

This Week's Guest Writer
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Introducing our new series of guest writers will be Frank Brown, principal of Alpine School and District Supervisor, in an explanation of our school tax bill, which should clarify the problem considerably for the tax payer in Alpine.

Next week will be an article by Father Ullman.

YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL TAXES

On your tax bill under the caption "Alpine Union" you find a tax item of \$2.92 per \$100 assessed valuation. Many people think this is the tax rate of our Alpine School. Such is not the case. Here is the actual breakdown of that \$2.92 tax bill:

Alpine Union

General, \$0.9000; 2. Bonds, \$0.5775; 3. For uncertificated employees retirement, \$0.0625; 4. Total Alpine School Tax, \$1.5395 per \$100 assessed valuation.

This is less than some of our neighboring schools are taking for general expenses only.

Grossmont Union High School

General tax, \$0.7500; 2. Bonds, \$0.5228; 3. Uncertificated employee's retirement, \$0.0256; 4. Total Grossmont tax, \$1.2984 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Junior College Tax \$0.0816

Total Tax: \$2.92

The trustees promised the voters that the bond rate would not be over 40¢ but the rate was 57¢. Why was this? The county levied 57¢ for the first year only to establish a fund so that bond payments could be met promptly even though current taxes had not been collected in time. Next year the limit will be 40¢. This is also true in the case of the Grossmont bonds.

I am sure you will all be glad to know that the state has approved a loan to us of \$290,000. We will receive this money about December 15. With reasonable luck the new school should be ready by this time next year.

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