

DIVISION OF TAXES AMONG CITIES ASKED

A plea for greater division of state-collected taxes with Oregon cities by Virgil Langtree, attorney for the League of Oregon Cities, headed a regional meeting of the league last night in the Pellean grill.

The state of Oregon, Langtree said, stands last among the 48 states in tax sharing and as a consequence, local levies must be so high they are standing as a barrier to the establishment of new industries within the state. The fact that four new aluminum plants have been recently constructed in Washington while only one has been established in Oregon can be traced in part to high local taxes, Langtree asserted.

More Maintenance
Currently, the attorney said, slightly less than \$3 per capita is returned to municipalities in Oregon while in Washington more than \$12 is returned. In California, the rate is nearly \$24. The national average is \$25.

The league representative said that with auto travel restrictions imminent, city streets and roadways are going to be used more

while state highways are going to be used less. The result will be a necessity for greater maintenance of the streets and thus a higher cost.

There, he said, is one reason why it will be imperative that the state turn over more money to local governments.

Langtree urged that local governments get their financial houses in order now in preparation for a post-war period which, he said, will see the national government so debt-ridden it will be unable to launch public works projects to offset a depression which is bound to follow the war.

Development
The post-war reconstruction burden, he declared, will fall heavily on local governments.

Langtree urged that the state tax base be re-aligned to bring it on a par with other states in the union. Oregon, he said, now has one of the lowest tax bases in the nation and one which is based on an economy of three decades ago.

Since then, he said, we have seen the development of the motor car with its accompanying need for an increasingly better roadway system and progress in all other fields requiring more expenditures on the part of the government.

General Discussion
"Continuance of the tax policy which has earned us the title of the 'mossback state' will mean the breakdown of local government and perhaps of democracy itself in the post-war period," Langtree concluded.

His address was followed by

a general discussion of municipal problems including employe retirement plans, fire protection for unincorporated suburban areas, and street maintenance and paving for the "fringe" areas.

Orval Etter and Howard Ennor, both attorneys for the league, accompanied Langtree here.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Malin, Merrill, and Chiloquin local governments, Mayor William Hagelstein of Dorris, Calif., and Klamath Falls and Klamath county officials.

Girl Scout Week Observed Here In Window Display

Girl Scout week, which ends Saturday, October 31, is observed in a display arranged in the J. C. Penney company window. Saturday is also the birthday of Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scout movement in this country in 1912.

The window displays a Girl Scout in uniform with the American flag on one side, the Council flag, green with the gold trefoll, on the other. There are three Minute Maid posters and at the base of the figures are grouped war stamp books, reminding the public of the Victory fund which the girls are raising by their own contributions and without public appeal.

Some folks find out too late that it's wisest to tie a love knot with a single beau.

FORMER K. F. BOY APPEARS IN MOVIE

Friends of the Grant Nelson family of Medford, formerly of Klamath Falls and Keno, will be interested to learn that their son, Richard Nelson, 21, is shown in the picture, "Battle of Midway," now appearing at the Esquire theatre.

Richard, who is in the navy medical corps, appears in the scene showing wreckage immediately after the bombing. He is standing at the left with a Red Cross band on his arm, wearing a tin helmet and looking to the left. Richard is the nephew of Mrs. T. S. Abbott of this city.

The Eastman company has advised Mrs. Nelson that they are sending her a "still" of the picture, taken from the film.

Chamber Backs One Measure, Opposes One on Ballot

Klamath county chamber of commerce legislative committee had gone on record against one measure to be on the November 3 ballot, and in favor of another. The action was approved by the board of directors.

The chamber favors the amendment to prevent diversion of motor vehicle money to any uses except for highways, streets and related purposes.

It opposes the bill distributing surplus state funds to school districts.

Langell Valley

Mrs. Cora Leavitt visited at Bonanza on Monday with Mrs. Mary Etta Malone.

L. W. Monroe of Cave Junction is here visiting relatives and friends and enjoying hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Brown and Mrs. Dale Brown spent Sunday at Cedarville, Calif. Dale Brown is trucking his cattle to Via, Nev.

Staff Sergeant William House has been transferred from Stockton, Calif., to Deming, N. Mex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott House.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Dearborn and family, Mrs. Mary Dearborn and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dearborn were dinner guests at the Les Leavitt home on Wednesday evening.

Private Johnny Haney of Stockton, Calif., has been visiting for a few days in Langell Valley and Klamath Falls. Mrs. Haney, the former Gwen Hammond, is moving to Stockton to be near him.

Mrs. J. E. House and Jean visited on Sunday with Cora Leavitt and family.

Mrs. Mary Etta Malone spent Thursday with Mrs. Nora Noble. Mr. and Mrs. George Thurman of Richmond, Calif., visited last week with his sister and family, the Lloyd Beebe's.

Mrs. Alice Peatross spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Ford Would Fly



Pvt. Benson Ford, grandson of Henry Ford, hopes to get into the Air Corps. He is stationed at Fort Custer, Mich., now.



Gen. Hermann von Hanneken, close associate of Nazi Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, has been named German command-in-chief in Denmark.

Army Bomber With Four Men Aboard Reported Missing

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Oct. 29 (AP)—Deputy Coroner Hugh Gallon reported today his office

had been advised that an army bomber with four men aboard was missing in the Tehachapi mountains south of here.

Gallon said officials at the army's Muroc air base had requested residents of the area near the city of Tehachapi to re-

port any word of the craft, which was bound from Hamilton field, San Francisco, to March field, Riverside.

At Tehachapi, Mayor John Squires said a searching party had attempted unsuccessfully last night to reach a point 10

miles southeast of the city, where a plane crash was reported. The craft disappeared about noon yesterday, a heavy storm, bringing snowfall, had broken over the area earlier in the day.

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