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Forest owners granted reprieve

State Sen. George Eivers announced today that owners of small forest tracts have been granted a reprieve from a ruling of the Department of Revenue.

BEER DEMAND UP

The U.S. beer market grows about four per cent a year, according to industry figures. The 131.8 million barrels of beer and ale (31 gallons to the barrel) produced in 1972 was expected to be topped by 137 million barrels in 1973.

The department ruled that forest tracts of less than 10 acres could not continue to be taxed under the lower forest land values. The decision spelled higher tax bills next fall for over 3,000 western Oregon taxpayers. In addition, it would have required assessors to add back taxes covering a five year period. At the request of

Beauty is only skin deep, but it's a valuable asset if you're poor and haven't any sense.—Kin Hubbard.

Sen. Eivers, director John Lobdell reviewed the rule and found that data was not available to support the 10-acre minimum. Lobdell indicated he would order hearings to be held prior to the adoption of a new rule. The net result is that land now under a forest land designation will retain its classification on next year's tax roll.

Any new rule adopted probably could not take effect prior to 1975 and would be subject to review by the regular legislative session.

Clackamas county feels fuel pinch

"We're in trouble," said John McIntyre last week concerning the energy crisis and fuel pinch in Clackamas County. McIntyre is the county's director of public works.

McIntyre was referring to the new federal directive which allows allocation of only 72 per cent of the gasoline received by the county in 1972.

To complicate the matter, the

directive also switched fuel suppliers from 1973 to 1972 contractors.

"This required Standard Oil to drop us and for Shell Oil to become our supplier for 1974," McIntyre said.

The result of this county gas shortage is being felt now as motorists swerve to miss potholes and broken pavement on county maintained roads.

"We have over 100 miles of roads that need repair due to recent frosts, but we can't send crews out because we'd run out of gas in two or three days. We consider the condition a hazard to the public and are appealing to the good sense of the people in Washington to do something about it," stated McIntyre.

He said many pictures of the road conditions would be sent to Washington to support an appeal for a higher allocation of fuel.

McIntyre said if the "energy czar" doesn't help, he didn't know what the county could do to remedy the situation.

Concerning compensation for use of private vehicles for county business, McIntyre said he would gladly accept 16 cents per mile for driving his own car rather than receive the present \$200 per month, if overtime were paid for after-hours activities.

According to McIntyre, flat rates were recommended by the county Energy Policy Committee only for those county employees receiving no compensation beyond a straight salary.

Mt. View women plan

Board members of the Mt. View Women's 9-hole club met recently to plan their 1974 season, which will begin at 9 a.m. March 5. The day will begin with coffee and rolls and a greeting of new members.

Other plans include a luncheon on opening day, May 7, exchange meets with several Portland golf clubs, tournaments, a pot-luck picnic and the annual Christmas party.

Vada Busby presided at the meeting which was attended by Delores Jarrett, vice-president; Charlotte Kogle, secretary-treasurer; Claudia Courtain, handicap chairman; Joyce Case and Lou Chianello, hostesses; Agnes Barker, sergeant-at-arms; Marianne Storey, tournament chairman; B-group chairman, Mary Grimaldi; publicity, Dorothy Olbrich; and telephone committee, Pearl Suhr, Lola Lumsden and May Shirley.

Membership is open to all.

CITIZENS COLLEGE FORUM

Approximately 120 senior adults held a Valentine's Day party in the college's Town and Gown Room last week. Co-sponsored by the Gresham Senior Adult Center and the college community services office, music and dancing highlighted the festive event. At the same time some 70 seniors celebrated the day in Sandy. Sandy seniors and the college's community school at Sandy sponsored the affair.

If you haven't been up to Cascade Locks lately, you should stop in. Visiting up there Monday, I noted a lot of changes since the last time I was there. A new shopping center and motel are about complete and an information center is being constructed in the park near the marina. With a tramway project being contemplated, Cascade Locks should be one heck of a recreation spot in the near future.

Cole Porter's 1935 hit "Anything Goes" will be on stage in the Mt. Hood Community College theater this Friday and Saturday and also March 1 and 2. All the performances have a curtain time of 8 p.m. and a special benefit showing for Gresham's MeRe Center has been set for Feb. 28. Tickets for the musical-comedy will be available at the box office.

More than 300 high school students interested in journalism, radio, television and photography are attending the fifth annual Mass Media Conference being conducted Wednesday of this week by the college's Mass Communications Division. Students will be participating in competition in various areas, listen to media personalities and tour the college's communications facilities.

The trouble with the dictionary is that you have to know how a word is spelled before you can look it up to see how it is spelled.—Will Cuppy.

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