

**COUNTIES ASK
ADDED MONEY
FROM GAS TAX**

ALEM, Feb. 7 (AP)—Oregon counties had their day before the legislative committee yesterday in arguing passage of the bill to increase gas tax revenues, instead of the 15.7 per cent they now receive.

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Birthday Party for Stricken Youngster



(NEA Telephoto) with all the birthday eagerness of any 8-year-old, Ronnie Vidalin (right), dark, curly-haired youngster who doesn't know that he is slowly dying of an incurable disease, celebrates his eighth—and possibly last—birthday in confines of Santa Rosa, Calif., hospital room with little Joan Sorenson, a fellow ward patient. On his bed is his prize present, a model airplane, given him because he "wants to be an airplane pilot when he grows up."

Accuracy, Not Terror, Main Object of American Rockets

(Second of five stories on war rockets)
By FRANK CAREY
Associated Press Science Writer
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—We could probably produce a V-2 if we wanted to.

There is evidence that Hitler's largely psychological vengeance weapon is based on an experimental super-duper rocket developed by an American scientist—Dr. Robert H. Goddard, in 1914—and Goddard still is active in science.

But our scientists and military men have been interested in developing war rockets that approach the accuracy of artillery fire while having greater mobility with terrific firepower.

That they have been successful is evidenced by field reports, an infantryman's rocket blasting through six inches of heavy armor plate at 100 yards. Airplane-fired projectiles hitting within yards of a pin-point target at 1000 yards.

The largest war rocket disclosed by our military at this date is five inches in diameter. It has roughly the explosive power of a 155-millimeter shell, yet it can be launched from a light and simple device on an airplane. A 155-millimeter gun weighs close to 15 tons.

Rear Admiral George F. Hussey Jr., chief of navy ordnance, says "new ones, under development, will be in production soon. Rockets of greater caliber and accuracy will be available in the near future. . . . In general, rockets will parallel projectile calibers and bombs of substantial size."

He says planes can carry rockets larger than the 5-inchers. You may have been misled by the term "rocket gun." The rocket gun is its own gun. It is simply supported on a launcher.

Rockets consist basically of four parts: (1) The head, which may contain high explosive, smoke or incendiary chemicals, (2) The "motor," a tube extending to the rear and containing the "propellant material," (3) The nozzle, the flared and tapered rear end of the motor, and (4) In some rockets, the fins, which help stabilize flight.

The rocketeer presses an electric button or trigger, which causes the propellant to ignite. This generates flaming gas. Part of it shoots out through the open tail, but inside the rocket the pressure against the warhead is so great the projectile is pushed forward.

Launchers are of various type—tube-like affairs that may be employed singly or in clusters as ground or aerial launchers; rail-like devices on which rockets hang from the wings of a plane; and rack-like launchers for use on landing craft.

The Russians have their six-barreled "Katusha," mounted on a truck, and 30 barreled rocket shotguns used as anti-tank weapons. The Germans have their Nebelwerfers, six-tube affairs shooting rockets weighing about 50 pounds. These are the so-called "screaming meemies" or "Whistlin' Willies."

Here are the American rock-

OREGON NOT MECCA FOR JOB SEEKERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7 (AP)—Oregon is no longer a "mecca for job seekers," and labor needs in the Portland area will be "definitely eased" within the next 30 days, Oregon War Manpower Director Lee C. Stoll said today.

"There seems no excuse for any talk at this time about work or fight legislation so far as Oregon is concerned," he declared.

Stoll predicted worker requirements here would be "drastically reduced" by June, since the army, navy, and maritime commission have given little hope of future war contracts.

He declared that the WMC here can meet "any schedule the high command in Washington asks" without need of a manpower draft bill. "There could be no more muddled mess accomplished than for the draft boards in the state of Oregon to freeze men in war plants based on their own judgment."

Great Great Granny Goes On Honeymoon

SCAPPOOSE, Feb. 7 (AP)—A great-great-grandmother was honeymooning contentedly today.

While her eight children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren wished her happiness, Mrs. Sarah R. Jackson Wade, 71, was married to S. Jackson Wade. Both were widowed more than a decade ago.

Nothing unusual about it in her family, pointed out the elderly bride. Her great-great-grandmother married at the age of 76 and lived happily to 95.

If cold statistics bore you, here's a description of a rocket-firing landing craft by a marine corps writer:

"Seen in action at night, the (rocket-firing craft) looks like an exploding ammunition ship, but the sheets of orange flame are soon followed by the red glare of hundreds of rockets exploding on shore."

And how would you like to swap jobs with the guy who does the rocket-launchings?

He dons an asbestos suit which makes him look like a man from Mars, chases the rest of the crew below deck, orders them to bathe everything down—and then proceeds to make all hell break loose."

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KLAMATH NEAR \$8200 QUOTA IN DIME MARCH

The "March of Dimes" for the national infantile paralysis fund in Klamath county has taken in \$5410.95 of the \$8200 quota to date. Many sources are not yet heard from, however, and the county may still well make the grade.

A breakdown of the total figure shows the following amounts of money from 10 sources: Marine-Shannon basketball game, \$911.40; mail donations, \$2330.02; Merrill postoffice, \$62.50; Woolworth booth, \$208.03; Townsend club dance, \$28; armory dance, \$568.70; naval air station collection, \$223.71; Marine Barracks collection, \$430.60; public schools collection, \$603.61; and bottle collections, \$44.38.

The receipts from the bottle collection are just beginning to dribble in and the theatre receipts are not included. After all sources are heard from and final figures are compiled, it seems a certainty that Klamath county will go over the top in the "March of Dimes" for 1945.

Fate of Male Set For Jury Today

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Feb. 7 (AP)—The fate of Benjamin Franklin Male, charged with the 40-year-old murder of a school teacher who whipped his son, probably will be placed in the hands of a jury today.

The defense rested yesterday after Male told his story, admitting he struck the blow that killed Walter O. Smith in 1905, but asserting he did so in fear of his own safety.

A motion for a directed verdict of acquittal was overruled prior to Male's taking the stand.

New Venereal Disease Center Scheduled

PORTLAND, Feb. 7 (AP)—Major W. H. Aufranc, U. S. public health service, will supervise a new venereal disease center to be opened here this week. City Commissioner Fred L. Peterson said today.

He reported that patients—women exclusively—would remain in the clinic until non-infectious.

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