

Simplified Form For Taxes Sought

Salem, Ore., March 16 (AP)—A bill given final passage today by the Oregon legislature would set up a simplified form for state personal income taxes, like the new federal short form.

As amended in the senate, the bill calls for a 5 per cent exemption for persons having incomes of less than \$500. The house recommended 6 per cent.

Sen. Earl Newberry, Medford, explaining the bill (HB 388) said the quarter-million dollar revenue loss the state would incur would be some what offset by the simplified auditing and handling of accounts, not to mention the saving to every taxpayer who elected to use the form.

The vote was 29 to 1, with Angus Gibson, Junction City, opposed. Bills passed in the senate last night included:

Boat Bill Passed
 HB 350—Prohibit motor boating on four small lakes in Deschutes county and one in Lane county.

SB 336—Standard weights of containers for flours and flour products.

SJM 10—Providing for participation of the United States in establishment of the Jewish national home in Palestine.

HB 238—Permit two seasonal employments to be calculated for unemployment compensation, relating particularly to fish packing plants.

HB 227—Permit savings and loan associations to make loans to veterans of world war II.

HB 347—Providing educational aid to war veterans of world war II, following favorable vote of the people last November.

Baseball Briefs

(By United Press)
 Atlantic City, N. J., March 16 (AP)—With an anxious eye out for players long since due in camp, Manager Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees ran his charges through a stiff workout today, drilling particularly on the infield and batting practice.

Muncie, Ind., March 16 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates established their spring training camp here today with President William Benswanger slated to lead a contingent of players, coaches and other team officials into camp.

Frederick, Md., March 16 (AP)—Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics had high hopes

Admiral Nimitz' Daughter Christens Destroyer



It's a tense moment for Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz (center) as she watches her 14-year-old daughter, Mary, christen the new destroyer, USS Buck, at San Francisco's Bethlehem shipyard. Admiral Nimitz (left) watches his daughter's christening technique from a safe distance.

today that his left field position, a sore thumb for the "A's" the past few years, was solved with the addition of Joe Ciccero.

Lakewood, N. J., March 16 (AP)—The arrival of nine New York Giants today named what he believes will be his starting lineup and the batting order he intends to use to open the season. Lead-off man was Leon Treadway, CF, and he will be followed by George Hausmann, 2b; Danny Gardella or Joe Medwick, 1f; Ott, rf; Phil Weintaub, 1b; Ernie Lombardi, c; Buddy Kerr, ss; Nap Reyes, 3b, and Bill Voiselle, p.

College Park, Md., March 16 (AP)—The arrival of nine Cuban ball players at spring training camp indicated today that the Washington Senators will be able to field at least nine men on opening day, a necessity that had worried Manager Ossie Bluege.

Bear Mountain, N. Y., March 16 (AP)—Manager Leo Durocher, some 15 pounds lighter than last year, joined his players today as the Brooklyn Dodgers went through a stiff drill.

Pleasantville, N. J., March 16 (AP)—Manager Joe Cronin of the Boston Red Sox drilled the few men he had on hand today in batting practice and joined the workout himself in case he has to play this season.

Wilmington, Del., March 16 (AP)

Three Bend Boys Enlist in Navy

Three Bend youths were enlisted this week at Portland, according to word received today by Chief Specialist Paul Conner, recruiter in charge of the Central Oregon navy recruiting station.

Roger Thomas Rhoads, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhoads, 1037 Lexington, was enlisted as seaman 1/c for radio technician training, having qualified for this highly specialized branch by passing the Eddy test prior to enlistment. Rhoads will receive his training at the Great Lakes naval training center.

In General Service
 Wayne Edward Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Allen, 955 Ogden, was enlisted as apprentice seaman for general service. James Watson Piggott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Piggott, 510 Delaware, was enlisted as apprentice seaman for general service.

Piggott and Allen will be transferred to San Diego naval training center for their indoctrination training and further assignment upon completion of their period of inactive duty. Rhoads and Allen were students at Bend high school, Rhoads having graduated and Allen was scheduled to graduate in May of this year.

Hunger of War



Thin arms and legs, bloated stomach, and haunting fear in the eyes of this Filipino girl eloquently testify to the privation suffered under Jap rule. She holds mess can ready for U. S. Army rations.

Two Children Die In Seattle Home

Seattle, March 16 (AP)—Two Seattle children, left alone in their home, were killed early today when they turned on four gas jets while having a midnight snack.

The victims of the tragedy were Walter, 2, and William, 19 months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Deems.

Deems, a merchant seaman, and his wife told police they had decided to go out for some Chinese food about midnight. The children were left asleep in bed.

When the couple returned an hour and a half later, they discovered the pajama-clad bodies of the youngsters on the kitchen floor. The gas jets on the stove were turned on in full force.

Police believed the children had sneaked out of bed for a feast, as cake crumbs and sugar were found on the floor. Apparently associating food with cooking, the pair turned on the gas and resumed their playing.

An inhalator squad from the fire department worked in vain over the bodies.

War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)
Western Front—Americans drive into northern and southern flanks of Saar basin.

Eastern Front—Nazis report red armies have launched offensives on both wings of Berlin front for grand assault on capital.

Pacific—Marines squeezing last Japanese on Iwo into narrow pocket on north coast; American troops secure 28-mile beachhead around Zamboanga on southern Mindanao island.

Italy—Fifth army tightens siege around Vergato fortress guarding Tobolognaam.

Madras Seabee Shot by Sniper

Madras, March 16 (Special)—A letter was recently received here from Al Bean, chief carpenter's mate with the Seabees, that he is recovering in a Marlannas hospital from wounds he sustained on Iwo Jima. He is quoted from his letter:

"Am in the hospital recovering from a Jap sniper's bullet through my right shoulder and through the right side of the neck. It is healing up. In fact they have already removed the bandages and should release me in a few days. I was just one of the few lucky ones. It was one of the most horrible; without being a witness I just couldn't believe human flesh could suffer so much and live."

Bean lived here several years before going into the Seabees and operated the Richfield service station.

Alien Land Bill Sent to House

Salem, Ore., March 16 (AP)—The Oregon senate today sent to the house a bill (SB 449) to tighten alien land laws against those ineligible to hold citizenship—or Japanese.

The bill would shift the burden of proving citizenship from the state to the person and bring Oregon into uniformity with other coastal states. Such presumptions that he is not a registered voter, holds land or operates land are put into the law to make it harder for such persons to evade the land laws.

Gov. Earl Snell asked for enactment of the law to give the state more "teeth" in enforcing the law.

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Trophy Is Won By Moose Lodge

Presentation of the Membership trophy won by the Loyal Order of Moose Bend lodge No. 384 for its 400 per cent gain in membership will be made Sunday, March 18, at one o'clock by President Montgomery, Secretary Tobe Watkins of the Oregon State Moose association and Regional Director N. R. Smith.

A special initiation will also be featured at that time with the work being presented by the Corvallis lodge degree staff and drill team. All Bend members are urged to be present to act as escorts for visitors and every serviceman holding a Moose service card will be welcome, it is announced.

Refreshments will be served after the program.

Spokane Opposes Valley Authority

Spokane, Wash., March 16—Acting on a joint recommendation of the Spokane chamber of commerce's national legislation committee and its Columbia basin committee, the board of trustees of the Spokane chamber last week unanimously went on record as opposed to senate bill 460 which would establish a Columbia valley authority.

This C. V. A. would take over the development of reclamation, agriculture, water power, navigation, forestry, mining, recreational and other resources for the entire Columbia river basin, including the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and western Montana.

The Columbia basin project would immediately be transferred from the reclamation bureau to the Columbia river authority.

The Spokane chamber expressed the belief that the creation of such an authority would delay the Columbia basin project.

VAGRANCY CHARGED

Found asleep in a semi-intoxicated condition in the railway station, Jack McConnell, 31, an itinerant, was jailed last night by city police on a charge of vagrancy. Officers said that he had no proper identification nor selective service records on him, and he is being held for investigation by FBI agents.

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