

53.2 Per Cent of City Revenue Is From Property Tax

Property taxes accounted for 53.2 per cent of the city of Medford's revenues during the 1958-59 fiscal year, which was slightly below the statewide average, according to figures released recently by the bureau of municipal research.

Statewide property taxes accounted for 53.4 per cent of all city revenue.

In a report on the revenue sources of Oregon cities, the bureau points out that revenue from the property tax has increased from \$8,272,040 in 1934 to \$28,795,783 in 1958-59 in all Oregon cities. In Medford's population

category (10,000-25,000), the percentage of city revenues contributed by the property tax ranges from 24.6 per cent in Pendleton to 59 per cent in The Dalles.

Dollar Figures

In dollar figures the property tax accounted for \$810,981 of Medford's total revenue of \$2,111,020. The second largest source of revenue for Medford was \$155,514 or 10.2 per cent, from state highway revenue allocations, according to the bureau.

The city of Ashland received 41.5 per cent (\$112,087) of its revenues from the property tax and 21.1 per cent (\$56,941) from state highway allocations. The bureau reported Ashland's total revenue as being \$1,061,598.

Other major sources of Medford's revenue were franchise fees (4.5 per cent), fines and forfeitures (4.2 per cent), parking meter receipts (5.3 per cent) and sewer service charges (3.1 per cent). These sources compare favorably with the sources of revenue in other Oregon cities, according to the bureau.

Lowest Percentage

Medford's highway revenue allocations and state liquor tax refund revenue (\$43,669) were the lowest percentage-wise of any other city in its population category.

Total revenue for all Oregon cities from all sources during the 1958-59 fiscal year was \$53,954,648, an increase of 428.5 per cent over the total city revenue of \$10,209,403 in 1934. The bureau points out, however, that in terms of actual purchasing power this represents an increase of only 144 per cent.

It is also pointed out that population of Oregon cities increased by 63.4 per cent during this same 25-year period.

Taxes as Source

The bureau notes that taxes as a source of revenue represent 62.3 per cent of cities total general revenue in 1958-59. Receipts from other governmental units constitute the second largest source of revenue for cities (17.4 per cent).

Cost of city government per capita is broken down into population categories. In Portland it is \$89.19 per person; in the 25,000-100,000 category it is \$49.81 per person; and in the 10,000-25,000 category it is \$50.86 per person.

According to the bureau, the cost of city government per capita increases as the city population increases. It blames the problems of congestion that develop in the larger cities for the increased cost.

Ceramic's Classes At SOC Listed

Ashland - Popular evening ceramic's classes at Southern Oregon college have been doubled and there is ample room for all, according to Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar. The last night to enroll for the classes is Monday, Oct. 3.

Offerings are: ceramics, A254, 2 hours credit, 7:30 p.m., Monday; ceramics, A254, 2 hours credit, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Other night classes to be offered fall term are: puppetry, A312, 2 hours credit, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday; painting, A318, 2 hours credit, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday; orchestra, Mus 196, 1 hour credit, 7:30 p.m., Monday; orchestra, Mus 396, 1 hour credit, 7:30 p.m., Monday; evaluation of classroom instruction, Ed 513, 3 hours credit, 7:30 p.m., Monday; first aid, HE 358, 3 hours credit, 6:45 p.m., Thursday; skating, PE 180, 1 hour credit, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the rink; principles and techniques of speech correction, Sp392, 3 hours credit, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Fees for night classes are based on \$11 per term hour with \$22 being the minimum fee. The last day to enroll for any of the classes is at the scheduled time the class meets in the week of October 3 to 7. Additional information may be obtained at the registrar's office at the college.

Portland - UPI - Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican vice presidential candidate, will speak in Gill Coliseum in Corvallis next Thursday, Oct. 6.

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George S. — I'm beginning to have doubts.

Miriam J. — It's just his parents' interference.

George S. — I am 23 and I am engaged to marry a girl my age. Suddenly, however, I'm beginning to have some doubts.

Miriam and I have been friends since we were kids. We are both tremendously interested in music, theater and politics. We agree about almost everything and get along first rate.

There is only one thing I worry about and that is Miriam's jealousy. I wasn't aware of it until my parents pointed it out. My father says a jealous woman never makes a good wife. I noticed that when I was paying some attention to an out-of-town cousin recently, Miriam kept trying to cut her out of the conversation. I was only trying to be nice to a guest.

Miriam J. — George's parents have never really liked me and tried to break us up in our teens. I think they are now making a last-minute effort to break up the relationship. George just doesn't see that.

I believe the out-of-town cousin was brought into the picture to get George's mind off me. She is only a third cousin and the family has had little contact with her family. But all of a sudden she is invited for a two-weeks visit!

I am deeply in love with George and I know he is deeply in love with me. Everyone says we make a perfect couple. We have never quarreled. Everything would be wonderful if only George didn't let his family dominate him so much.

The Council: We fear that Miriam is whistling in the dark when she speaks of the perfection of this relationship.

We get the impression that her jealousy is founded in an insecurity that has little to do with the influence of George's family. The doubts George now expresses must have existed for some time. It is entirely likely that his family senses his hesitation and feeling of having committed himself further than he was ready to do, and they are trying to help him.

Miriam, too, has sensed George's doubts for some time. She would not be so quick to feel threatened by outside events if she were convinced of the love of her fiancé.

These two young people have a fine basis for the establishment of a good relationship, but perhaps they are not quite ready for the total emotional commitment of marriage.

Miriam tries to draw comfort from the fact that outsiders consider them a "perfect couple." But outsiders are notoriously poor judges of such matters. They can judge only from the most superficial appearances. Besides, they consider themselves more or less bound to be encouraging to a young couple.

We are also a bit suspicious of the fact that there have never been quarrels in such a long relationship. This is not necessarily a good sign for youngsters who grow and learn through disagreements. Could it be that Miriam, out of fear of losing George, has always flattered him by upholding him?

Miriam could be making a big mistake for herself by trying to pressure George into a marriage for which he is not quite ready.

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