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The Frontier's Statehouse Correspondent

this summer events dropped this 10 counties. Some counties were ative.) week to the usual slow hot-weath- boosted 10 percent in this cate-

er pace at the statehouse.

With Gov. Robert Crosby scheduled to be in Seattle, Wash., hold goods and personal equipfor the annual conference of state ment in all but seven counties. governors, and with many other The boosts were either 50 or 100 officials taking their vacations, percent jumps. the barrage of news-which had mostly been connected with tax Effectassessment problem-tapered off.

But this summer saw one of the most widesweeping events in recent state history — the announcement concerning ad-

nounced adjustments which in one swoop increased the state's check of the valuations placed on total assessed valuations by several counties showed they \$473,432,970.

them in 10, and accepting the assessments of 13 counties. Some counties were boosted as much as 200 percent over last year.

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LINCOLN-For the first time stores on March 10-in all but sisted the boosts were conserv-

Every county had to change Some counties such as Adams, Cass, Dakota, Deuel, Dodge, Hamiliton, Hooker, Keya Paha, Logan and Saline which made a big After six days of closed sessions, the five-man group announced adjustments which in Although county which in the county which is a county which in the county which is a county which in the county which in the county which is a county which is a county which in the county which is a county which which is a county which which is a county which whi were between 43 and 45 percent of what the state tax commis-1. Raising town real estate val- sioner's office figured was 100 uations in 70 counties, cutting percent. Taxation this year, of

To explain just what the per-centage increase meant, Govern-2. Increasing farm land valuations in 48 counties, lowering or Crosby gave this illustration: nor can we even equalize among them in 11, and leaving 34 counties. Comparison the towns in a single county." Taxpayer A owns a \$10,000 home in county X. Comparison figures by the state tax commis-3. Boosting the assessments of business inventories—stocks of goods merchants had in their county has been about 35 per-

cent of actual value. That means taxpayer A has paid taxes on about \$3,500. So to reach somewhere near the 50 percent mark called for by the new law, the state board boosted county X valuations by 30 percent. This is \$1,050. Added to \$3,500 it means that taxpayer A will pay taxes on \$4,550 for 1953. (Note: This is still below \$5,000 and that is what Crosby meant when he in-

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Although the western cattle counties were given some consideration because of declining land values, they got the biggest jump for the most part. That is because their assessments have rarely been changed since the rock bottom depression days.

City real estate also got boosted in most places. This is because valuations on at least one item. most counties farmers have been paying higher taxes in relation to the value of their property than have their city cousing

Explanation-

Along with its announcement of county adjustments, the state board issued a statement.

It said, "We have complied with both the letter and the spirit of the law to the extent that available information has made it possible . . . It is necessarily on the basis of assessed average values that we must equalize among the counties and the different classes of property. The law does not permit us to equalize within a county among the owners of a class of property,

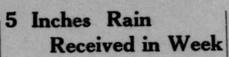
The board's statement admitted that equalizing on the basis of average has been "extremely disappointing" in most counties.
That's because "the county officials in those counties have not equalized among their individual taxpayers . . . In most counties it would be easy to find two citizens owning the same value of property where the assessment of one of them is two or more times greater than the assessment of his neighbor.

"Of course, in this circumstance the highly assessed citizen is paying double or more the taxes that are paid by his neighbor," said the statement.

It continued, "Even more glaring injustices have been disclosed to us in the areas of business inventories and of household goods and personal belongings. In the same town one businessman may be assessed at the actual value of his inventory of merchandise and another on the same street may be assessed as low as 10 percent of his actual inventory. Even on the basis of average assessed values the inequality among counties is fantastic: For instance, in some counfor non-exempt household goods and personal equipment is as pearing on radio and television The Cearns had attended a families with the WLS Barndance and the lily reunion of the Cearns families ties, the average schedule high as \$127.50: in others as low

Advice-

The board statement then thundered, "In the name of simple justice the local county officials in most counties must begin their duties. Again, in fairness, we recognize the officials of a small number of counties who have discharged their duties in



AMELIA-This community received about five inches of rain the past week.

Sunday evening, July 26, a small twister struck Amelia and nearby. Branches were torn from trees in Amelia. At the home of Mrs. Bertha Sammons a large tree was torn down, falling across REA lines, and a windbreak was also torn down.

During the week Amelia had a severe electrical storm. Some horses and cattle were killed and several stacks of hay were burn-

Other Amelia News

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller of Chambers were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Forest Sammons and

Mr. and Mrs. Ed White returned home Friday from a visit with relatives at Greeley, Colo.

Mrs. Jennie Adams returned

to her home in Atkinson Saturday after visiting with Mrs. Julia White the past week.

Rev. J. L. Jay was guest speaker at the Amelia Methodist

church Sunday morning. Several from here attended the first quarterly conference held at Chambers in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Art Leach of Omaha visited at the Ed Jungman home last week.

Mrs. Ralph Rees has been en-

Uhl in Japan

Marine Cpl. Norman L. Uhl

(above) of O'Neill strolls

toward the marine barracks at

the Yokosuka naval base. The Japanese influence is apparent. Corporal Uhl attended O'Neill

high school prior to entering

the marine corps. His mother, Mrs. Elise Uhl, lives at O'Neill.

'53 Hay Days

the Coronation of the 1953 hay

king and queen Monday night

coronation performance.

and for the dance following the

Tuesday night will be the spe-

cial attraction of this year's hay

They have a star-packed cast of

12 which will present five fast

moving acts of western music and

entertainment. The stars include

the Sun Valley Boys, western

band; Hal Thorsen, emcee and

cowboy singer; Lucky Caroline,

petite cowgril soloist; Arizona

Jack and Texie, roping and bullwhip artists; Jack Baggett, fam-

ous western comedian; and John-

Hay days at Atkinson is the scene of the biggest annual parade in north Nebraska. This year's parade on Monday after-

noon at 1:30 will have marching bands and over 80 floats compris-ing a spectacular pageant unfold-

ing the story of "Nebraska-99

Years of Progress."

There will be baseball games both afternoons. Atkinson vs.

Oakdale Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and Atkinson vs. Bassett Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Both games will be a battle for a 60-40 purse. Before the Monday

afternoon game, a 75-piece accordian band composed of Martha her accordian students will play a half-hour concert.

commendable way."
The board said it had strong

recommendations in connection with the increased burden on

"Because much personal property literally escapes taxation,

we strongly suggest a severe program of law enforcement.

There is no excuse for the flagrant omission of personal pro-perty from many schedules. Be-

cause of the extreme unfairness

to those who make honest per-

sonal property returns, we suggest that criminal prosecutions be initiated this year against as many as possible of the worst

For citizens the board hammered away at a point its members have made many times: "Assessed

values do not cause taxes. Assess-

ed values simply determine the

sharing of taxes among the citi-

zens. Taxes are caused by the spending of public money by officials. If you are interested in reducing the tax burden then you

as a citizen should express your-self at the budget meetings of the

school board, the city council, and

the county board. The budgets

real estate.

ny Powers, accordion soloist.

show. This show has been ap- Mr. and Mrs. William Fryrear.

ATKINSON-The famous Jan

Circle C Show.

joying a visit from her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Deems, of Charles City, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Doolittle
were guests Wednesday evening, July 29, at the home of their son, Art Doolittle. It was a birthday supper in his honor. Pat Kennedy and Art Waldman were also guests.

Mrs. Gloria Landrum and Sally came from Omaha Friday evening and Sally will visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Garber Featured | grandparents, thr. components | Ott, for a week or more. | Ott, for a week or more. | Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blackmore | Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blackmore | Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blackmore | Ott, for a week or more.

and Luanne visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Blackmore, Parade Will Launch last weekend.

Miss Zoeyllen Gilman spent Sunday afternoon with Leone

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Strenger Garber orchestra and Circle C and Marlan came from Omaha ranch show from Chicago, Ill., the early part of the week to will feature the main events of visit the Lindseys.

Atkinson's hay days celebration Monday and Tuesday, August 10 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Consentino, Sharon, Peter, jr., and Deanna one of America's top dance bands on radio and television, Jan Garber's orchestra will plan for Garber's orchestra will play for Consentino are cousins. A large crowd attended the

auction sale at the Amelia hall Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Cearns and son, Donnie, and cousin, Dale Cearns, of Scottsbluff visited over days featuring the Circle C ranch Sunday night with her parents,

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at Ray Cearns of Atkinson on Pierce. Sunday. Mrs. William Fryrear was in

O'Neill Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hiatt and family and Mrs. Viola Travers

were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mrs. Howard McConnell of week later.

Pierce.

Henry Travers and son, Harold, visited Mrs. Henry Travers at Norfolk Sunday. They all planday the will leave for Norman, Oklas where he will be statistically a statistical transfer of the s ned to attend the races at Wayne. Okla., where he will be stationed His wife, the former Ellen Butter-Jay McConnell, son of Mr. and field, will join him there about a

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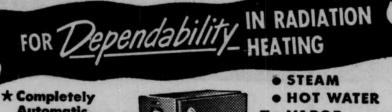
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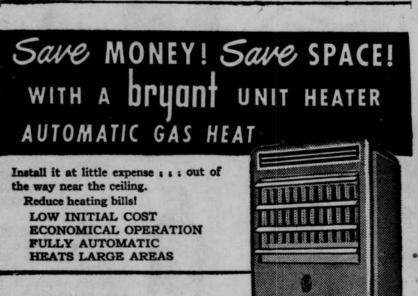
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that are adopted determine the amount of taxes that will be collected." PORK LIVER The board said that in counties where its orders increase val-BACON uations, the local governing bodies must, of course, reduce tax FRANKS

levies accordingly." The state board then pointed out that although it had increased the state's total valuation to \$6,741,838,926—of which half or \$3,370,919,463 will be taxed—the year's 6.98 mills to a 1953 figure of 5.75 mills. And that includes two new levies-the University of Nebraska medical college quartermill levy and the teachers retirement fund half-mill levypassed by the 1953 legislature. This new figure means a tax saving of \$1.23 on every \$1,000 worth of property.

The board said citizens and officials should work together to see that mill levies drop this way in those counties where valuations were boosted.







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