

GOVERNOR SEES TAX REDUCTION FOR OREGONIANS

Address Before Ashland C.
Of C. Holds Hope of Large
Slash In Income Tax.

Governor Charles A. Sprague left early this morning to return to Salem following his visit in Medford and Ashland yesterday which was climaxed by an address last night before the annual meeting of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce in the Talent Grange hall.

Oregon is definitely in position to reduce its income tax for the next biennium by 20 per cent, the governor said in his Talent speech.

"Few people realize the extent to which the state has been able to relieve the property taxpayer in recent years," said the governor. "Not only has it been possible to eliminate the property tax for state purposes, including the one-half mill levy for retirement of veterans' aid commission bonds, but this year also the two-mill levy for the elementary school fund."

Counties Aided
"Besides this the state has since 1939 taken over from the counties all their share of the administrative cost of public welfare and 20 per cent of the county share for old age assistance and care of dependent children and the blind which totals through the present biennium over \$3,000,000."

"I am confident we can allow income taxpayers to discount their income taxes by 20 per cent in the next biennium and still not have to revive state taxes on real property. This reduction would help materially to offset the increased burden of federal income taxes."

"The state has reduced its bonded indebtedness by over \$10,000,000 the past few years and paid off all outstanding cer-



MEXICAN STRATEGISTS—Two of Mexico's ranking military men are Gen. de Brigada Juan Felipe Rico Islas (left) and Gen. de Brigadier Manuel Orrico de Los Llanos, seen at Tijuana. Mexico is cooperating with U.S. in hemisphere defense.

tificates of indebtedness on the liquor revenues issued to finance public welfare."

Many War Problems
Speaking with reference to the war, Governor Sprague said that Oregon faced many acute problems.

"First it must carry on its agriculture and industries because they are essential, and must do so under the handicaps of shortage of labor and of transportation. Then Oregon must be constantly on alert against enemy attack because it is in a combat zone exposed to attack by sea and by air."

"This means," said the governor, "we must keep up both our state guard forces and our civilian defense organization."

County Lauded
Oregon will fill up with troops this year, was the governor's prediction. The big new cantonments and air bases and other military establishments will bring tens of thousands of men here and the civilian population will have to make provision to serve the soldiers and provide proper protection to public health and morals. He complimented Jackson county on its forehandedness in planning to meet cantonment problems.

"There is no apathy respect-

ing the war in Oregon," said the governor. "Visitors from the east have commented on the alertness everywhere manifest here. Because the people of the state do appreciate the war's significance and because they are intensely patriotic, Oregon has truly set the pace for the nation in the war effort."

Coming White Paper To Air Controversy Of Churchill, Curtin

Canberra, Australia, March 20.—(AP)—A long-distance controversy between Winston Churchill and John Curtin, head of Australia's laborite government—with Australia's minister to Washington, Richard G. Casey, in the middle—was being aired today.

A summary of a crisp exchange between the prime ministers was issued today in advance of a white paper promised for next Wednesday which will contain full documentation of the argument over the best use to be found for Casey.

Churchill wanted him to be minister of state in the middle east for the British war cabinet, a representative of the United Kingdom there in all but strictly military matters; Curtin wanted him to stay in Washington, where, he said, Casey's contacts had made him most valuable to Australia and his replacement was difficult.

LOCAL BOYS WIN ARMY PROMOTION

Eugene L. Cass, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cass of Medford, has been promoted to the rank of corporal at the Air Corps Advanced Flying school, Stockton Field, California. Cpl. Cass is assigned to the instrument section.

Cpl. Cass is a former student of Medford high school. He enlisted in the U. S. army May 30, 1941.

Dean C. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Clark of Rogue River, Ore., has been promoted to the rank of corporal at the Air Corps Advanced Flying school, Stockton Field, California.

Cpl. Clark is a graduate of Rogue River high school. He enlisted in the U. S. army August 23, 1940.

The small business unit established recently in the department of commerce serves as a clearinghouse of information for small business.

No Peace Talk Now Declares Goebbels In Magazine Story

Berlin (from German broadcasts), March 20.—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels intimated in a magazine article published today that a half year ago there was talk in Germany for a negotiated peace.

"If about six months ago the opinion was occasionally expressed that it would be best to end the war as speedily as possible, even so that one or another problem would be solved only partly or not at all, we are today in the midst of war and everyone wants that it shall be carried to full victory," he wrote in Das Reich, his frequent mouthpiece.

"It is possible that during the fighting of the past five months we have proved to ourselves and to the world how strong we actually are. . . . Our distracted continent will again go through the pains of childbirth. But be of good cheer—a new world will be born as a result of these pains."

Skilled Farm Labor Most Patriotic By Remaining at Work

Eugene, Ore., March 20.—(AP)—The most patriotic thing a skilled farm worker or lumber industry employee can do for his country is to stay with the job he holds, L. C. Stoll, state director of the U. S. employment service told southwestern Oregon employment bureau experts here today.

Without the food skilled farm workers make available, and without the lumber for cantonments, overseas bases and essential housing, the war effort would fold up, Director Stoll said.

He paid tribute especially to the lumber industry, which has reached the highest peak of production in history with a minimum of "squawks."

LINDSEY SISEMORE DIES IN PORTLAND

Lindsey C. Sisemore of Fort Klamath, 73, a pioneer of Jackson and Klamath counties, passed away at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland today. He was widely known throughout southern Oregon. He was born in Sams Valley, where he spent his youth and early manhood. He was a half brother of James. John and Horace Pelton, who preceded him in death. For the last 42 years he has been engaged in the cattle business in Klamath county, where he owned a large ranch.

He is survived by three sons, Orth Sisemore, district attorney of Klamath county, Emmett Sisemore and Jerry Sisemore. Funeral services will be held in Klamath Falls Monday, with interment in Jacksonville cemetery that day.

A more complete obituary will appear in a later issue of this paper.

No-Parking
Salisbury, Md.—(AP)—Police Sergeant Carl Wilson stopped his car in a "no parking" zone near the police station and a fellow officer immediately tagged him. Sergeant Wilson figures that won't happen again. His car is in the garage now and he's walking. Reason: He can't get a new tire.



NOT THAT, SOLDIER!—Never show and explain insignia to civilians! That rule, which army wants observed so that loose talk about troop movements will not reach enemy ears, is demonstrated—in reverse, by a soldier from Fort Ord, Calif.

"No Sugar, No Honey"
Denver.—(AP)—Colorado bees can have all the sugar they want regardless of rationing. The regional OEM was told that when nectar from flowers is unavailable bees must be fed a solution of pure sugar and water. They will accept no substitute, apiarists said. The insects

pollinate fruits, vegetables and forage crops and thus are as indispensable as the army, the OEM ruled.

About 5,000 unpaid cooperative observers contribute 75,000 eight-hour days of service to the weather bureau, department of commerce, each year.

Civilian Defense Activities

Classes in advance driving by the Traffic Safety Division of the Secretary of State, Earl Snell's department, will be conducted by C. D. French of the traffic safety division. One class for the Red Cross Women's Motor corp will be conducted, registration for this class will be made on the mezzanine floor of the Medford Hotel through Monday. The Red Cross drivers will meet at the senior high school on Monroe street Tuesday at 2:30, March 24.

Another class will be formed for civilian defense drivers who desire to be up to date in traffic safety.

Defense Classes

Those desiring may enter the council of defense classes, which will start Wednesday, March 25 at the senior high school. Two classes will be held each Wed-

nesday, the first class 4 o'clock to 5:30 p. m., the second class from 6:15 to 8 o'clock p. m. Please register at the Chamber of Commerce for the civilian defense classes.

First Aid Classes

A First Aid class will begin Monday night, March 23 at 7:30 in the Griffin Creek school. The classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. This is being organized for the air raid wardens and those in civilian defense in the Griffin Creek district. This will perhaps be the last opportunity for people in this district to take first aid training. J. B. Meehan, instructor.

Total construction in the United States will approximate 11.5 billion dollars this year compared with 10.8 billion in 1941.

NOTICE!

In order to cooperate with the National Defense program of gasoline conservation, these Central Point service stations will open at 7:00 a. m. and close at 7:00 p. m. daily. Closed Sundays. This schedule is effective immediately.

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