

TWO INCOME TAX SLASHES RECOMMENDED

SALEM, Feb. 23 (AP)—The legislature's No. 1 issue—taxes—was ready for introduction in the house today, the house taxation and revenue committee having prepared two income tax reductions which would become effective with payments made in 1944.

The committee had voted to make the reductions effective with payments made this year, but this would compel the state tax commission to make thousands of rebates to persons who had paid their taxes before the new law would become effective in June. Returns must be filed by April 1.

The six-member majority of the committee recommended that taxes be reduced on an average of 11.62 per cent, the majority opposing any larger reduction because it wants to build up a surplus that can be given schools to reduce property taxes.

The three-man minority of the committee recommended an average reduction of 20.81 per cent. The lowest group of taxpayers would get a 50 per cent cut, while those in higher brackets would get smaller cuts.

SALEM, Feb. 22 (AP)—A complete program for equalization of school district taxes and state aid for schools was introduced in the legislature today by the house taxation and revenue committee, the bill being a companion measure to one which would provide a permanent plan for state aid amounting to \$35 for each child of school age.

Both bills would be submitted to the voters in November, 1944.

The new bill provides for creation of rural school boards in each county to supervise school district budgets. Each county board would levy property taxes over the county, the total being equal to the total of all school district budgets.

SALEM, Feb. 22 (AP)—The senate roads and highways committee was drafting a bill today to permit the state highway commission to permit the authorization of longer and heavier trucks for the duration of the war and six months after.

The commission now permits trucks up to 60 feet long and 71,000 pounds to operate for the duration. The new bill would not specify any limits.

The action of the committee followed the house's 45-15 defeat of a bill to make the highway commission's order permanent.

Trucking interests will ask that a bill be introduced to permit petroleum trucks to operate permanently under the temporary limits. Logging trucks were given this privilege at the 1941 session.

Three Women Now On State Highway Maintenance Crew

REEDSPORT, Feb. 23 (AP)—Three women have taken the places of men on the state highway department maintenance crew here under Foreman W. H. Park.

Park said he believed it was the first time in the state's history that women had become members of a maintenance crew though not the first time women had worked on department construction operations. Three women at one time were employed on a paving crew at Marshfield, he said.

The women on Park's crew are Mrs. Ray Willard, truck driver, and Mrs. Irine Abbott and Mrs. Laura Edwards, laborers.

OSC Rooks Power Over Oregon Frosh To Win Cage Series

CORVALLIS, Feb. 23 (AP)—The Oregon State Rooks defeated the University of Oregon Frosh, 42-39, last night to win the annual basketball series, three games to one.

The Frosh held a 19-18 half-time advantage and were in the running until the last five minutes, when the Rooks, paced by Whitey Konstad with 13 points, took a 39-33 lead.

Sempert led the Frosh scoring with 14 points.

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AIRCRAFT AND PARTS	\$344,188,000	\$483,188,000	\$318,969,000	\$37,316,000
SHIPS AND SHIPPING	\$714,897,000	\$317,414,000	\$121,709,000	\$13,504,000
FOODS	\$880,891,000	\$56,227,000	\$101,869,000	
MISCELLANEOUS WAR AID	\$1,560,389,000	\$719,897,000	\$452,315,000	\$45,371,000
TOTAL AID	\$3,959,950,000	\$2,193,193,000	\$1,532,230,000	\$156,738,000

China's share of U. S. lend-lease in 1941-42 was small, but limited transport facilities to that nation slowed delivery of war aid. Chart based on March, 1941-December, 1942 figures released by administrator Edward Stettinius, Jr., shows where most of our \$8,252,733,000 in lend-lease went. Other countries received some \$210,622,000 in goods and services.

War Production Training Asks More Women Enrollees

Civilians who are not in essential industries may receive training for work in the war production training classes, vocational department, Klamath Union high school.

In a recent conference of vocational administrators, steps were taken to increase the enrollment of women in all classes. Recent orders from the Columbia Aircraft company of Portland ask for 35 women workers per week for aviation sheet metal. Women may qualify to go to work with from 100 to 360 hours of training.

There are a few openings in all classes at present, according to Coordinator A. H. Fitch. Women are encouraged to enroll in general sheet metal. The course of 100 hours will qualify women

Training Program Slated For Klamath Grocers

All grocers in Klamath Falls who are interested in a training course in point rating being offered to checkers, billers, clerks and grocers who do their own checking, are invited to attend a meeting to be held Tuesday (tonight) at Klamath Union high school at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Sally Louis and the retail selling classes will be available to train any grocer, checker or clerk for any firm cooperating in the program. Classes will be held in room 214 of the high school each day this week and any grocer wishing aid in checking inventories or arranging stock, marking or detail work, may make arrangements at the

Central Turns Winko League Leaders

ELLENSBURG, Feb. 23 (AP)—Central Washington turned the tables on the league leading Eastern Washington college basketball squad Saturday night by taking a 52-51 Winko league basketball game after leading nearly all the way. CWC was ahead 28-26 at the half.

Russ Wiseman, CWC forward, scored 27 points to set a new league scoring mark of 248



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PREVENTION OF GANDHI'S DEATH URGED ON FDR

CORVALLIS, Feb. 23 (AP)—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who has spent more than 30 years in India, has wired President Roosevelt urging intervention to prevent Gandhi's death lest the allied cause in the east is endangered. Dr. Jones, here for a three-day Christian mission in the city and at Oregon State college, said the Indian nationalist leader has "called our hand" in the matter of freedom, and that the only way to get rid of Gandhi is to meet the issue he raises.

The wire to the president said: "Gandhi's death may be a mortal blow to the allied cause in the east. Beg you intervene and mediate."

Dual Nation
Dr. Jones said that should he die, Gandhi will be more powerful dead than alive as he "is the most terrible question mark on the world horizon today. Gandhi asked for the thing we said we are fighting for and was jailed for it," he said. "I refuse to give up hope, but the sands are running out and it is five minutes to 12 in the east."

In reviewing the background of the present crisis Jones said Britain is a dual nation—the Britain of democracy which the world loves and the Britain of empire which after passing up 20 years of opportunity to settle the Indian question, sent Cripps out in unholly haste with a proposal that looked good on the surface but which was a psychological blunder.

Crash Survivor Missed His Own Wedding Date

BOISE, Feb. 23 (AP)—Besides other hardships he underwent while hiking for 14 days from his wrecked bomber in the Idaho wilderness near McCall, Staff Sgt. Ralph Pruitt of Wichita, Kas., also missed his own wedding.

That was revealed last night when his fiancée, Corinne Glandon of Tacoma, Wash., arrived to visit him in Gowen Field hospital.

They were to have been married during the time he was in the wilderness after the bomber with eight aboard crashed. All crewmen were rescued last week.

But they are a determined couple. Miss Glandon said they would be married "as soon as he can leave the hospital."

Pruitt suffered toes and a sprained knee on his hike.

Another Dairy Herd To Go On Block

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP)—Asserting "you can't pay shipyard wages and the present feed prices with 15-cent-a-quart milk," E. G. Bates, owner of one of Portland's largest dairies announced today he would put his herd of Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey milk cows on the auction block Thursday.

A vitamin that prevents gray hair is being advertised. How are the shoe polish people going to like that?



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Fake Broadcast Brings Gas Bootlegger in Line

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—Soft music came from a radio as police quizzed the suspected leader of a gasoline black market gang about theft of coupons for 11,000,000 gallons.

The strains were interrupted by the voice of a news commentator. It was a faked news report broadcast by a police officer in another room.

"Horrible news. A terrible slaughter of American troops in Africa."

Captain Richard Fennelly said Louis Mongno sat as though dazed. The report continued. Men were ambushed and slain

ABSENTEEISM BLAMED FOR POOR OUTPUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The house naval committee, approving a work-or-fight principle, blamed war plant employees today for laying off work to such an extent that "we are not doing a good enough job to win this war."

"The workers in our plants, for causes which we have not yet ascertained, are not on the job long enough, steady enough, reliably enough," the committee reported.

Report to Draft Board
Describing such absenteeism as "a very ugly situation," it recommended transfer of absentee workers into the armed forces if the conditions cannot be corrected.

The committee's stand was stated in a report, prepared by Rep. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), requiring officers of navy yards and stations to supply information to local draft boards on the number of days each man of draft age is absent from his job without prior authorization.

The report embraced a letter from the navy department giving figures on the prevalence of workers failing to report for their jobs, especially on Saturdays and Mondays.

Mackeys Buy Ranch From W. Normile

MALIN — William Normile this week announced sale of his 133-acre ranch east of Malin to George and Sam Mackey, Tule-lake potato growers. The Mackeys have for two years leased land from Slater brothers and the lease was terminated prior to the purchase of the new ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mackey will reside on the place.

LUNCH MONEY

SALT LAKE CITY, (AP)— A new garage employee left a note explaining he had gone to lunch.

His boss waited for him to return. He's still waiting. Also, he's looking for \$60 he discovered was missing from the till.

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