

Tax Equalization Boards To Open Sessions May 10

Taxation isn't like the weather—you can do something about your taxes if you feel you have a legitimate complaint. That is the function of the boards of equalization which will open their sessions in every county in Oregon on May 10, State Tax Commissioner Samuel B. Stewart recently pointed out.

Stewart, commissioner in charge of assessments and taxation, wishes to call attention to the fact that taxpayers may appeal their property tax assessments if they have examined the assessments made against them and find them to be unjust. The purpose of the equalization boards is to protect such property owners from over assessment or unequal assessments by providing this annual appeal system.

Under the law the board must meet to hear any appeal a taxpayer wishes to make against the assessments levied against his property. The board meets at the courthouse at which time the county assessor presents his assessment roll. In making his appeal the taxpayer does not need an attorney, Stewart points out, but he must make his petition for relief in writing, which must be notarized. This petition must be filed not later than May 15.

Usually petitions for relief against the official assessment base their claims upon either "overvaluation," "inequality," or "illegality." Any one of these reasons is grounds to entitle the taxpayer to relief, Stewart declares, but "overvaluation" and "inequality" often overlap. Inequality, or lack of uniformity, is the grounds most frequently cited by the taxpayer, and to establish lack of uniformity it is necessary to prove that the assessment under appeal was made of a higher proportion-

Escapee Attempts To Wreck Train

A Malheur county prisoner who walked away from a work crew at the court house in Vale Wednesday of last week, was back in custody of the sheriff Friday after hiking to Parma by way of the Union Pacific railroad track. In addition to being charged with escape, Claude Crane, Jr. was charged with driving a steel rod between rail joints on the railroad track between Nyssa and Ontario.

Crane was arraigned in the Ontario justice court and is being held for the next regular county grand jury in lieu of payment of \$1000 bail.

Coming Events—

May 1—Rebekah bazaar and baked food sale, Eders Hardware, 10 a. m.

May 4—Future Homemakers of America fashion show, "Fashion Fiesta" at the Little Theatre, 8:15.

May 14, Elk's Gleemen to appear at the Nyssa high school auditorium in honor of National Music week, 8 p. m.

ate valuation than the assessment of other property of like character in the same taxing district for the same year. It must be something more than a valuation disproportionate to that on a few other pieces of property in the same vicinity, Stewart states.

Most property owners fail to ask county assessors about the assessment on their property, usually because they feel that assessors are unlikely to make a mistake. This is not so, for assessors are only human and can make errors in assessing the value of a piece of property, Stewart declares. For this reason property owners should check their tax assessments.

Besides the board of equalization there are four other procedures which a taxpayer may take to reduce an assessment on either real or personal property: (1) Protest to the assessor prior to the second Monday in May for correction and reduction of the tentative assessments, (2) appeal to the state tax commission for relief in assessment within 20 days after notice of action of the board of equalization, (3) appeal to the circuit court for relief in assessment, (4) final appeal to the state supreme court. The taxpayer making the appeal may accept the decision of any of these bodies and end the procedure, or may carry it through all the steps to the supreme court.

Large Vegetable Carryover Shades '54 Oregon View

Oregon vegetable growers may find processors reluctant to contract as many acres as they did last year, Oregon State college extension economists report in their latest Agricultural Situation and Outlook.

Supplies of canned and frozen vegetables in the nation's warehouses are large enough in most cases to leave greater than normal carryover on hand when the new processing season starts. Only a few exceptions to this are in sight at present.

Among Northwest vegetables, supplies of top grade green peas, Fordhook limas, and Blue Lake beans are in best position. Oregon acreages of sweet corn and carrots may be smaller than last year. Snap bean acreage may be increased as much as 10 percent. Contracts for snap bean acreage, particularly the Blue Lake variety, have been offered more freely to Oregon farmers this spring with supplies short from last year's Northwest pack.

Some packers and growers may want to consider lima beans this year, say the economists, but the situation for table beets isn't so good because of carryovers. Stocks of whole-kernel corn in the popular 12-ounce can are short, but there are large supplies of both whole-kernel and cream-style corn in other size containers. Heavy stocks of frozen corn are also causing many freezers much concern. Canners will be seeking top-quality peas this season.

Supplies of canned carrots on hand January 1 were over a third larger than a year ago. Heavy supplies of frozen broccoli and cauliflower, coupled with lower prices, have slowed processors' demands for these items. Local onion growers may find better market conditions due to a planned national acreage cut-back.

Fresh market vegetables will probably have their usual ups and downs. Copies of the Agricultural Situation and Outlook circular are available from county extension offices or OSC.

Baseball Tourney Slated Fri., Sat

The district seven single elimination baseball tournament will be held at the Vale city park on Friday and Saturday.

The participating teams are Nyssa, Ontario, Vale and John Day. There will be two games each night with the first game beginning at 6:00 p. m.

On Friday night the first game will be Nyssa vs. John Day and the second game Vale vs. Ontario. Seating is limited and those planning to attend may get their tickets from one of the members of the Nyssa team.

Adrian High Sets Graduating Date

Baccalaureate services for the 1954 Adrian high school graduating class will be held at the high school auditorium May 16 at 8 p. m., it was announced this week. Commencement exercises for the graduating seniors are scheduled for 8 p. m. May 20.

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New Water Main Nears Completion

The replacement of a city water main on North First Street is nearing completion according to a report from city manager, Robert Applegate.

The project, which was begun two weeks ago, is to replace 1800 feet of old steel pipe on the four inch main with new six inch transite pipe. Applegate stated that the reason for making the change now is that the street is to be paved later and it was necessary to finish the replacement before work began on the street.

He said that the work should be completed about the end of this week.

Plans Made For 50th Anniversary

Mrs. W. W. Foster, chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Methodist church, announced this week that final arrangements are being made. The commemoration has been set for May 23.

Mrs. Foster has issued a request for any old pictures of Nyssa, or the surrounding area taken around 1904, or information of a business that was established then that is still in business.

Persons with information are asked to contact Mrs. Foster, phone 2345 or Vernon Taylor.

ON HOSPITAL BOARD

Richard Forbess was named a member of the Malheur Memorial Hospital association board of directors Tuesday to fill the unexpired term of Glea Billings, who has resigned. Billings is moving to Nampa where he will be chief chemist of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. plant.

Nyssa Girl Chosen To Enter Contest

Laura Lea Schenk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schenk of Nyssa has been chosen as a contestant by the Nyssa Daughters of Utah Pioneers to represent Nyssa in the contest in Salt Lake City for the "Days of '47" queen. The contest is sponsored by the DUP Central camp in Salt Lake.

The coronation of the queen will be held on July 4, at the University of Utah stadium. Every contestant automatically becomes an attendant to the queen. The queen is to symbolize the ideal youth.

To be eligible, a girl must be a descendant of a Utah pioneer who came to Utah before May 10, 1869, be total abstainer from tobacco and alcoholic drinks, be unmarried and between the ages of 18 and 25. Miss Schenk qualifies by ancestry from 4 lines.

A Nyssa high school graduate of 1951, Miss Schenk is now a junior at Brigham Young University. She has a major in education and a minor in music. She is a member of the BYU symphony orchestra, currently on

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Sun. Fire Damages Interior of Cafe

Fire of undetermined origin called Nyssa volunteers to Ber-

tour in the Northwest and she plays in a string ensemble.

rett's Cafe on North Main street Sunday morning at 6:45. The cafe, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shaw, was badly damaged making a new floor and new fixtures necessary. A cash register was completely destroyed. Exterior of the cinder block structure, built about a year ago, was undamaged.

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by HUGH TOBLER

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Altogether, the supply of wheat, barley and oats to be handled and stored will probably be 10% higher than in 1953. If all of this increase were to be stored on farms, it would require one-third more storage space than last year. That is why it is important to do something before you are caught in the surplus.

Here are some of the things that you can plan on. Sell your wheat whenever the price is near the support price. Construct your grain storage or buy metal grainaries NOW. When possible raise more chickens, feed more cattle, feed hogs, prepare to store grain for feeding.

You can borrow money to build or buy grain storage. You are eligible for a farm-storage-facility loan if (1) you are a producer, either tenant or landlord, (2) Your structure meets the requirements, and (3) you agree to repay in four equal installments with interest at 4%.

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