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The Public Asks For High Taxes

Announcement of new tax levies for various districts in Malheur county brings the usual amount of groans about the increased cost of local government and the question, "Where and will it ever end?"

Taxes for the individual property owner have risen about 11 percent and in all honesty it must be admitted that it's the increase that hurts more than the final tax bill. Residents of some other Oregon counties have had higher taxes for several years with less to show for their tax dollar. Many of those same areas with previous levies of \$1.00 or more on each \$100 of valuation, have had increases this year right along with those in Malheur county.

It should be remembered that insofar as Nyssa property owners are concerned, more than one-fourth of the total tax bill is for bonds and interest. For city taxes, approximately 5.1 mills must be paid for fire-house bonds, street intersection bonds and old waterworks bonds, not including the new water system, while 5 mills are for a special fund for streets. District 26C schools have a total of 13.1 mills for bonds and interest.

All of these special taxes amount to 23.2 mills that the people of the two districts involved have approved at one time or another. While there is some dissatisfaction expressed from time to time about the state law which allows all registered voters to cast ballots in a bond election, it should be remembered that in these districts more than half of the registered voters are property taxpayers and have the majority power to approve or reject bond issues.

The remaining 76 mills that must be paid this year is for general government within the 6 percent limitation. The city has the power to levy the current 14.5 mills for general government, the school can levy 47.6 for general operations and the county is within its rights to levy 13.9 mills for tax funds to run that body of government.

Just how much of the 76 mills is "absolutely necessary" cannot be determined by anyone. The fact remains, however, that a large part of that sum is by request of the public. Services are sought from all three of these taxing bodies. Naturally, no one service has ever been requested by all the people, but seldom if ever has there been objection when special services have been demanded.

We have been present at meetings of the city council, school board and county court when groups have appeared to ask for expenditures for which these taxes will pay. Never have we heard objections at any of the meetings with groups wanting more services.

In spite of high taxes and increased cost of government, the decision of whether to spend or not to spend rests with those who pay the bills.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

"Huck" Wilson, Eddie Taylor, Lloyd Mackrill and Al Chadwick may or may not have a big weekend selling meats. If they don't there could be one reason:

Doc Long wandered into Toller's the other day to find out where lived the city manager. He forgot all about his question when he spotted the whole staff munching food.

A new dog food, that is. Chief Hansen stood at the Corner of Main and Second with a wistful look, eyeing the parking lot next to the Marshall-Wells store (a lot provided by most businessmen for the convenience of Nyssa shoppers) and wondering what steps to take to insure adequate and systemized parking. The police have done an excellent job in insisting that motorists use two parking lines.

Quoth the chief: "That chamber sign we were to have a couple of months ago would be a help."

In the meantime the police route out "parking-jammers" as best they can.

So the brochure—which will be ready this weekend isn't the ONLY project a wee bit behind schedule.

Know someone that has a terrific noon luncheon program for the chamber?

Course it would have to be stag!

A topper tilt to the many, many businessmen that have made this week's paper a "shopportunity" for budget-wise buyers for miles around. They have really come up with some sensational bargains and we hope you will thoroughly read the many attractive opportunities offered in this issue.

Tuesday night yawned through the speech of Wayne Morse. Was interested in the crowd (?) shots—especially the profiles of the babes which apparently interested the TV technicians as much as it did the male TV audience. My impression was that an uncommonly large number of delegates used the speech time to go to the powder room, read their newspapers or renew old friendships. My opinion is that Wayne spent too much time explaining why he "ain't a Republican no more."

Seems the crowd thinned out a little more when he swung into offshore oil. Was sure I saw California, Texas and Florida banners droop. And maybe the Idaho delegation figured they were hearing the same old record when Morse beat the busted drumhead of the Hell's Canyon issue.

As a Republican, his speech tickled me pink. (no reference to political leanings.)

Some things are really tough on an old man. Our office is bles-

Houseguests three days last week at the Rev. Robert Jackson home were Dr. and Mrs. Lauren Seaman of Chicago.

Adrian Graduate Makes Final Vows For Sisterhood

Sister Mary Annrita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thiel, and a former member of St. Hubert's parish, Nyssa, made profession of perpetual vows in ceremonies held Aug. 16, at the Sisters of Mercy Provincial House, Omaha, Nebr.

A graduate of Adrian high school, Sister Mary Annrita was a student nurse at Mercy hospital, Nampa, at the time she began her studies for the Sisterhood in February, 1951.

Since then she has been stationed at the College of St. Mary in Omaha, and at St. Catherine's Hospital School of Nursing, where she is now a senior nurse and a candidate for the degree of bachelor of science in nursing.

Eight other Sisters made profession of final vows; eighteen made temporary vows; and 20 young women were invested in the religious garb in ceremonies held the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Council of Denver are visiting friends and relatives in Nyssa two weeks.

Christian Church Notes

The Christian Women Fellowship met Thursday for the general meeting. The program and devotions were led by Mrs. Elvin Ballou. Mrs. E. A. Liming and Mrs. Lester Oden were hostesses.

The JYF group left Sunday at 4 o'clock for their Christian retreat at the Owyhee dam where they spent Sunday night and re-

turned Monday. The retreat was led by Mrs. Elvin Ballou. The group was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hastings and families.

The third year primary class enjoyed a swimming party at the Ontario pool last week. They were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Ken Pond and Dorothy, Bibbey. After swimming they returned to the church where refreshments were served.

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