County and Schools Get More Funds From Taxes, Assessment Increases

County and school budgets and tax rates this year are affected by a larger than usual variety of factors, California Taxpayers' Association said today, pointing out some problems which local governing boards must solve before tax rates are fixed by September 1.

On the one hand, assessed values are up in many communities, with every cent of tax rate levied bringing in more money. In some places balances are up because budgets for last year were too high. Most elementary school districts will receive good-sized increases in state aid; in addition, an increase in attendance automatically brings an increase in state money to the school district the next year. Counties will receive more than double the prior state aid for care of the tuberculous.

On the other hand, some school districts are faced with increases in enrollments. Counties face increased demands for old age aid, but the county share is only 10 per cent of the maximum aid provided. The increase in aid to the blind will add slightly to county costs. The legislature's unemployment relief program reduces a major county worry.

Salary and construction demands are large problems. In many places, capital outlay budgets for the last few years have been small. Salary budgets have been greatly increased. Now, some places find it necessary to up larger budgets for construction, which may get the blame for tax increases, when the increase is in part the result of high salary levels.

"Where tax rates are reduced, or even held to last year's level, citizens should give local governing boards full credit for having successfully resolved a mass of factors pulling in different directions," the association said. "Where tax rates threaten to go up, citizens should satisfy themselves immediately that the increases are justified."

OBITUARY

CHARLES L. HALL

Charles Leslie Hall, 47, of 1739 S. Western, died at his home here Aug. 5. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Rose Hall, three sisters, Mrs. Violet E. Burr, of San Jose, Mrs. Della Mendenhall, of Sacramento, Mrs. Jennie E. Barnes, Arroyo Grande, and a brother, Arthur L. Hall, of that city. Services and burial will be held in Arroyo Grande. Mr. Hall was born in Lemoore, Calif., in 1898. Stone & Myers took the body to Arroyo Grande.

"EYES" FOR PLANES

Sealed beam lamps which guide aircraft to safe night-time landings are 20 times more powerful than the sealed beam headlights which were introduced on American automobiles in 1940.

Future Schools Should Be Cheery, Efficient, Says Chicago Educator

Food for thought for the time when Torrance will be operating its own independent school system is contained in an article entitled, "Future School to be Cheery and Efficient," written by Dorothea Kahn in the Christian Science Monitor and quoting William C. Reavis, professor of education at the University of Chicago.

The article is quoted as follows:

Remember the old schoolroom with its rigid rows of seats and desks, walls painted buff so they wouldn't show the dirt, and a frieze of chalky blackboard? Well, the postwar schoolroom isn't going to look like that if modern educators and architects have their say. And they intend to speak up.

Some $5,000,000,000 will be invested in new school buildings in the five years immediately following the war, and more than $9,000,000,000 in the next 10 years, William C. Reavis, Professor of Education at the University of Chicago, told an educational conference held on his home campus. He warned the educators not to repeat architectural mistakes of the past.

In the school of the future, it should be possible to tell the purpose of each classroom by looking in the door. Each should be designed according to its function.

Idea Outmoded

"The idea of the standardized classroom is as dead as the proverbial doornail," he said.

He also thinks a school building should be designed for the whole community and that the community should take part in its planning. That task, he said, calls for the services of citizens, school patrons, teachers, school administrators, board members, architects, and specialists in education. When all these folks work on school plans they may decide, he said, that the school should include special facilities for use of community groups, that rooms should be designed for after-school as well as school hour use, and that provision should be made for parking space.

Teachers, of course, should have much to say about the design of the postwar school. Badly planned buildings have hindered the advance of education in the past, Professor Reavis said.

"Improvements in teaching long advocated by advanced thinkers in education," he explained, "have been so difficult to apply in standard classrooms that many teachers with the keenest desire to adopt them have given up in despair because of handicaps of classroom restrictions."

Special Designs Sought

In many progressive schools desks can be moved around like household furniture to fit the needs of the occasion. But the educators want to go still further and have the rooms and buildings designed specifically for their use.

When it comes to interior decoration, Lawrence B. Perkins, architect, carried the modern idea still further. Why paint rooms in various shades of brown to conceal the dirt by imitating it, Mr. Perkins demanded? He wants cheerfulness in the schoolroom. When it comes to selecting colors for doors, shelves, and curtains, he offered a practical suggestion. Look at the colors in the illustrations of the popular magazines. Those are the ones children are likely to enjoy.

And they aren't "darling pastels," either, he noted, but strong reds and greens and yellows.

Many New Corporations In California

Commencement of industrial reconversion to civilian merchandising and the prospect of reduced federal taxes on corporations today were attributed by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan as the principal reasons for the increased number of corporation filings in California.

"It is significant big business is looking westward not only toward California's increased population but as the one important gateway to trans-Pacific trade during the postwar era," Jordan declared. "It is also a strong indication business is gradually starting on its reconversion trend."

"The prospects of the federal government reducing the excess profits and the basic income taxes also are credited with the new influx of business to California."

Secretary of State Jordan disclosed that during July 330 new corporations qualified to do business in this state. This was the greatest number to be filed in the month of July since the prewar year of 1940.

The taxable corporations also increased with 244 being subject to tax as compared to 172 the same month a year ago.

Among the 34 foreign corporations qualified was the six hundred million dollar Montana copper mining company, one of the largest out-of-state corporations ever granted permission to operate in California.

Southern California received 199 of the 296 new domestic corporations and 24 of the foreign corporations, or 67.6 per cent of the total July filings.

Vic Christy Will Meet Claybourne in Redondo Arena

Saturday night's wrestling bouts at the Redondo Arena in Redondo Beach, will feature a triple main event. Popular Vic Christy will meet Jack Claybourne the fastest man on the mat, Pat Kelley of El Segundo and shipyards favorite, against Indian Jules Strongbow, and Brother Frank the Mormon Bishop will rough it out with Butch Madray the Judo champion. All matches are 2 out of 3 falls—1 hour time limit. Promoter Dave Landau has signed the 640 pound Blimp to meet the outstanding wrestler the following Saturday, Aug. 18th. Clyde Payne will referee.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

Torrance Night At Pilgrimage Play Aug. 12

Residents of Torrance are going to have another special night at The Pilgrimage Play on Sunday, Aug. 12th. Due to the success of the Tuesday night on July 24th and the many requests that have come to the Chamber of Commerce for additional tickets it has been decided to re-visit the Hollywood Pilgrimage Bowl for the second time this season.

The Pilgrimage Play is in its 19th season and is playing to virtual capacity audiences during its limited presentation. Heading the cast is Nelson Leigh playing Jesus of Nazareth for the sixth year. From the motion pictures is Joan Woodbury in the role of Mary Magdalene; Adda Gleason as the Mary Mother; Richard Abbott as Caiaphas; Ward Blackburn just out of the Navy making his first acting appearance in three years as John the Beloved and many others in the large cast of over 125 players.

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Ask Carson St., Wilmington Blvd. Traffic Signals

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby recently referred to the County Road Department a request of the Dominguez Chamber of Commerce for additional traffic control devices at the corner of Wilmington ave. and Carson st., and has received the assurance of the Road Commissioner that beaded Stop markings will be immediately painted at the four approaches to this intersection. Flashing beacons at this location will also be installed as soon as necessary materials are available, Mr. Darby has been assured.

Lieut. Robert Peckham, A.A.F., left Saturday evening for Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Ind., following an extended leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Peckham, Sr., here. He had been recuperating following many months service in the South Pacific.

AT LAKE ELSINORE

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jackson of 1448 Engracia ave., are vacationing this week at Lake Elsinore.