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Taxes Increase 40 Percent Locally Over Five-Year Period; Assessment Increases From \$32 to \$44 Million

School Levy Much Higher Than in 1958; Hospital and Community College Added

Our national congress is laboring with tax matters, our state legislature is busy trying to find a solution to pressing tax problems and those who have just paid their local taxes realize that they, too, are materially higher.

A comparison of the total taxes paid to the county collector in 1958 and the bill for 1963 shows approximately 40 percent increase. Total bill for all the tax units within the county in 1958 was \$2,344,000 and for 1963, \$3,325,000. (All figures are rounded off to the nearest \$1000.)

Assessments Much Higher

Not only are levies higher in most cases but the assessed valuation has increased considerably. Some of this is due to new buildings, new industrial growth and some to improvements on existing property. But much of it was due to the statewide revaluation of property. This is particularly true in the rural sections.

The county valuation increased from \$32,900,000 to \$44,000,000 during the five years; Nyssa from \$2,328,000 to \$2,668,000; Ontario from \$5,489,000 to \$8,487,000; and Vale from \$1,213,000 to \$1,371,000.

Mill Levy Higher

In spite of these increases in valuation, the mill levy is higher in most cases. Nyssa city millage is up from 21.1 to 25.9; Vale from 23.8 to 28.0; Nyssa School District No. 26 from 17.8 to 34.0; Ontario School District 8 from 24.4 to 28.7.

Exceptions are: county, down from 14.2 to 12.2 and Ontario city, down from 33.3 to 24.0. There are many other ups and downs in the smaller districts that were not checked.

Highest millage rate paid in the county is classed (on the back of the tax statement) as No. 31, City of Nyssa inside Road and Fire district with 106.5. Next is Code 2, City of Nyssa, 97.0; with No. 24, Ontario, 93.3; No. 3, City of Vale, 92.8; No. 1, City of Ontario, 85.8; and down to the lowest, No. 41, McDermitt, 36.4.

Dollar Increase by Units

Dollars in taxes considered necessary to operate the various units in 1958 and 1963 are: county, \$467,100 and \$541,600; City of Nyssa, \$49,100 and \$69,500; School district 26 (Nyssa), \$104,900, \$298,600; City of Ontario, \$183,700, \$203,900; School District 8 (Ontario), \$251,300, \$449,700; City of Vale, \$28,900, \$38,400.

Summary Given

Costs of operating public agencies have increased the same as have living costs during the five-year period. A number of the increases have been approved by a vote of the people. In Nyssa the 34-mill school levy was approved; the 4.0 millage for Malheur Memorial hospital has been approved since 1958 and along with all the county except the extreme southern end the people approved the Treasure Valley Community college which now gets a 3.5 millage.

We have been an extremely progressive people, desiring more and more services and if we are to continue them on the same level, must pay the bills. The

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Carnival to Boost Band Fund



There is a purpose for the circled date on the calendar hanging on the wall behind Nyssa Lion Dick G. Tensen. The important date is Saturday, Nov. 23, when the annual Lions club carnival will be staged in the grade school gym beginning at 8 p.m. Tensen, overall chairman for the annual event, displays two pieces of Samsonite luggage, a hair dryer and transistor radio which will be given as door prizes. Half of the net proceeds will be added to the travel fund for NHS music students who will march in the New Year's day Rose Bowl parade at Pasadena.—Journal Photo.

Annual Carnival Planned Saturday At Grade School Gym by Nyssa Lions

Plans are complete for the Lions-sponsored carnival to be held Saturday evening in the Nyssa grade school gymnasium, according to Dick Tensen, overall chairman for the annual event. Activities will begin at 8 o'clock and will include such attractions as bingo, dart throw, roulette, air rifle shoot, turkey raffle, fish pond and country store. A food stand and cotton candy machine will also be in operation.

Various groups of Nyssa high school band students will present musical selections at intervals during the evening.

To be eligible for door prizes, advance tickets must be purchased. First prize will be a two-piece matched set of Samsonite luggage; second award, a hair dryer and third prize will be an eight-transistor portable radio.

Band Fund to Benefit
One-half of the net proceeds will be given to the Nyssa high school band fund for the trip to Pasadena.

Committee members assisting Tensen are Everett Heldt and Lloyd Wilson, purchasing; Art Colby, W. L. McPartland, Stan Newman and Ward Wieneke, tickets. Other Lions will be assisting with activities during the carnival.

Tickets are now available from any Lions club member.

Wife of Nyssa Teacher Donald Bates Dies of Injuries in Three-Car Mishap

Services for Beth Bates were conducted on Monday afternoon, Nov. 18, 1963, at the Nyssa LDS stake chapel with Bishop R. Frell Blair officiating.

Mrs. Bates was injured fatally Friday evening in a three-car mishap on U.S. highway 20-26 near Caldwell. She was pronounced dead on arrival at a Nampa hospital, Canyon county officials reported.

Her husband, Donald P. Bates, was treated for a cut on his left hand and dismissed. Their eight-year-old daughter, Loreale, remained in Nyssa while the Bates' were in Boise on business.

Enroute to Home in Nyssa
They were enroute home when the accident occurred. Eight occupants of the other two vehicles

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Adrian School Head Lists Honor Students

A list of Adrian high school honor students has been reported to the Journal by Superintendent Glenn Ward.

Seniors attaining a high point grade average are Mary Worden, Effie Laan, Kenny Hopkins, Karen Conant and Pauline Butler.

Juniors are Marie Borge, Marilyn Nishihara, Eugene Pratt, Judith Teter and Gene Worden.

Mary Laan, Wanda Peutz, Judy Pratt and Linda Scott are sophomore honor students, while Nina Evans, Barry Fujishin, Kathy Strickland and Tami Winn are freshmen on the honor list.

A Word From Hawaii

Editor and Mrs. Ted Brammer received a picture post card early this week from Sadie Metcalf, vacationing in Hawaii with her husband, Ernie.

Her message read, "This place is really fantastic—the scenery, friendly people, beaches, surf riders and PRICES! It's been a wonderful week; wish we could stay another. I love it. Saw Pearl Harbor, the really big highlight of our trip. See you next week."

The card was postmarked last Saturday at Hawaiian Village.

Swisher to Attend National Session In San Francisco

Clyde T. Swisher, chairman of Nyssa high school's English department, will leave this weekend to attend the National Conference of Teachers of English to be held in San Francisco.

He will attend workshop sessions dealing with selection of students, materials and methods of teaching advanced placement courses. Guest speakers during the workshop will be William Golding, author of the recent controversial novel "Lord of the Flies," and J. D. Salinger, author of the equally controversial novel "Catcher in the Rye."

Dr. Roland Bartel of the English faculty at University of Oregon, will be one of the directors of the workshop.

Swisher will be a participant in a roundtable session dealing with teaching of Shakespeare on the high school level. Moderator of the discussion will be Louis B. Wright, director of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

Also participating in the meeting will be Miss Virginia L. Freund of the University of Birmingham, England. Miss Freund was one of Swisher's instructors when he attended the Shakespeare Institute in Stratford, England, during the summer of 1959.

There are a total of 300 sessions available in this conference designed to meet the needs of English instructors from all parts of the nation. This is the first national meeting that has been held west of the Mississippi.

Bank Employee Given Promotion By First National

Vernon Atwood, loan officer at the Nyssa branch of First National Bank of Oregon, has been promoted to assistant cashier, it is announced by Manager Leonard Hewett.

A native of Scofield, Ore., Atwood joined the statewide First National system in 1960 after graduating in agriculture from Washington State university.



VERNON ATWOOD
Named Assistant Cashier

Previously, he had graduated from Walla Walla high school and had served five years as a jet pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

He was appointed agriculture field representative in 1961 at the Prineville branch bank and was named pro assistant cashier upon his arrival at Nyssa in August 1962.

Hewett said Atwood's promotion came "in recognition of his outstanding performance as general loan officer at the bank."

Beet Harvest 98 Percent Completed Tuesday Night With 600 Acres Left; \$7,000,000 Paid to Growers by Friday

Average 28 Tons Per Acre Sets New Record For Production; Sugar Content at New Low

Harvest of the 1963 sugar beet crop was 98 percent complete Tuesday night, according to Henry Zobell, district manager of Amalgamated Sugar company. Only about 600 acres were still in the ground in the Weiser, Vale, Overstreet and Payette areas.

Initial payment of \$3,500,000 on the current crop was mailed to area growers on Nov. 14 covering all beets delivered through Nov. 1, and a similar payment will be mailed Friday of this week for those delivered through Nov. 15. These payments are on the basis of \$9.25 per ton which is the same as for last year.

Zobell said the current crop would run 28 tons per acre for an all-time high production record. The previous high was 27.5 tons in 1958 with 1962 being 25.76.

He also said it would be a new record for low sugar content in spite of the company delaying the harvest a week in hopes of it becoming higher.

The low sugar content applies not only to beets in this area but in all the western part of the country. This, he said, prevented a higher payment being made which the current price of sugar would otherwise warrant.

Processing is Satisfactory
Zobell said the processing was satisfactory and that the beets seemed to be keeping very well in the stockpiles. Some areas have completed the harvest and receiving stations are closed now.

He said he was really well pleased with the harvest efforts made by the growers and company employees. He cited that the harvest actually began one week later than last year and for another five days was on a controlled basis, yet it was at the same stage of completion as at this time last year.

He said this required diligent work by the 750 growers of the area.

O.T. GRANGE MEMBERS TO HEAR PIONEER DOCTOR

Dr. J. J. Sarazin will be guest speaker following the Oregon Trail Grange potluck dinner to be served at 7:30 this evening in the Grange hall.

The pioneer doctor plans to show early-day pictures of the Nyssa area and will tell of his many experiences.

Grange members and their guests are invited to attend this booster night session.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Nov. 14	63	46	.01
Nov. 15	55	42	—
Nov. 16	53	30	—
Nov. 17	44	31	—
Nov. 18	52	31	—
Nov. 19	48	34	—
Nov. 20	—	39	.10

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
Nov. 18, 1963, 241,900 Acre Ft.
Nov. 18, 1962, 178,280 Acre Ft.

Polls Conducted in Oregon Indicate Residents Opposed to Any New Taxes

Polls conducted since the Oct. 15 special election on income tax increase show that Oregonians want no new taxes in any form. These were conducted by Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce and newspapers at McMinnville, Roseburg, Medford and Portland. The questions posed by the various polls were worded differently but along the same general lines.

Asked, in general, were the questions if it was felt additional spending was necessary on the state level; if so, what form of new taxes would the respondent be in favor of, and would a sales tax be considered on a restricted basis.

All five polls indicated that spending should be kept at present levels and salary increases be omitted. They also indicated that if they were called on to approve any tax increase the most desirable would be a cigarette tax that would raise an estimated \$18 million.

Second form desirable would be a sales tax limited to spending and in a form to alleviate present income and property taxes.

Committee Studies Sales Tax
In September when it appeared the voters might reject the bill passed by the last session of the legislature to increase income taxes the interim committee was studying a sales tax bill to submit to the 1965 legislature.

Although some members gave conditional support, it was evident that a new source of revenue would be needed should the income tax bill be defeated. The Senate was blocked by the House in an effort to submit a sales tax bill to the vote of the people.

State Tax Commissioner Waldo Carson says the state's tax base

has been eroded. Using 1960 figures, he said 55.7 percent of Oregon land was under public ownership with 85 percent of this owned by the federal government. Federal assets in Oregon were listed at \$3.4 billion.

Much Property Exempted

Carlson suggested that the total true cash value in Oregon is \$19 billion with only \$11 billion subject to taxes. Typical exempt

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Ham-Radio Message Relayed to Stephens

Mr. and Mrs. James Stephen received a telephone call last Thursday evening from a lady ham-radio operator in California who had picked up a message from their son, Ronnie who left recently on a weather assignment to the Antarctica region.

Stephen told a Journal reporter that his son's voice was easy to recognize, but that the message was not clear due to interferences. He did, however, hear distinctly the words, "Hello, Dad!" and "Byrd Station."

The Stephens have had no other word from their son since his departure except a card mailed from New Zealand.

Malheur School Delegates Attend Portland Session

Representatives of area schools attended the joint convention of Oregon School Boards association, Oregon Association of School Administrators and Oregon School Clerks association held in Portland Nov. 14-15. All sessions were held at the new Hilton Hotel and a record attendance of well over 600 participated in convention activities.

Nyssans attending were School Board Chairman Gene Stunz, Fred Arai, Dick Tensen, Dwight Wyckoff, Supt. W. L. McPartland and Clerk Dirick Nedry. Mrs. Stunz, Mrs. Arai and Mrs. Tensen accompanied their husbands to Portland and attended the banquet at which Governor Mark Hatfield was principal speaker.

Grant Rinehart and Dr. Eugene Voris of Treasure Valley Community college were also in attendance as were K. I. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. David Beebe, Adrian representatives, and school officials from Vale and Ontario.

The convention was of particular importance this year due to uncertainty of financing for the biennium, new budget law enacted by the last legislature and other legislation that will affect school districts.

Many sessions were devoted to discussion of strengthening curriculums in Oregon schools, and all who attended felt that the convention was most worthwhile.

L. Woodell Named Assistant Manager At U.S. National, Vale

Larry D. Woodell has been appointed assistant manager at U.S. National Bank's Vale branch, according to recent announcement by E. J. Kolar, bank president.

Woodell is an agricultural field representative for the bank and divides his time between the Ontario and Vale branches and some with the Harney county branch in Burns.

He is a native of Baker county and was graduated from University of Oregon in 1951. Prior to his employment with the bank in February 1962 he was field representative in Nyssa for Simplot Soilbuilders for 6½ years.

He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean war and remained active in the Marine Reserves until his retirement in July 1963. At that time he was company commander of the Boise unit of the reserves and held the title of major.

Present activities include 4-H work and the Malheur Livestock association. He resides with his family on Clark avenue outside Nyssa.

Vocal Music Clinic Now in Progress At NHS; 20 Area Schools Represented

Nyssa high school is hosting the Snake River Vocal Music clinic now in progress, according to announcement by Chuck Swan, Ontario high band director and publicity chairman.

Students rehearsed all day yesterday and are rehearsing again today. Climax of the two-day clinic will be at 8 o'clock this evening with a gala concert in the local high school gym.

The clinic consists of an 1100-voice mixed chorus, 500-voice girls' glee club and an 80-piece honor band selected from students in 20 participating schools.

The mixed chorus is under direction of Jester Hairston from Hollywood, Calif. James Gabbord, vocal music director at College of Idaho in Caldwell, is leader of the girls' glee club, while the select honor band is being directed by Bill Rankin, head of the 25th Army band at Caldwell.

All participating students are dining at the Nyssa cafeteria during the two-day session.

A dance for the involved students will be staged this evening between final rehearsal time and the concert hour.

Participating schools include Meridian, Emmett, New Plymouth, Fruitland, Payette, Weiser, Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, Adrian, Homedale, Marsing, Kuna, Melba, Wilder, Parma, Donnelly-McCall, Vallivue, Notus and Middleton.

PRAYER Of Thanksgiving

Lord God, we give Thee thanks this day,
Humbly, in our simple way,
For all the gracious gifts which Thou
Hast deigned so richly to endow—
For life—for every passing minute—
For this Thy world, and all things in it!
We give Thee thanks, dear Lord, for these—
The green beneficence of trees,
The kindness of rain, the birth
Of Springtime from a barren earth.
The earth that bears the bread we break
In gratitude for Thy sweet sake.
We thank Thee, Lord, for healing song,
For courage, wise and tall and strong,
For all the laughter and the tears
That mold the pattern of our years;
For truth and trust and constancy,
For faith that lets us lean on Thee!
We give Thee thanks for ears to hear,
For feet to tread Thy pathways here,
For hands to touch, and lips to sing
Thy name in every lovely thing—
For friendship with our fellow men—
But mostly for Thy love. AMEN.