

Local Property Taxes Will Be Down a Trifle

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Your property taxes should be just a little bit less than they were last year.

Assessed valuations as a whole over the county are down a bit from a year ago, and millage rates also are down.

According to the summary of assessed valuations and tax levies prepared by the county assessor's office, the assessed (taxable) valuation of all property in Klamath County totals \$49,297,912.50 for this current fiscal year, compared to \$49,635,897.12 for 1951-52, down almost \$400,000 in the gross, and the amount of money to be raised by taxation is considerably less.

That figure this year will be \$3,461,808.14. Last year the amount to be raised by property taxation was \$3,978,629.89 of which approximately 96 per cent has been collected to date.

The total assessed valuation for this year is down a bit from a year ago because the valuation of utilities (railroads, air lines, tele-

phones, power and other service corporations) in the total is down from \$17,356,671.12 to \$16,417,407.50. Utility valuation is computed by the State Tax Commission, not by the local office.

The valuation of other property in the county, land, improvements and personal property, is just a little higher than a year ago, \$32,850,110 compared to \$32,367,445, but the increase there is not enough to compensate for the lower utility value. Also, the increase is due primarily to new construction being added to the tax rolls rather than to any raising of assessed valuation of property already on the rolls.

The reduction in the total amount of property tax to be collected came about by all school districts asking for less property tax money for their use than they received last year, and by small reductions in the amount to be collected for the City of Malin, Malin Fire District, Malin Park District, Malin Cemetery District and Ward Park District.

Municipal corporations which have asked for more property tax money this year than last include Klamath County, Klamath Falls, Bonanza, Chiloquin, Merrill, Merrill Fire District, Merrill Park District, Suburban-Rural Fire District and Stewart-Lenox Fire District.

But the reduction in the amount asked for the schools overbalances those increases so the overall amount to be collected on the 1952-53 roll is in the neighborhood of half a million dollars less than on the 1951-52 roll.

The biggest chunk of savings was made possible by the County Elementary School District, reducing its property tax demand from \$853,517 last year to \$799,224 this year. The other school districts also are responsible for sizeable reductions.

Here is a breakdown of where the various slices of that \$3,461,808.14 (the total to be raised) goes: Klamath County, including roads, fairs, library, armory, current expense and the money Klam-

	1951-52	1952-53
Klamath Falls	45.8	44.5
Bonanza	88.0	88.0
Chiloquin	63.2	61.8
Malin	103.3	88.1
Merrill (including park fire districts)	91.9	76.3
Stewart-Lenox	71.3	68.1

ath County kicks back to the schools, a total millage rate of 21.4, to raise \$1,054,324.85. County elementary schools, millage 22.9, to raise \$799,224.45. City elementary schools, 9.1 rate, to raise \$337,132. City elementary schools, 29.5 rate, to raise \$539,762. Klamath Union High, 19.8 rate, \$459,539.30. Klamath Falls, 23.8 rate, \$364,432.34. Bonanza, 34.6 rate, \$349,722. Chiloquin, 8.4 rate, \$123,311. Malin, 36.9 rate, \$6,940.72.

Merrill, 32.2 rate, \$13,033.53. Merrill Fire District, 2.8 rate, \$4,923.80. Malin Fire District, 2.3 rate, \$2,899.90. Suburban-Rural Fire District, 9.6 rate, \$33,825.46. Stewart-Lenox Fire District, 4.0 rate, \$2,491.70. Malin Park District, 7.6 rate, \$12,996.26. Merrill Park District, 2.5 rate, \$5,626.77. Ward Park District, 2.6 rate, \$8,002.22. Malin Cemetery District, 1.7 rate, \$2,021.49.

The millage rate is the figure by which a property owner can ascertain what his tax bill will be for his particular location against the assessed valuation of the property. Assessed valuations are not true cash valuations, but a figure somewhere around 40 per cent of true cash value.

and municipal corporations which apply to the particular location of property.

For instance, a house here at Klamath Falls will be taxed at a 23.8 combined millage rate, computed by adding up the individual millages for Klamath County (21.4) city elementary schools (29.5), KUH (19.8) and Klamath Falls city (23.8).

Property in the suburbs, where youngsters go to county elementary schools and come into Klamath Falls for high school, and which is in both the Suburban-Rural Fire District and Ward Park District will have a 76.3 combined millage rate, made up of the individual millages of the county, city elementary schools, KUH, the fire district and park district.

under consideration happens to lie within.

The highest combined millage rate in the county is charged on property in the Old Orchard Manor development, located on the east side of Washburn way, just a couple of blocks off it.

That property was voted into the city a year or so ago, but before that time—and while the property was still vacant, not built upon—it was a part of the Suburban Rural Fire District when that district was created and is still liable for fire district taxes. The property in Old Orchard Manor will be assessed at a 104.1 combined rate, which includes individual rates for the county, city, city elementary schools, KUH, and the fire district.

A mill in one-tenth of a cent, so a millage rate of 94.5, as here in Klamath Falls, means a tax of 33.45 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. A house assessed at \$2,000, therefore, would be taxed in Klamath Falls at \$189.

Bakersfield Shattered

2 Killed, 32 Hurt; Damage in Millions

By HERBERT D. WILHOIT and DICK BIESER
BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—A major earthquake jarred this city Friday, killing two persons, injuring 32 and shattering buildings.

Another sharp jolt rocked Los Angeles early Saturday, but was not even felt here.

Friday's tremor was the second big one in 32 days to hit Bakersfield.

The 10-second quake cascaded masonry and glass into the street. Some highways buckled. Walls fell, roofs collapsed and parapets crumbled.

Dust clouds boiled up, blotting out the sun. Damage is expected to run into the millions of dollars.

On the other hand, Friday's shock in Los Angeles, 125 miles south of here, apparently caused no damage, although it was strong enough to awaken hundreds of residents. The shock started at 2:10 a.m. PDT.

While Bakersfield's business districts were heavily damaged Friday, residential sections, for the most part, escaped unscathed.

Police patrolled blocked off downtown sections through the night to prevent looting of stores damaged by the two major quakes and dozens of aftershocks.

The dead are Mrs. Edna Ledbetter, 26, of nearby McFarland, caught under the collapsing roof of a store in which she was shopping; and George Patman Cozby, 67, a Southern Pacific railroad engineer at Bakersfield.

He was trapped in the wreckage of the Kern County Equipment Company.

A hundred and six city blocks in the business districts of Bakersfield and East Bakersfield, hardest hit by the quake, were roped off to everyone except those with business there.

Hardly a business block in the entire city of 50,000 population escaped damage.

EMERGENCY
City Manager C. Leland Gunn declared Bakersfield a disaster area and proclaimed a state of emergency.

The county board of supervisors at all county departments on an emergency basis and arranged for all city offices.

In the courthouse, already damaged in the July 21 quake, to tents on a nearby parking lot.

Bricks and metal cornices toppled from many business buildings, and the walls of others crumbled down into the streets or onto nearby structures.

At least four churches, some of them already damaged in the July 21 quake, suffered from Friday's shock.

Two churches on St. Francis Catholic church, built nearly half a century ago, were badly cracked. The brick front of the Presbyterian church, even older, fell into the street.

The Congregational church and St. Paul's Episcopal church were damaged.

A kindergarten school was so badly damaged the school board ordered it closed.

SURVEY
The board will make a survey of possible damage to other school buildings before the opening of classes Sept. 8.

Heavily damaged business buildings included the Tegler hotel, the Hopkins and Brower office buildings, and structures housing the Western Auto Supply Co. and the Many of the buildings hardest hit in the latest quake had been damaged in the previous tremor. Unlike last month's quake, repaired by communities reported no casualties or serious damage. The July shock caused 11 deaths at Tehachapi, 40 miles from here, and three elsewhere, with total damage throughout the affected area estimated at 40 million dollars.

California Institute of Technology Seismologists said the magnitude of the latest shock was 8, compared with 7.5 for the July tremor.

They placed the epicenter of Friday's jolt only five to eight miles from here, along the Kern River fault.

The July 21 quake centered at least 20 miles away, along the Bear Mountain fault.

The scientists said the tremor was a sort of "sympathetic reaction" to the July 21 shock, which was followed by numerous aftershocks, some of them damaging.

Of the 32 injured, only six were hospitalized after treatment.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California:
Low tonight 46, high tomorrow 80.
High yesterday 82
Low last night 49

Bulletins

FATAL ACCIDENT

An automobile collision this afternoon six miles north of Collier Park on US 97 apparently has taken one life and several other persons are reported trapped in the wreckage.

The two cars met head-on, according to first reports from the scene.

Names of the occupants were not immediately learned. State police and an ambulance were sent to the scene from Klamath Falls.

Sabres Score One-Sided Air Victory

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—The U. S. Fifth Air Force jubilantly announced today that in the first 22 days of August, U. N. Sabre jet pilots shot down 26 Russian-built jets in aerial battles over North Korea, in which only one Allied plane was downed.

An Air Force spokesman said the record "represents what is probably the most clean-cut victory of the Korean War. . . . The nearest thing I find to us for the entire month of June, when 22 MIGs were shot down and only one Sabre jet was shot down."

The new total followed today's report that Sabre pilots shot down three MIGs the past week without losing a single plane. Six Communist jets were damaged, making a total of 29 MIGs crippled during August.

LOSSES
The Air Force said, however, two Sabres and four other U. N. aircraft were shot down during the past week. Two propeller-driven planes were downed by anti-aircraft fire. Loss of the others was unexplained. This made a total of 17 U. N. planes lost during August, but only one in air combat.

The swift Sabres kept Communist fighters from interfering with U. N. air strikes against Red stockpiles all along the front Friday.

The bomb raids were part of a stepped-up campaign, disclosed on this week by the chief of the Far East Naval Forces, to hit the Reds where it hurt most.

The North Korean radio reacted violently Friday to the intensified Allied aerial effort.

A Pyongyang broadcast, heard in Tokyo, called for an immediate halt to what was called "murderous American bombing of civilians."

Reds Seize 3 Americans

BERLIN (AP)—The Soviets disclosed Saturday that they seized three members of the American Military Mission in Potsdam as spy suspects.

Their names were not disclosed. ADN, Soviet licensed news agency, said the Americans—two officers and an enlisted man—were arrested on the grounds of a Soviet military installation.

ADN said Soviet Gen. Vassily Chukov made a written protest to American military authorities in Germany demanding that the three be recalled.

RED TERRORISTS

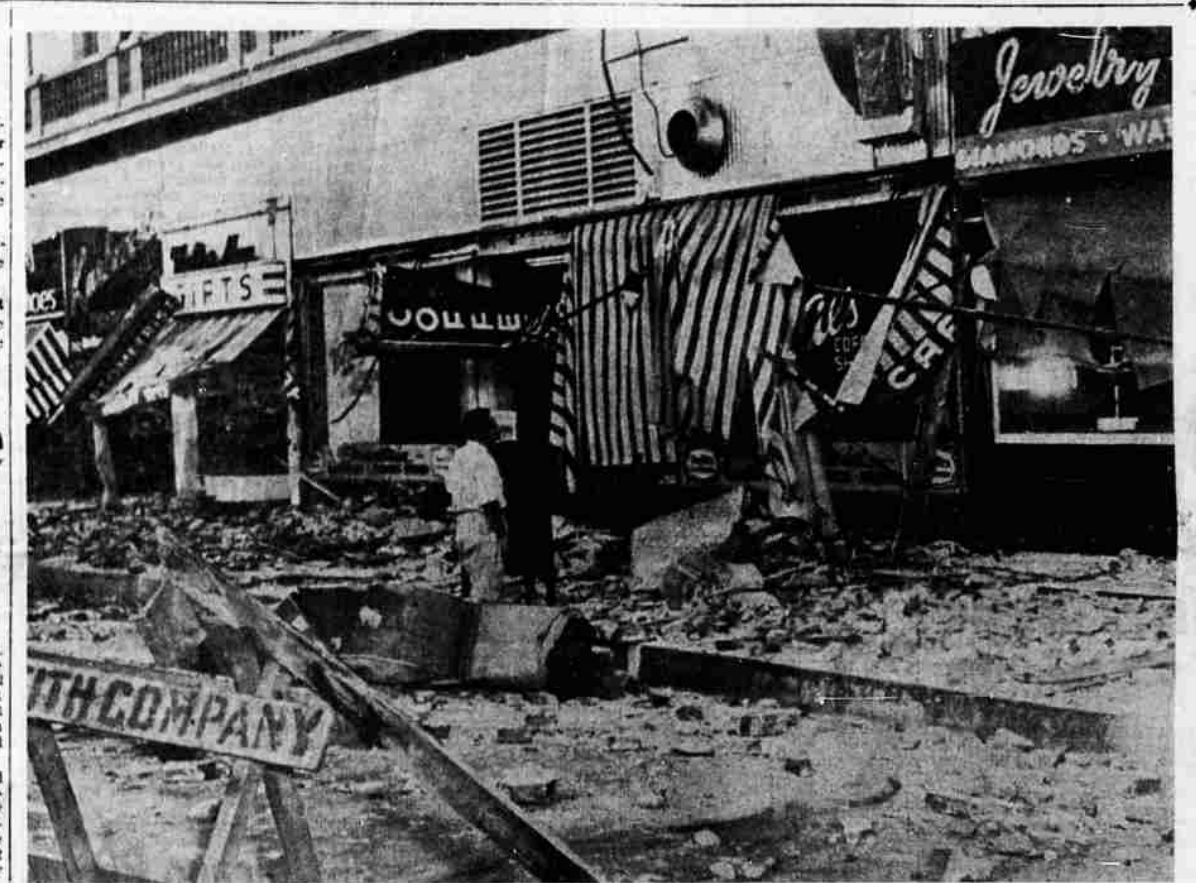
BOMBAY, India (AP)—A province official said Saturday government statistics showed that Communist terrorists in Hyderabad State had killed 3,500 persons and committed 8,000 armed robberies the past four years. Hyderabad is a Communist stronghold in India.

Youths Foil Speed Trap

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (AP)—The busy thoroughfare looked like speeders' territory. The police set up their electric timer and sat and waited. Lots of cars—all moving sedately within the limits.

Patrolman Nicholas Margianzo gunned his motorcycle and sped around the block.

His catch?
Two youngsters with a sign reading "Banger, Slow down, Police ahead."



RUBBLE IN THE STREETS—Bricks and chunks of masonry and general rubble littered the downtown streets of Bakersfield, Calif., after a sharp earthquake hit the troubled San Joaquin Valley city yesterday. Picture shows example of the damage wrought by the quake to a row of small shops. (AP Wirephoto).

17th Annual Rotary Stock Show Starts Tomorrow

The 17th annual Rotary-sponsored 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock Show gets underway early tomorrow at the county fairgrounds, when some of the choicest stock in all the West comes up for judgment.

The show is held annually by the Rotarians, in the memory of L.A. West, the father of the show and sale. It continues Monday and Tuesday, and is climaxed Tuesday afternoon and evening with the traditional barbecue and auction sale.

Yesterday's Rotary Club meeting saw final preparation being made under Pres. Scott Warren and the show and sale's general director, Bob Ellingson, who is both "Bull of the Woods" and director in Charge. At the same time the general orders were issued.

But the youngsters, the big reason for the whole affair, were perhaps the busiest. Everything from 1000-pound plus steers to tiny albino rabbits were being primed and primed today for the biggest day for many of the youngsters since Christmas.

Judges for the fair include: Marvin, Mrs. Francis Davis and Mrs. J. R. Miller; vegetable gardens, J. D. Vertrees.

The schedule follows:
SUNDAY:
8 to 12 noon—weighing livestock, 10 a.m.—worship service, 10:15—Sheep judging, followed by showmanship, 1-6 p.m.—Receiving garden and food preservation exhibits, exhibit building, 3 p.m.—Dairy judging, pavilion, 3 p.m.—Horse judging, track.

MONDAY:
8 to 12 noon—receiving flower exhibits, 9 to 5—judging of swine, beef, vegetable, flowers, canning and freezing, 1 p.m.—flower arrangement contest, exhibit building, 2 p.m.—Demonstrations, exhibit building.

TUESDAY:
9 a.m.—Special canning contest, 10 a.m.—Special livestock contest, pavilion, 10 a.m.—Livestock judging, pavilion, 11 a.m.—food preservation judging, exhibit building, 1 p.m.—Demonstrations, exhibit building, 1 p.m.—Demonstrations, exhibit building, 5 p.m.—Barbecue and parade, grandstand, 6:30 p.m.—Auction sale, pavilion, 7 to 9 p.m.—Release of exhibits.

Each day at the 4-H Fall Fair, different communities will work at the concession at the Fairgrounds and leaders and parents in those communities have been asked to donate cookies, pickles, potato salad, pie or cake for their day of work.

The schedule follows:
Sunday—10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Keno and Sprague River
Monday—10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Merrill, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Henley.
Tuesday—10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Malin, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Fairhaven, 6 p.m. to 12 p.m., Shasta, Altamont.

NATIONALISTS EXECUTE 27
HONG KONG (AP)—A 300-man band of Nationalist guerrillas seized and executed 27 Communist officials and leaders and parents in those communities have been asked to donate cookies, pickles, potato salad, pie or cake for their day of work.

Panic Averted

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—A possible panic in a movie theater was averted yesterday's quake when a Boy Scout brought calm out of chaos.

When the building began to shake, people started running for the exits. Bob Shaffer, 13, remained by his seat.

"Take it easy!" he yelled. The patrons, many of them adults, calmed down. The theater emptied in an orderly manner. The building was not damaged.

Arms And Legs

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Arms and legs in grotesque poses jutted from debris in the show window of Lerner's dress shop following yesterday's quake.

One woman shopper had been killed there and rescuers feared others might be trapped.

What appeared to be severed limbs turned out to be parts of dress gummies, dismembered by falling masonry.

Clock Wrecked

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Time finally ran out yesterday for a city's 46-year-old clock tower, a historic midtown landmark.

The earthquake toppled one of the four faces of the clock into the street. Hundreds of pounds of heavy mechanical workings fell. One wall of the tower cracked. The July 21 earthquake had stopped the clock.

LITTLE LAMB—Glynn Weatherby, whose father farms in the Malin area, isn't quite as big as her fat lamb she's planning on entering tonight before deadline in the 17th Annual Rotary Livestock Show for FFA and 4-H members. The three-day affair gets under way with judging and show tomorrow and Monday, and the auction and barbecue Tuesday.