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Gas Tax Refund Law Changed.
Probably no law passed by the recent session of the legislature has been the cause of more requests for information from Secretary of State Earl Snell than the new gas refund act, which makes a number of important changes in the requirements to be met by applicants for refunds and which becomes effective June 30.

The new law follows the provisions of the Washington act in a number of its features, but continues to allow a period of six months from date of purchase of gasoline to date of making application for refund. The reduction of this period to 60 days was seriously considered by the legislature, but this change was opposed by the state department, which administers the law, collects the gas tax, and makes the refunds.
Under the new law a permit to secure refunds must be obtained before a refund can be made. The application for this permit will carry complete information as to equipment operated by the claimant, the activity engaged in, and particulars as to contemplated uses of motor vehicle fuel. The charge for the permit is 50 cents. Full information will be furnished refund claimants, together with proper blanks, prior to the effective date of the act. No permits will be mailed out until late in June.
Investigation of applications will be commenced as soon as possible. The main object of the changes in

the law is to eliminate the large number of dishonest claims that have been made in the past. "However," Mr. Snell states, "this office is just as anxious to give prompt service and to see that people entitled to refunds obtain them with the least possible delay and inconvenience as it is to eliminate the improper claims."
NEW RULES FOR DRIVERS.
(Eugene Morning News.)
During its recent prolonged session the Oregon legislature ground out 12 changes in motor vehicle laws. These have been briefed down by Secretary of State Snell for the Oregon Motorist. For the benefit of those motor vehicle operators who like to keep up on the rules Mr. Snell's summary is reprinted here.
1. Safety responsibility bill enacted; designed to eliminate careless drivers from streets and highways. (Under this act any driver held responsible in court for death or injury of any person, or for property damage of more than \$100, is prohibited from driving a car again until judgments pending against him have been satisfied and he has given proof of ability to meet future damage claims. Proof of financial responsibility is also demanded of any person convicted of drunken driving or other offense calling for revocation of operator's license.)
2. "Rules of the Road" amended giving driver on the right the right-of-way at intersections.
3. Persons arrested on charge of driving while intoxicated immediately shall be examined by physician.
4. Secretary of state authorized to issue temporary drivers' permits to applicants for operators' licenses.
5. Necessity of obtaining notary public's signature on applications for operators' or chauffeurs' licenses eliminated.
6. Registration fees for motor trucks, trailers and semi-trailers reduced 10 cents per hundred pounds, those weighing 2000 pounds or less excepted.
7. Either annual or semi-annual licenses may be obtained for many commercial type vehicles.
8. Flat rate of \$10 per year prescribed for certain commercial vehicles which, together with load, weight not to exceed 4000 pounds.
9. Maximum allowable load upon any vehicle or combination of vehicles from 49,000 to 54,000 pounds.
10. Trucks used in SERA work may be operated with temporary permit costing \$5.
11. Any city having population of 100,000 or more may adopt city ordinance calling for periodic inspection of motor vehicles.
12. Private passenger vehicle owners residing in adjoining states may drive in Oregon throughout the year if properly registered in state of residence.

High School Notes
In an F. F. A. business meeting held Tuesday of last week the following boys were elected to fill next year's offices: Harvey Kelly, president; Dale Chapman, vice president; Willis Lathrop, secretary; Johnny Guggisberg, treasurer; Leonard King, reporter; and Wayne Walker, bull-dog.
The annual state F. F. A. convention will be held in Corvallis May 2, 3, and 4. The following boys from the local chapter will accompany E. O. Berg, local instructor, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, May 2: Dale Chapman, Harvey Kelly, Leonard King, Charles Clark, Raymond McCullough, Willis Lathrop, Bob Kenady, Albert McCull, Milton Smith, Roy Trunnell, James Hennessey, Norris King and Floyd McCullough, alumni.
Harvey Kelly, next year's F. F. A. president, will represent the local chapter Thursday evening, May 2, over KOAC sometime between 7 and 7:30.
The state public speaking and hog calling contests will be broadcasted over KOAC Friday, May 3, from 11:45 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Dale Chapman, who won the southern Oregon hog calling contest, will enter the state contest.
Other state contests in which local boys are entered are as follows: Willis Lathrop and Charles Clark, seed corn judging; Harvey Kelly and Charles Clark, potato judging; Norris King and Dale Chapman, pipe fitting; farm accounting, Norris King, Leonard King, Harvey Kelly and Bob Kenady; and budding and grafting, James Hennessey. A number of other contests for which winners have yet to be chosen are: Electrical work, livestock auction, livestock evaluation, dairy evaluation, horse judging, and crop and weed identification.
Charles Walker, president of the Northwestern School of Commerce in Portland, talked to the assembled students Wednesday, April 24. Mr. Walker asked a very pertinent question, "How Old Are You?" By this he meant not how many years we have lived, but how many years we have lived. Instead he meant: How have we lived; how do we think; what do we do; how do we use our opportunities when we get a chance. By examples Mr. Walker illustrated how older people are often not mature in their thoughts and actions.
The winners of the Bohemia Days contest were presented cash prizes by Vinal Randall on behalf of the American Legion, sponsors of the contest. Mildred Mooney received \$2.50, Peggy Savage \$1.50, Marvin Wilson \$1.
The high school faculty presented a comedy assembly before the student body Friday. The first two numbers were violin solos by Miss Esther Wickes, accompanied by Mrs. Cecil Caldwell. Next a talk, "Do Married Men Make the Best Husbands?" by O. M. Hagley. Following was a scene depicting a school day. Mr. Ferrin presided as schoolmaster. The other members of the faculty were "scholars." Comedy prevailed throughout and the students were highly entertained throughout the program.

"Life Begins at 40" Opens Sunday.
If you have been saving up laughs, prepare to shed them now, for Will Rogers' latest comedy, "Life Begins at 40," opening Sunday at the Arcade theater, contains a bundle of hilarious situations that will act as magnets to the laughter chained within us all.
This breezy comedy, suggested by the Walter B. Pitkin book hit, is described as a hilarious fun fest that works into a pandemonium of mirth.
The inimitable Will is cast as a country editor who proves that the way to get a kick out of life is to put a double kick into it.
Rogers stampedes excitement into his small town, tries his hand at match-making, leads an army of veteran hill-billy hog-callers into battle, fights a frolicsome duel using wisecracks for every pistol bullet of his adversary.
Funny-bones are in peril, from all counts. The comedy of "Life Begins at 40," is doubled with a tender romance. As the editor, Rogers clears the reputation of a youth "railroaded" to penitentiary, and so stirs up a hornet's nest of hostility.

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OBSERVATIONS
By "The Looker-on."
In the budget estimate for the retiring game commission, as related by the Capital Journal, there occurs an item for meals and lodging, \$14,000. Was that for the fish, or the game, or for both? Answering this question, the Salem paper says, editorially.
It is reliably reported that the new state game commission had dumped into its lap an unpaid whiskey bill amounting to \$156. The bill, we are told, had been approved for payment by the old commission but turned down by former Secretary of State Stadlerman. It was finally paid at the office of the commission out of cash on hand and was being carried as a cash item when the new commission took over the job. It would appear, therefore, that the reported deficit will be increased by \$156 when the books are finally balanced by the auditor now engaged in checking the accounts.
If this report is true, we may assume that the claim represents whiskey purchased in the month of December — Christmas cheer — and for entertainment during the holidays. It would be interesting to know how much had been spent in previous months for liquor and food for the political friends of the old commission.
Turning to the last budget we find in the estimate of expenditures for the biennium 1935-36—the following items:
Transportation, railroads and stages, \$24,000; automobile costs, gas and oil, \$10,000; tires, \$1,600; repairs and renewals, \$3,000; other auto expenses, \$1,000; meals and lodging, \$14,000.
It would appear from these few items that our game conservators traveled in state and lived on the fat of the land at the expense of fish and game. The estimated expenditures for fish food amounted to but \$59,961 and bird feed at \$20,611 in a total budget of \$755,073.

Oregon Products Used by Safeway.
Safeway Stores purchased more than four million dollars worth of Oregon Produced Goods in 1934, according to recently tabulated figures compiled by this firm.
Appropriately enough, this announcement comes simultaneously with word from Safeway executives that all Safeway stores in Oregon are tying in 100 per cent with Oregon Products week, May 3 to 11, inclusive.
Safeway stores have always been a large purchaser of Oregon merchandise, much of which is shipped to other states in which the company operates.
According to Safeway officials, 1935 purchases will exceed 1934 purchases, due partly to the company's large expansion program and partly to the expected increase of consumer support of this year's Oregon Products week.
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