

Pensioners Score: Senate to Re-Open Pinball Tax Issue

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SALEM, March 2 (AP)—Advocates of bigger old age pensions scored a major victory today when the senate voted 19 to 10 to reconsider its 17-13 vote against the pinball tax bill, which its sponsors estimate would raise \$1,000,000 a year to enable payment of pensions averaging at least \$38 a month.

The senate will consider the bill at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow. The measure would tax pinball games \$50 a year and coin-operated phonographs \$10. The house had passed it without opposition.

Passage of the bill would assure enough revenue to increase the average pension to \$38 a month, paying many pensioners the \$40 monthly maximum allowed by the federal government.

Increase Voted

The average now is 25, but the budget of former Gov. Charles A. Sprague provided for an increase to \$34 by June 1945.

The joint ways and means committee voted last week to increase the old age pension appropriation for the next biennium from \$16,880,000 to \$20,000,000, so that the \$34 figure could be increased to \$38. But this increase could only be made possible if liquor revenues remain close to their current high levels, which is questionable.

Governor Earl Snell, while refusing to endorse the pinball bill, did say the revenue must be raised by some method.

Representatives of all major labor and farm organizations in Oregon protested to the house taxation and revenue committee against a bill which would let the people decide at the November 1944 election whether they want a 3 per cent sales tax.

The senate killed 26 to 3 a bill by Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, to repeal the 1941 law taxing motor vehicle drivers 50 cents each two years to set up a fund to pay hospitals for caring for indigent traffic accident victims. Cornett said the tax is unnecessary because little advantage is taken of the fund.

The house passed and sent to the senate a bill to increase salaries of state police officers between \$35 and \$50 a month. Privates would be boosted from \$160 to \$200 a month.

The house passed a senate bill to refund antelope hunting license fees collected last year, when the season was cancelled.

97 More Dentists To Be Recruited

PORTLAND, March 2 (AP)—Oregon's already overworked dentists will face even faster date books shortly. Dr. Neal L. Zimmerman, Portland, state procurement officer, disclosed today that 97 more dentists from this state will be recruited.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

OIL TO BURN — For Union heating oils phone 8404, Klamath Oil Co., 615 Klamath Ave. 3-31m

WANT TO BUY or rent—Gas motor suitable for cordwood saw or similar. Phone 8441. 3-4

OIL BURNERS—Chimneys—Furnaces. Complete service. Phone 7149. 3-17

WANTED TO RENT—Two bedroom furnished house by March 10th. Phone 8361. 3-4

LOST—Gas ration book belonging to Vern Ross. Rt. 3, Box 944. 3-4

MAN one day a week to do odd jobs. See Dr. Soule. 3-2

4-ROOM unfurnished Apt. 1985 Auburn.

MODERN partly furnished apartment. Phone 5385. 3-4

Fears and Superstitions

Ferocious in his paint, feathers and horns, weird in his ceremonial dance, the medicine man once played on the superstitions and fears of his victims to sell his snake oil, resurrection brew, and all-healing ointment. He more often killed than cured. Such pagan quackery has yielded to science. Research has come to the aid of medical practice and today diagnosis and treatment of disease are on a sound scientific basis. To benefit by the progress which the years have wrought, see your physician when ill. Place yourself in his care. We supplement his service by filling our prescription exactly as ordered.

CURRIN'S FOR DRUGS
"The Friendly Drug Store"
9th and Main Phone 4814

Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 10 California, 10 Oregon, 21 Idaho, 1 Florida arrived, 11 unbroken, 5 broken cars on track; by truck 1 car arrived; no sales reported.

LOS ANGELES, March 2 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 2 California, 1 Florida, 12 Idaho, 1 Nevada, 7 Utah arrived, 25 unbroken, 9 broken cars on track; six cars diverted, 3 arrived by truck; no sales reported.

PORTLAND, (AP) — Potatoes New Florida, \$3.10-3.15; Texas, \$2.90 per 50-lb. box.

Potatoes, old—Cash and carry price: No. 2, \$1.40-1.50 per 50-lb. bag; local, No. 1, \$3.00 central.

CHICAGO, March 2 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 43, on track 80; total US shipments 480; old stock; supplies very light; no track trading account of lack of carlot offerings; market in confusion; no carlot track sales reported; new stock; supplies light, demand moderate, market firm; Colorado Red McClure, US No. 1, \$3.90; Florida bushel crate Bliss Triumphs, US No. 1, \$2.60-85 per crate.

FARM DEFERMENT OVER FIRST HURDLE

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head (D-Ala.) offered it, in order, he said, to assure adequate manpower for the farms and to avoid a food shortage.

The vote was postponed for a time by a decision to hear some opposition testimony.

The committee voted to hear testimony from Col. Lewis B. Sanders, selective service expert, at an afternoon session after Sanders presented a statement asserting that passage of the bill would not solve farm labor shortages.

Rep. Wadsworth (D-N.Y.) told the committee "we cannot achieve orderly distribution of manpower by means of executive orders, directives, exhortations, or threats."

He referred particularly to what he called the "work or fight" order issued by Chairman McNutt of the war manpower commission and the 48-hour week directive issued by President Roosevelt. He said the former "leaves immobilized hundreds of thousands of men and does not even touch women" and the latter "is still being explained by the WMC."

Oregon Shipyard Second in Race For Production

WILMINGTON, Calif., March 2 (AP)—Officials of the California Shipbuilding corporation today claimed for their firm the title of the nation's No. 1 ship-producing yard during February.

Calship delivered 15 Liberty ships of 10,500 tons each, launched 14 similar vessels and laid keels for 14 others during the month.

Henry J. Kaiser's Oregon shipyard came in second best for the month, delivering 10 ships, launching 13 and laying 13 keels, Calship said.

Labor Reserve Bill Introduced

SALEM, March 2 (AP)—Sen. Frederick S. Lampert, Salem, introduced a resolution today to create a manpower pool of state employees to provide emergency workers for farming, food canning and other essential industries.

Fourteen bodies have been recovered — found singly or in groups of two or three. Only two were identified and brought to the surface.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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emy air attack. The British are proving him a liar. The purpose is to shake the Germans' confidence in their leaders.

OF the Berlin raid and the others that have occurred every night for a week, Captain Harold Balfour, British under-secretary of state for air, says: "These are but the opening bars, which will rise to the crescendo of a march on Europe."

We look forward to the time when there will be no hour of the day when axis forces will be free from the swoop of allied planes. His purpose is to increase German jitters.

THE Russians, slowing down in the south, HIT HARD IN THE NORTH, in the neighborhood of Lake Ilmen, 200 miles south of Leningrad. They claim the practical rout of another German army.

Timoshenko, unheard of for some time, is the Russian commander.

NOTE that as the Russians slow up in one spot (possibly for reorganization and bringing up of supplies) they hit hard in another, giving the Germans no rest.

That indicates Russian strength.

IN Tunisia, Von Arnim tries to outflank Medjez el Bab to the north. The allied communique today says he "paid a heavy price in men and material and has been HELD in all sectors."

He lost 23 tanks, including one of his big Mark VI's.

ROMMEL, having failed to get through and cut our supply lines in the rear, is RETIRING, having already given up most of the ground he took from us.

(But NOT any of the mountain passes he seized in his drive into the first valley. He still holds them.)

IN this African warfare, ground gained means little unless it is STRATEGIC ground, such as mountain passes, commanding heights, rail and highway centers, etc.

THERE'S still nothing of importance today from Montgomery.

But we've learned by observation that Montgomery makes his preparations carefully and when he hits he HITS HARD.

Aircraft Union Calls Second Protest Meet

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 2 (AP)—Impatient at the lack of a decision from the war labor board on the long-standing airplane wage dispute, an AFL aircraft union called a second 24-hour demonstration meeting in the industry today, this time at the big Consolidated plant here.

Shortly after the AFL Aeronautical Industrial lodge ended an all-day session the Boeing plant at Seattle, a special meeting to last 24 hours was called at 12:30 a. m. Pacific war time, by H. C. Brown, president of the San Diego district lodge, over what he termed "the long delay in settling inequalities in aircraft wage rates."

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our friends for their many acts of kindness and for the beautiful floral offerings tendered in our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Ida Belle Corbell Mrs. Minnie Corbell Mrs. Lena Lewis John Vaughn Edna Dillstrom Jane Hatfield

SOVIETS DEAL SMASHING BLOW IN NORTHWEST

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was interpreted here as an indication the marshal still had Premier Stalin's full confidence.

The strength of Germany's 16th army has not been stated but Investia, the government newspaper, reported that "numerous German divisions were defeated east of Lake Ilmen."

The German 16th army was known to have kept the area well-garrisoned with seasoned fighters who have had a year's rest from action since the Russians last winter attacked in the region of Staraya Russa, which they approached within rifle range.

HOUSE TAX PLAN GOES OUT WINDOW

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of the year's collections exceeds this total, then taxes would be reduced.

For instance, Governor Snell estimates that by the end of the year, the surplus will amount to about \$9,000,000. Collections next year should exceed \$14,000,000 under existing rates, or a total of \$23,000,000. So a reduction would be ordered.

Woman Welder Sets Torch Aside To Bury Army Son

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 2 (AP)—Mrs. Carl Ernest of McLaughlin Heights put away her welding torch at the Kaiser Vancouver shipyard for a few days today.

"Go back to Pendleton to bury my boy. But I'll be back to help build more ships."

Her son, 2nd Lt. William F. Ernest, 19, 1940 graduate of Pendleton high school, was killed in an air crash near Austin, Tex., February 28. Another son, Sgt. Carl Ernest Jr., of a tank destroyer outfit also in Texas, was to accompany his brother's body to Pendleton.

Lt. Ernest transferred from the RCAF to the army air corps in 1942. He was a transport pilot for the RCAF.

FDR Conducts Business by Phone At White House

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) President Roosevelt remained in his White House living quarters again today, cancelling his usual Tuesday afternoon press conference, but receiving a limited number of visitors and handling a considerable volume of business by telephone.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the chief executive is continuing to mend from an intestinal upset which he suffered last Thursday. Early said Mr. Roosevelt is "getting along all right" and continues "free from temperature."

Always read the classified ads.

Doors Open at 1:30 & 8:15

PELICAN

Kisses! Kisses! From All Who Have Seen and Cheered It!

The Truth About the Nazis From the Cradle To the Battlefield!

"ALL BABIES BELONG TO THE STATE!"

Amazing drama based on GREGOR ZIEMER'S book "EDUCATION FOR DEATH"

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with Tim Holt, Bonita Granville, Kent Smith, Otto Kruger, H. B. Warner

Extra! Donald Duck Cartoon

Pete Smith Bravety

Musical - News

FLYING TIGERS

JOHN WAYNE JOHN CARROLL - ANNA LEE

PAUL KELLY - GORDON JONES BILL SHIRLEY - MAE CLARKE

NOVELTY • NEWS

ONE THRILLING NIGHT

HE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MYSTERY AND MARRIAGE on his wedding night!

JOHN BEAL WANDA MCKAY

2nd Smash Hit!

A HANDFUL OF VOLUNTEERS GIVE THE JAPS A ONE-WAY TICKET TO HELL!

March Named 4-H Victory Garden Month

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sugar beet greens, lettuce, cabbage, kohlrabi, rutabagas, corn squash, onions and radishes. Several varieties are offered in peas, lettuce, cabbage and radishes.

Crop, variety, amount of seed, value, planting space required, and comments including suggestions as to time of planting, are given on the sheet.

Contestants will be asked to keep track of garden cost, maintain a record book and all information in regard to planting and growth.

ROY ALFRED DREW DIES HERE MONDAY

Roy Alfred Drew, 29, well known young stockman of the Hildebrand country, died at a local hospital Monday afternoon following an illness of the past two months. Death was attributed to pneumonia.

Mr. Drew was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse N. Drew of Hildebrand. He had made his home during his lifetime with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Egert, also of that community. In addition he is survived by a brother and sister, Billy and Jean Drew of Hildebrand. He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drew, well known Klamath Falls residents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell of Tulelake and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell of Bly.

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Whitlock's Thursday at 1:30 p. m. with the Rev. Arthur Charles Bates of the First Christian church officiating. Interment will take place in the Bonanza cemetery.

New Measure Calls for Single Tax Commissioner

SALEM, March 2 (AP)—Heeding a request by Governor Earl Snell, the house administration and reorganization committee introduced today a bill calling for a single tax commissioner to replace the present three-man tax commission.

The commissioner would be appointed by the governor. The present commission is named by the board of control, of which the governor is chairman.

ALLIED TROOPS PUSH AHEAD ON TUNISIAN FRONT

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concentrated attack upon Berlin," the communique said.

"The weather was clear and reports indicate the results were good."

The reference to a concentrated attack made it apparent that the swarms of heavy night bombers had closed in on the nerve center of the reich from every quarter, and in a comparatively brief time unloaded their huge weight of bombs.

Nineteen planes were lost, the air ministry said, apparently a comparatively small proportion of the bombers.

Even Berlin acknowledged that considerable damage had been done and said 89 persons were killed and 213 injured.

An allied headquarters communique from North Africa said the German attacks in northern Tunisia were slowing down after heavy losses and slight gains.

Dispatches from headquarters in North Africa said the allies launched a counterattack in the northern sectors and killed 600

Attack in South

Disclosing that the German northern attacks got within seven miles of Medjez-el-Bab, before being turned back, field reports to allied headquarters also confirmed the allied capture of Feriana, 20 miles southwest of Kasserine in central Tunisia.

The communique said 25 axis aircraft were shot down yesterday.

Allied aircraft also turned a punishing assault upon the southern sectors of the Mareth line.

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To Report—The 136 Oregon State college enlisted reserve corporals who have been ordered to report for active duty March 25, includes the name of Harold R. Crane Jr., Klamath Falls, son of H. R. Crane, well known lumberman of this section, and Robert B. Kerns, son of James W. Kerns, local businessman.

RAINBOW

Last Day! The Best Side Kiss in "Smart Alecks" and "Murder in The Big House"

Starts TOMORROW! A DOUBLE DOSE OF LAUGHTER!

Your favorite clown **JOE E. BROWN** in **The Daring Young Man!**

with Marguerite CHAPMAN Wm. WRIGHT - Roger CLARK

with Lauch Special! **Sis Hopkins!**

A Republic Picture - **JUDY CAMOVA - BOB CROSBY CHARLIE BUTTERWORTH**

ESQUIRE



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"YOU WERE NEVER LOVELIER" is a musical motion picture produced in a manner refreshingly new to this form of entertainment.

NEVER before in her shining screen career has the exotic beauty of RITA HAYWORTH shown to such advantage...never before in his rise to greatness have the agility and magnetic personality of FRED ASTAIRE reached such heights...never since SHOW BOAT has JEROME KERN composed such ear-tlingling, thrilling tunes...already hummed everywhere. —And in his grand manner, XAVIER CUGAT and His Orchestra—

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