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Higher Tax Bills Result From Lost Value, State Aid

Most taxpayers in Malheur county are finding this week that their 1952-53 tax bills are somewhat higher than those of previous years although individual assessed valuation is the same except in cases where new buildings and assessable personal property have been added.

Especially in the Nyssa area will the increase be the most noticeable, mostly because of changes in assessing the Amalgamated Sugar Co. and partly as the result of some increased levies by individual taxing bodies, County Assessor John Koopman revealed. In some instances the overall increase amounts to nearly 20 percent.

A law passed in 1947 and made applicable for the first time this year, has brought about a drastic reduction in the amount of tax paid by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. on sugar stored in its warehouse and assessed as personal property, Koopman explained. The law requires that all personal property, not exempt from taxation, must be assessed at its true cash value as of Jan. 1 each year, provided that where assessment covers property, such as food products, the assessor shall cancel the valuation for the amount sold or transported on or before April 30 of the same year.

In previous years, the sugar company did not take advantage of this part of the law, the assessor said. In 1951-52 the assessed valuation of the products in storage amounted to \$327,000 and taxes were paid on that amount. For 1952-53 a similar amount of sugar was on hand Jan. 1, but affidavits were filed and the product was sold or transported before the April 30 deadline bringing about a loss of \$415,000 in taxes, Koopman explained.

Numerous other factors enter into the increased tax levy, although all of it shows up in the school levy insofar as Nyssa property owners are concerned. Last year, total tax levy for Nyssans was 73.1 mills and this year, 1952-53, the rate has increased 14.1 mills for a total of 87.5.

In addition to the last taxes from the sugar company, the school lost approximately \$35,000 in state funds and about \$10,000 had to be made up for loss of funds from the year before. The loss was attributed to the declining child population and the increased wealth of the district. School patrons by a 5 to 1 majority voted last May to give the school board permission to set levies in excess of the six percent limitation to make up the difference. At that time it was expected that the total school levies would be 41 mills. The Continued on Page 16

Nyssa Teachers Get Top Wages

School teachers of Nyssa are the highest paid in Malheur county, it was revealed in a news story released by County Supt. William E. Legitt in the Malheur Enterprise at Vale.

The average elementary salary paid in Nyssa is \$3500 a year, in Ontario the average is \$3411 and Vale pays \$3270, the report showed.

Nyssa's average high school salary is \$3942 as compared with Vale's average \$3850 and Ontario's \$3691. It was explained that for purposes of comparison, principals' and superintendents' salaries were not included.

The Vale newspaper went to explain that average salaries do not necessarily reflect "base" payments as length of service increases pay and schools with the largest number of teachers who have remained on the job will show a larger average payment.

Regular Physical Examinations For All Age Groups Advocated By Doctor

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Dr. Danford explained that the medical profession advocates physical examinations now more than in past years because of changes from the old system of treating illnesses to the modern system of diagnosing all suspected ailments as thoroughly as possible before treatment is administered.

Public health measures to combat cancer, heart trouble and other illnesses have also contributed to the advancement of preventative measures, the speaker said.

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Firemen Answer Four Calls Mon.

Nyssa firemen had a "rest period" of several days during the latter part of September and the forepart of October, but were called out last Thursday and then answered four alarms Monday. One of the Monday calls was a return to the scene of the Thursday fire.

Rural fire equipment and firemen were called to the Vic Marshall ranch last Thursday afternoon to douse flames that had started in weeds in a gulch. The department was able to save several farm buildings by putting out the weed fire, but about 10:30 Monday night the fire broke out again from smoldering straw that had not been discovered. Fireman Ralph Lawrence reported that the fire is now definitely "out."

Monday's series of fires started at noon when the department was called to 120 East Third where an abandoned car caught fire after youngsters had been playing in the car. Although flames were flaring from the upholstery, the loss was considered "negligible."

Two hours later firemen were called to 511 Bower where a gasoline fire had started in Delbert Hooper's repair shop. Lawrence reported that a truck motor was being cleaned with gas, and after the liquid caught fire some of the flaming gasoline was spilled on a small motor boat and trailer when efforts were made to put out the blaze. There was some damage to the boat, but the fire was out when the department arrived.

At 8 o'clock Monday evening an overheated oil stove, described as "red hot" brought the firemen to the Charles Turner home at 706 North First. Chemicals were used to "turn off the heat" and no damage was reported.

Malheur Among Top 50 Counties In Basic Crop Output

Malheur ranks in the first 50 counties throughout the nation in five basic commodities, according to a bulletin from the Department of Commerce. In a breakdown of the commodities by the Ontario State Unemployment compensation commission the following figures from the 1950 census were given:

Dry onions, 1,791 acres, 13th in nation; alfalfa cut for hay, 42,607 acres, 147,691 tons, 25th; Irish potatoes, 9,147 acres, 2,629,505 bushels, 23rd; sugar beets, 14,285 acres, 313,577 tons, 5th; horses and colts, 7,327, 18th; cattle an calves on hand, 114,672, 20th; cattle and calves sold alive in 1949, 53,605, 35th.

The employment office reported that employment remained high throughout September of this year and the labor market remained tight, despite the close of the corn canning and quick freezing plant.

Excellent growing weather held throughout the month with record breaking crops in the offing.

Estimated unemployment during the month was 200 consisting mostly of workers shifting jobs, immigrants and women temporarily laid off from canning and quick freezing operations.

Predictions of employment remaining high throughout October were made by the office even though the sugar beet industry has more mechanical means to harvest the beets than ever before. Farmers were warned that orders for hand topping should be placed early for labor at any of the farm labor camps where state employment officers are stationed, or at the employment office in Ontario.

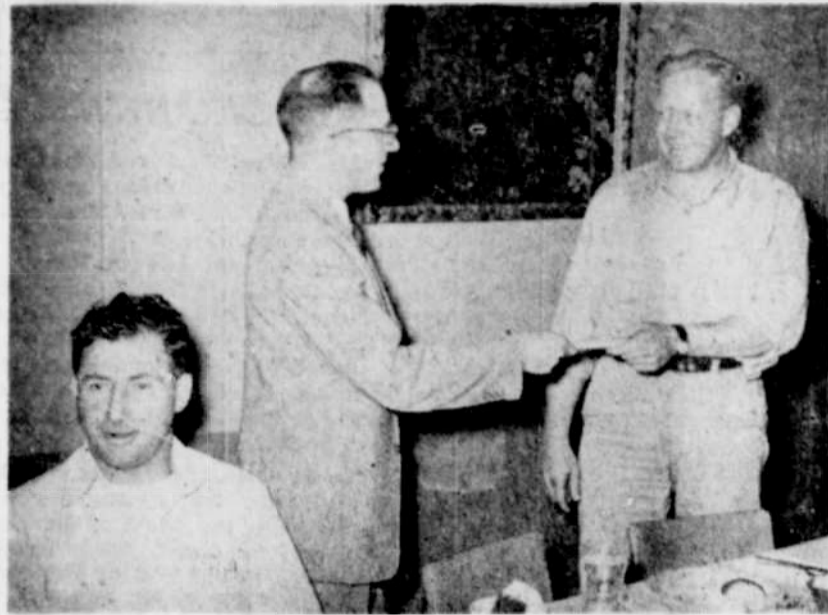
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WARD WIENEKE, LIONS CLUB President, is shown above accepting the Lions Traveling Gavel from Orville Gilbert, president, Adrian Lions club, a week ago. In the lower corner is Vernon Parker, also of Adrian, exulting because he thought he had fooled the photographer.—Photo by Dick Yost.

Lions Club Members Invade Lairs Of Parma, Adrian Clubs This Week

Four members of the Nyssa Lions club skittered across the state line Tuesday and into the lair of the Parma Lions club, to present the Lions Traveling Gavel to the unsuspecting president.

Ward Wieneke made the presentation to Parma President Paul McCormick.

Accompanying Wieneke were Finley Shuster, Ed Boydell and Gene Stanley. They returned safely from the Parma Lair only for some of them to get up courage to face down the Adrian Lions in their own lair Wednesday night.

This time Wieneke was aided by Everett Heldt and Shuster. Purpose of calling on Adrian was to return a gavel and gong pilfered from the Adrian club a year ago.

Up to press time Thursday no report had been made on this latest foray.

SCANDINAVIANS INVITED TO SMORGASBORD, BOISE

John Ostrom, manager of the Nyssa Lumber Co., is reminding all Scandinavians of the annual-smorgasbord dinner Friday, Oct. 24, at the Elks' hall in Boise from 5:30 to 9 p. m. The affair is planned by the Scandinavian society which has many members throughout the community.

Portable X-Ray Here Saturday To Help Fight T.B.

The first visit of special x-ray equipment in Nyssa is scheduled for Saturday from 12 noon through 8 p. m. for the beginning of a 12-day program extending through Friday, Nov. 7. There will be two different units here at various times during the three weeks period as part of the county-wide program, sponsored by the Malheur tuberculosis and health association, to have every person over 15 in the county x-rayed.

The portable, or stationary unit, will be at Henneman's Hardware, 207 Main at noon and remain in operation through 8 o'clock that evening. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week the same unit will be in operation at the same location from 10 in the morning until 6 in the evening. The hours have been slightly changed from the original schedule announced three weeks ago.

Mobile Unit Next Week

The new schedule announced this week by Ralph Lawrence for the mobile unit is: Saturday, Oct. 25, noon to 8 p. m. on Nyssa's Main street. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at high school to process all students, instructors and school employees. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 29 and 30, on Main street again from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m. both days, including the noon hour. Friday, Oct. 31, at the school.

Hospital Receives \$301 In Donations

Donations amounting to \$301 were received by Malheur Memorial hospital during the past week for use in the fight against polio, it was announced Wednesday by John O'Toole, manager.

Among organizations making the donations were the American Legion auxiliary, of New Plymouth; the Vale Grange; Grange Home Economics club; American Legion Post No. 96, of Vale, and the friends and neighbors of "Grandpa" James McGinnis.

Hearing Tests Find Minimum Deafness

Audiometer tests were given to 35 youngsters in the Nyssa grade school last Friday forenoon as part of a program provided by the department of special education to detect deafness among school children. Mrs. Josephine Rigney announced. Tests were given to 35 children referred by various teachers and part of them were rechecks from former years.

Of the 35 examined Friday, only eight will require special medical treatment and follow-up procedures and none is really serious, Mrs. Rigney said.

Tests were given by Miss Barbara Howard of the State Board of Health with the cooperation of Mrs. Edna Paris, public health nurse for Malheur county.

PTA Addressed By Dr. F.B. Bennett

Dr. Frank B. Bennett, president of Eastern Oregon College of Education was guest speaker at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers association Thursday evening in the little theatre of the junior high building. Topic of his address was constitutional amendments which will effect or pertain to education in Oregon. These amendments will appear on the ballot in the November election.

Mrs. Frank Skeen, P.T.A. president, presided at the meeting and introduced committee chairmen who gave reports of their committees. Mrs. O. E. Cheldelin reported on the membership drive now in progress and Mrs. John Olsen, the executive meeting.

Miss Janice Westaby of the Oregon state board of health, explained the TB x-ray unit which is to be in Nyssa for the first time Saturday and urged members of the PTA and other citizens to take advantage of the unit's visit.

Mrs. Frank Jayo announced room mothers for grade school, junior high and high school.

Results of the roll call for the room pictures were, first grade, Mrs. Schenk; second grade, Mrs. Nolhice; third grade, Miss Eva Boydell; fourth grade, Miss Kathryn Crandall; fifth and sixth grades, Miss Voight; junior high, Harry McGinley; and high school, sophomores. The pictures will hang in the winning rooms until the next meeting when the roll will be taken again.

Mrs. Kenneth Greenfield, county president of the association, was a special guest.

Hosts and hostesses who served refreshments were Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mink, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbess, Mr. and Mrs. Muri Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lienkaemper, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Millard and Mr. and Mrs. William Wahlert.

Young Demo Club Formed Here

Newest political organization to come over Nyssa's horizon was formed Monday night under direction of Monty Fraser, president, Malheur Democratic club, and Tom Jones.

Name of the new organization is Young Democratic club of Nyssa, its charter membership comprising 14 students of Nyssa high school.

Mary Joan Russell was elected president. Her fellow-officers include Ned Snider, vice president; Patsy Yoneyama, secretary, and Lyle Wilson, treasurer.

Other charter members, all high school students, include Dick Gustafson, Mickey Coate, Karren Fine, Elvin Alexander, Leland Morris, Don Poulson, Kay Riggs, Ken Snodgrass, and Larry Vaughn.

Purpose of the Young Democratic club is to study the principles of the Democratic party and political situations as a whole and to assist the parent organization.

Next meeting will be held at the Doll House cafe Tuesday evening. Clyde Snider has been invited to address the club.

Easter Lilies And Berries In October

An unusual occurrence in the flower world for mid October has been observed in the flower garden of Mrs. William Schreman on North Fourth street, where four large, perfectly shaped Easter lilies have been in bloom for the past week. The 28 degree low temperature reported by the weather man for early Wednesday morning did, however, nip the edges of the blooms.

Speaking of rare treats for late fall one member of the Journal staff, Dick Yost, reports ripe red raspberries picked from the garden of his mother at Fruitland this week. The berries are of the one-crop variety, too.

CHAMBER SEES FILM ON OREGON COUNTY

Malheur County Judge S. Stanton provided entertainment for members of the Nyssa Chamber Wednesday noon with a film on the lumber industry, timber and water power resources of Oregon.

President Elmer Cruson announced that Nyssa, Vale and Ontario Chambers will have representatives at the telephone company rate increase hearing in Ontario next Wednesday.

Malheur Selected For State's First Rural Health Conference November 8; Specialists To Discuss Major Topics

Almonds Are Grown Here Successfully

Mrs. B. F. Rookstool, of Route 2, Nyssa, stopped in at the Journal office Saturday morning to display almonds grown on the Rookstool ranch, 7 1/2 miles southwest of town.

The tree that bore the nuts are six years old and this is the second year it has produced, according to Mrs. Rookstool. It was two years old, she said, when purchased from a mail order house. It now stands 12 to 14 feet high.

Although there has been but a minimum of frost to date, the husks are beginning to split in the last stages of the ripening process of the almonds.

Eagles Lodge Starts Winter Activities

Members of the Eagles lodge are reminded that the season's Friday night bingo parties will begin tomorrow evening at the Eagles hall and continue each week throughout the fall and winter for all lodge members and their friends. Saturday night will see the beginning of the twice-a-month dances for Eagles and friends, also at the lodge hall, it was announced by Joe Bellon.

Next Wednesday evening all members are urged to attend the monthly "special feed" which will consist of venison supplied by Eagles who have been successful on deer hunting trips.

Polio Epidemic Continues With 22 Under Care

Polio continued to be a major problem at the Malheur Memorial hospital during the past week and by Wednesday another all-time high in the number of patients under treatment was reached. Seven new cases were admitted and four were released during the week to bring the total number of victims confined to 22 as compared with last week's previous all-time high of 19.

The epidemic in this area recently has been centered on Vale, the home of four youngsters admitted during the past week, and the same number of patients the week before. Nyssa had a six-year-old girl admitted Wednesday.

New admissions as reported by officials are, last Thursday, Larry Bisher, 14, Vale; Saturday, Dorothy Loftin, 27, Ironside; Sunday, Michael McKee, 6, Vale; Monday, Steven McKee, 2, Vale, and Terry Shaffer, 4, Elgin; Tuesday, Richard McLay, 9, Vale; Wednesday, Diane Bowers, 6, Nyssa.

Wednesday's admission brought the Nyssa hospital's total to 58 since the epidemic started last summer. Health officials called attention to the fact that a majority of the polio cases came from outside Malheur county, since the Malheur Memorial hospital is especially equipped to take care of and treat those afflicted with polio.

Five of the 22 cases now being treated are in isolation and four others are in respirators. It was necessary to bring another respirator here Tuesday following the admission of the fourth iron lung case so that one can be on hand for emergency use, Hospital Manager John O'Toole said.

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Malheur County Farm Products Booth At P.I. Exposition "Educates People"

Residents of other parts of Oregon as well as many from other states are becoming "better educated" and now realize that Malheur county is not "way out in the sticks and grows something besides sagebrush," Mrs. Hope Grider announced this week.

Mrs. Grider just returned from Portland where she has represented this county at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition for the past five years. She had charge of Malheur county's display booth and was able to explain many of the outstanding features of agriculture in this area.

Through cooperation of the county extension service and the county court, this year's booth featured large Spanish onions with additional displays of potatoes, corn and sugar beets.

The reason for choosing onions as the main product to feature, was this year's nation-wide record in yield per acre, Mrs. Grider said.

Malheur county has been selected for Oregon's first county rural health conference to be held Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Boulevard Grange hall. The all day meeting will deal with four major health problems, immunization, home and farm accident prevention, nutrition, and sanitation, according to Dr. W. J. Weese, Ontario, member of the local planning committee.

Dr. Weese said Malheur county was selected as a "pilot" county and is expected to set the pattern for similar health conferences throughout the state. The long-time eastern Oregon physician is regional chairman for the American Medical association council on rural health.

"This thing is important," Dr. Weese said, "and we want to include everyone who is interested, and everyone should be."

The conference, which is expected to attract some 400 persons from Malheur communities, will offer discussions by specialists on the four major topics. They will also be available to answer questions from the audience.

Dr. Harold E. Davis, Portland, chairman of the Governor's committee on home safety, and Dean L. Huxtable, of the state board of health, will talk on home and farm accident prevention.

Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant director of extension from Oregon State college, will discuss nutrition. Dr. R. H. Wilcox, of the state board of health and an authority in the field of immunization, will discuss that topic.

Dr. A. G. Beagle, federal veterinarian, will talk and show a movie on brucellosis and its effects on humans. His discussion will also include the testing of cattle. William B. Culham, Eastern Oregon district sanitarian, will discuss sanitation problems of this area.

The Nov. 8 conference will be held from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. The conference is sponsored by the Oregon Community and Rural Health council and is supported by the Parent-Teachers' association, the Grange, the Farm Bureau, the County Extension service, the County Medical society, and other organizations.

'Phone Company Asks Higher Rate

A hearing in the matter of the suspension of revised tariff P.U.C. No. 1 of the Malheur Home Telephone Co., which has asked for increased local exchange business and residence rates, will be held next Wednesday at 10 a. m. next Wednesday at the office of the company in Ontario.

The announcement, made by Charles H. Heitzel, public utilities commissioner, stated that the revised tariff was filed by the telephone company Sept. 24. "Since examination reveals that this revised tariff will increase local exchange business and residence rates, the commissioner is of the opinion, and finds, that the tariff would be suspending investigation and hearing," the announcement stated.

The Malheur Home Telephone Co. must appear at the hearing and show that the rates proposed to be increased are "just and reasonable," the commissioner said.

The change in rates would affect Nyssa, Ontario and Vale and their surrounding communities. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weeks left Wednesday for the Three Forks section of the Owyhee in southeastern Oregon where they will spend several days hunting deer.

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