

PARKING METER FUND BILL TO SLASH REVENUE

OLYMPIA, Feb. 9 (AP)—Cities which meter the parking space on their streets would be slashed the equivalent of approximately 60 per cent of the revenue derived from their parking time-clocks under terms of a bill introduced in the Washington legislature today by Sen. Don T. Miller (D-Douglas).

The proposed legislation stipulates that 3 per cent of the gross meter take of the preceding year be deducted monthly from the payments required to be made to the city under the motor vehicle fund allocation program.

A share-the-meter-wealth angle is provided by a further stipulation that any surplus remaining as a result of the deductions should be included in the next general distribution to all cities. Allocations to the cities are made on a population basis.

An appropriation of \$1,000,000 is sought in a bill which proposed establishment of a farm land settlement program, in cooperation with the federal government. Men and women of the armed forces and merchant marine would be given preference right to the benefits of the program, the bill provides as introduced by Sen. Clyde V. Tisdale (D-Pacific).

The proposal specifies that the settlement fund would be administered by the boards of county commissioners, with authority to select and acquire for settlement suitable areas of undeveloped land whether publicly or privately owned. They likewise would be empowered to improve the land to make it usable, and to buy farm and road equipment to sell or lease to persons purchasing or leasing land under the settlement program.

Settlers would have 40 years in which to pay for the land, and would be charged an interest rate of 4 per cent.

LIFEFLOATS OFFERED FOR SALE IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The maritime commission reported today "widespread interest" in its offering for sale of 1400 new metal lifeboats which the navy discarded in favor of an improved type.

Because of this, the commission said, it has been decided to accept bids for delivery to buyers in the east and middle west. Previously the commission had directed all inquiries to its San Francisco office.

The commission took over the sale of the lifeboats after the navy had proposed to sell them for scrap at 50 cents each. The commission's price is \$50 each, or \$35 in lots of 20 or more, and 16 have been sold at the higher prices.

The commission regards them as ideal for use as swimming, fishing and duck blind floats, small boat piers or floating docks.

Orders now will be taken in branch offices of the contract settlement and surplus materials division including Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore.

Divorce Courts Hold No Restraining Power

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP)—A ruling by Judge Walter L. Tooe that divorce courts do not have authority to issue restraining orders was on record here today.

Judge Tooe dismissed contempt proceedings yesterday against Finis L. Wood, accused of violating an order restraining him from molesting his wife, Eula Fern Wood, while her divorce action was pending.

The judge ruled that while such restraining order may have beneficial effect, "that is no excuse for a court to usurp power not conferred on it by law." A bill authorizing certain restraining orders in divorce proceedings has been offered to the legislature.

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The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The western front: Canadian first army drives on Kleeve in new allied offensive in the north; U. S. first and third armies batter Siegfried defenses on 70-mile front; French and Americans mop up German pockets in south.

The Russian front: Red army drives toward Stettin, threatening to shear off Pomerania; RAF planes battered oil plant near Stettin; red bridgeheads expanded across Oder, tanks reported across the river.

The Italian front: Germans counterattacked U. S. fifth army positions in company strength.

The Pacific front: Americans crossed Pasig river in Manila toward air troops snapping trap on Japanese; Corregidor blasted from the air again. Doughboys probed southward on east coast of Bataan.

HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By JUANITA SHINN
Tonight is the night of the Klamath Knights' big Valentine dance. Decorations are to be in line with the occasion, with a large red heart and a love seat to be featured.

Teachers have been asked to urge the students to listen to a special network program over KFJI entitled "The Abe Lincoln Story." It will be on the air from 6:30 to 7 o'clock on the evening of February 12. It is to be a dramatization of the life of Abraham Lincoln, with the leading role played by an outstanding actor.



Emily Riddle Held In Klamath County

Emily Dorothy Riddle, charged with grand larceny in connection with the alleged theft of articles from the Seth Dixon ranch at Fort Klamath, was returned to Klamath Falls late Wednesday afternoon from Portland. Deputy Sheriff Dale Matlock was given custody of the woman by Portland officials who have held Miss Riddle on a warrant from Klamath county.

Miss Riddle was arraigned in justice court Thursday afternoon and asked for time in which to enter her plea. She is in jail in lieu of \$500 cash bail.

Alonzo Parker, who also faces a grand larceny charge in connection with the Dixon affair, will be turned over to Klamath authorities, according to information received by Sheriff Lloyd L. Low from the commanding officer at Fort Lewis, Wash., where Parker is held. Low said Thursday he did not know whether or not Parker had waived extradition.

SP Machinist Hurt In Auto Accident

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 9 (AP)—Robert Lockner, Southern Pacific machinist, Eugene, was in a hospital here today suffering from back injuries received when an automobile in which he was a passenger skidded and overturned 12 miles south of here.

The car almost plunged into the Rogue river. The driver, H. E. Carter, Eugene, assistant master mechanic for the railroad's Portland division, was uninjured.

Bell Studio Opens At New Location

The Bell Studio opens Saturday at its new location in the Greer building, 712 Main, after an extensive remodeling of the interior on the first floor and basement.

M. C. Stott, owner of the Bell Studios, has taken a long term lease on the present location, having moved from the firm's previous place of business at 521 Main. The new place will not only house the local portrait studio, but also the main offices of the company, as well as facilities for the finishing plant which turns out finished photographs for the other studios in the chain located in Eugene, Medford and San Bruno, Calif.

Shasta Red Cross to Close Indefinitely

The Shasta Red Cross surgical dressing room has been closed indefinitely with the completion of the 1944 quota of gauze. Mrs. Fugill wishes to express her appreciation to all those who gave their time to this vital project.

The following women gave more than enough hours to receive their service stripes: Roena Fugill, chairman, 2724 hours; Helen Williams, instructor, 283 hours; Lorraine Shell, instructor, 2514 hours; Vernice Godding, 2134 hours; Lucille Keehr, 1974 hours; Mary Fety, 1504 hours.

Over 300 Elks Meet Lakeview Delegation

More than 300 Elks attended events at the Klamath Elks temple last night when a visiting delegation from Lakeview was entertained.

Elmo Angele, exalted ruler of the Lakeview lodge, headed the visiting group, which included about 20.

Past Exalted Ruler John Blair and Henry Nicol of Lakeview stopped here on route to the Willamette valley on business.

Cyril Cook was chairman of the committee in charge for the Klamath lodge.

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HOME-BUILT FREEZE UNITS DEVELOPED

PULLMAN, Feb. 9 (AP)—Plans for home-built farm refrigeration plants have been developed to such an extent at Washington State college that the cost is low enough to make large units practical for farmers. R. N. Miller, extension agricultural engineer, announced today.

Miller in cooperation with Omer J. Dana, assistant director of engineering at the experimental station, has recently published a bulletin detailing plans and instructions for building the plants.

He said demand for zero storage after the war was expected to run into millions of units.

Plants, he added, may consist of a zero box alone, a zero box and cold room or a combination of both with a kitchen refrigerator.

The college findings are based on a study of 22 freezing plants established throughout the state beginning six years ago to check cost of operation and farmer reaction.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press
CAUGHT UP
RIPLE, N. Y., Feb. 9 (AP)—Comment on the tough winter by Robert M. Rownd, 100, past national commander of the G. A. R.—
"It makes me feel 100."

RUDY RASCALITY
KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 9 (AP)—There'll be early "robins" aplenty in these parts.
A Kingston man baited a trap with chicken feed, caught 75 starlings, painted their breasts red with his daughter's lipstick, and turned 'em loose.

MAIL GOES THROUGH
WATERTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 9 (AP)—In one year Mrs. Nina R. Stroup wrote 1401 letters to her husband, Lt. Robert S. Stroup, now with the army in Belgium—and he received all of them. They were numbered.

STAGE SETTING

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 9 (AP)—A water main broke in the Idaho capitol basement, and the electricity was shut off to avoid electrocuting repairmen.

It really didn't matter, mused Speaker of the House Willis C. Moffatt. "We're in the dark most of the time anyway."

GRAVY SPOT, MAYBE

KEARNS, Utah, Feb. 9 (AP)—Maj. Eugene Hill at the Kearns overseas replacement depot said a Salt Lake City woman telephoned him that her son wrote he was homebound bound from the Pacific with a "hash mark."

"Is that a very serious wound?" she asked.

Group Organized to Aid Returning Nisei

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP)—An organization to aid evacuated Japanese desiring to return to Portland was set up here today with the aid of Harold S. Fistere, Oregon-Washington war relocation authority official.

Dr. Blair Stewart, Reed college economics professor, was named temporary chairman of the group and Lorene Rickert, St. Helen's Hall instructor, temporary secretary. Principal objectives are jobs and living quarters for returning evacuees.

Fistere said the WRA plans to empty its centers this year and that while many Japanese will go to other sections of the country, others wish to resume previous business activities here.

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Miller Takes Over Operation of KFJI

W. D. Miller, Klamath Falls contractor, took over operation of radio station KFJI on February 1, which he purchased from the late George Kincaid prior to his death.

Miller announced this week that there would be no change in personnel.

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ANA OFFERS PLAN TO REPLACE DRAFT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The American Nurses association said today it would accept a nurse's draft "only as a first step in a selective service act for all women."

The association recommended instead a federally-financed recruitment program to be at least comparable in scope to those employed in enlisting Wacs and Waves.

ANA President Katharine J. Densford outlined the association's views to the house military committee, which is considering President Roosevelt's request for a nurses' draft law.

The ANA believes, she said in a statement prepared for the committee, "that the problem now presented may be dealt with by some federal agency, adequately implemented with funds, personnel and authority, and a federally-financed recruitment program promptly instituted."

RESARCH BILL EYED

SALEM, Feb. 9 (AP)—The senate forestry committee introduced a bill today directing the state board of forestry to carry on research work at Oregon State college and to establish a laboratory to increase use of waste wood products.

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Night Differential Wage Authorized

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—A night differential wage sought by petition of 42 Portland bakers and the International Bakery and Confectionery Workers (AFL) has been approved by the war labor board.

Bakers and bakers' helpers will receive a differential of 10 cents an hour while working at night. The increase is retroactive to 1944. Industry members argued the decision, setting the board of the Seattle war board, affects approximately 100 workers.

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