

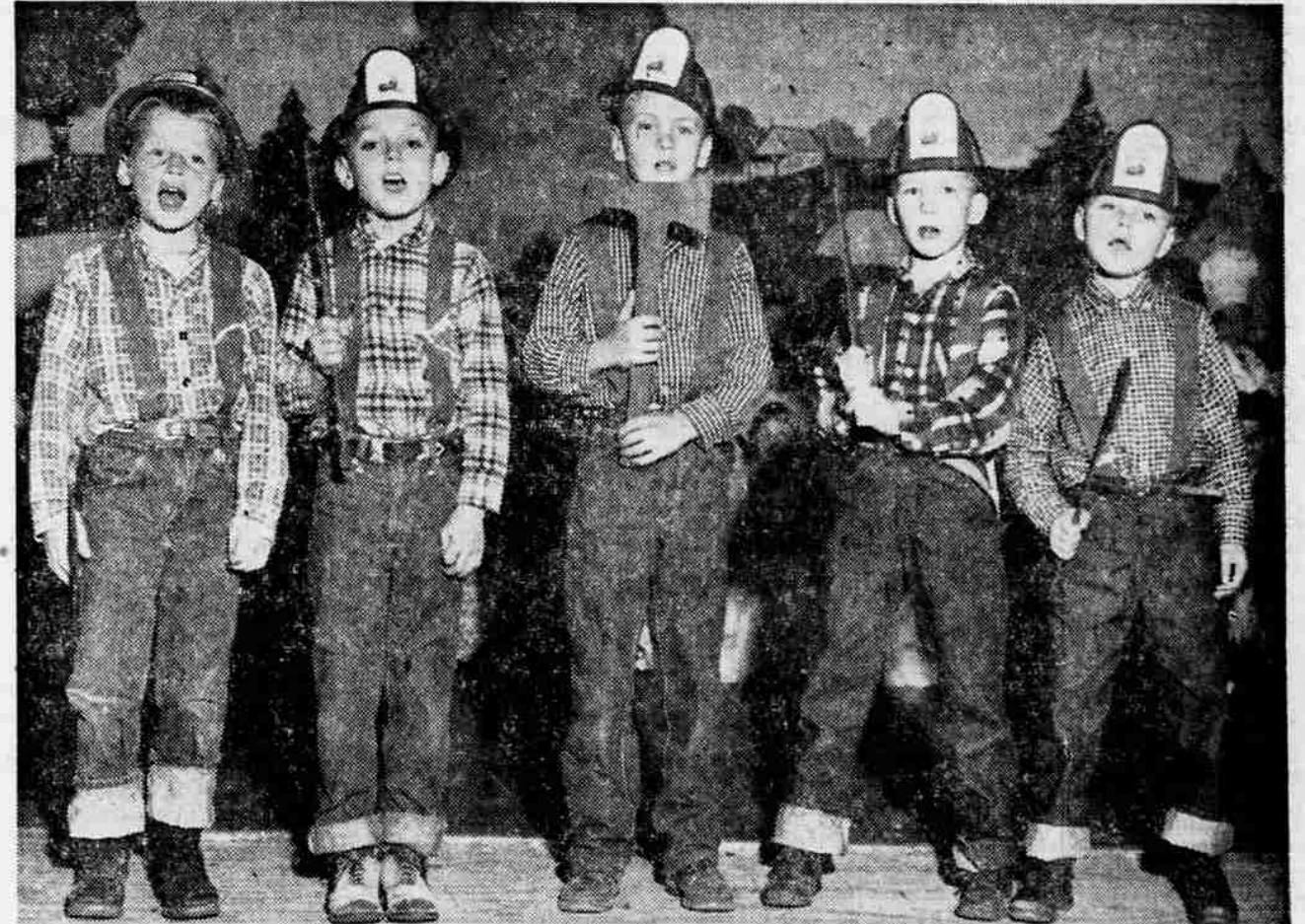
Lesson In Taxation



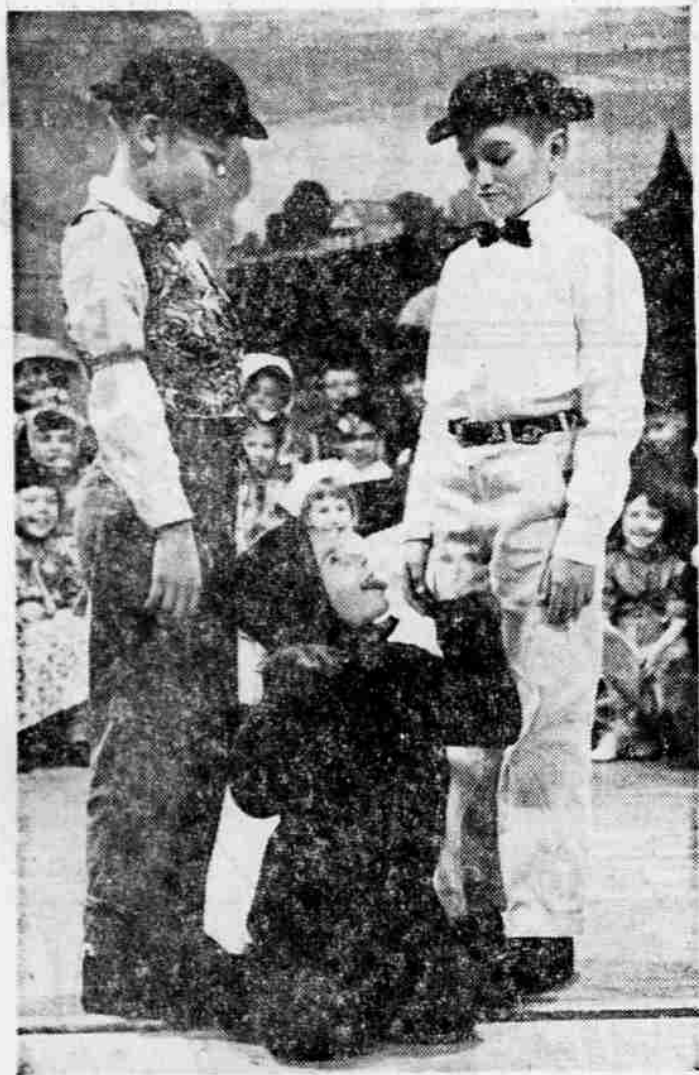
Children of the second and third grades of Jackson school recently learned about government, taxes, and how a city functions — and had fun doing it. The children and their teachers gave a playlet, "The Big Decision," during which the "citizens of Jackson" hold a community meeting to protest high taxes only to discover that they are unwilling to do away with any of the services supported by the taxes. Pondering the problems of "Jackson" are Mayor Max Nicholson (standing) and council members (back row, left to right) Bill Wimer, Jay Beach, Carolyn Baccus and Bruce Dwight; (below, left to right) Jon Hardin and Richard Orr.



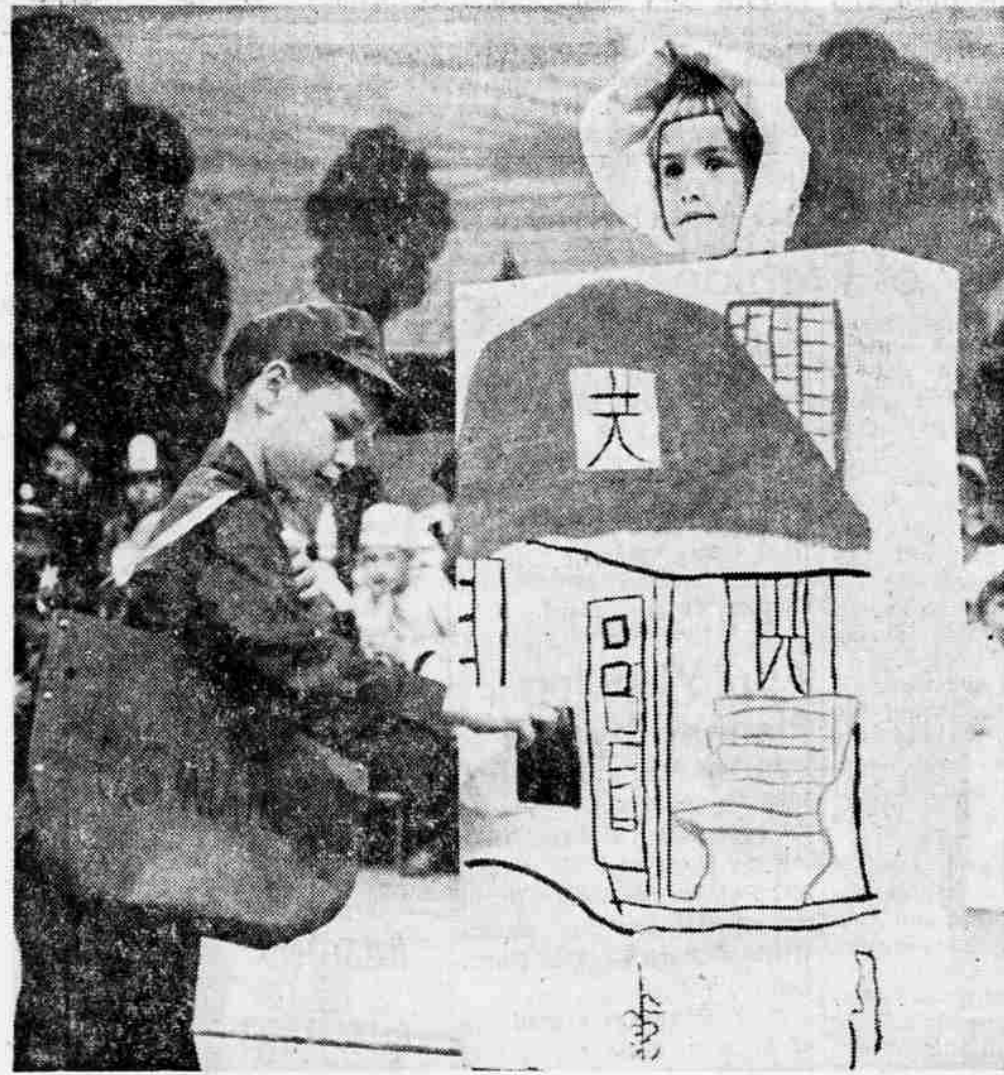
Lined up for inspection are Jackson's policemen (left to right) Mike Barker, Gerry Douglas, Mike Kezer, Terry Witter, Richy Keene and Chief Mark Swisher. When the citizens of Jackson learned all about the duties and services of a police force, it was agreed that no city should cut taxes by doing away with the protection the police provide.



With helmets and fire axes, Jackson's firemen sang a rousing song as their part of the playlet on government and taxes. Lined up (left to right) are Gary Singler, Tommy Pidcock, Scott Huffman, Keith Murray and Stanley Goodlin. All the school's teachers of second and third grade classes worked on the program.



With tongue happily hanging out, "doggy" Jimmy Morrissey asks Mayor Max Nicholson and Stephen Jones, dog control officer, "what are you going to do about me?"



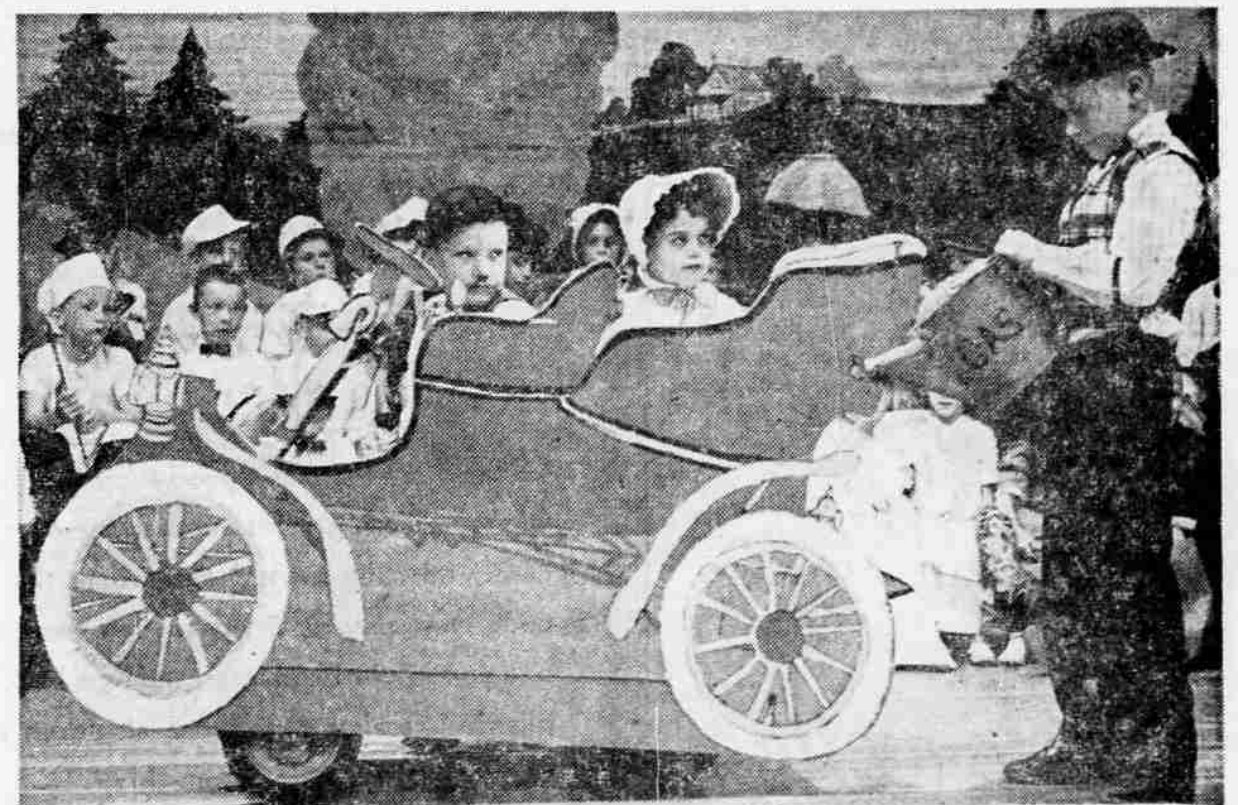
Eugene Champion, Jackson's postman, carefully deposits a letter in the mailbox of Terrie Walsh's "house." The postal service was also found to be essential, and Jackson's citizens decided it couldn't be abolished just to lower taxes.



Schools and teachers are important for every city, and one of "Jackson's" teachers was Marla Gardner. In this scene Linda Hansen (at back) and Sharon Halme present their teacher big red apples. Cooks, nurses, doctors and housewives can be seen in the background.



The baker, the milkman, the butcher, the banker and all the other business men to be found in any city were on hand when the citizens of Jackson held their meeting to talk about taxes. Among the milkmaids and milkmen were (left to right) Sharil Houston, David Thompson, Mark Van Sickle, Patricia Miller, Steven Plumlee and Marlene Schell. Not visible, but very important, were Duane Waldron and Roger Barker, who were the horse. "The Big Decision" was adapted from material in issues of "The Instructor" professional magazine for educators, by Mrs. Muriel Harvey of Jackson faculty. She was also pianist.



Every town and city in the United States has cars and service stations, so these had to be made a part of the plot of "The Big Decision." Terry Gust sits behind the wheel, and Karen Ewaldsen is his passenger. Jimmy Mercer represents the service station operator. After all the citizens had been heard, the council members conferred and the meeting closed with "We must find some other way to save money or else find a way to get more money to meet our needs."