

SALES TAX BILLS GO TO HOUSE

TORNADOES RIP OVER 2 STATES

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A string of winter tornadoes crashed through Louisiana and Oklahoma today. Oklahoma twisters killed at least eight persons, along with 10 or 12 injured, and demolished six homes. All of the dead were in the Gans region, a few miles west of the Arkansas border.
State police said a tornado had "practically wiped out" the oil field communities of Bellevue and Princeton, La. One fatality and many injuries had been reported. Police said several children were missing and "apparently they had been blown away."

OLCC Opens Hearing On 'Law Violations'

Final disposition of about \$960 allegedly contributed for election campaign purposes by several Jackson county tavern proprietors was still a mystery when an Oregon Liquor Control commission hearing was recessed at noon today.
The hearing started at 9 a. m. in the courthouse auditorium and was to be resumed at 1 p. m. It is being held to determine whether or not about 21 OLCC licensees actually made contributions to the Jackson county general election campaign in violation of OLCC regulations.

First Witnesses
Lt. Don C. Church of the OLCC, the first to testify, said he had been assigned by a superior to investigate reports to the OLCC that political campaign contributions had been made by licensees here. He introduced into the record written statements made by Christian Schemp, proprietor of the Union Club, and Aubrey Miles, an Ashland OLCC licensee.
Schemp's statement said he had received the contributions. Miles' statement said he had been contacted by Schemp last October and invited to make a contribution to the campaign of District Attorney Thomas Reeder. Miles said he refused to make a contribution.

Other Witnesses
Other witnesses included Robert Boyer, chairman of the Oregon Democratic Central committee; A. Eugene Piazza, treasurer of the Jackson county Republican committee; Reeder; John Dellenback, chairman of the County Democratic Party; and District Attorney Reeder. Miss Noreen Kelly, treasurer of the Reeder for District Attorney committee; and William Deatherage, campaign manager for Reeder.
Each denied knowledge that any OLCC licensees had made contributions to any Jackson county political campaign.
Campaign expense statements of both Reeder and Nunley were introduced as evidence and neither showed contributions by OLCC licensees. Also introduced as evidence was a \$50 check by Paul Haviland and made out to Reeder's campaign. Haviland said the check, dated Aug. 14, 1956, was a personal contribution.

Reported to have made the contributions are proprietors of the Union club, Otto's, the Veterans club, Wilson distributors, Holland Hotel, The Highway, Barkley's tavern, the Bohemian club of Medford, Brown's cafe, Cook's Reception, Hunter's tavern, 90 and 9 tavern, North Riverside tavern, Sy's place, Owl club, Pioneer Tavern and Cafe, Siskiyou Lodge cafe, Tally Ho, Tabu and The Tavern.
Representing many of the tavern operators at the hearing are Warren Lesseg, Paul Haviland and James Main.

Medford Man Fined On Driving Charge
Melvin Northey, 60, of 614 1/2 West 11th st., Medford was fined \$255 in district court Friday when he pleaded guilty to charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages.
He was also given a 30-day suspended jail sentence by Judge Rawles Moore and had his driver's license suspended for 90 days.

Ask Affidavits
Hearing examiner, Henry J. Detloff, supervisor for the OLCC, asked Haviland to obtain affidavits from the two attorneys showing whether or not they had received the money.
Nunley testified that he wrote a letter to the liquor commission on Dec. 6, stating he had re-

ceived information about political contributions being made by local OLCC licensees. He said he called the matter to the commission's attention as an "investigative lead."
He added that he had talked with Schemp about the report and quoted Schemp as saying, "I figured you'd find out about it, but I didn't figure you'd find out so soon."
Miles was also called to testify and described his conversation with Schemp on the matter of political contributions. He added that he knew nothing about any funds being collected if they were collected.

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Break in Senate Deadlock Said To Be Imminent

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The noon recess came after the 219 ballot for Senate president had failed to produce the necessary 16 votes for election.
Quiet Predictions
From both sides of the floor came quiet predictions that the break might occur during the noon recess that could result in election of a president, giving the Senate, after more than a week of protracted meetings, a chance to organize its committees and get down to the law-making business.
The Senate balloted a record 80 times yesterday to bring to 193 the ballots taken in an attempt to find a candidate who could take 16 votes to gain the presidency. Vote after vote, it was 15-15.
At times it was 15-14-1, Republicans voted for Warren Gill of Lebanon and Sen. Gill, who has already released his Republican pledge, voted in turn for Senators Howard Belton, presiding as temporary chairman, or some other Republican.
Republicans otherwise cast their votes in turn for Democrat Senator Phil Brady, Ward Cook or Harry Boivin.
Democrats in general cast 15 votes for Sen. Walter J. Pearson, Portland Democrat. But, occasionally, when there was no 16-majority vote possible, Sen. Cook would cast a complimentary ballot for fellow Democrats including Sen. Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie and Sen. Ben Musa of The Dalles.

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Toolmaker Admits Planting 16 Pipe Bombs in New York

Waterbury, Conn.—(U.P.)—A mild-mannered 53-year-old toolmaker confessed today that he is the "mad bomber" who has planted 31 homemade pipe bombs in New York City in the last 16 years.
George Metesky told police his motive was revenge against the Consolidated Edison company for 25 years of semi-invalidism he blamed on a 1931 plant accident.
Lathe Discovered
He confessed calmly and readily after police discovered in the home he shared with two elderly sisters the lathe on which he prepared the bombs. Police had pegged him as a "strong" suspect on the basis of letters found in Consolidated Edison files.
"This is the man," New York Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm said. "We know it through his own admission and through analysis of his handwriting."
Newspapers Helped
Police had worked quietly for 16 years building a description of the bomber whose explosive pipes, usually encased in a red rock, had injured 15 persons in New York City. They took a calculated risk early last month and asked news media cooperation in throwing the light of publicity on the bomber's activities. The bomber paid off the gamble by writing to the newspapers.
It was new evidence of his grudge contained in those letters that finally turned up the convincing evidence in the long-thumbed Consolidated Edison files.
Didn't Mean To Hurt
Metesky told police he never meant to hurt anybody but had vowed to continue planting the bombs until he died or was captured. He made them, he told police, from materials he bought in dime stores in Bridgeport and New York City. He mailed the letters that accompanied his bombs on his way from Waterbury to New York City, a fact which had led police to concentrate their search for some weeks in nearby Westchester county.

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Champlin said a patrolman would be appointed as soon as possible to fill the vacancy created through promotions. The appointment will be made from the list of eligible applicants, he said.
Starts as Patrolman
Fichtner has been with the department since April 2, 1947, when he started as a patrolman. Pean started with the department Jan. 7, 1952, and has been in charge of the third platoon from 4 p. m. until midnight. McGee, who will be in charge of the third platoon, joined the department Nov. 12, 1953.
The lieutenant acts as an assistant chief and is responsible for patrols, investigations, juvenile division, traffic, vice investigation and training. The service sergeant, who also acts as platoon sergeant for the day shift, is responsible for maintenance of all equipment, the jail, records, all evidence and other property in custody of the department.
The appointments were announced at the departmental sergeants meeting yesterday.

Apartment Damaged By Fire Early Today

Shady Cove—Fire damaged an apartment attached to a garage at the home of the Rev. D. E. Millard early today. The apartment was vacant, and cause of the fire has not been determined, according to reports.
Mrs. Evelyn Watson, the Mail Tribune's Shady Cove correspondent, reported that the fire burned for some time before the alarm was turned in because it was not known who should be called.
Mrs. Watson said firemen told her that fires should be reported to Ray Chubb at the Cove Variety, whether day or night, or to the Cove Valley Supply.
One truck from the Central Point Rural fire department responded to an assistance call. The alarm was sounded in Shady Cove about 3:30 a. m. today.

Youth Who Stole State Policeman's Car Arrested by Victim At Tri-City School

Roseburg, Ore.—(U.P.)—An 18-year-old youth was captured Monday night by a state patrolman from whom he had stolen a police car earlier in the day, State Police reported.
Caught at School
Patrolman Warren Demytt was one of two officers who captured Harvey Lee Eubanks, Bragg City, Mo. He said Eubanks was caught and arrested without resistance at the Tri-City school about 24 miles south of here while in the act of peeling a safe.
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The abandoned police vehicle was found about noon.
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Package Would Repeal Surtax, Give Schools Aid

Salem—(U.P.)—A package of 31 bills based on a three per cent sales tax, repeal of the 45 per cent surtax and providing property tax relief by earmarking \$20 million in sales tax money for schools was introduced in the Oregon House of Representatives today at the request of the Interim Committee on Taxation.
The bills were sure to run into immediate tough sledding due to Democratic opposition to a sales tax.
Speaker Pat Dooley, Portland, was a member of the interim committee and found himself at variance many times with State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland Republican, and other interim committee members advocating the sales tax.
Food Would Be Exempt
The three per cent tax, patterned after the California law, would be a tax on the gross receipts, less allowable deductions, from the sale of tangible personal property at retail.
Food for human consumption and products of public utilities such as water, electricity, natural and manufactured gas and transportation and communication services would be exempt.
Exemptions important to farmers would be feed, seed, fertilizers, farm animals, poultry and other farm items.
The interim committee recommended a four-phase program, with the first step a repeal of the 45 per cent surtax. A bill to that effect already has been introduced.
The second phase would be passage of the three per cent sales tax along with property tax relief, and enactment of higher personal exemptions in the personal income tax law.
The third phase of the committee's program calls for many changes in the personal income and corporation income and excise taxes to make them conform to the internal revenue code.
Final phase of the program would be repeal of the state's right to levy a six mill state property tax. However, the property tax guarantee of repayment of principal and interest on the state's indebtedness would be maintained.
The sales tax package would allow double exemptions for taxpayers over 65 or blind, effective on 1958 incomes. After the surtax was repealed on 1956 incomes, refunds would be made for overpayment.
Exemptions at \$1,000
Under the bills, the sales tax would be saved from referral to the people by the calling of a special election while the Legislature was still in session.
The personal income tax law would be amended establishing personal exemptions at \$1,000 and dependency credits at \$500.
Of the \$105 million expected to be raised by a sales tax during the 1957-59 biennium, \$20 million would be set aside each year for schools.

Hearing Called on Rezoning SE Sections

The Medford planning commission last night called a public hearing Feb. 11 on rezoning seven acres in southeast Medford.
Planners will consider rezoning five acres south of Barnett rd. and east of Black Oak drive, and two acres south of Barnett rd. west of Black Oak drive from single family (Class IA) to commercial (class IIB).
Public hearings on rezoning two areas south of Barnett rd. near the new Rogue Valley Memorial hospital will be held Feb. 5 by the city council.
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