

# Committee Questions Shed Light on Delinquent Tax Situation

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Questions from the Jackson county budget committee last week shed further light on the possible reasons why Jackson county should have nearly a half million dollars in uncollected personal property taxes.

Walsh assured the committee if he were given another deputy for tax collections he would leave him in that division.

"It really is no loss to the people if taxes are not paid. The 8 per cent interest levied on all overdue taxes offset the losses," the sheriff explained. However, he admitted later that if a person

never pays his taxes due to death, moving out of state or county, or bankruptcy the interest is never collected.

**Not in Jeopardy**  
"As long as I make a diligent effort to collect the taxes I am not in jeopardy with the bonding company," the sheriff answered a budget committee member.

"What can we do to be sure

that a deputy originally assigned to the tax division stays there?" another committee member wanted to know.

Walsh replied his deputies should only have to handle circuit court papers and not district court papers. Those papers should be assigned only to the county constable, Walsh indicated.

**Overloaded With Papers**  
He said he was not criticizing anybody, but in 1960 his deputies were overloaded with civil papers which should have been served by the constable.

The attorneys for one reason or another were dissatisfied with the service provided by the former constable then, he said. He said he pointed this out to the county court and asked for an additional deputy to work in the civil department then.

County Judge Earl Miller said, "Perhaps the county court should issue a directive to the district court to use the constable for serving all papers." Walsh replied that the county court has no legal jurisdiction over the district court so could not issue such a directive. He repeated he

was not "leveling criticism." He assured the lay budget committee members and members of the county court that a full-time tax deputy would allow him to reduce the uncollected personal property taxes substantially. Because of the heavy load on the civil division from all three courts, Walsh said he had not done all he could to keep the tax collections up on a current basis.

**Permit Election**  
Later Walsh pointed out to a Mail Tribune reporter that the state statutes permit a city of 25,000 population like Medford to elect a constable.

When the problem with the constable occurred the county court had decided to abolish the office of constable with the retirement of the former constable. Later, however, County Judge Earl Miller said state law provides for a county constable and the county court cannot abolish the office. The budget committee suggested Thursday that the constable's office be abolished if it isn't carrying its full share of the load. (The constable's office can be abolished under the home rule charter.)



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## On the Air

By ELEANOR WIESE

Bill Cochran, purchasing coordinator, said it was impossible to tell accurately how many men Walsh had working in each of his four divisions: criminal, civil, tax and jail.

For instance, the budget sheet as submitted, shows a group of seven deputies in the criminal division when he actually has nine.

**Additional Deputy**  
The committee agreed that the additional deputy to be assigned to the sheriff's tax division as requested should collect taxes and not be shifted to other duties. The county court members said they would watch this closely.

Walsh explained that his deputies are primarily officers of the court and must serve summons for both circuit courts and the district court when asked to do so. It is impractical to assign men to specific divisions. When the orders to serve court papers pile up all of the deputies may be needed to help, Walsh explained further.

"We may be called upon to serve from 25 to 40 jury summons in one afternoon. The jurors must report by 9:30 o'clock the next morning," Walsh illustrated.

"Can't you tell the court you have to collect taxes and can't serve the papers?" asked Gordon Hudson, Medford druggist and budget committee member.

Well, we've hit the TV doldrums, as most viewers must be aware. Instead of sailing ahead to new stories each week, most shows are belated for the summer with reruns.

News and sports specials, a few entertainers, and variety host Ed Sullivan will occasionally freshen the TV landscape with new programs. But on a whole there should be few conflicts of interest between outdoor activities and indoor video viewing—which is as it should be when our enchanting southern Oregon summer sings her siren song.

**UPDATE, 4:30 p.m.** Sunday KMED-TV. Some of the sights a tourist doesn't usually see in Washington, D. C., are shown.

**TWENTIETH CENTURY, 5 p.m.** Sunday KBES-TV. "City Under the Ice." Walter Cronkite takes a three-day journey by sled to visit Camp Century, the U. S. Army's base beneath the Greenland Ice Cap. (repeat)

**MEET THE PRESS, 5 p.m.** Sunday KMED-TV. Under Secretary of State George W. Ball is interviewed. Ball has played a leading role in the administration's drive for a new trade agreement act.

**1, 2, 3 GO!, 5:30 p.m.** Sunday KMED-TV. Young Richard Thomas visits the Seeing Eye school near Morristown, N. J., where dogs are trained to serve as guides for the blind.

**GLOBAL ZOBEL, 5 p.m.** Sunday KBES-TV. "Temple of Dawn," a visit to Thailand where Siamese wrestlers, floating markets and temples are seen.

**WALT DISNEY PRESENTS, 6:30 p.m.** Sunday KMED-TV. "Rusty and the Falcon," tells the story of a boy who finds an injured falcon and nurses it back to health. Also included is an archery exhibition and a discussion and demonstration of the training of hunting falcons.

**STARLIGHT CONCERT, 8 p.m.** Sunday KBOY-FM radio. Highlights include: Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis"; Act 2 of Bloch's "Orpheus and Eurydice" conducted by Arturo Toscanini; Brahms' "Sonatas for Viola and Piano, Opus 120" with William Primrose, viola, and Rudolph Firkušny, piano.

**DU PONT SHOW, 9 p.m.** Sunday KMED-TV. Art Carney stars as narrator and performer on "Fads and Follies," a musical sampling of Amer-

ican vogues and crazes of the past century. Singers Barbara Cook, Alice Ghostley, Eileen Rodgers and James Hurst complete cast.

**BING CROSBY SHOW, 9 p.m.** Monday KMED-TV. Bing Crosby and guest Bob Hope sing and talk about "The Good Life in the U.S.A." Other guests include singer-comedian Edie Adams, clarinetist Pete Fountain, comedy folksingers, the Smothers Brothers, and Gary Crosby.

**U. S. STEEL HOUR, 9 p.m.** Wednesday KBES-TV. "The Other Woman." Alison Bradnor (film star Jeanne Crain) reports to police that she has received letters from an unidentified woman suggesting she kill a man.

**DAVID BRINKLEY'S JOURNAL, 9:30 p.m.** Wednesday KMED-TV. In an interview with Brinkley, welterweight champion Emile Grifith, whose win over Benny (Kid) Paret resulted in Paret's death, discusses his future in boxing and his emotional reaction to Paret's death.

**PUREX SPECIAL, 12 noon** Thursday KMED-TV. "Mother and Daughter" is a dramatic documentary about the problems of parents coping with a resentful, rebellious 16-year-old daughter. Trude Lash, executive director of the Citizens Committee on Children, talks about parental responsibility and the true role of the parent with adolescent children.

**NBC WHITE PAPER, 8:30 p.m.** Friday KMED-TV. "The Inferno." In a small slum in Palermo, Sicily, 270 families live in almost unbelievable poverty and filth where crime and vice are the accepted way of life. How such conditions distort the human spirit is described in this study.

## Residents Form Opposition Group

Residents of areas affected by a proposed annexation to the city of Medford met recently to determine methods for combating the proposal and to evaluate alternatives available that would provide the needed benefits without annexation to the city.

Bill Doernbach, a guest speaker, pointed out that the state law specifically gives the county court the authority and responsibility to provide for the needs of the suburban area residents.

In discussing the annexation policy of the city, Doernbach said he felt that the city's present annexation policy was unjust and cited as an example the fact that the annexed area residents would not only be responsible for their own water district indebtedness but also would be required to take on their share of the city's indebtedness. It was his opinion the present policy should be changed to a more fair and equitable one.

Plans were formulated by the group and committees were appointed through which the residents will actively oppose the proposed annexation.

## Stathos Comments On Tourist Business

A plan to stimulate the tourist business in Oregon was outlined last week by State Senate Candidate Dan Stathos in a speech before members of the Jackson County Motel association at North's Chuck Wagon.

"Jackson county has some of the most beautiful fishing streams in America, but it is fast losing its national reputation as a stream fisherman's paradise," he warned.

"Every dollar invested in keeping our streams stocked would be returned many times over," Stathos said. "Tourists leave their dollars here and take their problems home — along with pleasant memories of Jackson county."

Stathos said the tourist industry should be the forefront on an economic cake of solid industrial payrolls, and promised to work for a healthier economic base through several measures he has proposed.



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