

Local News

Attends Convention — Mrs. Bob Curtis spent Saturday in Eugene, where she attended the Epsilon Sigma Alpha state convention.

Visits in California — Bill Croshaw spent the weekend in Paradise, Calif., where he visited his father and other relatives.

In Coos Bay — Mr. and Mrs. Ron Parr and daughter, Kathy, spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Werber and family in Coos Bay.

Visit Bakers — Weekend visitors from Eugene, Calif., at the R. W. Baker home were her brother, Arthur Copeland, and wife and children, Lee and Joan.

Here From Brookings — Weekend visitors at the Edwin Barnes home were Mrs. Barnes' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack King, and children, Joyce, Janet and Jerry of Brookings.

Back From San Francisco — Charles Dondero has returned to his home at Melrose following several days in San Francisco, where he attended business. He is associated with the local housing authority.

Students Visit — Jpanne Richman and Rita Yuzon, whose home is in Honolulu, were weekend guests in Roseburg at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Richman. Both are students at U. of O. in Eugene.

Enjoy Outing — Enjoying a recent outing and fishing trip to Sillcoos Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bennett and children, Rita, Laurence and Christina; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carper and Bud; Mr. and Mrs. French Trump and son, Bud; James Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hecock and family of Elkton.

Visits Sister — Mrs. Jack Myers has returned to her home here following several days visit with her sister in San Francisco.

On Vacation — Miss Beverly Braout, who has been on a month's vacation at the home of her mother, in Worcester, Mass., is expected to return to her work at Lennie's Friendly Tavern next week.

Attend Convention — Members of Roseburg Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 4, who are attending the second annual convention of Blue Star Mothers in Grants Pass today include: Olga Barnes, Sadie Baker, Rachel Fleenor, Flossie Talburt, Opal Davis, Betty Foster, Edith Tottan and Vera Calkins.

Leave For L.A. — Mr. and Mrs. Max Ferber and daughter, Maxine, left today for their home in Los Angeles following a visit here with his mother, Mrs. R. W. Baker. Mrs. Ferber and Maxine were here a month and Mr. Ferber spent two weeks here, while on vacation from his work.

Billy Graham Film Will Be Shown At Pine Grove

A Billy Graham film, "Oil Town U.S.A.," will be shown at the Pine Grove Chapel Saturday, April 30, starting at 7:30 p.m., it was announced today.

It will be shown by the Rev. Arthur Kelstrup, missionary of the American Sunday School Union. The chapel is located five miles east of Roseburg on the North Umpqua Highway. Those who did not see the film when it was shown in Roseburg are invited to see it Saturday, the Rev. Mr. Kelstrup said.

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House Approves Majority Report Backing Sales Tax; Senate Action Uncertain

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — The 3 per cent sales tax bill survived its first major test in the Oregon Legislature Wednesday when the House voted 33-26 to adopt a majority report that the bill be passed.

The action means that the House is virtually certain to pass the bill Thursday morning and send it to the Senate.

It also rules out the possibility that the 108-day-old session might end Saturday night. Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, Senate Tax Committee chairman, said that if the House passes the bill, the Senate probably will vote on it next Monday.

Meanwhile, the House adopted the Senate version of the 60 per cent income tax increase and sent it to the governor.

The Senate Tax Committee voted 5-2 for the House-passed 3-cent cigarette tax bill, and it will go on Friday's Senate calendar.

The House vote on the sales tax came after an hour of debate. The bill would be referred to the people at a special election next Nov. 8. If the people—who have voted five times against sales tax bills—should approve it, the tax would become effective next Jan. 1.

Food for consumption in homes would not be taxed. While sales tax supporters were jubilant at their preliminary victory in the House, they were skeptical as to whether the Senate would vote for it.

In fact, Sen. Lowell Steen, Milton-Freewater, a leader of the sales tax forces, said he didn't believe the Senate would go for it.

Rep. Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove, House tax chairman, carried the ball for the sales tax. He said the tax is needed because the new income tax bill "would give Oregon overwhelmingly the highest income tax in the nation."

"The income tax bill is a short-range program just for the next two years, but the sales tax would take care of the state's needs for several bienniums."

"Putting a sales tax and the income tax together makes a good progressive tax system."

Carrying the brunt of the debate against the bill, Rep. Pat Dooley, Portland Democrat, argued that "a sales tax is a radical departure from the principle of taxation according to the ability to pay. It hits the man in the low income brackets."

Dooley said the people would defeat it again because there is no demand for a sales tax.

He accused the Tax Committee of "sugar coating the pill" in distributing the sales tax revenue.

If the proposed sales tax is passed, income taxes would be reduced below present levels by increasing the adult exemptions from \$900 to \$1,200. Counties would get \$10,000,000 a year for property tax relief, and \$2,500,000 a year would be used to build buildings in distressed school districts.

Stewart said that one-third of the people in Oregon now pay no taxes, and that "the time has come when we have to broaden the tax base for the economic welfare of Oregon."

BIRTHS

Forest Glen Hospital
HAYTER — To Mr. and Mrs. John Hayter, Myrtle Creek, April 18, a boy, Billy Joe; weight six pounds ten ounces.

LAWTON — To Mr. and Mrs. Verner Lawton, Myrtle Creek, April 18, a boy, Gary Glen; weight eight pounds.

BAKER — To Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Baker, Jr., Riddle, April 19, a boy, Ricky Ray; weight six pounds three ounces.

REED — To Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Reed, Canyonville, April 24, a boy, Mitchell Lee; weight five pounds eleven ounces.

HIMES — To Mr. and Mrs. James Himes, Riddle, April 24, a boy, Lonnie Dean; weight eight pounds three ounces.

Myrtle Creek To Host Cancer Society Benefit

A card party and smorgasbord will be held at the Myrtle Hotel in Myrtle Creek April 29 at 1 p.m. to raise money to aid the American Cancer Society's program, announced general chairman, Mrs. Orin Ledbetter today.

Food for the smorgasbord will be donated. Games of canasta, bridge and pinocle will be played in the afternoon. Proceeds from the event will go to the Cancer Society with 60 cents of each dollar to remain in this state. Women's organization, sponsoring the event are Lady Lion's, Eagles Auxiliary, Beta Xi, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Episcopal Guild, Business and Professional Women's Club, Three Links Club, Altar Society of the All Souls Church, and the bridge clubs of Myrtle Creek.

Thomson Says Steering Wheel Of Car Defective

NEWPORT, Ore. — Something was wrong with the steering mechanism of the car which carried James Meuler over an ocean-side cliff, Richard Thomson testified Tuesday.

Thomson is accused of trying to kill Meuler, his former business partner, by hitting him on the head with a pipe, then sending him over the cliff in the car.

But Thomson said Tuesday when testifying in his defense that the car smashed into a guardrail, injuring Meuler. Thomson said he tried to take over the wheel but the car wouldn't turn and that he fumbled out just before the car went over the cliff.

This is the second time Thomson has been tried on the same charge. The first time he was convicted, but the State Supreme Court ordered a retrial because of an error in evidence admitted.

VA Tightens Home Mortgage Rule For Veterans

WASHINGTON — The Federal Housing Administration Wednesday tightened home mortgage rules, announcing it will require home buyers with government insured loans to pay deal closing costs in cash.

The move was coordinated with a similar one by the Veterans Administration. The VA is aiming at eliminating "no-no" home buying with government backing.

The double negative "no-no" description is given to financing plans under which even the usual settlement costs in a home purchase are covered by the mortgage, and there is no down payment. This has been described in recent months as a practice which could undermine housing credit conditions.

The Veterans Administration has allowed "no-no" financing. A spokesman for the housing administration said it hasn't authorized mortgages to be written without down payments but has allowed closing costs to be included in the mortgage.

VA announced Tuesday it would require closing costs to be paid in advance where VA stands behind a home loan. No date was given when the rule will be effective.

Beginning with commitments made Thursday, FHA said, it will not insure loans where the home buyer is not required to pay closing costs in cash at the time of settlement. FHA will continue to require a down payment, a spokesman said.

The VA, however, approves deals in which there is no down payment.

More Favorable Lines Seen For Far East

LONDON — Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan expressed hope Wednesday the explosive Far East situation "may begin to develop along more favorable lines."

Answering Laborite questions, the new foreign secretary told the House of Commons he had instructed the British charge d'affaires in Peiping to ask Premier Chou En-Lai to elaborate "still further" his recent statement at the Bandung Asian-African conference.

Chou said Red China would be willing to negotiate with the United States over Far Eastern problems including those of the Formosa area.

Chou insisted, however, that Red China retains the right to "liberate" Formosa.

"I am not without hope that the whole situation in the Far East may begin to develop along more favorable lines," MacMillan said.

Television 'Bees' Said Headed For Extinction

JACKSON, Wyo. — Television "bees" appear headed for extinction in this mountain resort.

It has been split into the TV camps: Those who could receive telecasts and those who couldn't. Non-viewers from the northside have been compelled to visit southside friends getting a good signal from an Idaho Falls, Idaho, station if they saw favorite programs.

But the Wyoming Public Service Commission Tuesday authorized construction of a community TV relay system serving the northside of town.



WHITWORTH SINGERS form an oval frame around a colorful floral decoration. The 47-voice Whitman A Cappella Choir will appear in Roseburg Friday at 8 p.m. for a concert at the First Presbyterian Church. At the bottom of the picture is Wilbur L. Anders, director of the choir.

Four Underworld Characters Have Been Deported

WASHINGTON — Senators were informed Wednesday that four underworld characters who figured in the Kefauver crime investigation have been deported, another is about to be, and action is being pushed against 79 others.

A summary of the cases, received from Immigration Commissioner J. M. Swing, was made public by Chairman Magnuson (D-Wash.) of the Senate Commerce Committee.

Magnuson said he had requested the information after receiving reports that several known criminals, named in the crime hearings conducted by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in 1950-51, "were not being prosecuted vigorously enough."

Swing's reply gave this breakdown of the status of deportation action against 79 persons listed by Magnuson:

Deported, 4; expected to be deported this month, 1; proceedings dismissed by the courts, 6; not subject to deportation or revocation of naturalization, 28 (including 2 now dead); cases still under investigation, 8; and deportation proceedings pending, 32.

The four listed as deported were Charles Carroll, James Dismone, and Jasper Matranga, all of New York, and Nono Minaudo of Miami, Fla. Swing said Nick Circeola, was expected to depart shortly from New Orleans to Argentina.

Among those whose cases still are in the courts are racketeers Frank Costello and Joe Adonis.



BERT YOUNG has opened a new business in Roseburg, the Umpqua Valley Feed and Farm Supply, at 211 Spruce St. in the old Consolidated Freightways building. Besides feeds, the store will sell sanitation products, poultry equipment and some dairy equipment. (Clark's Studio photo).

RETAIL ADVISER NAMED

Bruce Elliott, manager of J. C. Penney Co. in Roseburg, has been named a district adviser of the 16th annual conference of the Oregon Retail Distributors Institute, which will be held at the University of Oregon May 15-16.

Big Three Dates Huddle To Plan Meet With Soviet

WASHINGTON — The Western Big Three foreign ministers will meet in Paris May 8 "to discuss concrete plans for holding a four power conference with the Soviet government."

The State Department in announcing this week said the United States, Britain and France "earnestly hope that a four power conference can meet as soon as possible."

The brief announcement did not say at what level it hoped the meeting with Russia could be held. President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have said in the past that a four power foreign ministers conference should precede any meetings of heads of state.

Moscow has indicated a desire for a meeting of Premier Bulganin with President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden.

In talking to newsmen at a diplomatic reception on Saturday, Bulganin said he was interested in such a conference and that it was up to Eisenhower and Eden to set a date.

In preparation for the May 8 Paris meeting, American, British and French technical experts will meet in London Wednesday to make what the State Department called "a preliminary study" of the problems to be discussed by the foreign ministers.

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