

# New Tax Bills List Rates Each Jurisdiction in County Levies

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 You undoubtedly have received your county tax bill by now and have noticed that the bill plainly lists tax rates and amounts for county government, city government, schools, libraries, and other purposes. This is a result of Assembly Bill No. 419 by the Hon. Milton Marks, Republican member of the Assembly from San Francisco, who is a brilliant and successful San Francisco lawyer.

The Marks bill providing Anza Students Select Their New 'Congress'

Student government officers were elected to the student congress at Anza Elementary School Tuesday. Candidates campaigned vigorously for these offices with the assistance of managers, posters and campaign speeches. Elected officers are as follows: president, Margaret Osborn; vice president, Tony Wachtler; secretary, Blythe Cheney. The student congress at Anza consists of two representatives from each room in grades four through eight. In addition to planning special school projects and activities, they conduct a weekly business meeting and hold individual room meetings on the following day. Encouragement of active citizenship and the learning of responsibility involved in representative government are two of the major aims of the program.

## Armed Forces

Timothy E. Scates, fire control technician seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Scates of 23701 Western Ave., is serving aboard the escort destroyer USS Radford. Clyde W. Stewart Jr., aviation electronics technician third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Stewart of 2837 Onrado St., is scheduled to be promoted soon while serving with Attack Squadron 146, operating out of Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.

Donald L. Clayton, machinist's mate third class, son of Lewis R. Clayton Sr. of 18418 Doty Ave., is scheduled to be promoted soon, while serving in the Pacific aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany, operating out of San Diego. The Oriskany, a unit of the First Fleet, conducts continuous training in air operations off the Southern California coast.

**The Old Timer**  
 "He's a miracle man if he can take the limp out of a lame excuse."

that in each county in California the county tax bill must be itemized to show tax rates or amounts levied for county, city and district purposes or that the bill be accompanied by a separate statement containing such itemization, is now known as Chapter 207 Statutes of 1961. It adds Section 2611.5 to the Revenue and Taxation Code of California regarding county tax bills.

THIS BILL was originally heard before the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, of which the Hon. Charles H. Wilson, Democrat, insurance broker of Los Angeles, is chairman. Although I do not have the record of the roll call in the committee, I remember that the bill was supported and voted for by the Hon. Clayton A. Dills, businessman and Democrat of

## Man, Creator Inseparable, Lesson Says

The indestructible relationship of God and man will be explained at all Christian Science services today in a Lesson-Sermon on the subject "Mortals and Immortals." These words of Paul to the Romans will be included in the selections from the Bible: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." A correlative citation from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy states, "It is only by acknowledging the supremacy of Spirit, which annuls the claims of matter, that mortals can lay off mortality and find the indissoluble spiritual link which establishes man forever in the divine likeness, inseparable from his creator." In the Golden Text from Romans Paul counsels, "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

gardena and Hawthorne; and the enactment of this important law in order to give an ample of what I have said for many years, most of the laws enacted by the California State Legislature are non-partisan in nature and receive the active support of members of both parties. The new law in its application is important to all of us because the itemized bill gives each taxpayer a definite and accurate report of how and where the money collected by the county is being spent. Of course, it does not go into great detail, because that would not



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be practical, but it is broken down enough for the taxpayer to have a clear, over-all picture of where his local tax money is spent. RECENTLY the Assembly Interim Committee on Revenue and Taxation, under the leadership of Assemblyman Charles H. Wilson, held two full-day hearings on proposals for future tax reform. One meeting was held in the council chambers of the Inglewood city hall and the other was held in the auditorium of the Morningside High School in Inglewood. Both meetings were open to the public, in accordance with law, and anyone was permitted to appear and testify. Most of the witnesses, both experts and citizens who are not tax experts, testified that one of the most common complaints is that all property of the same value is not assessed equally. For example, one man's home is assessed much higher than one of identical value in the same neighborhood. One lady testified that one year her assessment is raised and the next year lowered and then the following year it is raised again. She said she could not understand the fluctuations of assessment when the value of her property remains the same. MANY WITNESSES, both

experts and laymen, told the committee that they believe we need an amendment to the State Constitution of California forcing tax assessors to assess property throughout California on a uniform ratio, that is, on a fixed ratio so that all property of the same value will be assessed equally in all counties of California and throughout each individual county. We cannot do anything about such proposed bills unless the governor places them on the agenda for the Special Session of 1962. Otherwise, we must wait until the General Session of 1963.

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