

INCOME TAXES EASE PROPERTY LEVY IN STATE

SALEM, March 27 (U.P.)—Oregon property taxpayers, facing a decreasing assessed valuation, will receive a 12.21 per cent boost from state income tax sources this year.

Figures released by the state tax commission show that in 1929, the year when assessed property valuation hit an all-time high, the over-all average property tax levy of 43.461 mills was based on an assessed valuation of \$1,122,332,180.

This year the assessed valuation of all property in the state is only \$899,092,000 and the average levy for all divisions of government in the state, including school districts, port districts, counties, cities and the small state levy is 46.112 mills.

The income tax receipts, used as an offset to property taxes, will provide an additional \$5,766,603 which would have been raised on real property if there had been no income tax.

In 1929 the real property tax raised \$40,778,041 and this year the combined property and income taxes will provide \$47,225,755. Of this total, \$5,100,000 has been credited to the general fund as the estimated collection on 1939 incomes and \$666,603 additional as a carry-over from income collections of previous years that exceeded the levy estimates.

Actually then, the property owners with a slightly higher levy than in 1929, because of the decline in the assessed valuation of real property, are saved from paying a much higher one of 52.525 mills by the income tax.

The main reason for the decline in assessed valuation, the tax commission says, is the foreclosure by taxing units on many millions of dollars worth of property that would otherwise be on the rolls.

The almost complete stoppage of capital improvement during the depression also added to the decline. This situation has been improving in the past two years along with the upswing in economic conditions.

On the basis of current returns, the earlier estimate of \$5,100,000 from income taxes will probably be exceeded 20 or 25 per cent. The excess, if there is an excess, will be credited to the general fund and used as an offset to 1941 real property taxes.

The tax commission believes the income tax has proved to be the most satisfactory and workable system of bringing

Heads Recall Group



C. C. Tatum, prominent Los Angeles realtor, head of a group of Southern California men seeking the recall of Governor Culbert Olson.

property and intangibles taxes on something of a par. Before the application of the income tax there was a much wider disparity between the two classifications in percentage of payment than there is now.

SILVER LAKE

Fire destroyed a large pile of juniper posts stacked near Fremont ranger station Thursday afternoon. The posts were made by the now extinct Silver Lake CCC camp. Fortunately there was no wind to carry sparks to the forest service buildings a short distance away. Ranger Gene Rogers, who was away on a field trip when the blaze occurred, could not account for it but said the fire hazard was very great that day due to low humidity and high temperature. Upon his return at 4 p. m. the thermometer registered 74 degrees.

Mrs. Leston Linebaugh was a Bend visitor Tuesday. Mrs. Anna Gowdy and Mrs. Ida Schroder returned with her. Mrs. Schroder had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Triplett in Bend.

An Easter egg hunt was held at school Friday afternoon. Children of the lower grades enjoyed the search for bright colored bunny eggs hidden about the large school yard.

The Easter party, traditional here for the last ten years, was given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Egli. Various games were played and a supper of abundance and variety was served at midnight. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. C. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Steele Gowdy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Small, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gowdy, Mr. and Mrs. Leston Line-

baugh, Mrs. Ed Lundy, Miss Ursula Loomis, Miss Constance Antoine, Miss Josephine O'Keefe, Mrs. Anna Gowdy, Miss Helen Egli, Wilfred Long, Walter Kittredge, Jewell Corum and the hosts.

Mrs. Maude Kittredge and son, Walter, went to Bend Saturday to receive delivery of a new pickup. Mrs. Anna Gowdy, Mrs. Emil Gowdy and Miss Helen Egli accompanied them.

The Easter services and basket dinner at Ft. Rock Sunday were attended by several Silver Lake people. Among them were Rev. and Mrs. Waterhouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cliff, Cameron Cliff, Miss Barbara Cliff, Mrs. Leston Linebaugh and Mrs. Mary Long.

Heavy showers Sunday put an end to a week of warm sunny weather. Stockmen were especially glad to see the rain as it was needed on the range where grass and weeds have started. Local weather prophets recalled the superstition that rain on Easter will be followed by seven rainy Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lutz were

Vitality, Dare Marks U. S. Movie Makers, Says Hays

NEW YORK, March 27—The vitality and promise of American industry under freedom to dare and to develop in the American way, Will H. Hays told motion picture producers, distributors and exhibitors in the United States, are proved by the succession of exceptional

visitors to Reuben Long's home at Ft. Rock Sunday. Adin McCall returned to his job at the Small ranch Sunday after a month's vacation.

pictures now flowing from American studios. Some of these films, he said, marked a new high in the screen's achievements. His yearly report as president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America was made public here today on the occasion of the annual meeting of this association.

Without underestimating the difficulties still before the industry, "possibly graver today," he asserted, "than at any time in its history," Mr. Hays point-

ed to "Gone With the Wind," "The Story of Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," "The Grapes of Wrath," "Young Mr. Lincoln," "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," "Northwest Passage," "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," "Wuthering Heights," "Union Pacific," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Juarez," "Stagecoach," "Gulliver's Travels," "The Wizard of Oz," "We Are Not Alone," "The Story of Alexander Graham Bell," "Pinocchio," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "Three Smart Girls Grow Up," "Stanley and Livingstone," "Man of Conquest," "Destry Rides Again," "The Light That Failed," "The Old Maid," and other features which, he said, are not only outstanding entertainment

for millions of movie-goers, but which "contribute to human understanding by illuminating some area of history, biography, science, geography, literature or current reality."

Because this season ends another decade of motion picture production, Mr. Hays compared pictures produced during 1939 with the "Ten Best" and "Honor Roll" pictures of 1929. Symptomatic of the earlier period, he pointed out, were "Gold Diggers of Broadway," "The Wolf of Wall Street," "The Lady Lies," "Charming Sinners," etc. — in a period, he said, in which "Disraeli" was the only biographical film included among the best.

Progress of a Decade

"During the intervening ten years," Mr. Hays continued, "the immortal words of Shakespeare for the first time were spoken from the screen; symphony and grand opera music were introduced into films; the great classics of literature were made into photoplays; color, like sound, was perfected in the pictures; the animated cartoon became full feature-length entertainment; and the screen essayed seriously the treatment of current social problems for a universal audience."

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