

Phone Excise Taxes "Unreasonably High, Burdensome" Says Co. President

A spokesman for the Bell Telephone System August 10 told the House Ways and Means Committee that excise taxes on telephone service are "unreasonably high and burdensome" to the telephone users.

He was Mark R. Sullivan, President of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. The committee is reviewing the existing excise tax structure.

Long distance calls and leased wire facilities carry an excise tax of 25 per cent, local service an excise tax of 15 per cent.

Making it clear that, since the tax is paid by the telephone customers, any deduction made would accrue directly and immediately to telephone users, not to the Telephone Company, Sullivan emphasized that:

"Telephone service is a necessity to our modern way of life, yet it bears an unreasonably high and burdensome Federal excise tax."

"Of the four essential household utility services—water, gas, electricity and telephone—only

telephone service is subject to any Federal excise tax.

"The objectionable discriminatory aspects of telephone excises are more sharply revealed in light of the fact that they are at a higher level even than those imposed on most luxuries."

Liquor, Tobacco Higher Taxes

"The present Federal excise tax rates were enacted under conditions which no longer prevail and should not be continued under present conditions."

Only liquor and tobacco bear higher tax rates than telephone service Sullivan pointed out and many luxury items bear less tax. Jewelry, furs, luggage and cabaret charges are taxed 20 per cent. Many other items such as musical instruments, radios, sports equipment and wagers, such as betting on the races are taxed at 10 per cent.

The present high excise taxes on telephone service are an outgrowth of conditions prevailing prior to World War II and during the war, he said, when steps

Kids on Bicycles Must Be Careful

A recent fatal bicycle accident has served to re-emphasize the need for increased safety training for Oregon youngsters, the state traffic safety division commented Friday.

The accident to which the division referred occurred on a lightly-traveled county road late in the evening. Two young boys were riding bikes, one near the right-hand edge of the roadway and the other apparently near the center line, investigation indicated.

An overtaking car, the driver of which may have been partially blinded by glare from approaching headlights, struck the bike near the center line, instantly killing its rider.

The division said this accident gives grim emphasis to the fact that bike riders must be doubly cautious when riding after dark.

The following safety rules were listed for bicyclists:

1. Ride with traffic and keep to the far right, close to the curb or road shoulder.
2. When riding with a group of other bicyclists, ride single file.
3. Never ride two on a bike.
4. If you must ride at night, be sure you have a good light and a good red reflector at the rear.
5. Obey all signs, signals and traffic laws.

CORRECTION

In the last week's Sentinel in mentioning the survivors of Frank H. Rone a mistake was made in his surviving step-children which said Mrs. C. E. Williams of Oakridge. It should have been C. E. Williams of Oakridge.

were taken to discourage civilian telephone usage.

State regulatory bodies have taken a strong stand against the imposition of the high telephone excise taxes. The National Association of Railroad and Utility Commissioners passed a resolution citing objections as have various state regulatory groups. Sullivan also referred to independent polls made by the American Institute of Public Opinion and Opinion Research Corporation on overall tax questions which not only indicated public dissatisfaction of the telephone tax but ranked it at the top of the list of those most disliked. One of the polls summarized its findings by stating that in a nutshell, people say "Lower the taxes on things we have to have."

Purdy Rodeo To Be August 22-23

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LORANE—For the second year the Purdy and Sons, stock contractors, are holding their own Rodeo at the Purdy Ranch two miles east of Lorane.

The event will be held for two days, August 22 and 23, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Events will include bronc riding, team roping, bare back riding, calf roping for both boys and adults, Brahma bull riding, ladies pole bending race, bulldogging and children's musical chairs. All contests are restricted to amateur contestants.

Lorane Grange will be in charge of concessions again this year. A Buckaroo breakfast will be served Sunday, August 23 between the hours of 7 to 11 a.m.

Bad Checks Bounce For Collier and Hogrefe

W. C. Hogrefe of Springfield was bound over to the grand jury by Judge Wells last Wednesday morning with a bail of \$1500 for issuing and publishing a worthless check. Hogrefe cashed the check in April at the M & W Market but could not be located until Tuesday.

Paul B. Collier Jr., was arrested August 4 on a Justice Court Warrant for issuing worthless checks and disorderly conduct. He is lodged in jail.

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN ALASKA—Pvt. Donald F. Papenfus, whose wife, Martha, lives on Route 4, Box 217, Eugene, Ore., recently joined the 4th Regimental Combat Team in Alaska. The 4th RCT, stationed at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks, is receiving intensive field training while providing security for the northern approaches to Canada and the U. S.

Papenfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Papenfus, Route 2, Box 922, Creswell, last served at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he completed basic training.

He was employed by the Fall Creek Lumber company before entering the Army in January.

WITH THE 2D INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—Pvt. Lorenzo J. Huckins, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Huckins, Drain, Ore., recently joined the Army's 2d Infantry Division in Korea. The 2d Division participated in two of the Korean conflict's most historic battles. It captured "Heartbreak Ridge" after weeks of bitter fighting in October, 1951, and took "Old Baldy" in July, 1952.

Private Huckins, a rifleman, entered the Army in December, 1951, and received basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Silver Wings Awarded Aug. 1 To Captain Reed



REESE AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS—August 1, Captain Alan B. Reed, son of Mrs. Hortense Enders, former resident, now of San Francisco Del Oro, Chihuahua, Mexico, was awarded the silver wings of an Air Force pilot during graduation ceremonies held this morning for members of Class 53-E-1 of the USAF Basic Pilot School (Multi-Engine) at this base. His wife is the former Dorothy L. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Smith, Newberg, Ore.

Captain Reed entered the Air Force in April, 1943, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in September, 1944, and released from active duty in September, 1945. He reentered active duty in November, 1950, and completed his primary pilot training at Marana AB, Ariz., and was transferred to Reese in February of this year.

The captain and his family have been residing in Lubbock, ten miles east of Reese, during his training here. They have two children, Roberta Kay, age 6, and John Alan, age 2.

Captain Reed is a graduate of Cottage Grove high school. He attended the University of Oregon and Oregon State college where he majored in business administration. During his military career he has completed the Bombardier School at Carsbad, N. M., and the Gunnery School at Las Vegas, Nevada. He served in Europe and Guam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four clusters.

At Lowry Air Base



A/3c Clifford H. Keesaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Keesaman, finished his basic training at Park Air Force base in California on June 18.

He is now stationed at Lowry Air Force base, Colorado, where he is studying electronics.

His wife, Margaret, left June 24 for Denver to be with him.



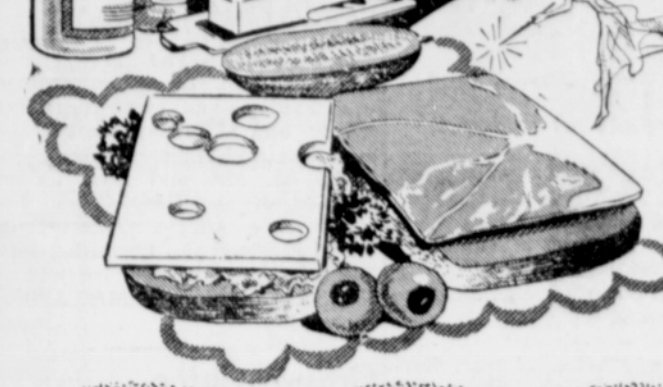
Pvt. William Duane Radloff, son of Carl H. Radloff of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Hazel O'Neil of Eugene, is with the 63rd Infantry Regiment at Fort Ord, Calif. He was with the class of '52 of the local high school, and was employed at Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. before induction into the Army.

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN KOREA—Pvt. Reulen R. Cortez, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Ferguson, live in Creswell, Ore., recently joined the 25th Infantry Division in Korea. Now the Korean peninsula, the 25th Infantry landed in July 1950, shortly after the Communists launched their attack against South Korea.

Cortez entered the Army in January and completed basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

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