

CITY COUNCIL EYES PROPOSED STATE TAX BILL

City councilmen expressed concern again at last night's meeting over state invasion of city revenue fields in connection with a measure now in the legislature providing for the taxing of pinball machines.

The bill in question is HB 147, introduced by Representative Steelhammer of Marion county, and it imposes a state tax on all coin-operated mechanical games as well as "juke boxes." The city of Klamath Falls now taxes such devices, and Councilman Cantrall asked if the state law, should it be passed, would jeopardize the city's revenue from this source.

(The bill provides in section 15 that "the tax imposed by this act shall be in addition to any and all other taxes or fees imposed upon the same property by any municipality . . . or the United States government".)

Cities Warned

Mayor Houston said he doubted if the city or the League of Oregon Cities could get far in opposing the state measure, but that he would ask the city attorney to study the measure and would write to the legislature and delegation about it.

Mayor Houston said he had been informed that the author of the bill had warned the cities that if they oppose the coin machine bill he will fight all cities-sponsored legislation.

Councilman Cantrall said he fears the state will take over this form of revenue and the cities will have to fight to get it back, as they are fighting to get highway and liquor revenue money.

Bill to Be Discussed

Councilman A. H. Bussman said he feels the matter is one for the judgment of the legislators, and that he doesn't believe the senators and representatives will pass an unsound bill.

Mayor Houston asked councilmen to be present at a meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce Wednesday when he will present the cities' arguments for a share of the state highway fund.

Barriade Ordered

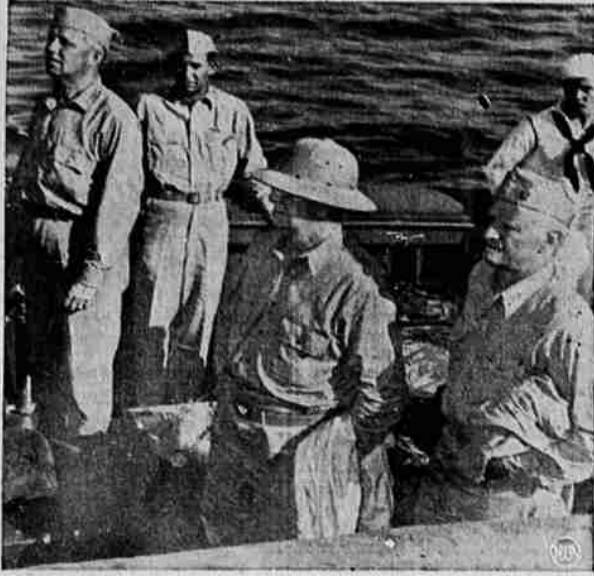
The council voted to deny a license to the KK cafe, 119 South Ninth street, on the grounds that it falls far short of meeting city sanitary specifications. However, the management of the restaurant was given 10 days to "clean up."

Police Chief Earl Heuvel said that a check made of the restaurant by himself and the city health officer showed it with a grade of 37 per cent, on the basis of 100 per cent for perfect sanitary conditions.

The council ordered a barriade at 2124 Reclamation street where a hole has developed in the street. The street department will repair the break as soon as possible, it was stated.

The mayor was authorized to wire Senator McNary asking him to aid the Klamath Bus company in getting replacement for pieces of equipment in use on the local runs.

Knox at Hawaii After Pacific Tour



Back to Pearl Harbor after a tour of Allied South Pacific bases, where he was under Jap air attacks twice, Secy. of Navy Frank Knox, center, is shown with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, right, in a landing boat. Capt. Frank E. Beatty, Knox's aide, is at left. Official U. S. Navy photo.

Trucks Eligible Now for Transport Ration Needs

Under fuel rationing procedures for commercial motor vehicles now in effect, no operator need do without gasoline while his application for a certificate of war necessity or a request for an adjustment of his certificate is pending, Marshall E. Nauman, district manager of ODT's division of motor transport, pointed out today. ODT procedures provide for the immediate transport ration needs of commercial motor vehicle operators under three sets of circumstances. These are:

1. That the applicant has applied for but has not received nor been denied a certificate of war necessity. In this case the applicant will merely have to affirm this fact to his local War Price and Rationing Board to receive sufficient ration coupons to operate for 30 days, or until March 31, whichever is the shorter period.
2. That the applicant has received a valid certificate of war necessity. Presentation of such a certificate to the operator's local rationing board will enable the operator to obtain sufficient coupons for the amount of gasoline allowed him by his certificate. At the time he applies for his first-quarter ration, he will also be given the coupons for his second three-month period, so that an additional trip to his ration board will not be necessary.
3. That a request for more gal-

CHAMBER STAND ON HB 216 TO BE DISCUSSED

Klamath chamber of commerce attitude toward HB 216, the cities' highway revenue bill, is scheduled for determination at a meeting of the board of directors Wednesday noon.

Mayor John Houston has asked for permission to present the arguments of the cities in behalf of the measure, which would give the cities 15 per cent of state highway funds provided \$10,000,000 shall first be credited to highway funds.

Road Committee Against It

The legislative committee of the chamber at last week's meeting reported it favors endorsement of the bill by the chamber, but asked that it be given to the highway committee for its recommendation.

Subsequently, the highway committee met and voted to recommend against the chamber's endorsement of the measure.

Final decision rests with the directors.

Bill Outlined

The Klamath chamber for many years has opposed passage of similar measures favored by the League of Oregon Cities.

HB 216 was introduced into the lower house by the committee on counties and cities.

It provides that, beginning with the year 1943, there shall be appropriated annually out of state highway funds such sums of money as will equal 15 per cent of all money credited to the fund by the state treasurer between January 1 and December 31 of each year, and such other funds as may have accrued to the state highway fund.

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Idle Tires May Still Be Turned In

Motorists possessing idle tires, (excess tires over 5) may still turn these in, the state OPA stated today. The tires may be turned in at the Defense Supply corporation warehouse at 934 S. W. Salmon street, Portland.

There they will be appraised and checks will be sent to the motorists accordingly. Tires of no value will be sold for scrap, said the OPA.

18 BOYS ENROLL IN FORESTRY CLASSES

HENLEY—Eighteen boys have enrolled in the forestry classes offered by Don Norlin at the Henley high school.

The classes, sponsored by the National Forestry service and the Klamath Fire Protective association, will run for two hours each week until 20 hours of instruction have been completed.

Norlin states that instruction will be given in map reading, compass and pacing, fire behaviour, care and use of tools, and fire suppression.

In addition to the classes offered in Henley, Klamath Union and Bonanza high schools, special training is given for crew chiefs each Thursday evening at the KFPA office on Conger avenue.

Enlisted Men Have Another New Idea

LUBBOCK, Tex., Feb. 9 (P)—Enlisted men at South Plains army flying school wear strips of soft cloth sewed inside their trouser cuffs.

When they walk, the cloth keeps their shoes shined.

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WELFARE COSTS SHOW RISE OVER 1942 FIGURES

Comparative figures from the Klamath county public welfare commission show a slight rise in expenditures for 1942 over the previous year, although actual case load has declined.

Principle reason for the increase is attributed to sharp incline in the cost of food, clothing and medical service, according to Mrs. Karl Urquhart, county welfare head.

General assistance in 1941 amounted to \$45,061.01, in 1942 \$35,845.85; old age assistance in 1941, \$85,070, in 1942, \$70,491; aid to the blind dropped from \$534 in 1941 to \$504; aid to dependent children in 1941 was \$14,875, in 1942, \$16,441.

The general assistance group is financed equally by the state and county; old age assistance, aid to the blind, and aid to dependent children funds are financed three ways, with the county paying 20 per cent, the state and federal government assuming the rest.

Wider Basis in War Contract Awards Foreseen

SALEM, Feb. 9 (P)—War contracts soon will be distributed on a wider basis, rather than to a few large industries, Lee E. Stoll, head of the manpower commission for Oregon, told the Salem chamber of commerce yesterday.

He said 1000 men living between Salem and Canby are now commuting to Portland daily to work in war industries. Stoll added it would be more economical to employ these men in their home communities.

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Liquor Restrictions Bring Bootlegging

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 9 (P) Admiral L. E. Gregory, former chairman of the Washington

state liquor board, was quoted last night by a state representative as saying that the shortened hours for purchase of liquor in Washington were partly responsible for increased bootlegging.



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Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press

Oregon State college, scheduled to begin training of engineers for the army soon, announced the program would not start until after close of the school year in May and that it would not interfere with other courses . . . The University of Oregon medical school announced it had cut the training of nurses from 12 to 11 school quarters.

The Portland housing authority said it would evict from housing projects shipyard workers found guilty of unwarranted work absenteeism . . . Oregon police searched for Virgil D. Meyers, 42, booked as a burglary suspect at Oregon City, who obtained a gun while in jail, forced a deputy sheriff to let him out and vanished . . . Portland stores reported a feminine run on bedroom slippers, the buyers apparently fearful that the shoe rationing order would be extended to slippers.

PRICE INCREASE

SPOKANE, Feb. 9 (P)—Dr. James K. Hall, state OPA price officer, announced here Saturday the granting of a 50-cent per ton increase at the mine to aid bituminous mines of Oregon and Washington to expand to a six-day week. Producers already having had prices adjusted are not affected by the change, which was made to produce more stove-size coal.

Buy it through the want-ads.

Kaiser Starts Recruiting Program Again in East

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (P)—The Henry J. Kaiser company has requested the U. S. employment service here to recruit 2000 electricians, electrician trainees and electrician helpers for the company's shipyards in Portland, Ore., says Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, regional director of the war manpower commission.

Company representatives said that men in 1-A, 2-A or 2-B draft classifications were not wanted, but that friendly aliens with first papers would be acceptable.

"We do not want any shoppers to apply," the Kaiser representatives said. "We want men who definitely want to take these jobs and are ready to leave immediately."

WARTIME CASUALTY

LEBANDON, Kans., (P)—Mrs. Alice Miller wonders if she's the first casualty of the OPA's slice-it-yourself bread ruling.

She was treated at a hospital for lacerations of the thumb and index finger — suffered while slicing bread.

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