

Preliminary Petition on File To Refer Cigarette Tax Law To Oregon Voters

Tobacco Industry Starts Movement For Referendum

Salem—(U.P.)—A cigarette tax of three cents a pack was one of the last bills signed by Gov. Paul L. Patterson yesterday and already a movement is under way to refer it to the voters.

A preliminary petition filed by the tobacco industry to refer the cigarette tax is in the hands of Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, who said he would have a ballot title written before today is over.

Thornton Has 10 Days

The preliminary petition was filed with the State Election Bureau here late yesterday by Robert A. Bradlee of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Tobacco Distributors Association.

It immediately was sent over to Thornton's office. He would have, under law, 10 days to phrase the ballot title, but he said he would complete the task today to give ample time for circulating the petitions. Petitions bearing the names of 20,047 registered voters must be filed with the state election bureau here by Aug. 2 to get the matter before the voters.

The cigarette tax was one of the final measures signed by Gov. Patterson before he left for Missoula, Mont., where he is attending meetings of the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee and the Northwest Power Policy Committee.

Revenue Raising Measure

The cigarette tax, estimated to produce some \$10,000,000 in the next biennium, is one of the measures passed by the 1955 Legislature in an effort to meet an anticipated deficit of \$60,000,000 or more in the next biennium.

The main revenue-raising measure toward this goal is a 45 per cent surtax on personal income taxes. There has been talk of referring this matter, by opponents who say that Oregon's income tax is the highest already of any in the nation. But so far there has been no indication of an organized effort to refer it.

Should the surtax be referred, the Legislature has made provision that it be voted on at a special election next Nov. 8. If the cigarette tax also is referred, it will be voted on at the same time. But if only the cigarette tax is referred, it will not come up for vote until the next general election, in November, 1956.

Signed 772 Bills

In all, Gov. Patterson signed 772 bills passed by the 1955 Legislature and vetoed eight.

Among the final ones to clear his desk yesterday were two companion bills to create a State Water Resources board and one establishing a "ground water act of 1955." Senate President Elmo E. Smith of John Day has said that these measures, to effect a study of Oregon's water resources, are among the most important passed by the Oregon Legislature in several years.

NOMA Observes Fourth Anniversary

A fourth anniversary party and installation of officers of the Medford chapter of the National Office Managers association was held this week at Mon Desir Inn. W. H. Becker of Magnolia Lumber Corporation, Inc., a resident of Brookhaven, Miss., and a member of the Medford chapter, was host for the evening to members and their guests.

Special guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prema, Klamath Falls. He was responsible for the organization of the Medford chapter.

Past President Kenneth E. Pickens installed the new officers, including Harper K. Hamilton, president; Russell I. Brown, vice-president; Frances E. Grant, secretary; Virginia Vogel, treasurer; and Lee Sohler, Alvin Miller, Jack Hartley and Ethel Schultz, directors.

A buffet dinner was served and the latter part of the evening was spent in dancing.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—The best thing to do if a bee gets in your car is to leave the critter to its own devices. And just hope you don't look like a device.

That's the advice of James I. Hambleton, in charge of bee keeping and insect pathology for the Department of Agriculture.

"Chances are," he said, "the bee is just as frightened as you are. More, maybe."

The six-foot expert isn't anti-bee. This job is to control insects.

"We couldn't live without bees," he said, "and worse, without 'em, I wouldn't have a job."

The first thing you should do when a winged visitor gets into your front seat is to stop the car, Hambleton said. Take your handkerchief and catch the fellow. Don't touch it with your bare hands. Open the hatch and shoo it away. An excited bee is anxious to be on its way.

Don't Scare 'Em

Most bees, our man said, won't sting unless they are scared.

"The honey bee," he said, "is the only one which leaves its stinger in your hide. Pull it out immediately with your fingernails if it attacks. Bee stings can be dangerous and even fatal if you happen to be allergic to such things."

A honey bee bites only once, and pays for the fun of it with its life a few minutes later.

Hornets and wasps, Hambleton said, use the stinger like a sewing machine needle—in and out of people, over and over again, then runs away to sting again.

Hambleton learned about bees at Ohio State university and the University of Wisconsin. He has been in the government since 1921. He's been stung hundreds of times.

Bees aren't the only things that can cause a driver to fall off his rocker and start bumping.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In world affairs: Secretary of State Dulles cautions congress against being too optimistic about Russia's intentions (as indicated by her recent milder behavior.) He warns against interpreting what he calls a "striking reversal of Soviet policy" as indicating that the danger of war is over and that we can settle down to the pleasant pursuits of peace.

He says if this country takes such a view, the free world will quickly break up.

LET'S keep the facts straight. The Commies are merely changing their tactics. Their ultimate purpose remains the same: TO MAKE THIS A COMMUNIST WORLD.

STILL—

Talking is cheaper than shooting. Let's talk as long as we can. Maybe we can keep on talking until its fundamental internal rottenness SPREADS and destroys the whole structure of Communism.

But let's expect no miracles.

I SUPPOSE you're upset and disillusioned and considerably worried by the ruckus over the polio vaccine situation. Everybody is. It looks like something that promised to be beautiful and wonderful is winding up in a mess.

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The modern world moves fast—but not that fast.

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Chicago Lawyer Gets Second Chance

Chicago—(U.P.)—Former-law professor William G. Wood said today he would make good on his second chance to leave skid road.

The 70-year-old Wood was given his first chance last January when he was recognized by Municipal Court Judge Hyman Feldman. Wood was before the judge on a drunk charge.

But, four months later, Wood was back before a disappointed and somewhat angry Feldman. Wood said a 47-cent bottle of wine led to his downfall.

Yesterday Feldman dropped the second drunk charge against Wood, acting on a psychiatric report which showed there's still hope that Wood can save himself.

"I'll make good at it," Wood said as he obtained his second chance. He said he has been offered a clerk's job with an employment agency.

Youngster Urges Polio Vaccinations

New York—(U.P.)—The Daily News published today the following letter from Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N.Y.:

"I'm eight years old. Last may I had a polio shot. I hear a lot of parents don't want their children to have polio shots. They are very good. I no that polio shots are safe. Please print this. Thank you. Stephen H. Greene."

Memorial Day Traffic Toll Figured at 360

Chicago—(U.P.)—The National Safety Council estimates the Memorial Day week end will bring death to 360 persons in traffic accidents.

About 40,000,000 vehicles traveling nearly 3,000,000,000 miles are expected on the highway for the long week end which is the traditional start of the summer holiday and vacation season.

Acting Dean Named At Oregon University

Eugene—(U.P.)—Dr. Raymond T. Ellickson, head of the department of physics and associate dean of the graduate school at the University of Oregon, has been named acting dean of the graduate school by Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, university president.

Dr. Wilson also named Dr. Robert D. Clark, head of the speech department, as acting dean of the college of liberal arts.

The appointments, subject to approval of the State Board of Higher Education, were made to fill vacancies left by Dr. Eldon L. Johnson who has been named president of the University of New Hampshire effective on Aug. 1.

Chicago—(U.P.)—Sister Joan Marie, Roman Catholic nun and principal of Bishop Quarter Junior Military Academy, also is drill sergeant for the cadets.

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