

# Bill to Raise Beer Taxes \$1 Million to Face House Battle

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A proposal to raise beer taxes an estimated \$1,000,000 yearly in Oregon appears due for a wide-open fight in the house of representatives.

The alcoholic control committee Tuesday voted, 4 to 3, to leave privilege taxes on beer at present levels in a liquor regulation bill now being prepared for introduction.

## Senate Group Votes to Retain Two Holidays

A majority of the senate state and federal affairs committee Wednesday recommended defeat of a house-approved measure to remove Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and election day from the list of legal holidays.

Three democrats, a majority of the committee, want the holidays kept on the list, and would like to have Columbus day restored also.

They are Senators Richard L. Neuberger, Portland; Russell Gardner, Newport, and Vernon Bull, LaGrande. The two republicans who supported the bill are Senators Ben Day, Medford, and Stewart Harde, Condon.

The issue will be decided by the senate Monday.

## Allen Denies Commitment On Measure

In correction of a news item in The Statesman of Saturday Irving C. Allen, Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon State Aviation association, said Wednesday that on his visit with Sen. Elmo Smith he made no commitment with respect to the bill abolishing the state board of aeronautics, either personally or for the association. He said he was seeking information respecting pending legislation. Last Sunday, Allen reported, the agricultural division of the state aviation association voted in opposition to the pending measure.

Allen attended a meeting of the board of control which was considering bids for serial spraying for budworm control. The association urges that performance records of bidders be studied for safety before bids are accepted.

## House Refuses to Add Heart Disease, TB to 'Accidents'

The house Wednesday refused to allow industrial accident payments to firemen who get tuberculosis and heart disease in the line of duty.

By a 39 to 21 vote, representatives approved the majority report of the labor and industries committee which voted to reject the occupational disease benefits.

Most legislators agreed, in floor debate, that firemen were performing meritorious and hazardous duty but many objected that passage of the bill would open the door for requests by persons in other occupations.

## Solons Split Over Requirements of Relatives of Aged

The house social welfare committee Wednesday voted, 4 to 3, to defeat a bill which would repeal laws requiring relatives to help support old-age pensioners.

Chairman Joseph Harvey, Portland, said Reps. G. D. Gleason and Maurine Neuberger, both of Portland, would join him in filing a minority report seeking passage of the repeal measure.

Reps. John Logan, Portland, J. O. Johnson, Tigard, Russell Hudson, The Dalles, and Gerald Wade, Newport, voted against the bill. The subject probably will be debated Friday in the house.

## Bill to Ban Autos From Beach Fails

An attempt to ban automobiles from Cannon beach on the Oregon coast failed, 46 to 14, in the house Wednesday.

Rep. John Dickson, Portland, who sought the ban, called the beach "Oregon's Barbary coast where intoxicated drivers drive 60 miles an hour at the expense of small children playing in the sand."

Rep. Joseph M. Dyer, Astoria, said speeders are now being controlled by the levying of stiff fines.

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# Bill Asks Pay Hikes Financed By Divorces

Increases in divorce filing fees would finance salary boosts for Oregon's top officials and judges under a bill introduced Wednesday by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland lawyer.

Mahoney's bill would raise the governor from \$10,000 to \$12,500 a year; secretary of state from \$8,500 to \$11,000; treasurer from \$8,500 to \$11,000; attorney general from \$8,000 to \$10,500; supreme court justices from \$8,500 to \$12,000 and circuit court judges from \$8,500 to \$10,000.

The proposal would boost all circuit court filing fees by \$5 for persons bringing suits and \$2.50 for defendants. In the case of persons filing divorce complaints, their fee would be raised from \$16 to \$21.

Mahoney said the fee increase would raise an additional \$229,255 every two years to finance the salary boosts.

Divorce litigants would pay about one third of the bill because records show that of 45,851 cases filed during the past two years in circuit courts, 15,801 were divorce actions.

"My bill won't cost the state a cent and might help discourage some people from filing for divorces," Mahoney commented.

## Yeater's Bills Approved by Senate Group

Two bills by Sen. Douglas Yeater, Marion county, involving funeral directors and embalmers, were approved by the senate public health committee Wednesday and sent to the floor for final consideration.

One bill gives the board of funeral directors and embalmers authority to license, inspect and regulate the conduct of funeral establishments. Every such establishment would have to employ a licensed funeral director and licensed embalmer. The annual license fee would be \$10.

The other bill makes the secretary of the state board of health official secretary of the board of funeral directors and embalmers. It does away with the requirement that the business of a funeral director shall be conducted at a fixed place of business and increases the apprenticeship training from two to three years before one can receive a license as a funeral director or embalmer.

Reps. Roger Lennig, Haines, Orval Eaton, Astoria, and Boyd R. Overhulse, Madras, voted against keeping taxes at present levels. The majority votes were by Reps. John Logan, Stanhope Pier, Joseph Harvey and Harvey Wells, all of Portland.

Representative Johnson, who asked the tax increases, said he would carry the fight to the floor. He pointed out that increased taxes would actually hurt out-of-state brewers more than those of Oregon, "because they distribute more beers and will pay more total tax."

**SILVERTON MAN TO WED**  
KEISO, Wash., March 7 (AP)—Donald O. Lewis, Silverton, and Patty Faye Fox, Portland, have applied for a marriage license here.

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# YM Leader Visits Salem



Dr. Eugene E. Barnett, right, YMCA national general secretary, inspects one of the new fire doors being installed at the Salem YM in a remodeling program. Dr. Barnett was shown around the local facilities by Gus Moore, left, local general secretary, during a visit in Salem Wednesday. (Statesman photo.)

# Rotary Club Hears National YM Official

The United States "would do well to ponder what others think of us" and try to understand other peoples and their turmoil, Eugene Barnett, general secretary of the national YMCA, told Salem Rotary club Wednesday.

Barnett reminded that the concern of young people over world peace is an ancient dream, adding that a time of depression, war and preparation for war is all that today's youth have known. He termed it a "30-years war."

The YM leader, who has served in China and makes an annual trip abroad, said the whole world is in a state of anxiety, most afraid of war, but many afraid there won't be a war which might liberate them from present conditions.

The U. S. has been catapulted into world leadership, said Barnett, and because of its inexperience it is "no wonder our friends in Asia look anxiously toward America, on whose moves their future depends. There is anxiety, he added, over this country's continued generous use of its concentration of power and whether it can take setbacks along with success.

Such power "usually invites corruption," but the Atlantic pact Point Four program and other projects have shown the U.S. playing a larger world role than ever dreamed, he said.

Peace is not secured by "wanting it" or by treaties, Barnett declared, praising the U. N. for trying to do something new by providing for expression of discontent, for action against deviations

## Senators Back Death Penalty for Killing Policeman

The senate law committee Wednesday unanimously approved a bill to make killing a policeman first degree murder.

The measure was introduced by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland. Mahoney told the committee that the records show that not one person convicted of killing a policeman in Oregon during the past 30 years has been punished by being executed.

Mahoney's bill provides a possible death penalty for any person convicted of killing a police officer while in the act of committing rape, arson, robbery or burglary. It also provides that the person must know the party he attacks is an officer who is acting in an official capacity.

**VISITS FROM CANADA**  
CLOVERDALE — Mrs. Barber Fuller of Vancouver, B. C., has been visiting at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Booth, Saturday their mother, Mrs. Ina Wadsworth, observed her 85th birthday with at party at the Saalem nursing home where she has been confined for many months. Mrs. Fuller left for her home on Tuesday.

**ESSEX BACK IN ACTION**  
BREMERTON, March 7 (AP) — The "fightingest ship" in World War II, the USS Essex, headed back for sea duty this week after a two-year modernization job.

# Bill Asks Counties Divided for Election of State Legislators

Marion county would elect its state representatives from four districts instead of at large under a measure introduced in the house Wednesday.

The proposed constitutional amendment provides for election of representatives by zones in 11 counties which have more than one representative.

In the counties affected, county courts or commissions would split the counties up into as many zones as there are representatives. One representative would

then be elected from each zone. Marion county which has four representatives would have four zones.

Counties other than Marion that would be affected are Clatsop, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Multnomah, Umatilla, Washington and Yamhill.

Sponsoring the measure are Reps. John P. Hounsell, Hood River, and John Logan, Portland, and Sens. Phillip Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, and Frank H. Hilton, Portland.

## Irrigation District Farms Available To War Veterans

Veterans in this area wishing to apply for purchase of federal farm land in the Quincy-Columbia irrigation district must do so by April 13, according to H. C. (Hub) Seafield, Marion county veterans service officer.

Twenty full-time farm units ranging in size from 29 to 143 acres will be sold to veterans by

from world standards of conduct and for programs designed to lift the level of peoples.

"We have no right to assume" that peace and world unity can be won without setbacks, any more than a war can be won in two or three battles, the New Yorker asserted. He urged that people reject the idea that war is inevitable.

Barnett spoke also yesterday at Willamette university students and to Salem YM board of directors.

the bureau of reclamation. Applications for purchase together with supporting evidence may be made to the office of the bureau of reclamation, Ephrata, Wash.

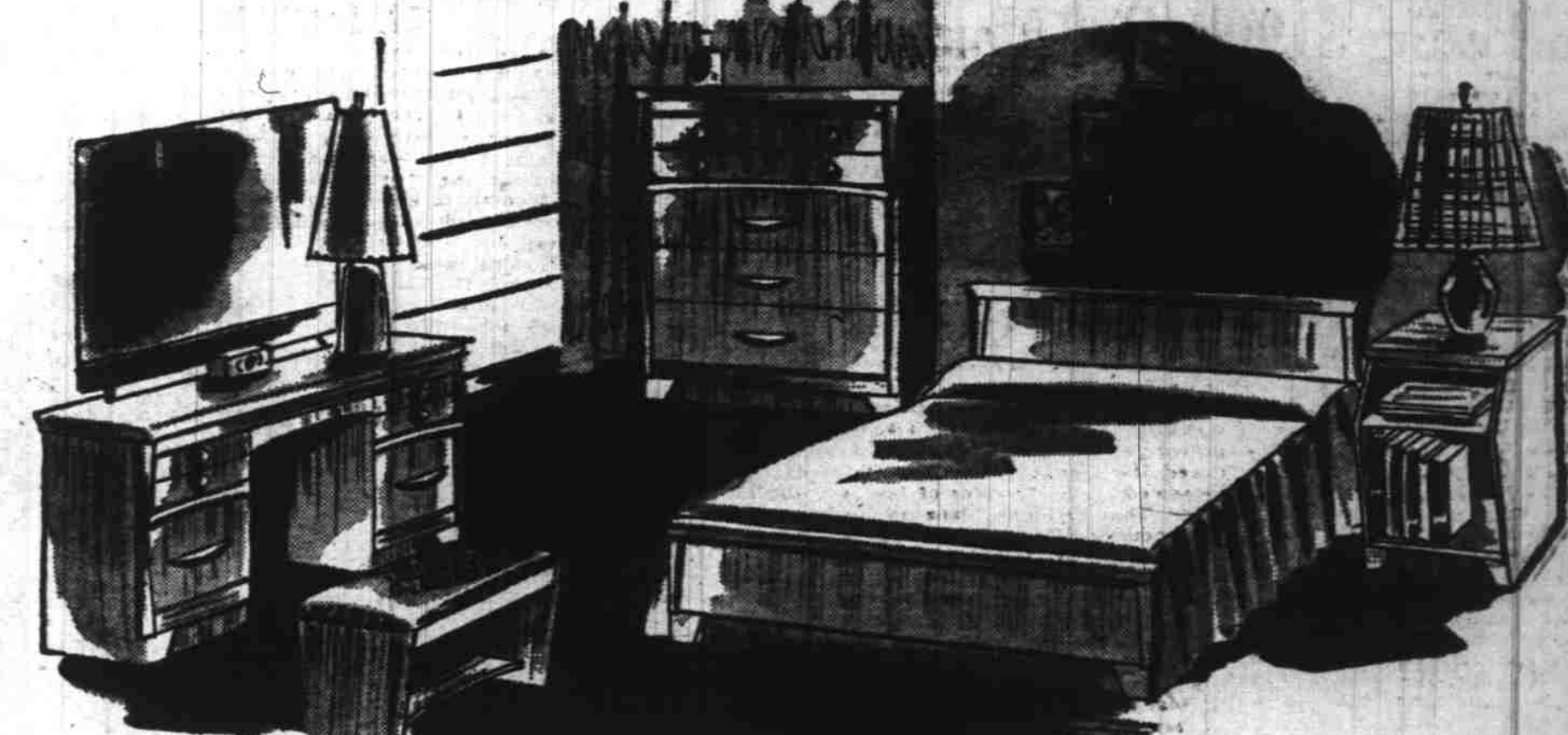
Applying veterans must prove two years farm experience; must possess assets worth at least \$4,500 and must submit references with the applications.

Custom forbids a Navajo Indian to meet or speak to his mother-in-law.

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