct polls to cast your vote, your name is checked off the list—this prevents "repeating" and other forms of election fraud. It may sound like "more of that red tape," but it is for the voters' protection.

However, many people think: "Why, the election isn't until May—I've got plenty of time to take care of registering." It's easy to forget that 30-day deadline, and you haven't got plenty of time. YOU HAVE FOUR MORE DAYS TO REGISTER in order to be eligible to vote in the May primaries. The deadline for registration is April 18.

Of course if you don't think your taxes are too high, if you are happy with the road and highway situation, if you are completely

satisfied with the way the school system is conducted, if you think the finest men available are already in the legislature, if you believe the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives contain a distillate of the best talent in the country, and if you think foreign policy doesn't concern you—well, you may be unique but you'd better register and exercise your franchise to keep things the way you want them. If you're like the rest of us, you'll probably vote in a way calculated to bring "improvement" in certain quarters. We don't all agree on what constitutes an "improvement," but one man's voice is just as loud as another's at the polls and we go along with the "improvements" desired by the majority.

The population of the Illinois Valley is like a sleeping giant—at least it has dozed until now. Instead of complaining about alleged "dirty deals" handed out by the county seat, it's time the people of the Valley awoke to the fact that they have the potential to run the county themselves. Instead of begging the rest of the county for crumbs, they should be doing a little dictating themselves. But it will never come to pass until we learn that we must all register and vote. No one else can speak for you; one man means only one figure at the polls, be he poor man or millionaire, and it's one job that you can't "leave to George."

Remember, deadline for registration is April 18.

Sharp Contribution Rate Cuts Set By State Commission

Reduction in employer contribution rates have been announced by the State Industrial Accident Commission, effective July 1, 1950. These reductions will apply in 277 industrial and trade classifications of Oregon business. Only 78 classifications did not qualify for base rate reductions, but rates in some of these classifications are already so low further reductions are virtually impossible.

Reductions result from the excellent cooperation of labor and management in reducing accidents by establishing and maintaining effective safety programs, both preventive and educational.

These reductions in employer contributions to the Industrial Accident Fund will result in estimated savings of approximately one million dollars per year to employers insured by the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The law provides that the State Industrial Accident Commission shall adjust employer contributions in keeping with good insurance practice when their experience justifies such reductions.

The new employer contribution rate schedules mark the fourth reduction in State Industrial Accident Insurance premium rates since 1943. During the same period the various legislatures have increased workmen's benefit payments under the act four times. While the increase in compensation for workmen is in keeping with the increase in the cost of living, the downward trend in employer contribution rates is more startling by comparison.

In all of the enumerated classifications where hazards have generally been high, the reductions have been accomplished because of earned experience ratings within the respective industries which prove that accidents can be prevented through accident prevention programs.

The largest dollar savings will be reflected in the classifications of general farming, machine shops, logging, sawmilling, pulp and paper manufacturing, printing and publishing, road and street construction, residence erection, building erection, plumbing and sheet metal work, transfer and trucking and garages and service stations.

While practically every portion of the state's economy will benefit from the new employers' contribution rate schedule, the basic industries of general farming and lumbering in its various phases will experience the greatest savings because of the larger payrolls in these two industries.

Because of the "safety know-how" now becoming evident in high hazard Oregon logging industry, an estimated annual net premium reduction of some \$213,000 will result on payrolls which have aggregated more than \$45,000,000 for the year 1948-1949. General farming will participate in an estimated net reduction of \$45,623 on an overall payroll of slightly over \$20,000,000. Both residence erection and building erection have also earned substantial rate reductions.

Under the experience rating provision of the Oregon law all employers under the act can qualify for from 10 per cent to 50 per cent reduction from the base rates established after one calendar year of favorable accident experience.

Social Security Information

Josephine county residents desiring social security information may see a representative of the Eugene Social Security office at Grants Pass on Wednesday, April 19, 1950, at the City Hall, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

It is advisable for those covered by the Social Security Act to inquire about benefits when they reach 65. In some cases, benefits have been lost because workers did not know their rights under the old-age and survivors' insurance program.

Boy Scout to Hold Court of Honor Tuesday

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will be conducted Tuesday, April 18, starting at seven p.m., at the American Legion hall. Over 60 awards will be presented, and all parents and friends are urged to attend.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of Josephine County School District of Josephine County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at Fruitdale School on the 24th day of April, 1950, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning July 1, 1950, and ending June 30, 1951, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

Notice of School Election Upon Question of Increasing Tax Levy Over Amount Limited by Section 11, Article XI, State Constitution

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the School District of Josephine County of Josephine County, State of Oregon, at the following school houses: Central, Dimmick, Fort Vannoy, Fruitdale, Galice, Hugo, Illinois Valley High School, Jerome Prairie, Kerby, Merlin, Murphy, New Hope, Oak Grove, O'Brien, Selma, Sunny Valley, Wilderville, Williams, and Wolf Creek; on April 29, 1950 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. P.S.T., in aforesaid school district, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said district the question of increasing the tax levy for the year 1950-51 over the amount limited by section 11, Article XI, of the Constitution of Oregon.

The reasons for increasing such levy are: Increased number of pupils, increased costs of operating schools, additional tuition and to construct classrooms.

The amount of tax in excess of the 6% limitation, proposed to be levied for said year is \$407,368.34.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1950.
MARGUERITE S. STANTON
District Clerk.

CHLORIS T. AXTELL
Chairman Board of Directors

BUDGET

ITEM	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES		
	Total All Funds	General Fund	Bond Interest and Sinking Fund
Estimated Receipts from			
1. Delinquent Taxes	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$
2. County School Fund	39,200.00	39,200.00	
3. Basic School Support Fund	280,195.00	280,195.00	
4. State Irreducible School Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5. Land Sales, Forest Rentals	1,000.00	1,000.00	
6. Rentals	720.00	720.00	
7. Other Sources	1,200.00	1,200.00	
8. Estimated Total Receipts	\$	\$349,815.00	\$
9. Estimated Available Cash Balance or Deficit (Add Cash Balance—Deduct Deficit)			3,275.51
10. Estimated Total Receipts and Available Cash Balance or Deficit	\$353,309.51	\$349,815.00	\$ 3,275.51

ITEM	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
	Elementary Schools	High Schools	Estimated Expenditures for the ensuing School Year in Detail	Budget Allowance in Detail for the Current School Year, 1949-50	Expenditures for Two Fiscal Years Next Preceding the Current School Year
					1947-48 1948-49 Detailed Expenditures for the Last Year of the Two Year Period
I. General Control					
1. Personal service:					
(1) Superintendent	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
(2) Clerk	2,635.00	1,315.00	3,950.00	3,950.00	3,750.00
(3) Stenographers and other office assistants	3,600.00	1,320.00	4,920.00	4,800.00	2,337.50
(4) Compulsory education and census	1,550.00	750.00	2,300.00	1,750.00	668.75
2. Supplies	1,100.00	100.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	982.77
3. Elections and publicity	760.00	200.00	960.00	1,500.00	1,136.42
4. Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.)	650.00	250.00	900.00	750.00	1,464.73
5. Other expense of general control	1,600.00	600.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,418.99
6. Total Expense of General Control	\$ 15,895.00	\$ 7,035.00	\$ 22,930.00	\$ 22,450.00	\$ 18,759.16
II. Instruction—Supervision					
1. Personal service:					
(1) Principals	\$ 53,360.00	\$ 5,181.00	\$ 58,541.00	\$ 60,454.00	\$ 43,854.98
(4) Stenographers and other office assistants	4,140.00	1,260.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	2,522.50
2. Supplies, principals and supervisors	225.00	75.00	300.00	300.00	174.18
4. Other expense of supervision	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	900.00	815.87
5. Total Expense of Supervision	\$ 58,725.00	\$ 6,716.00	\$ 65,441.00	\$ 67,054.00	\$ 47,367.53
III. Instruction—Teaching					
1. Personal service:					
(1) Teachers	\$210,604.00	\$ 34,945.00	\$245,549.00	\$232,881.00	\$192,551.68
(2) Substitutes	3,000.00	500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,190.00
2. Library supplies, repairs	100.00	50.00	150.00	100.00	
3. Supplies (chalk, paper, etc.)	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	5,792.90
4. Textbooks	8,000.00	200.00	8,200.00	9,000.00	7,140.83
5. Tuition to other districts	4,000.00	196,000.00	200,000.00	131,500.00	80,412.50
6. Other expense of teaching	1,100.00	300.00	1,400.00	750.00	565.85
7. Total Expense of Teaching	\$229,104.00	\$232,995.00	\$462,099.00	\$386,731.00	\$289,653.76
IV. Operation of Plant					
1. Personal service:					
(1) Janitors and other employees	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,945.00	\$ 20,220.76
2. Janitors' supplies	4,250.00	750.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,471.88
3. Fuel	15,000.00	3,000.00	18,000.00	17,000.00	13,118.01
4. Light and power	6,500.00	1,500.00	8,000.00	5,000.00	5,624.54
6. Telephone and Tel.	1,350.00	150.00	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,171.46
7. Other expense of operation	525.00	75.00	600.00	600.00	176.87
8. Total Expense of Operation	\$ 50,225.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 58,100.00	\$ 57,745.00	\$ 45,783.52
V. Maintenance and Repair					
1. Repair and maintenance of furniture and equipment	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,187.73
2. Repair and maintenance of:					
(1) Buildings	15,000.00	1,000.00	16,000.00	6,000.00	4,308.15
(2) Grounds and Irrigation	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	2,757.75
3. Personal service	6,000.00	400.00	6,400.00	5,700.00	5,100.00
4. Total Expense of Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 31,400.00	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 15,353.63
VI. Auxiliary Agencies					
1. Health service:					
(2) Supplies and other expenses	900.00	100.00	1,000.00	500.00	420.32
2. Transportation of pupils:					
(1) Personal service	20,000.00	25,000.00	45,000.00	35,800.00	24,074.78
(2) Supplies and other expenses	9,000.00	6,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	
(3) Repair and replacement of busses	14,000.00	6,000.00	20,000.00	32,000.00	51,793.35
3. Other auxiliary agencies:					
(1) Personal service—cooks	4,200.00	525.00	4,725.00	4,815.00	
(2) Supplies and other expenses	2,750.00	250.00	3,000.00	1,750.00	6,037.40
4. Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies	\$ 50,850.00	\$ 37,875.00	\$ 88,725.00	\$ 84,865.00	\$ 82,325.85
VII. Fixed Charges					
1. Insurance	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,140.00	\$ 13,599.57
3. Other fixed charges:					
(2) Retirement	17,300.00	2,100.00	19,400.00	17,385.00	13,787.42
4. Total Fixed Charges	\$ 28,550.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 29,525.00	\$ 27,386.99
VIII. Capital Outlays					
1. New sites	\$ 1,000.00	\$	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$
2. New buildings	36,000.00		36,000.00	15,000.00	
4. New furniture, equipment and replacements	2,750.00	250.00	3,000.00	200.00	
5. Assessments for betterments					43,364.35
6. Other capital outlays:					
(1) Library books	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
(2) Playground equipment	4,500.00	500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
(3) Wells and pumphouses	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
7. Total Capital Outlays	\$ 46,750.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 28,200.00	\$ 43,364.35