

Gas Tax Gives Less Revenue

Official Puzzled By Summer Drop

SALEM—(AP)—The boost of better than five and a half billion dollars in the federal income taxes signed by President Truman Saturday came at a time when some Oregon state officials were wondering if some taxes have been boosted to the point where they are showing diminishing returns.

For the first time in several years there were decreases in state gasoline tax returns in July and August, assistant Secretary of State William E. Healy disclosed.

And in view of a very successful tourist season, the drop in gas tax receipts was puzzling. Healy observed:

"The drop in the use of gasoline by automobile users during those two months raises the question of whether Oregon has reached the point of diminishing returns in gas taxes."

He added that the trend might show that "the population of the state is being reduced by migration of Oregon workers to defense plants in Washington and California."

Other Months Up

The gas tax receipts in July this year totaled \$3,163,211.83, compared with \$3,174,733.70 in July, 1950. Gas tax receipts last August were \$3,238,358.44, compared with \$3,275,315.14 in August, 1950. That is a July drop of \$11,521.87 and an August drop of \$36,956.70.

Those were the first two months to show a drop. A summary of gas tax returns for the first eight months of this year showed an increase of nearly a million and a half dollars over the same period in the year previous.

Jaycees Make Final Plans for Contest

COTTAGE GROVE—The Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold a dinner meeting Thursday evening to discuss final arrangements for the local "I Speak for Democracy" contest, sponsored by the Jaycees.

William Telford, Jaycee president, said those who will be eligible for the contest will be sophomore, junior and senior students of Cottage Grove high school.

Dr. Axley Resting Well, Wife Reports

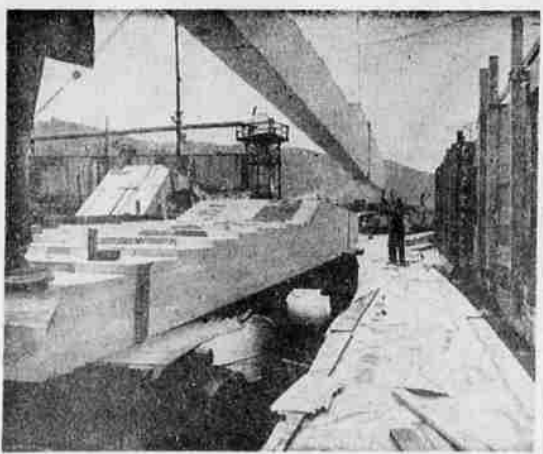
COTTAGE GROVE—Dr. Harold Axley, who suffered a heart attack Wednesday night, was resting comfortably at his home here Saturday.

Mrs. Axley said Saturday her husband was "much improved," but was not seeing visitors.

Dr. Axley has been receiving oxygen intermittently during the past two days.

HE MEANT BUSINESS

NEW ALBANY, Ind.—(AP)—Frank Collins complained he had no way to get out of his second floor apartment. His landlord, Collins said, tore down the stairs in an attempt to force him to move.



LAMINATED BEAMS for Eugene's new Water and Electric Board warehouse and office building are shown here being loaded at Timber Structures, Inc., Portland. The Portland firm, world's largest producer of timber structures, also will supply roof trusses for the new building, slated for completion early in January. Ralph C. Beardsworth, Eugene architect, designed the building. E. E. Settergren, Portland, is general contractor.

Lane Grange

CROW—Grange newly elected officers: Master, Paul Blazer; overseer, Ambrose Canaday; lecturer, Mrs. Bill Bloom; steward, Frank Riley; assistant steward, Art Martin; chaplain, Eudora Stephens; treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Stubbs; secretary, Mrs. Tom Holland; gatekeeper, Clair Stephens; Ceres, Mrs. Clair Stephens; Pomona, Mrs. John Teitima; Flora, Mrs. Bill Wilson; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Art Martin; executive committee, Virgil Liles, Mr. Chatfield and Jesse McCulloch, and musician, Mrs. Virgil Liles.

Newly elected Home Economics Club officers are: chairman, Mrs. Virgil Liles; vice-chairman, Mrs. Robt. Pfouts, and secretary, Mrs. Laurie Doane.

FOUR OAKS Grange Booster Night is set for Oct. 27, Saturday, with potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Both dinner and entertainment are public, no admission charge. Officers will be elected at the Nov. 10 meeting.

Four Oaks Grange at their recent meeting took a stand in opposition to petitions which some granges are circulating. The petitions in question would make a standard time compulsory in Oregon. Four Oaks Grange opposes the compulsory feature of the petition.

The grange also recently passed a resolution favoring the publishing of scores given on grange booths at the Lane County Fair. Four Oaks Grange scored 97 points on their booth.

MOHAWK McKENZIE Grange meets at the grange hall Thursday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m., with potluck supper at 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Samuelson and son, Eugene will be given the obligation.

Mrs. George Denker will have charge of the program. The building committee will report on the progress made in moving the old hall so as to make room for the new building.

CRESWELL—Mrs. Karl Duyck brought enough pieced blocks for

This Dam Leaks!

EPHRATA, Wash.—(AP)—U.S. Bureau of Reclamation officials said Saturday water is leaking from behind 1900-foot Long Lake Dam, near here on the Columbia Basin project.

They said, however, the leakage is only seven-tenths of a foot per minute, termed a "minor" quantity. The dam was completed this summer at a cost of \$1,800,000.

McCRACKEN TO DIE

SANTA ANA, Calif.—(AP)—Henry Ford McCracken will be sentenced Oct. 26 to death in the San Quentin gas chamber for the murder of 10-year-old Patricia Jean Hull.

Pleads Guilty In Auto Death

GRANTS PASS—(AP)—Kenneth Kelly Little, 29, Dunsmuir, Calif., has pleaded guilty to a charge of negligent homicide resulting from a fatal automobile accident on the Pacific Highway north of here.

Little previously waived preliminary hearing. Sentencing was delayed by Circuit Judge Orval Millard pending a check of Little's fingerprints.

Killed when Little's car failed to round a curve and crashed off the highway Thursday was Walter Andrew Thomson, 35, also of Dunsmuir. Both men had been working at Oakridge, Ore.

UP IN SMOKE

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—(AP)—Smoke commissioner Raymond Wetzel said two men were phonies who posed as smoke commissioners and tried to sell householders a device which they claimed would make their chimneys stop smoking.

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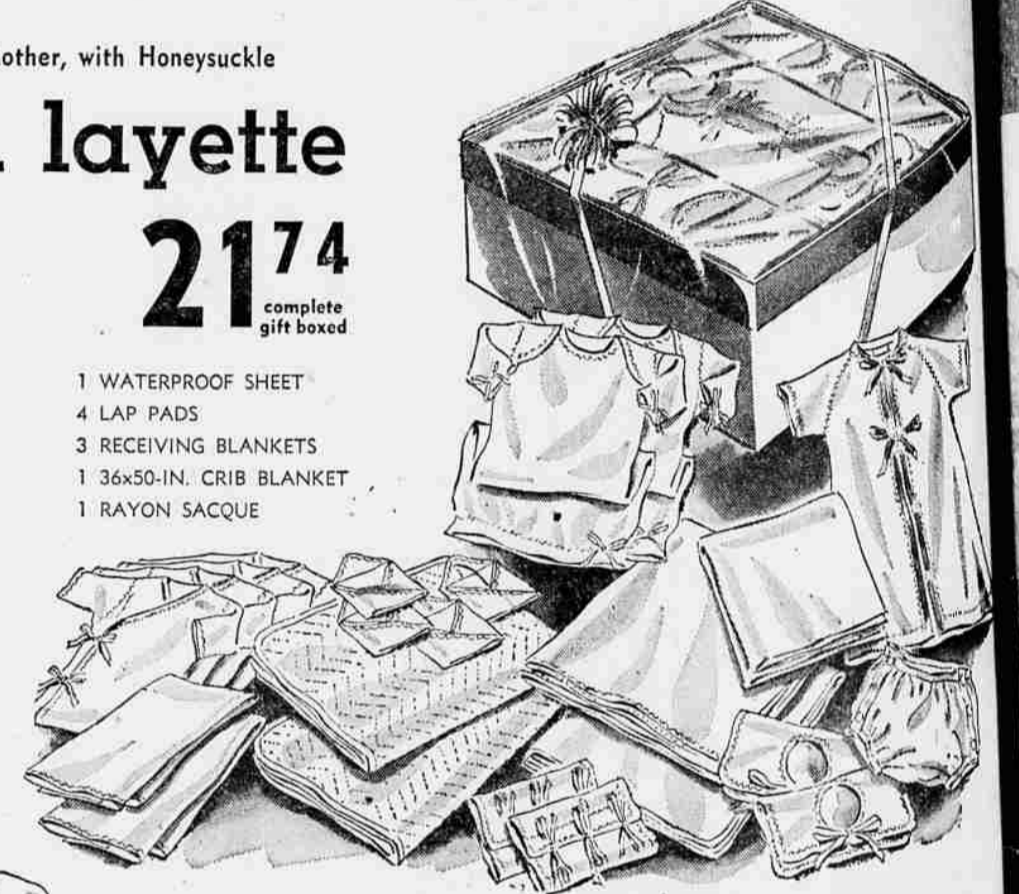
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