

Tax Board Favors Paying Interest on Tax Refunds

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Payment of interest on income tax refunds will be proposed to the 1951 legislature by the state tax commission, according to Ray Smith, head of the income tax division of the commission Wednesday.

Smith says that at present delinquent taxpayers are charged interest at the rate of one-half of one per cent a month and in fairness to the taxpayers who make an overpayment should be entitled to a similar interest from 30 days from the date of filing a claim.

Field Man for Jersey Group

A field man for Oregon Jersey breeders seemed assured after a meeting Wednesday night of the directors of the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club.

A committee report read by Jens Svith, secretary of the state association, recommended that the proceeds of a heifer sale to be held early in August go toward financing the cost of a field man. It was estimated that his salary would be around \$400 a month and that the total cost of the office would be about \$7000 a year. It is desired that enough money be on hand for a year's expenses before the office is set up.

The board of directors adopted the report.

August 6 was set as the date for the state Jersey picnic to be held at Tangent.

The Wednesday night meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce and was presided over by Marlin Fox of Molalla.

Court Overrules Censor Board

Portland, June 8 (AP)—A circuit court ruled against the city's film censors and council yesterday, allowing the Guild theater to show the Italian motion picture, "The Bicycle Thief."

Judge James R. Bain declared the council had acted in "an arbitrary and capricious manner" in banning the film.

"There has been no showing here (in court) that this film violates the terms of the city censorship ordinance," he said in issuing an injunction against the city.

The board of censors had ordered a two-minute brothel scene deleted if the picture was shown here. The council saw the picture after citizens' groups and the theater management protested. The council voted to uphold the censors because they objected to the producers "all or nothing" order.

The theater advertised the film for showing today.

Young Lesinski Files For Father's Seat

Detroit, June 8 (AP)—John Lesinski, Jr., desires to succeed his father as representative in congress from the 16th Michigan district.

Rep. Lesinski, a democrat, died suddenly last week.

The son, 35, a navy veteran, announced his candidacy yesterday, saying he wished to carry on his father's principles "for the benefit of all people."

Lesinski is assistant manager of a lumber and coal company that was one of his father's enterprises.

There are several other announced and prospective candidates, among them Miss Mary Beck, Detroit's first city councilwoman, and Mayor Orville Hubbard of suburban Dearborn. A special primary date has not yet been set.

Holstein Group Elects Hall Syracuse, N. Y., June 8 (AP)—The Holstein-Friesian association of America yesterday elected S. G. Hall of Troutdale, Ore., its president for another year.

The 65th annual convention closes today with sale of 81 registered Holstein dairy cattle from 62 herds.

"I believe such a proposal would be fair and equitable and will meet with favor on the part of the state legislators," Smith said.

Another proposal being studied by the tax commission for possible submission to the legislature would provide for a uniform exemption of \$800 for the taxpayer, his wife and each dependent.

At present the law provides for personal exemptions of \$750 for single individuals; \$1500 for married couples and \$300 for each dependent. Smith claims that the present scale has caused considerable confusion and the uniform plan under study is in gear with the federal income tax act, would simplify the state act and curtail misunderstandings.

The commission also plans to ask the legislature for an amendment of the tax laws so that the commission would have authority to issue an immediate restraining warrant on taxpayers who attempt to leave the state to evade tax payments. Under existing statutes such warrants cannot be issued until 30 days following the date the tax is due.

Clarification of the present law in relation to tax credits is also being studied by the commission. Smith said that under present laws some taxpayers are taxed on the same income in two states.

"One tax is based exclusively on the income and the other on residence in the state," said Smith. "This procedure is unfair to the taxpayers who should not be taxed twice on the same income."

Differation in the penalty for delinquent taxpayers who are negligent and those who are attempting fraud or who have allowed delinquency to run for a long period of time, is another proposal which may be presented to the legislature.

Smith said that amendments designed to speed up tax collections and clarify the law in respect to reviews of orders of the commission courts is also under study.

Lawrence Brown Home Hit by Fire

The upper part of the new Lawrence Brown home at 2620 Sunrise avenue was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon with the loss estimated at \$10,000. It was covered by insurance, Brown said.

He said the roof, rafters and many of the beams would have to be rebuilt.

Four fire trucks responded to the alarm and fought the fire for an hour. Brown complimented the firemen for the efficient manner in which they fought the blaze.

"They used chemicals as far as possible," he said, "and water damage was held to a minimum. And they cleaned up everything before leaving the premises."

The Browns had a serious fire loss when living on South High street a few years ago.

Mauna Loa Still Pouring Honolulu, June 8 (AP)—Mauna Loa on the island of Hawaii, which erupted one week ago, still was pouring a river of lava today into the ocean 25 miles away. Capt. Charles Eggers and Jaret Carr of the Hawaiian Airlines said the river of red-hot rock, with branches like fiery fingers, still was a spectacular show.



Chorus and Band Coming—Above, is the 40-voice soldier chorus, which Sunday, June 11, at 5 p.m. with the United States Army Field band of Washington, D. C., is to present a concert in Salem in Willson park. Lower right is the commanding officer and director of the band, Capt. Chester E. Whiting. (U. S. army photo.)

Famous Army Field Band to Give Concert Here Sunday

On the west coast for the first time since its organization the United States Army Field band (formerly the Army Ground forces band) from Washington, D. C., is to play a concert in Salem Sunday.

The 100-piece music organization under the direction of Capt. Chester E. Whiting, with the 40-voice chorus directed by Master Sgt. Arthur V. Donofrio, will present its concert in Willson park at the west end of the capitol building at 5 p.m. Sunday. Arranging the appearance in Salem is the Salem Army and Air Force Recruiting service.

In event of bad weather the band will give its concert in the Salem senior high school auditorium. Arrangements for the use of the auditorium were made by the Chamber of Commerce.

Noted for its musical versatility and perfection, the band last fall opened the music season at Carnegie Hall. All members of the band are accomplished in the field of music and all are career soldiers.

The band, organized in 1946 from elements of the American division band, the First Combat Infantry band and the Infantry Concert group, all of which were organized and trained by Capt. Whiting, has traveled over 200,000 miles and presented concerts in over 300 cities and localities since its establishment.

Sgt. Donofrio formed his chorus the same year that the band was formed and had a nucleus of 10 bandmen. All of the chorus group "double in brass" as musicians and choristers.

On the band's roster is an imposing list of accomplished musicians. Many of them are bandmasters themselves and more have performed in the symphony and concert orchestras of fame throughout this country. The commanding officer and



Albany Man Named

Tacoma, June 8 (AP)—Dr. C. G. Peterson of Albany, Ore., and Dr. H. F. Kale, Seattle, were elected yesterday to head their respective state organizations at a northwest conference of osteopaths.

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Flying Time High in May

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May figures also showed 26.8 hours in the air for the station pilots, making a total of 730.8 hours flown by men from the facility. During that month there were two and a half days of marginal weather, which affected flying, all other days, however, were clear. Flights made during the month numbered 286.

At the start of the month of May the facility had cleared 87 men for flying. By the end of the month they had cleared a total of 103 pilots for flying. Ten reserve pilots now are on two week cruises at the Naval Air Facility and one man from here, Lt. Cmdr. G. M. Revel of Forest Grove, is at the Naval Air Reserve Training Unit, Seattle, taking his cruise, but is credited to Salem.

Nine of the 10 men started their cruise June 1 and one, Lt. D. V. Olds of Jefferson, began his cruise this Wednesday.

The nine who started last week are Lt. R. B. Peterson, Lt. (j.g.) M. Stanko, Lt. L. E. Fox, Lt. (j.g.) A. McPherson, Lt. (j.g.) R. W. Johnson and Lt. (j.g.) A. J.

Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, June 8, 1950—

Howser, all of Portland; Lt. K. W. Rafishol and Lt. R. F. Templeton of Eugene and Lt. (j.g.) C. B. Ellis of St. Helena.

Parolee Seeks to Annul 3 Marriages

Los Angeles, June 8 (AP)—Earlene Mildred Runner, 20-year-old parolee from the California youth authority, has asked superior court to annul her marriages to three men.

Her trio of suits yesterday said she wed Newman Berry in Reno, Nev., February 11, 1947; Teddy Wayne Cantrell in Salome, Ariz., September 1, 1948, and John Bowling in Yuma, Ariz., Octo-

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