

### Voters' Decision Wanted on Taxes, Says Legislator

Salem - (UP) - Oregon Senate President Walter Pearson (D-Portland) Saturday suggested to the Interim Committee on Taxation that it work out several different tax problems and submit them to the vote of the people for a choice at the first possible date after the legislature convenes in 1961.

He further suggested that then the Legislature adjourn until after a special election so that 1961 legislators "will know what kind of tax program the people will accept."

Pearson said the November general election was a mandate to the legislature in that the people "voted down every measure that would have cost them money. They also elected a governor, Hatfield, who campaigned on a platform of keeping expenses down."

In his 4-page report to the committee, which Pearson said he felt was the thinking of the majority of the state senate, he said the personal property tax is not based on the ability to pay, is the most regressive of taxes and is "most unfair of any tax known today. It is Oregon's oldest form of taxation."

### Gasoline Jobbers Change Their Name

The Oregon Independent Brand Gasoline Jobbers and Distributors, formed a year and a half ago with the help of Victor Milnes, Medford, is changing its name to the Oregon Oil Jobbers association.

The Oil Daily, a petroleum industry publication, said the change of name is necessary to come into conformity with membership requirements of the national organization.

Milnes, the magazine said, spearheaded the drive to form the association a year and a half ago when morale among Oregon service station men was low due to continuing price wars in the state. The association was formed to improve communications among the marketers, and coordinate industry operations in Oregon.

Milnes was elected president of the association last January and has since been selected chairman of the new Pacific Oil Conference when it met in San Francisco last month.

He got his start in Medford as a heating oil salesman, the magazine said, and rose to president of Fortune Stations, Inc. Last May he consolidated his company with Regal Stations company and is now vice president and general manager of the firm.

### State Tax Group Passes Two Motions

Salem - (UP) - Two motions were passed by the Legislative Interim Tax committee's subcommittee on taxation of personal property in a late-afternoon session here Friday.

Both were submitted by Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Gresham).

The first one limits the scope of any proposed replacement tax to net income and the other calls for return of money to counties with a minimum of disturbance after the collected funds have been given to the state.

### Newspaper Strike Still Deadlocked

Portland - (UP) - Federal Mediator Elmer Williams said a joint negotiating meeting between the Oregonian and Oregon Journal and the Stereotypers union ended in another deadlock Friday.

He said no meetings were scheduled but added that both parties agreed to be available upon request of the other party or upon the request of Williams.

Friday's joint session was the sixth since the strike began Nov. 10.

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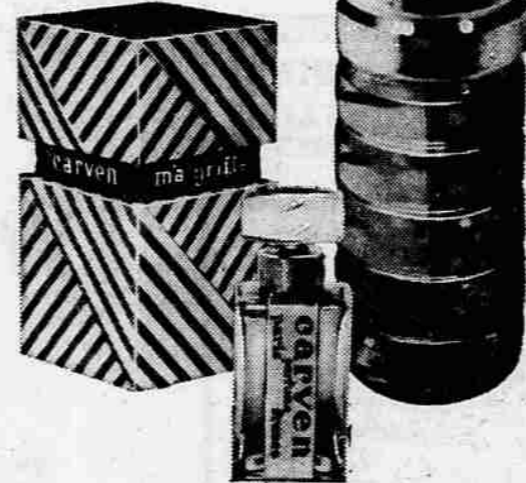


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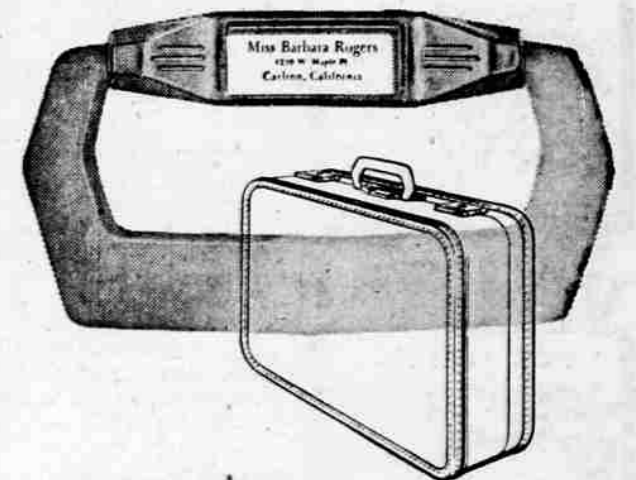
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