

Small Earner Tax Exemption Sought

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Senator Magnuson (D. Wash.) declares that "anyone making up to \$2,400 a year should be exempt from all income taxes."

He also said in a statement that he intends to offer legislation designed to change the existing laws to grant such exemptions and simplify what he said was the too complicated method of figuring the taxes.

"Anyone making up to \$2,400 a year should be exempt from all income taxes," Magnuson said. "Persons in that income bracket with families can't live when they have to pay taxes in addition to other costs and I shall propose legislation to exempt them."

Magnuson said he favored having income taxes upon in-

dividuals entirely upon gross net income before deductions.

The senator said he felt that taxes should be simplified so any taxpayer can compute what he owes in "15 minutes."

"Most of the objection to our income taxes," Magnuson said, "is that by the time an individual has finished his computation he is worn out and in a dreadful humor. There is no reason why our income taxes can't be based upon what he needs for revenue and be made so simple it will be no task to figure them. That is what my legislation will seek to bring about."

Klinger Funeral Set

Funeral services for John Henry Klinger, 82, who died at his home at Winchester Friday, will be held in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Mrs. Harry Winston, with interment following in the Civil Bend Cemetery.

Engaged



Two of the nation's most socially prominent families will be united May 31 with marriage in Washington, D. C., of Anne Moen Bullitt, above, to Nicholas Duke Biddle, according to engagement announced by Miss Bullitt's father, William C. Bullitt, former U. S. ambassador to France and Russia. Her fiancé is the son of Col. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Duke Biddle, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Reedsport Man to Visit Germany, Deliver Donations

REEDSPORT — Ludwig Bachmeier, local resident and an employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad, has gained permission from the State Department to visit his aged mother in his native village of Mornshelm, Bavaria, Germany. Mr. Bachmeier will leave here Sunday and sail from New York, January 18, aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth, and will arrive at Southampton, England, Jan. 22. From there he will enter the U. S. Zone of Germany, where his mother and sister reside, by way of France.

Mr. Bachmeier has been a resident of the United States for more than 40 years. He is an American citizen. Since he left his homeland, his father has died and two of his brothers who fought with the German forces are now prisoners of war, one in Russia, the other in France. Mr. Bachmeier is married and has two children residing in this city.

He was active during World War II in Civilian Defense work and is a member of the Gardner Reedsport Lions Club. He will carry a letter from that club testifying to his character and citizenship, as well as one from the Reedsport Chamber of Commerce attesting to his patriotism as a member of that organization. He will also carry a letter from the mayor of Reedsport. Arrangements are being made by Superintendent of Schools Jack Flug to have forwarded from the Reedsport schools a number of packages of much-needed clothing. Donations from school children and local citizens to the residents of the Mornshelm district in Germany will be distributed under direction of Mr. Bachmeier. The Lions Club is also purchasing a quantity of soap, another greatly desired article in the devastated district of Germany, also to be distributed under direction of Mr. Bachmeier.

Roseburg Store Head to Attend Firm's 'Planorama'

Jack Davis, manager of the Roseburg Western Auto Store, has been invited to attend a four-day merchandise mart and sales show in Minneapolis, Minn., January 27-30 "Planorama," the name coined to identify the meeting—will feature new lines of merchandise and presentations on new selling and display techniques.

According to a statement signed by Hal Baker, vice-president and general manager of Western Stores, the "Planorama" will be one of the "most ambitious" undertakings of the rapidly expanding organization, which has considered "merchandising innovations" as an important part of its stock in trade.

Davis reports that Gambleskogmo, of which Western Auto is a division, now distributes through stores operated in 26 states, four Canadian provinces and the Territory of Hawaii.

Reedsport City Officials Receive Reappointments

REEDSPORT — C. H. Bennett was reappointed city manager at Monday's meeting of the Reedsport city council. Other city officials reappointed were Harry M. McCabe as chief of police; W. G. Benson, city attorney; H. T.

Lewis, city engineer; Charles Clark, water superintendent; Irving Johnson, city recorder and municipal judge, and William Hunt and R. H. W. Leathers, city planning commissioners.

Mayor John Skaalunen made the following committee appointments on the city council: Finance, Ungar and Smiley; water, Thompson and Knutsen; streets, Richardson and Olson; police and fire, Smiley and Richardson; lights, Knutsen and Olson; municipal buildings and property, Olson and Ungar.

Ungar was reelected president of the council.

Oregon Life Insurance Below National Average

The Oregon family carries life insurance averaging \$2500 or 37 per cent less than the national average of \$4,000, reports G. K. Quine, local Standard Insurance

representative, in analyzing a study by the Institute of Life Insurance.

First in the nation are District of Columbia families with \$6,400 in life insurance. New York is second with \$6,200.

Amount per family in other western states is as follows: California \$3,300; Idaho, \$2,200; Utah, \$3,300; Washington, \$2,700.

Quine said this analysis reveals the vast need for life insurance on the Pacific coast, especially since the per capita income in the Pacific and inter-mountain regions stands near the top. The Standard Insurance Company has written over \$17 million in new life insurance during 1946, an all-time high in its 40-year history, and 62 per cent in excess of the company's previous record made in 1945.

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Oregon Vegetable Production in '46 Sets New Record

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Ore. —(AP)—Oregon's vegetable production has more than doubled during the war years, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

The 1946 vegetable crop, including that produced for the fresh market and for processing, totaled 318,100 tons, a gain of 14 per cent over 1945, and more than double the 1939 harvest. The 1946 production was gathered from 98,800 acres, compared with 57,000 acres in 1939.

Of the vegetables grown for processing, the tonnage of peas and sweet corn was up considerably from 1945. The snap bean crop was about the same, and beet tonnage was down.

Cantaloupe, lettuce and onion crops showed the largest increases over 1945.

The value of the 1946 truck crop was \$17,194,000, or three per cent less than in 1945. Lower prices caused the drop.

Price Drops Offset

Prices received by farmers on November 15 stood at 254 per cent of the 1935-39 average, a drop of one point from the preceding month, but 30 per cent higher than in November 1945. Declines in the prices of apples, chickens and turkeys were offset by increases in wheat, oats, barley and hay.

Prices paid by farmers on November 15 were 66 per cent above the 1935-39 average.

The federal crop reporting service says the value of Oregon's principal crops in 1946 was \$237,500,000, a gain of 19 per cent over 1945, and about 31 times the value of the 1939 crop.

Since the federal government predicted the 1947 wheat crop will be the largest in history, growers are advised to start looking now for storage facilities, and to make other plans for handling their crop.

Pig Crop Declines

Oregon's fall pig crop is down. During the six months ended December 1, 105,000 pigs were saved, 24 per cent less than were saved a year earlier.

The spring and fall crops combined totaled 279,000 head, or 6 per cent less than in 1945.

Badly-needed boxcars to move Oregon wheat to terminal markets are on the way. Corn is being moved from the midwest to northwest ports for export to the Orient, and these cars may be used for wheat after they are emptied.

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