

Portland Tax Suits in Court

The state supreme court heard arguments today in two suits to determine whether Portland's new business tax is unconstitutional.

The suits attack the annual tax of \$25 a year plus \$1 for each \$1,000 of gross sales over \$25,000 a year. It affects every retailer in the city.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Portland ruled the tax is valid. The case was appealed.

One suit was brought by Ted Garbade and Fred Boynton, both retailers. The other one was filed by six automobile dealers.

They claim the tax is not uniform, thus violating the constitution.

The supreme court today upheld the dismissal of a \$54,900 damage suit of Frances C. Wilder against Dr. Wallace Haworth, Portland.

She claimed Dr. Haworth burned her with X-rays. Circuit Judge James R. Bain, Portland, threw the case out of court. The supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Arthur D. Hay, upheld him.

Other court action:

Mary M. Flanagan vs Terry A. Flanagan, appellant. Appeal from Union county. Suit for divorce. Opinion by Justice J. O. Bailey, Judge R. J. Green modified.

Vandenberg To Step Aside

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) has stepped aside to let senate colleagues write the first draft of foreign policy declarations in the proposed republican statement of party principles.

Senator Taft (R., Ohio), who heads the senate republican policy drafting committee of 14, told a reporter Vandenberg had said he would not submit any proposed language for the foreign policy section of the forthcoming campaign document.

The Michigan senator does expect to be consulted about that phase of the proposed platform before it is put into final shape.

Taft said he will call the senate committee together Thursday. As a preliminary, members of the group will meet at an informal dinner here tomorrow night with 21 house policy committeemen and 15 members of the party's national committee.

After the senate group has culled suggestions submitted to it by other republican senators, Taft said, he will name a committee of three to sit down with a similar house group to try to work out a final draft.

Clarence Budington Kelland, Arizona national committeeman and author, will be invited to join the drafting group, Taft said.

"I don't think we'll have too much trouble working out a statement that will be acceptable to all of the republicans in this year's congressional campaign," Taft commented.

Austrian Prince Weds Yolande

Beloel, Belgium, Jan. 17 (AP)—The brother of the pretender to the throne of Austria married his childhood sweetheart—a 28-year-old Belgian princess—in a brilliant ceremony today.

She is Princess Yolande, daughter of Prince Eugene de Ligne, Belgium's ambassador to India, and Princess Philippe de Noailles.

He is Archduke Charles of Hapsburg, 31-year-old son of the late Emperor Charles of Austria and Empress Zita.

The wedding, one of the most glittering in recent times here, brought together many of Europe's noble houses.

The couple plan to fly to the United States where they will make their home.

3 Dayton Stores Burglarized

Dayton, Ore., Jan. 17—Three Dayton business houses were burglarized sometime Sunday night with the thefts first discovered and reported to the office of the Yamhill county sheriff at McMinnville Monday morning. Entrance to all three places was made by breaking glass panels in front doors.

Stores entered were a drug, grocery and hardware establishment with the drug store the heaviest loser. Cash and merchandise valued around \$100 is reported missing. The other two stores lost change in tills. From articles stolen from the drug store and the fact that only cash was taken at all three places, youthful prowlers are suspected by the sheriff's office.

Gas Workers End Strike

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 17 (AP)—Striking employees of the Bridgeport Gas Light company, waiting until almost the last possible minute, returned to work at 4 a.m. (EST) today, averting a shut-off of gas service in this industrial city of 165,000 and its suburbs.

If the return to work had been delayed a half hour more, said gas company vice-president Ronald A. Molony, there would have been no gas this morning, or for many mornings to come.

The company had been using its reserve supply of gas since the 212 employees, members of United Mine Workers District 50, walked out when their contract expired at midnight Sunday.

Once gas is shut off, it cannot be turned into the mains again until all pilots and similar outlets are checked, a long task since the company has about 70,000 customers.

Complete stoppage of service would have meant special hardship to the 2,000 customers who heat their homes with gas. Many major Bridgeport industries, including General Electric, Remington Arms and the Bridgeport Brass company, depend on gas for some of their operations.

The strikers went back to work without reaching an agreement in their contract negotiations, where union pension demands provided the chief stumbling block. The union agreed to man the plant while negotiations continue. The pension demands have not been made public.

Chiang's Planes Bomb Red Bases

Taipei, Formosa, Jan. 17 (AP)—Around the clock bombing of communist bases on the China mainland continued tonight with Nationalist Chinese planes striking Liuchow peninsula in south China.

Official reports said a number of Red military establishments and junks were destroyed in the night raid. The communist forces are massing for an assault on Hainan island, 10 miles from the peninsula.

Nationalist warships were in control of the gulf of Tonkin, guarding the northwestern approaches to Hainan.

Dispatches also reported Hainan's defenses had been strengthened by the arrival of 40,000 troops from Yunnan province.

The reinforcements belong to the command of Yu Cheng-Jan and Li Mi, two commanders seized last month by turned Governor Lu Han. He freed them later.

The two went to Hainan after conferring in Taipei with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

The additional troops would give the Nationalists 80,000 poorly equipped first line troops on Hainan. There are about 60,000 secondary troops on the island which served as one of Japan's main south China bases during the war.

Kiwanis Listens To Williamson

Man has reached the threshold of middle age at 35 years and cannot hope to recapture his youth. However, the Kiwanis clubs, now observing their 35th anniversary, can fortify itself by drawing in young men and continue to be a vital factor in the United States.

This was the gist of a talk before the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday noon by Clyde Williamson, Albany banker, as he delivered a talk concerning his experiences and the aims and outlook of Kiwanis.

Williamson spoke of the changes that had occurred during the past half century and contrasted present day methods and conveniences with those of 50 years ago.

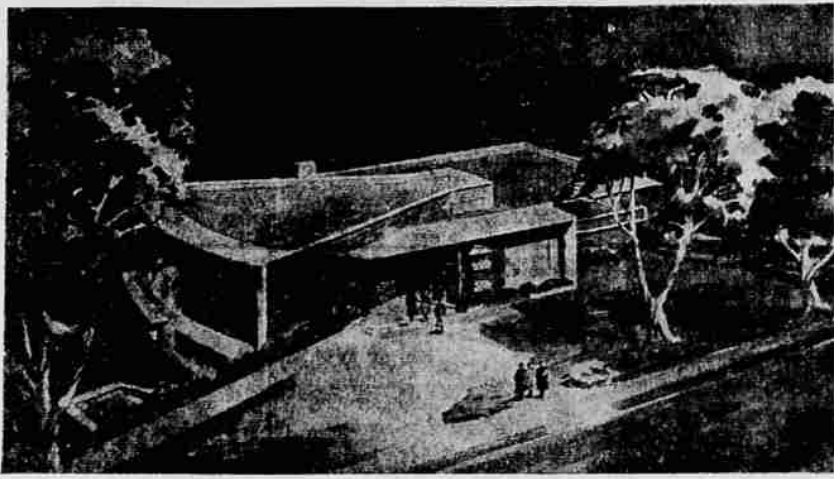
Colonel Phillip Allison, chairman of the Boy Scout committee, reported the Kiwanis club had contributed \$295 of a \$300 fund being raised to send a scout to the national jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., next summer.

State Committees Of Parole Group

Governor Douglas McKay is honorary chairman of the state committee of the National Probation and Parole association, he announced today.

State Prison Warden George Alexander is the real state chairman.

Other members of the committee are Justice George Rossman, former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, Paul B. Wallace and Guy Hockock, all of Salem; R. S. Keene, Corvallis; Judge Herbert K. Hanna and O. H. Bengtson, Medford; and U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse and Virgil M. Cameron, both of Eugene.



Oregon College of Education, Monmouth—OCE's new library, to be constructed on a site next to the administration building here soon, will present students with the finest in modern facilities for study and research. Cost is estimated to be \$288,000.

Ibsen Play To Be Next Offer

A psychological play entitled "Ghosts" by Ibsen will be the second stage play produced by the Willamette university dramatic department this school year. Presentation is scheduled for February 16 and 17.

Cast selected by Ruane Hill, instructor in speech and drama and director of the play, include: George Bynon, Salem; Margaret Guice, Seattle; Phil Hammond, Portland; Dave Place, Hood River, and Marian Sparks, Salem.

Handling production will be Ella Louise Ball, Estacada, assistant director; Rex Lindemood, Twin Falls, Idaho, stage manager; Chic Schmidt, Lapwai, Idaho, lighting; Betty Herstrom, Port Townsend, Wash., and Margaret Conklin, Bend, properties; Marjorie Lettken, Dallas, costumes; Lloyd Hanson, Bend, workshop manager; Dorothy Wood, Salem, makeup; Marian Spann, Payette, Idaho, publicity; Bernice Isham and Catherine Person, Salem, managerial.

To Reorganize Trade Bureau

Reorganization of the Salem Retail Trade bureau by changing to a merchants' association plan, with paid memberships and a secretary-manager on salary, was being considered by the bureau Tuesday.

The trade bureau went into a noon session at the Marion hotel to discuss the plan and to elect officers.

Under the plan, which is followed in California cities, Portland and elsewhere, member business men would pay dues according to the number of employed personnel. The association would cover the whole city and include all types of business in the city. It would continue affiliation with the Chamber of Commerce.

The bureau re-elected Jim Beard president. Reynolds Allen was elected vice president, and Kenneth C. Perry, secretary.

As board members Harold Busick, Mal B. Rudd, Dick Cooley, Linn Kraemer and Fred McKinney were elected.

STATE OPENS 6:45 P.M. NOW!

WALT DISNEY'S Two-in-One FUN-FAIR... DUMBO AND SALUDOS AMIGOS Plus! "Flat Top Midway"

LIBERTY ENDS TODAY! 6:45 P.M. Loretta Young—Color "MOTHER WAS A FRESHMAN"

TOMORROW! Humphrey Bogart "DEAD RECKONING" Red Skelton "FULLER BRUSH MAN" Phil Harris "I LOVE A BANDLEADER"

Colorado Fire Hits Army Post

Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 17 (AP)—High winds whipped a brush and timber fire in the famed Broadmoor hotel district to new fury today and spread the flames into warehouses on an army post in the vicinity.

The blaze, raging for 12 hours over a 14-square-mile area, had been brought partially under control at mid-morning by an army of 5,000 firefighters, including troops, a Seabee battalion, firemen, city and county employees and other volunteers.

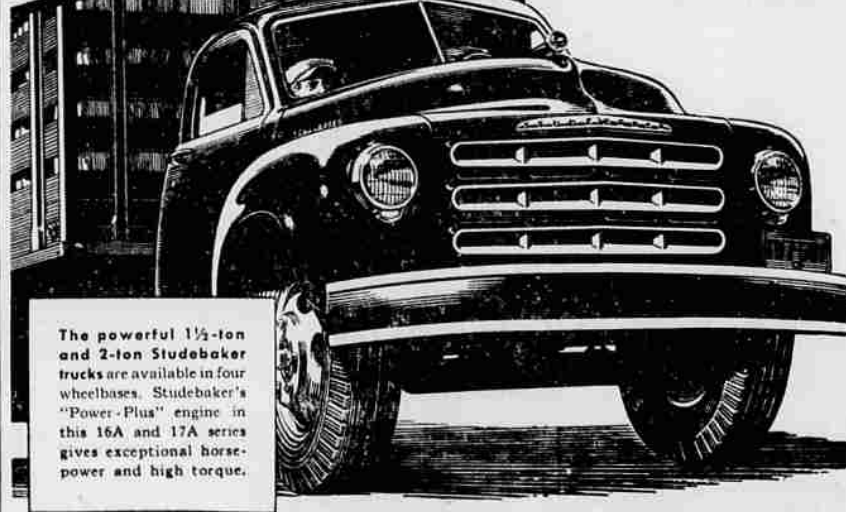
The warehouses, located in the north end of the military reservation, are about one mile from the main post headquarters and its barracks. An estimated 1,500 soldiers aided by firemen were reported fighting a losing battle against its encroachment.

No lives had been reported lost so far in the fire, which threatened mansions and summer cottages in the resort area.

HOLLYWOOD ENDS TODAY! "That MIDNIGHT KISS" KATHRYN GRAYSON JOSE ITURBI with ETHEL BARRYMORE KEENAN WYNN

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First Concert Dated Feb. 2

The first of a series of concerts sponsored by the instrumental department of Salem senior high school will be held in the auditorium the night of February 2. This concert, as well as the two that will follow, will be free to the general public.

In making the announcement, Donald E. Jessup, director of instrumental music for the Salem public schools, said the program would be varied with the "A" and "B" bands and the high school orchestra taking part. Approximately 175 individual students will participate.

The orchestra will be directed by Victor Palmason; the "A" band by Jessup and the "B" band by Willamette university students who have been taking their practice work at Salem high.

Nome Field Closing Called False Economy

Washington, Jan. 17 (AP)—Alaskan Delegate E. L. Bartlett said today that closing of Marks Field at Nome would be "economy purchased at too great a price."

He said the field is "our closest base of all to Soviet Siberia."

"It stands there alone and unique as a symbol of the power and prestige of the U.S.," Bartlett wrote to Defense Secretary

ENDS TONIGHT! "MONTANA" And—"The Big Fight" EL SINORE

TOMORROW! That Wonderful Bad Girl at Her Best!

South Sea SINNER

SHELLEY MACDONALD WINTERS CAREY MELBA CARTER

Thrills! Adventure! "Highway 13" with Robert Lowery

School Classes Resume Work

Resumption of class work at Salem public schools Tuesday following Monday's shutdown on account of snow, found attendance somewhat spotty—fairly normal in some instances and quite a bit below normal in others.

Extend Oil Pipe Line to Pasco

Salt Lake City, Jan. 17 (AP)—Signing of two contracts cleared the way yesterday for an early start on construction work extending the Salt Lake Pipeline company's oil products line to Pasco, Wash.

C. E. Finney, Jr., company president, said construction will begin as quickly as weather permits. The line now runs from Salt Lake City to Twin Falls, Idaho. Completion into Boise is expected soon.

Finney said the section from Boise to Baker, Ore., will be built by Morrison-Knudson company, Inc., the Maeco corporation and the Bechtel corporation. The northern portion into Pasco will be built by Pacific Pipeline and Engineers, Ltd.

Amount of the contracts was not announced. The Boise-Pasco extension

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