

Portland Occupational Tax to Hit Everybody Effective July 1

PORTLAND, June 1-(AP)—The butcher, the baker—in fact, everybody in business here—will dig deeper into their tax pocket to pay new city license fees effective July 1.

Higher levies will tingle the cash register at the city tax collector's office to the tune of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 revenue.

Specific professions, trades and services and every retail, wholesale and manufacturing business are caught in 20 ordinances—and one more catches everyone else, just in case someone was forgotten.

The batch became city law May 21, almost unnoticed in the cry of protest over a one-half of one percent levy on wages and a one percent levy on net business profits.

The "income tax" measures were headed today for a referendum and almost certain death in May, 1950. Enough signatures were obtained on petitions to block these two companion revenue plans.

Commissioner William A. Bowes had warned earlier this spring that the license boosts would prove unpopular. But no move developed to block any of the fee ordinances.

Chief License Inspector Harold V. Ennor expects the fees scaled up with the gross sales by retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers to be the most important money getters. Court tests may come on some of these levies.

All retailers, for example, must pay \$5 annually plus \$1 on each \$1,000 gross sales over \$25,000. Chain stores must pay \$5 per store if they have five units; the fee gets higher as the number of stores increase.

Food and beverage processors must pay \$15 annually plus \$1 on each \$1,000 of gross sales over \$15,000 and up to \$115,000. Over the higher figure, the per \$1,000 sales levy is 50 cents.

Manufacturers pay a similar scale of license and gross sales fees.

Every wholesaler pays \$25, plus 75 cents on each \$1,000 business in excess of \$30,000.

Milk distributors get nicked \$30 for each truck. Hand carts pay \$10. Ambulances must pitch in \$30 quarterly.

Blanket fees of \$25 to several hundred dollars are required of a multitude of trades, sales and service organizations.

A catch-all ordinance nails all businesses not specifically named in the list.

Professionals—doctors, lawyers, dentists, accountants, tax consultants, architects, journalists, and barbers and a score of other classifications are required to pay \$25 annually. They must also find \$15 for each employee on their staffs.

Bridges Changes Mind on Wallace, Marshall Plan Aid

PORTLAND, June 1-(AP)—CIO Longshore, Chief Harry Bridges was quoted tonight as telling Portland members of the ILWU that he may have been mistaken in supporting Henry Wallace and opposing the Marshall plan.

The West Coast longshore union's president had criticized the CIO national executive board and was challenged by Stanley Earl, Oregon State CIO secretary.

In the exchange of comments between the Oregon union leader and Bridges, the ILWU chief admitted "possibly I may have been wrong concerning the third party, Wallace and the Marshall plan."

Pioneer Cemetery Group Picks Lewis Judson President

Lewis Judson was elected president of the Salem Pioneer Cemetery association at a Wednesday night meeting.

The group decided it was ready to meet with representatives of Chemeketa lodge, IOOF, to discuss plans under which the association will assume operation of the Salem IOOF cemetery.

A drawing was held to decide the tenure of trustees elected at a previous meeting. Lynn Hill was allotted the five-year term. Helen Pearce, four years. Fred Lamport, two years, and W. L. Needham, one year.

Helen Pearce was elected vice chairman and the assembly voted to ask Edith Kyle to become secretary-treasurer.

BPA Projects Reach \$10,000,000 for Year

WASHINGTON, June 2-(AP)—The Bonneville Power Administration remains a good money-maker for the government. Administrator Paul J. Raver said today.

About \$10,000,000 in revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30 should be listed as "profit," over and above all expenses and charges, he told a senate appropriations subcommittee.

TIMBERLAND SOLD

PORTLAND, June 1-(AP)—Parcels of Oregon-California timber in Yamhill, Linn and Lane counties were among 20 tracts sold at auction yesterday for \$125,861 by the federal land management bureau.

Russia, West Split on Berlin Control Policy

By the Associated Press

Russia and the west agreed in principle on resuming four-power control of Berlin yesterday but promptly split over how to do it.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky told the big four foreign ministers conference in Paris that Russia would insist on veto rights in any revived commandatura.

That was the four-power control body that broke down last year when the Russians walked out.

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said the veto should be reserved for major issues and not applied to questions of "routine municipal operation," like collecting garbage.

Britain's Ernest Bevin and Robert Schuman of France agreed with Acheson that a majority should rule in most matters.

The Russian foreign minister finally agreed to drop the question for the time being and proceed with talk on functions of the four-power body, if it should be revived.

The big four's deputies on Austria reported they have been unable to agree on a draft treaty for that country. The split was understood to be over defining German assets in Austria which Russia claims as reparations.

Vishinsky asked time to consult Moscow on an American proposal to clamp down secretly on the big four meetings by ending the practice of "briefing" newsmen after each session.

American sources said the purpose was to dam off what Acheson considers a flood of propaganda from Vishinsky directed at the German people.

Junction City Man's Body Found in River

ALBANY, June 1-(Special)—The body of Andy Christensen, 23, Junction City, who drowned in the Willamette river May 10 was discovered Wednesday night by three students from Oregon State college.

The students, John Coats, Jack Oner and Bud Woodward, notified authorities who identified the body by the clothing and a billfold.

They said the body was discovered hanging on the end of a log about two miles above Harrisburg near the scene of the drowning.

Christensen was stretching a cable across the river with two other men when the accident occurred. He attempted to cling to a boat which upset but slipped and was never seen again.

Another man clung to the boat successfully, and the third swam to shore. They were employed by the Coops Sand and Gravel Co. of Harrisburg.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Christensen of Junction City. The body was taken to the Miller-Sherman funeral home there.

Marine Meet Features Amphibious Operations

A lecture on amphibious operations by Maj. John Schwabe, U.S. marine corps reserve, featured a drill of volunteer aviation unit 13-Nat the navy armory Wednesday night.

A number of openings for recruits aged 17 and 18 and for WAVES aged 20 and older exist in the local unit, according to Lt. E. T. Eldridge. He said the unit hopes to have aircraft flying within 30 days and persons of appropriate ages may come to the armory any Wednesday evening when drills are held.

HOUSING BILL BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, June 1-(AP)—President Truman's big housing bill was blocked for the time being today by house economists.

The rules committee refused to clear it for house action until the budget bureau says just how much it will cost.

STOLEN CAR FOUND

A car reported stolen from Salem at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday was located hours later near Hood River and three Salem youths were apprehended in connection with it, state police reported. The car theft was reported by Charles L. Harper, 642 N. Liberty.

POLIO CASES REPORTED

PORTLAND, June 1-(AP)—The state board of health reported three new cases of infantile paralysis today, bringing Oregon's total for the year to 33. Two Portlanders and one Lane county resident were stricken.

Cherryland Princesses Await Selection



Five Cherryland princesses were in Salem for a fitting of official gowns, in preparation for the annual Salem Cherryland festival. One of the girls will be chosen queen at a June 17 program in Salem. As they posed at the statehouse to pose, the girls lined up as follows: Left to right, standing, Patricia O'Connor of Sacred Heart academy, Salem; Katherine Specht, Jefferson; Colleen Walter, Dallas; sitting, Grace Kirk, St. Paul, and Jeannine Bentley, Stayton.

Search for Escaped Convicts Swings to Area East of Eugene

Search for the two escaped Oregon convicts centered east of Eugene Wednesday night after residents of a community along the McKenzie river reported a stolen car abandoned by a man who looked like one of the convicts.

State Police Sgt. Vern Hill said three Blue River residents tentatively identified the driver as John O. Pinson, the escaped murderer. The car, a '46 Buick coupe, was stolen from a Eugene man about midnight Tuesday. It was fitted with Idaho plates when found at Blue River, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

A Blue River logger, reported picking up a hitch-hiker and driving him to Springfield at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. He was quoted as saying the rider "looked similar" to a picture of Pinson.

In Salem no new leads were reported as the search approached its fourth day and spread into neighboring states. Pinson and William Benson escaped from the state penitentiary bullpen here early Monday.

A suspect was questioned at Canby Wednesday but later was released, state police revealed. Checking of vehicles on strategic routes continued, and all clues—regardless of how trivial—were checked by city, county, state and prison authorities.

The search for Pinson and Benson has recalled memories of other sensational prisoner escapes from Oregon penitentiaries. In one of the worst seven men as well as the two escapees lost their lives. It was June 9, 1902 when Harry Tracy and David Merrill escaped, leaving three guards and a prisoner dead in their wake. For two months northwest police were alert; then in a five-hour gun

battle near Creston, Wash. Tracy mortally shot his partner and took his own life—but not before three other peace officers had died in the melee.

In 1925 two prison guards were shot down when three prisoners escaped and a fourth died trying. They terrorized the countryside holding a farm family as hostages on one occasion before their capture. They were sentenced to hang, but one of them cheated the rope by committing suicide in his cell.

Oregon also was the scene of one of the nation's greatest manhunts in 1927 when William E. Hickman was captured in Pendleton. He had kidnapped Marion Parker of Los Angeles and delivered her dismembered body when he collected \$1,500 ransom.

BUSINESS LOANS FALL

WASHINGTON, June 1-(AP)—Business loans, tumbling for the 19th consecutive time, fell \$113,000,000 in the week ended May 25, the federal reserve board reported today. A business loan total of \$13,629,000,000 on May 25 was shown by the board's preliminary figures from member banks in the nation's leading cities.

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Committee Witnesses Ask Expansion of BPA System

WASHINGTON, June 1-(AP)—Senator Ellender (D-LA) asserted today that power in the Pacific northwest will be "publicly owned from top to bottom."

He gave that opinion as an array of witnesses asked a senate appropriations committee to grant funds for the expansion of the Bonneville Power administration system in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Continued expansion of Government-owned power facilities will before long discourage private utilities, the Louisiana told the subcommittee.

Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville Power administrator, asked funding totaling more than \$1,000,000 that were not included in the interior department money bill when it passed the house.

He said some of these estimates arrived too late to be considered by the house. One of the largest items was \$377,000 for construction of substations in the Bonneville system at Cowitz and Longview in Washington.

Throughout the day, Ellender fired questions at witnesses. Howard L. Rains, superintendent of public works at Canby, Ore.—where one of the projected substations would be built to bring power to that city—said present service from the Portland General Electric Co. is highly inadequate.

When Rains mentioned that the city is debt free, Ellender asserted: "You might build your own substation."

Again, when B. M. Cleveland, manager of the Park County, Wash., public utilities district, urged construction of a Bonneville substation at Camas, Wash., to save 38 miles of power line-loss, Ellender asked:

"Why don't you build it?" Construction of the controversial Bonneville transmission lines from Hungry Horse dam in Montana to Spokane, Wash., and from Kerr dam to Anaconda in Montana was requested by Montana REA officials.

Rains testified that power service at Canby, Ore., has been frequently interrupted, and that this is keeping the city from growing. "The city is at a standstill when the juice is off," he said.

Clarence R. Belknap, a Blue River, Ore., farmer endorsed the whole Bonneville program projected for next year, and John Silbermeyer, chairman of the Benton-Lincoln Electric cooperative, requested construction of a power substation at Lebanon.

Police Check Death Of Roseburg Man

PORTLAND, June 1-(AP)—An investigation was launched today to determine whether James N. Solt, 38, Roseburg, died because of a fist fight.

Solt, found lying on the sidewalk Monday, succumbed in a hospital this morning. One witness said Solt had been fighting with an unidentified man.

Earlier, another witness said Solt had merely fallen from a tavern stool.

MRS. EISLER TO LEAVE

NEW YORK, June 1-(AP)—An immigration service inspector recommended today that Mrs. Gerhart Eisler be deported to Poland—which is just what she wants.

COLUMBIA RIVER FALLS

PORTLAND, June 1-(AP)—The Columbia river's headwaters fell sharply today, presaging the end of flood danger for this year.

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