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Taxes Are Hard To Understand

After sailing through an easy period marked by little tax consciousness, residents of Malheur county, as well as other parts of the state, are faced with a conglomeration of taxes that they do not like nor understand.

People who do not understand the taxing system cannot possibly vote intelligently on tax matters. Most officials charged with assessing and collecting taxes have a good knowledge of the tax situation, but many writers who have been writing about taxes for many years have lots to learn about them and the average layman knows practically nothing about them. However, he has to form a decision for his voting that is often based on faulty reasoning caused by lack of knowledge.

Responsibility for the tax troubles existing in cities, counties and school districts in Oregon can be charged almost entirely to the general increase in living costs caused by the war and the six per cent limitation.

From 1942 to 1950 no business could survive if the owners were restricted to increasing their expense budgets only six per cent each year over the year before, because costs have doubled and in some cases tripled during the eight-year period. Yet, officials are called upon to do that very thing, unless the six per cent limitation is exceeded through a vote of the taxpayers.

The tax situation could have been relieved in Oregon by the legislature through establishment of a new tax base. This new base could have raised the level of taxation through budgets and at the same time preserve the six per cent limitation each year to restrain spend-thrifts sitting on taxing boards.

The confused situation is causing confused thinking among those discussing the proposed special levies in the county and school district. For instance, some think that placing more property on the tax rolls would reduce the necessity of exceeding the six per cent limitation. This, of course, is not true, because a change in the assessed valuation would merely raise or lower the millage or more equally distribute the tax burden. Assessed valuation and millage have nothing to do with the six per cent limitation. The budget sets forth the amount of money that is to be raised by taxation and the assessed valuation and the millage determine how the tax burden as authorized by the budget is to be distributed. Some other tax problems are just as hard to understand.

Perhaps, the confusing tax situation would be less confusing, if this confusing editorial were abruptly concluded.

Move To Nyssa—

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Castile and sons, Gilbert and Frank, have moved to Nyssa from Sandy. They are living in Nyssa at present, but expect to locate on a farm near here.

Pastor Leaves—

Rev. E. J. Wilson, who has accepted a call as pastor of the Nazarene church at Homedale, left with his family for Homedale Tuesday. He has been pastor of the Nazarene church here for six and one-half years. Rev. Wilson will be succeeded by Rev. Glen Abala of Nampa, who will preach his first Nyssa sermon Sunday.

Going To School—

Mrs. Kenneth Renstrom left Boise by plane Saturday for Springfield, Missouri, where she will attend Missouri State college for nine weeks.

Moving To California—

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Chadwick have returned from El Monte, California, where they spent a week making arrangements to reside. They have sold their residence to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison and will move to California in about two weeks. Mr. Chadwick has been associated with his father, Al Chadwick, in the Nyssa Food Center.



Governor C. A. Robins pays tribute to the move for conservation of Idaho's timber resources as he presents a certificate of the Western Pine association to Boise Payette Lumber company upon the dedication of that firm's tree farm, the first in southern

Idaho and covering an area of 150,000 acres, held at Smiths Ferry. "It is gratifying that this effort to conserve our natural resources is one of private enterprise carried on without benefit of government hand-outs," said the governor.

Best Memorial Is Teaching Youth

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pass responsibility for the inculcation of these principles to the schools, the movies and the radio, although religion is the best guarantee for teaching morality to the people at large.

"It is especially important now that we educate the children because our system of justice is challenged by communism, in which the state has the first, if not the only claim, on justice. The Russian court is under the duty of doing injustice if that serves the state".

Mr. Snider referred to the horrors of future wars by pointing out "four kinds of warfare, for which we have efficient means available, each more deadly than the H bomb".

"In the face of these perils we have to answer the question of whether we will seek peace at any price, which is not the American way. Tyranny begins where justice ends", said Mr. Snider.

The speaker returned to Thomas Jefferson, who said "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man".

Mr. Snider closed his address with the remark: "We should re-dedicate ourselves to the American ideal of the rights and dignity of the individual, maintenance of morality and passion for justice".

Robert Talbot, commander of the American Legion, conducted a ritualistic service and Chaplain Donald M. Graham delivered the prayer and benediction. Orval Raymond was in charge of the colors and the color guard and Harold Kurtz was in charge of the firing squad.

Mrs. K. K. Lienkaemper placed a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier on behalf of the veterans organizations. Dickie Lawrence and Joan Mayden laid flowers on the tomb on behalf of the community. Charles Steffens sounded taps. The program was sponsored by the Nyssa Veterans association.

The women of the American Legion auxiliary placed on 27 ex-servicemen's graves the wreaths they had made. They also placed a beautiful wreath on the grave of "Mother" Lowe, a gold star mother, in the Owyhee cemetery.

Meeting Postponed—

The regular monthly meeting of the Nyssa P. T. A. has been postponed from June 1 until a later date.



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The largest number of exhibits was in the clothing project, with the cooking work running close second. Other exhibits included those in woodworking, homemaking, knitting, and posters.

The grand champion award for all cooking exhibits went to Jane Johannessen of Ridgeview. Jane placed first with the bread baked in her cooking III project.

Carol Wilcoxon of Willowcreek was named grand champion in clothing with the best dress made in her clothing IV project. Blue ribbon winners in the dress revue were Judy Love of East Bench

and Virginia Mallett of White Settlement in clothing 2; Sally and Joann Fetter of Pioneer, and Mary Stoker of Adrian in clothing 3; and Carol Wilcoxon in clothing 4.

In the demonstration team contest, Bobby Jo Webster and Joann Pounds of Adrian placed first in the clothing division. Jane Johannessen and Willa Vee Ferguson of Ridgeview placed first in the cooking division. In the homemaking division, Gay and Charlene Harris of

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BIG COOKING SCHOOL AND DEMONSTRATION

Thursday, June 8

At Parish Hall, 11 No. 5th St.
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Adrian took top honors. Rob Richmond of Cairo took first in the dairy foods division. Avadna Peterson of Ridgeview won honors in the breadbaking contest, and Darlene Haney of Owyhee won the cake-baking contest. Raelene Jorgensen of Ridgeview was winner in the dollar-dinner contest, and Mary Zielke of Harper in the sewing contest. Winners in all these contests will be eligible to compete at the state fair this fall.

To Butte—

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell returned Wednesday from Butte, Montana, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nankervis over Memorial day. Mrs. Stanley Keefer and children accompanied them as far as Idaho Falls.

To California—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frost and Allan left Friday for a visit in Grass Valley, California. From Grass Valley they will go to San Francisco and other California towns to visit for two weeks.

Riders Meet—

Thirty-five members of the Owyhee junior and senior riding clubs met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dimmick for the May meeting. Co-hostess for the evening were Mrs. Oee Schweizer and Miss Bonnie Kressley.

To Rigby—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and son left Saturday for Rigby, Idaho, where they will visit relatives over the week-end.

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