

Excise Tax Changes to Become Effective Jan. 1

Portland—January 1 is the effective date of several provisions of the recently enacted excise tax technical changes act of 1958, according to Ralph C. Granquist, district director of the Internal Revenue Service for Oregon.

The new law contains important provisions covering excise taxes on jewelry, luggage, clocks and watches, life membership club dues, admissions and cabarets.

It lists in full the specific articles taxable, as luggage and jewelry, in place of partial listings in the old law. The rate on these articles will remain at 10 per cent.

Life members of social, athletic, sporting clubs or other organizations will have a choice of paying a one-time 20 per cent on the full amount paid for the membership, or of

Bateman Honored By National Guard

Charles Bateman, operator of the Richfield cafe, North Pacific highway, has been named honorary mess steward of headquarters and headquarters company, first battalion, 188th infantry division, according to Capt. Sebastiano J. Fagone, commanding officer.

Bateman was given the honor in "sincere appreciation of his devotion to the National Guard," Capt. Fagone stated.

The cafe owner helped the local guard on three occasions this year. He fed members of the Army Presidio basketball team from San Francisco when they visited Medford early this year and were not authorized money for their meals.

Another time, during the first battalion 45 pistol team match at Camp White, Bateman sent food and coffee for members of the teams from Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford.

A third instance when he helped to host visitors was Dec. 14 when he provided breakfast for 50 men on an alert at 5:15 a.m.

Fagone said "we of headquarters company cannot repay the sincerity of this individual's efforts to assist the unit in its role of citizen soldier."

Rolling Museum To Be In Astoria

Portland—Oregon's rolling museum of history will open the third phase of its tour of the state Jan. 5 when it reaches Astoria for a three-day stay.

The 40-foot truck trailer filled with historical displays will visit virtually every town of 2,000 or more in western Oregon by mid-June. It toured eastern Oregon during the fall, rolling up an attendance of 30,000 students and 20,000 adults before it began visiting Multnomah county outside Portland in December.

The van will reach Salem Jan. 30 for a 10-day stay as a prelude to the Feb. 14 celebration of Oregon's 100th birthday as a state.

During the holidays, the van is being cleaned and renovated for the new jaunt. It is a joint project of the Oregon Centennial commission, the Oregon Historical society and the Oregon Trucking association, Inc.

Among the displays in the rolling museum are the diary of John Hoskins, supercargo on the ship Columbia when it discovered the mouth of the Columbia river in 1792, and the tomahawk that killed Marcus Whitman.

SHIP REDISCOVERED

Alexandria Bay, N.Y.—Two Syracuse, N.Y., skin divers have found the ship "Keystorm" which sank about 45 years ago in the Thousand Islands section of the St. Lawrence river. Robert G. Evans Jr. and Bernard A. Forth rediscovered the ship about 100 yards from where charts indicated she had gone down. They said the bow is in 45 feet of water while the stern slants down to an estimated depth of 140 feet.

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