

Jackson County Residents Look Forward to Tax Reduction in '63

Can residents of Jackson county count on a tax cut in 1963? Or have the prospects for such a cut been dimmed by recent international events?

Local residents, because of their income levels, have been paying huge personal taxes. Their payments, in the past fiscal year, came to approximately \$19,986,000, according to an unofficial estimate based on Treasury Department figures.

Along with other taxpayers throughout the country, they have been looking forward to a reduction next year.

Cut To Be Proposed

Current opinion is that some cut will be proposed by the Administration. How large it will be will depend on the state of the economy and the size of the 1964 budget.

Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges has come out for a slash in taxes right after the first of the year, without waiting for a broad tax reform bill, which might take a long time.

Many Congressmen have been surprised by the attitude of their constituents on the subject. They are finding that the homefolk, much as they want and need tax relief, feel that it would be irresponsible

to do this if it meant adding to the national deficit and debt.

Accompanied By Cut

They want any adjustment to be accompanied by a cut in Federal spending for non-defense purposes.

Of the \$19,986,000 in the individual income taxes paid by Jackson county residents in the year, more than \$8,194,000 is being used for domestic spending and the rest for national defense. This is based on a study just released by the Tax Foundation.

The domestic spending covers benefits for agriculture, commerce, veterans, education, health and welfare, labor, space research, housing and the like. The current bill for these items is \$26 billion, 126 percent higher than it was eight years ago.

Defense costs, by contrast, have gone up only 14 percent in the eight years, says the Tax Foundation.

Because of our deficit spending, year after year, the national debt has grown to more than \$298 billion, it notes.

Jackson county's share of this debt, which averages \$1,616 for every man, woman and child in the country, amounts to \$124,594,000.

Later Closing Date Noted For Festival

Ashland — The longest run and latest closing date in the history of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival will highlight the 1963 season, the Festival association has announced.

The 23rd festival starts Wednesday, July 24, with the annual "Feast of the Tribe of Will" in Lithia Park and the premiere showing of "Merry Wives of Windsor" at the Elizabethan theater.

Following in repertory rotation will be "The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet," opening July 25; "Love's Labour's Lost," starting July 26; and "King Henry V" July 27. The four plays will rotate nightly through 46 consecutive performances, closing Saturday, Sept. 7.

The later opening date will provide for additional rehearsal time. Festival officials said, September vacationers who could not visit the Ashland event now can with the later closing date, officials noted.

Four veteran directors for next summer also have been announced by Producing Director Angus L. Bowmer.

"Merry Wives" will be directed by Edward Brubaker of the English faculty at Pennsylvania's Franklin and Marshall college. He formerly directed "The Alchemist" (1961) and "King Henry IV, Part II."

Robert Loper will direct "Romeo and Juliet" after a year's leave-of-absence. He is

of the Stanford drama faculty and produced such shows as "Taming of the Shrew" (1960) and "Hamlet" (1961).

Alexander to Direct

Rod Alexander will return to direct "Love's Labour's Lost." He made his local directing debut with "Comedy of Errors" last summer. He is director of the Whitman college theater in Washington.

Jerry Turner, director of the Sequoia theater at Humboldt State college, Calif., will complete the staff. He staged "Julius Caesar" in 1960 and "As You Like It" in 1962.

General ticket sales for the 1963 season will open April 15. However, those with festival membership may make their seating reservation during the eight-week period starting Feb. 15. The \$3 membership is available any time of the year and earns the bearer the earlier ordering privilege and a vote in the organization.

Proceeds from membership sales go to a special endowment fund for the perpetuation of actors' scholarships.

Deadline for Storm Assistance Jan. 14

Salem — The deadline for cities to apply for federal aid funds to help in cleaning up damage from the big Columbus Day storm is Jan. 14, the League of Oregon Cities has reminded.

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Freeman Orders Reorganization Of SCS Agency

Washington — Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman has ordered a reorganization of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. The shakeup reflected some changes recommended by a Senate group which investigated the Billie Sol Estes case.

The Senate investigating committee, headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), spent several weeks last summer inquiring into Estes' cotton allotments and the convicted farm magnate's dealings with the Agriculture Department.

ASCS is the department agency which supervises major farm programs administered in the field, including farm price support operations. It approved a number of Estes' farm deals.

To Close Offices

The reorganization changes involve:

—Closing of three of the seven ASCS commodity offices and transfer of their work to the remaining four.

—Reduction of the present five operational groups within ASCS into three.

—Creation of a new office of director of program policy, which will have broad responsibility to formulate policy.

—Combination of the internal audit and investigation

divisions into one, attached directly to the ASCS administrator.

—Assignment of all marketing agreement and order programs — primarily those in milk and tobacco to the Agricultural Marketing Service, an agency outside ASCS.

Portland Named

The commodity offices to be closed are at Cincinnati, Ohio; Dallas, Tex., and Portland, Ore. They will be combined with the offices at Evanston, Ill.; Kansas City, Mo., and Minneapolis.

ASCS officials estimated the loss in payroll at roughly \$1.2 million in Portland.

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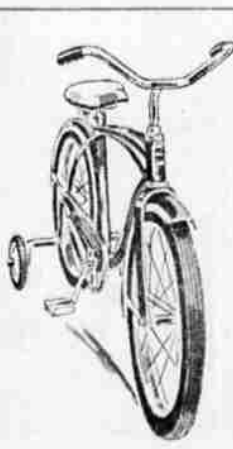
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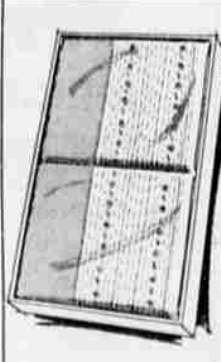
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REFUGEE TESTIFIES — A refugee Cuban doctor, his head covered by a hood, appears before the House Un-American Activities subcommittee in Washington. He told how he once had to perform surgery with an armed guard standing behind him because the Communist rulers of his country "don't trust anyone." The physician said he was testifying in disguise to safeguard relatives in Cuba. (UPI)