

County Tax Increase

Hale County residents probably will be faced with a "substantial" tax increase in 1972, according to discussions by County Commissioners during a regular session at the Court-house Monday.

The court asked Tax Assessor-Collector Bill Hollars to study present valuations and provide them with information to figure out a new tax rate to gradually bring the county back into the black.

For several years the county has run out of operating money before the end of each fiscal year and operated on borrowed money until taxes begin coming in again.

The deficit ran about \$250,000 last year, and court members said it looked like the amount would increase more each year without a tax raise.

Getting the closest look from Commissioners during the tax discussion was farm land in the county. At present, the highest actual value assigned to farm land is \$120 an acre, with the present 22.2 per cent tax valuation then applied to that figure to come up with a top taxable rate of \$26.64 an acre.

Probable Change
Court members agreed that land would need to be brought more nearly in line with city property, while an overall increase in city property and farm improvements of about 10 per cent probably would be needed to raise extra funds.

Hale County Judge Henry Heck suggested that a new rate be set so that present operating expenses could be met and the deficit gradually built up over several years could be paid off. In other activity at the meeting, the court approved a work and holiday policy for county employees, and discussed redistricting and problems connected with redistricting changes.

The work guidelines are similar to those presently used by most county administrators, but the court decided to put a formal policy into effect.

The guidelines provide for two weeks paid vacation a year, or one week after a person has worked six months. Commissioners said that vacation time could not be accumulated, and that vacations could not be split.

On sick leave, the group decided that employees could receive six days leave each year for actual sickness. After six days, an employee could receive half pay for two weeks, and after that, time off the job could be charged to vacation time on a day-by-day basis.

Regular Pay
Regarding situations involving workman's compensation, the court said regular pay would stop when workman's compensation started, and if a supplement was paid, it and workman's compensation would not exceed an employee's regular salary.

Working hours formally were set at five days a week for both courthouse and precinct employees, with hours from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-5 p.m. for those in the courthouse, and from 8 a.m. until noon and 1-6 p.m. for precinct employees.

Standard holiday closing dates

also were set in the policy. One day was allowed for New Year's, Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day, while two days were given for Thanksgiving, and Christmas was left optional, not to exceed three days.

Discussing redistricting, the group said setting up justice of the peace precincts to conform with new redistricting lines was one of the major problems, but Judge Heck said a final decision of the justice posts should be made at the next regular court session in two weeks.

Justice Precincts
At present, one justice of the peace is located in Plainview, precinct one, and another in Abernathy, precinct three.

Judge Heck said that in order to conform exactly to state law, additional JP precincts need to be created so that one is lo-

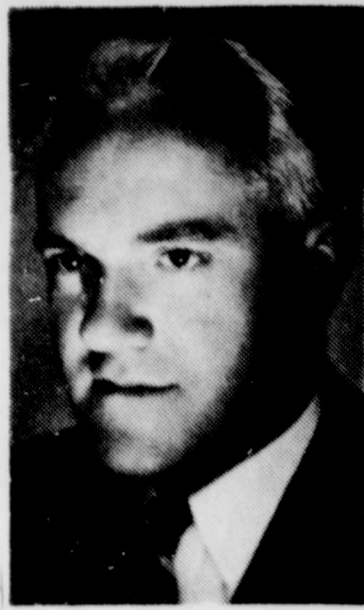
cated in precinct two and another in precinct four.

However, boundaries of the JP precincts probably will be drawn so that no one will be appointed to fill the post, but the justice precinct will be created merely to fulfill the letter of the law.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bell attends family reunion. A family reunion was held at Benjamin in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cook, June 4, 5, and 6.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas, Electra, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Portwood, Ft. Worth, Mrs. Ola M. Cure, Houston, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cook, Benjamin and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bell. The ladies are sisters.



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Wedding Vows Are Recited



MRS. NORM MacDONALD
(Paula Conn)

A double ring ceremony solemnized at 3 p. m. Saturday in County Line Baptist Church united in marriage Miss Paula

Conn and Mr. Norm MacDonald, Officiating was the Rev. Hugh Jack Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Conn of Abernathy are parents of the bride. The groom's parents are Mrs. R. A. Campbell of Kennelworth, Washington, and Mr. Dan MacDonald of Stanwood, Washington.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white satin trimmed with lace and seed pearls, fashioned with an empire waist and long full sleeves.

Miss Cecilia Hardin of Abernathy was maid of honor. She wore a formal length dress of orchid dotted swiss. John Gomez of Lubbock served as best man. James Conn and Benny Pope seated guests. Candles were lighted by Debra and Dale Barron of Lubbock. Ringbearer was Daron Norwood.

Wedding music was presented by Mrs. Verlon Barron, soloist, and Lorna Barron and Debbie Murray, organists.

A reception in Fellowship Hall followed the ceremony. Members of the houseparty were Miss Carol Connell, Mrs. R. D. Presley, Mrs. Otis Pope and Mrs. Ernest Durrett. Miss Jan Durrett registered guests.

Mrs. MacDonald attended Abernathy High School. Her husband was a ministerial student at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview.

The couple will reside in Spokane, Washington where he will be Youth Director of Pines Baptist Church.

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Mrs. M. H. Rankin has returned home from Levelland where she visited in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richerson and family.

While there she attended the Baccalaureate exercises May 23, and the graduation exercises May 29, for her grandson, Gary Lynn Richerson from the Levelland High School.

The exercises were held in the Texas Dome at South Plains College. Gary Lynn was vice-president of the Senior class, vice-president of the Lobo Band and one of the Class favorites. He will enter South Plains College this fall.

Airman First Class Ricky D. Richerson of Barksdale Air Force Base, La., arrived home to see his brother graduate, and has returned to his Base, where he is in training in the Strategic Air Command field.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richerson brought Mrs. Rankin home and visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Richerson and family.

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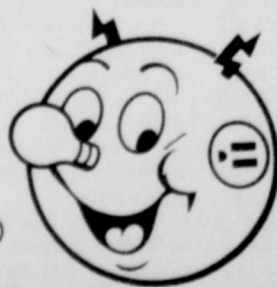
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MRS. DAVID VELASQUEZ
(Beatrice Ortiz)

**Ring Service
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ABERNATHY (Special) — Miss Beatrice Ortiz and David Velasquez exchanged vows in a double ring wedding ceremony at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Nazarene Church. The Rev. Esteban Velasquez officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ortiz of New Deal. Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Velasquez of Leipsic, Ohio, are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white peau de sole fashioned with an empire waistline and accented with white re-embroidered lace.

Miss Lupe Ortiz of New Deal served her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Linda Velasquez of Lubbock, Sylvia Huron of Kress and Nelda Hernandez of New Deal.

The attendants wore formal gowns of emerald green accented with pearls.

Luis Velasquez of Donna was his brother's best man. Frank Urista of San Angelo, Frank Silvas of Wolforth and Joe Ortiz were groomsmen. Ushers were Frank Hernandez of New Deal, Tony Ortiz, Edward Zarate of Wolforth and Rachel Ortiz of New Deal.

Christy Ortiz and Tony Ortiz Jr. were flower girl and ring bearer, respectively.

Miss Sandra Martin of New Deal, organist, and Miss Elvia Devila of New Deal, soloist, presented musical selections.

The couple was honored with a reception before leaving on a wedding trip to St. Louis, Mo. They will reside in Defiance, Ohio.

Mrs. Velasquez is a graduate of New Deal High School and attended Texas Tech University for two years. She was employed by New Deal Independent Schools.

Velasquez is employed by Sylvania G.T.E. in Ottawa, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army.

YOUTH REVIVAL
JUNE 16-20
Abernathy First United
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The summer youth revival will be held June 16 - 20 under the direction of Eddie Robb. Special activities for the young people are being planned after each service. There is a possibility that there will be sharing group - type meetings in the mornings. We're looking forward to seeing you all there.

Susie Montgomery

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More Funds Set
For Farm Loans

An additional \$50 million in insurance authorizations to make farm ownership loans with preference to loans for families in the southwest drought areas has been announced by Farmers Home Administration, Karson Bivens, Hale County FHA supervisor, said today.

able for applicants eligible under standard HFA farm ownership loan regulations, Bivens said.

And these funds will be made to qualified farm ownership applicants for authorized farm ownership loan purposes, he said.

Bivens added that this meant \$50 million in funds are now available that were not available before and that families in the drought areas will have first preference to the available funds.

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