

Tax Officials Warn Against Undervaluation

The state tax commission Thursday warned against undervaluation of taxable personal property by taxpayers, and instructed county assessors to take the statute-prescribed legal steps against taxpayers who make returns which do not reflect the true cash value of inventories.

One of the tax officials said examples of undervaluation have been detected in Marion and other counties. One case cited from another county showed a return reporting \$25,000 as value of a merchandising firm found subsequently by the assessor to be worth actually \$75,000. The tax official said this discrepancy amounted to one mill's difference in the district tax levy.

The annual return of taxable personal property, required by a section of the Oregon law, is not binding on the assessor who has the obligation of fixing the assessed value on a basis which is equalized with that of all other property, Commissioner Wallace S. Wharton said.

Another section authorizes the assessor to examine the taxpayer's inventories, books, records and documents relating to the value of any property he is required to assess.

Refusal of any taxpayer or managing officer thereof to furnish the assessor data requested is a misdemeanor which, upon conviction, carries a penalty of a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$1,000.

Lumber Strike Front Solid

By the Associated Press

Logless millponds curtailed operations at an increasing number of sawmills as the boomers' strike became solid from the Canadian border to Salem today. The walkout became complete when workers left the booms at Everett and Salem Wednesday night, bringing the number of men on strike to an estimated 600 to 700.

More than 7,000 other lumber industry workers were idled by the stoppage.

The Iman - Pooler Lumber Co. of Portland, employing 450 men, closed today because of a lack of logs. Four thousand mill workers in Longview and 2,000 in Tahoma previously had been laid off. Smaller mills throughout the area reported shut-downs and curtailed operations.

Oregon Adds 5,000 Firms

Five thousand business firms with four or more employees have started business in Oregon in the past three years, it was indicated in a state unemployment compensation commission report Thursday.

Employers covered by the unemployment compensation act now number about 16,000. The report stated that more than half the 5,000 new firms are in construction, lumbering or other manufacturing lines.

The number of construction firms has almost doubled since the end of the war, it was reported.

Vet Bonus Petition Declared Faulty

Petition for an initiative measure granting veterans' bonuses up to \$300 was received at the state elections bureau here Thursday but was returned to its sponsor, the Yank Legion, Portland, for corrections.

The petition was prepared by State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney who requested a ballot title for the proposed measure. Bonds would be sold to provide funds for administration of the bill.

Rancher Offers Unstuffed Beaver To Governor Hall

Gov. John H. Hall's search for a stuffed Oregon beaver resulted Thursday in an offer, with strings attached, from a rancher.

From Chick Russell of Blue Meadows ranch in Clatsop county came a telegram: "Will gladly furnish you a beaver—you catch and stuff."

The governor told the board of control this week that Oregon should have a stuffed specimen of its official state animal for public exhibit.

It is estimated that ice on the North American continent reached a thickness of 10,000 feet during the ice ages.

4-H Girls at Richmond Finish First Project



After an eight year lapse in 4-H club work at the Richmond school, 23 sixth grade girls have completed their first home-makers club project and have been awarded pins. These photos show the girls and some samples of their work which includes sewn article for their own rooms. Shown are, top photo, left to right, Mrs. Arthur Weddle club leader; Barbara Fahr, president; Sharon Fleming; Gail Ashby, secretary; Barbara Brockway, reporter; Patty Bures, vice president; Gilberta Bates; Lynn Barrell; and Marilyn Harland, reporter. Middle photo, left to right, Marjorie Mitchell, Nadine Young, Joann Hill, Delores DeFillipi, Shirley Pederson, Sandip Lasley and Mary Bremmer. Bottom photo, left to right, Sandra Shaw, Roxy Williams, Judy Phillips, Darlene Turner, Jessie Wyatt, Anita Muir, Merilda Taylor and Verna Leonhardt. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

DAV Commander States Thrift Drive to Affect Disabled Vets

By Lester Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The federal economy act may be leveled on disabled veterans' pensions and benefits in the near future, John L. Golob, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans warned in a Salem speech Thursday night.

Addressing the Salem DAV and its auxiliary at the Women's club house, Golob said that recent congressional action which sliced \$8,000,000 off the Veterans' administration budget served notice that disabled veterans are certain to suffer from further economy cuts.

A united front of all veterans organizations offers the only hope that veterans may get some relief from congress during the next few months, Golob said. More than 200 resolutions backed by the DAV are now being presented to congressional committees, he stated.

Calls for Added Pensions

"Unless some adjustment is made between prices and purchasing power, veterans must have more money to exist," Golob asserted. He called for increased pensions for married disabled veterans who now receive the same pensions as single veterans and pointed out that improvements are sorely needed in the VA's out-patient clinic service.

Golob, who lives in Hibbing, Minn., was introduced by Charles E. Hoover, Portland, senior vice-commander of the department of Oregon DAV, James W. Callaway, commander of Salem chapter 6, presided at the meeting.

Other distinguished guests were Wayne Perdue, state junior vice-commander; Dorr Quayle, state treasurer; Portland, R. King, state adjutant; Clarence Griffiths, state chief of staff, and commanders from Albany, Eugene, Portland, Oregon City and Corvallis.

Entertainment was provided by the Salem Elk's club quartette Gene Malecki, Salem impersonator, and Andy Fisher, Sacred Heart academy pianist. The auxiliary served refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

Mothers Entertain

Earlier in the evening Golob and his wife were guests of the Salem Gold Star Mother chapter at their annual birthday dinner at the VFW hall.

Thursday afternoon Golob presented Gov. John Hall with his DAV Indentio - Tag key chain at the state capitol building. The tags will be distributed to thousands of motorists currently as the DAV fund gets underway in Oregon.

Golob will remain in Salem today to meet with state and city officials and veterans service organization heads and will be guest of honor at a luncheon given by Salem's veterans service committee.

Senate Passes Vet Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—The senate today passed a bill to raise the limit on earnings of veterans taking on-the-job training courses.

The measure now goes to the house, where approval is assured, and then to the White House.

It would increase to \$210 the amount a single veteran may receive while taking on-the-job training. He now receives a top of \$175. A veteran with one dependent could receive up to \$270, and with two or more dependents up to \$290. The present ceiling for a veteran with dependents is \$200.

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Tax Test Suit Filed in Salem

Suit to prevent the state tax commission from including the state's surplus from income tax and corporate excise tax revenues in the state general fund was filed late Thursday afternoon in Marion county circuit court. Plaintiff is former governor Charles A. Sprague of Salem and defendants are the three members of the tax commission.

Opponents of the proposed transfer, held legal in a recent opinion by Attorney General George Neuner, contended the surplus funds are earmarked as an offset against property taxes and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Attorneys for the state tax commission said they would file an answer or demurrer to the complaint within 10 days. The case probably will be referred to Judge George R. Duncan.

Chiang Drafted for Presidency Race

NANKING, Friday, April 16—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's name was placed in nomination for the presidency of China today despite his announced insistence he did not want the job.

The national assembly, which is meeting to elect the first constitutional president of China, also received the nomination of Chu Cheng, now head of the judicial yuan (council).

Assembly officials said Chiang's victory was certain on the first ballot in voting Monday.

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200 Take Advantage of Late Tax Office Hours

The state tax office in the state office building on Court street closed last midnight after an estimated 200 late-filing income taxpayers had brought their returns into the office.

Chairman Earl L. Fisher of the tax commission predicted the returns this year would outnumber any previous year's and said tabulation of amount received in the tax collection will require two or three weeks.

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