

OREGON BORN GAS TAX COMES OF AGE

When the gasoline tax celebrates its twenty-first birthday on Sunday, February 25, it will have produced revenue totaling \$103,880,000, for the state of Oregon, according to Dr. E. H. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association.

The gasoline tax was conceived in Oregon during the 1919 legislature to maintain Oregon highways. Dr. McDaniel said in commenting on the amazing history of this Oregon born tax which now accounts for 25.3 per cent of all state taxes.

To construct badly needed highways for the state, the 1919 legislature prepared a measure authorizing a ten million dollar bond issue and taking automobiles from the property tax list and putting them on a license fee basis—all the proceeds of which would provide for retirement of the bond issue in 25 years.

But highways do not last forever. Accordingly, Loyal M. Graham of Forest Grove, then a member of the roads and highways committee, prepared a bill calling for a tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline to create a fund for the maintenance and betterment of the highways when they were constructed.

Once the bill was drafted, C. C. Chapman of Portland, Louis Bean of Eugene, and James Stewart of Fossil, acted as sponsors with Graham. W. H. Dennis, Carlton, at that time was chairman of the committee and had earlier proposed a tax of this sort. To Mr. Graham, however, goes the credit of drafting the bill and proposing a successful method of collection

(directly from the wholesaler). Of this group Mr. Graham and Mr. Chapman are still living. Following Oregon's lead, New Mexico and Colorado adopted the tax the same year. By 1927 every state but New York and Massachusetts had enacted a gas tax—these states falling in line that year.

MAN BOUND OVER ON RAPE CHARGE

Clyde Cope, 45, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney Tuesday when arraigned on charges of assault with intent to commit rape.

The complaint was signed by a married woman who alleged that the assault took place Monday night at Cope's cabin at the Altamont camp.

Cope was committed to the county jail, with bond set at \$2500 cash or \$5000 property.

BOND POSTED BY TWO ON DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE

James Strathern Ness, route 2, box 267A, posted \$300 property bond and was released from the county jail Tuesday. He had been arrested on a drunken driving charge.

Carter William Glass, charged with the same offense, was also released after posting \$100 cash bond.

During early Christian days in Rome, sausage was banned as an instrument of the devil because of its popularity at feasts and revels.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment
By Bill Ganong

Although Dr. Wayne Morse of the University of Oregon law school was unable to speak to the student body as previously scheduled, the assembly committee still hopes that he will be able to speak at some later date. Dr. Morse was to have appeared in an assembly at the beginning of the week.

The committee has asked David Vandenberg to be principal speaker at the Washington's birthday assembly which will be held, as might be guessed, on the twenty-second.

The honor society will hold its second semester initiations Monday night. All those who were

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by the eligibility committee will be formally and informally taken into the society.

The high school debate team met the Ashland high team in a

series of non-decision debates Tuesday afternoon. Though heated they were only practice debates.

Members of the student congress are racking their heads for some method of extending the

Pelican book exchange to the point where it will be able to furnish text books to students at a small rental fee. Although this probably won't occur for some time it is the aim of the exchange.

This war is going to break out on a colossal scale, on a scale hitherto unknown. There will be a great demand for men, and we're going to commit the colossal blunder of sending half-trained men to battle.—Premier

Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario. The movement to break off diplomatic relations with Russia gains momentum. Only communists and vodka drinkers are against it.

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