

Tax-Slashing Bill To Be Rushed Through Congress, Says Author Knutson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the house ways and means committee, determined to jam his tax-slashing bill through congress quickly, said today it will be sent to a house vote without hearing from anyone but government witnesses.

The committee will receive testimony only from the secretary of the treasury and congressional tax experts on Knutson's proposal to cut taxes on incomes up to \$300,000 by a straight 20 per cent. the Minnesotan told reporters.

He conceded that he may have been "overly optimistic" in setting April 1 as effective date for the \$3,350,000,000 reduction in 1947 individual income levies, but declared:

"If this bill has hard sledding it will be entirely due to lack of knowledge on the part of the members of congress."

No Revenue Loss

"We take the position there won't be any revenue loss. In the long run we will get more revenue by increasing business through the encouragement of a lighter tax load."

Knutson figured his 20 per cent cut, limited to the first \$300,000 of any individual income, would benefit about 35,000,000 persons. On income beyond \$300,000 the cut would be limited to 10.3 per cent.

There are only about 1000 Americans in the bill's upper bracket, Knutson said, and "in general, incomes above \$300,000 are unearned."

As now drawn the measure would reduce on April 1 the tax withholdings against wages and salaries. The reduction would be retroactive to January 1, and refunds would be made on excessive withholdings during January, February and March.

Knutson ran into lively opposition immediately. Some democrats and fellow republicans called for emphasis on debt reduction ahead of tax slashes.

A republican, Rep. Engle of Michigan, offered a tax bill right behind Knutson, proposing to raise the income levy exemption of single persons from \$500 to \$1000 and of married couples from \$1000 to \$2000.

Foresters To Meet Here January 10

Shasta-Cascade subsection, Columbia River section, Society of American Foresters, will meet on January 10 in the Pelican cafe at 6:15 p.m., C. O. Borsting announced today.

Russ Bacon will take charge of the "Inner Circle," and dinner will follow at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Phinister B. Proctor, Oregon Forest Products laboratory, will discuss latest developments in mechanical reduction of pulp, a subject of vital interest to foresters.

1947 Dog Licenses Now On Sale Here

Dog licenses for 1947 are now being sold at the county clerk's office in the courthouse, and will become delinquent and a \$1 penalty fee added March 1.

Licenses for males and spayed females are \$1.50, for females \$2.50.

City Council Meets Monday

Monday evening the city council will start its official new year with the first meeting of 1947, expected to be a lengthy one. New councilmen will be sworn into office, and Mayor Ed Ostendorf announced this week that he will make appointments to boards and committees for council approval.

A. F. Condrey, Wendell Smith and W. D. Miller will take oath of office as new members of the council. Readings of many 1947 licenses will take a great deal of the city council's time.

City Attorney Henry Perkins said today that an ordinance dealing with parking meters is ready for presentation to the council as soon as the meters arrive. City officials expect them within a few days.

Highway Death Rate Climbs

SALEM, Jan. 4 (AP)—With winter driving hazards adding to the toll, Oregon's highway death rate rose for the second consecutive month during November. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. revealed Saturday.

In November, 11 people were killed per hundred million miles of highway travel in the state compared with 8.7 people in October and fewer than 8 in September.

This trend is repeated every year as bad weather begins to affect driving, Farrell said.

"However, the 11 rate of 1946 is considerably below the 14 rate of the previous year, Farrell stated.

ACCIDENT COST

SALEM, Jan. 4 (AP)—The cost of a traffic accident to the average victim is \$500 if he is a car owner, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr. disclosed Saturday after studying reports unearthed by the national conservation bureau in a study in Lansing, Mich.

Happyholme R' Ambler's Nancy State Champion

Announcement that his registered Guernsey cow Happyholme R' Ambler's Nancy has been accorded the state championship, was a welcome New Year's gift to Dr. F. C. Adams.

Dr. Adams who resides at 1968 Del Moro with his wife and three children received the notice from the American Guernsey Cattle club, Peterborough, N. H., on New Year's Eve.

The cow, raised on the Adams ranch on Homedale, has recorded the highest production in the state for the last lactation, or milking period. Her recorded production is 13,845.8 pounds of milk and 701.9 pounds of butterfat for the year in the EE class, which means she is three years old. Her sire, Happyholme Roseland's Ambler, had two "daughters" in the performance register of the American Guernsey Cattle club.

Dr. Adams bought the animal at ten months old from the Lodi, Calif. Happyhome Farms. Ranch herdsman Thorvald Have on the Homedale ranch is credited with building up the cow to prize standard. The ranch is managed by Glen L. Evans.

The champion has produced a healthy heifer calf for her owner

and last October produced a bull calf. The bull will be used as a junior herd sire, according to Evans.

Dr. Adams, practicing physician in Klamath Falls, has been in the cattle business for the past five years and now has title to a 225-acre ranch. Originally the spread was only a little over 100 acres but an additional 120 acres was recently purchased further out on Homedale. A new ranch house, barns and buildings will be erected on the new acreage as soon as building materials are available, Evans said.

The ranch, known as Adamsdale Guernsey Farm, is on the official test made through Oregon State college farm extension service. Production of butterfat is recorded each month and report sent to Peterborough where records of all tested cattle are compared and certificates are sent to the owners.

Dr. Adams was completely surprised by the record showing his Guernsey as champion. He has never entered her in any competition or showed her at cattle exhibits. His is the only registered Guernsey herd in Klamath county and runs about 40 head.

Local Trapper Wins Award

J. R. Casebeer, well known trapper from Bly, is a winner of a daily award for correct pelt handling in the eighteenth national fur show conducted by the raw fur marketing service of Sears, Roebuck and company.

Casebeer's careful handling muskrat pelt brought him one of the \$5.00 daily awards, as a result of its being judged one of the three best-handled skins among all pelts received at Sears' raw fur marketing station in Seattle on Tuesday, December 10, and in addition entitles Casebeer to consideration for one of the major awards, including \$1000 first award, to be selected at the final judging, which will be held in April.

Byrd Plane Still Lost

ABOARD THE USS MOUNT OLYMPUS IN THE ICE PACK, Jan. 2 (Delayed)—Nine men aboard a big Martin Mariner seaplane disappeared without a trace Monday in the bleak, uncharted south polar wastelands and fog and snow for three days has prevented any search by the two other waiting Mariners.

The other Mariners are with the seaplane tender Pine Island far out in the Pacific.

The plane vanished in the area of the Franklin D. Roosevelt sea and James W. Elsworth land while on a long photographic mission.

A final radio message from the men said the plane was over the icy Roosevelt seacoast with the weather bad and snowy. This message was sent less than three hours after the plane took off at 2:45 a. m., Monday, or 4:45 a. m. eastern standard time.

Fragmentary voice radio transmission was heard later when the plane was nine hours out. It was making a scheduled 10-hour, 1350-mile flight but had enough fuel to stay aloft 21 hours.

The seaplane flew from the expedition's eastern task group, which is skirting the polar continent, sending out photographic missions 1000 miles east of this flagship group headed for Little America.

Siskiyou County Population Gains

Klamath county's California neighbor to the south, Siskiyou county, has reported a population gain of six per cent according to figures released recently by the California Taxpayers association.

Population of Siskiyou, as of January 1, 1947, has reached 30,300 men, women and children, final estimate of the county's population a year ago being 28,200. For January, 1945, the estimate was 28,000.

New Season Low Of 4 Above Set

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grip since the advent of the New Year.

Baker's minus 8 degrees continued to keep that city in the state's mercury basement. Pendleton reported 3 above and Bend's thermometer showed 8 above and Meacham's 12. Portland's 21 was within one degree of the season's cold mark set December 30, and Roseburg had the highest of the valley stations at a chilly 24.

Traffic was reported running through here on schedule and little snow was seen in the mountain area where chill winds and cold temperatures have replaced snow.

Beck Breaks With Clerks In LA Tie-Up

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being maneuvered into positions of contract violations." He warned that the clerks struck without following AFL procedure and unless the clerks returned to work by 8 a. m. (PST) today, the teamsters would sever relations with the clerks.

CAB LICENSES

Since the first of the year 44 drivers for the three local taxi-cab companies have been issued licenses by city police.

Police say that there are 48 cab drivers registered in town, and that only two have failed to come in and apply for a license.

KF Chamber Backs Lake Truck Move

The Klamath County chamber of commerce has gone on record as supporting the move of the Lake County chamber for a permanent continuation of the wartime allowance on length and height for trucks and trailers in the state of Oregon, according to Charles Stark, manager of the Klamath chamber.

Stark explained that before the war truck and trailer combinations were restricted to 50 feet in length and 11 feet in height. Under an emergency wartime act the length was increased to 60 feet and the height to 12 1/2 feet to bring Oregon in accordance with neighboring states. Previously, truck operators had been forced to transfer their goods to other trucks at the state line in order to continue a journey through Oregon.

Single trucks and semi-trailer combinations are not affected by the move, it was pointed out.

Stark said that the Lake County chamber was handling the major part of the promotion for continuation, but the Klamath chamber has informed the county's members of the legislature of its approval of the plan. Under the war-time regulation truck and trailer combinations which exceeded the state limits were allowed on the highways with permits, but it is thought that if the Lake county plan succeeds it will be written in to replace the old regulation.

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Jan. 4 — The campaign of the Lake County chamber of commerce to obtain standard length truck laws for Oregon reached a climax Thursday with the issuing of original letters to each member of the Oregon legislature, urging support for this relief.

Working in close cooperation with the chamber, Lake County Pomona grange also is issuing more than 400 original letters to every Pomona and subordinate grange in the state, asking that they get behind the measure and make their wants known to the legislators.

Merritt Rites In Bay Area

Final rites for Alfred Winfred Merritt, 44, long time employee of Peyton and company who died New Year's Day, will be held in the San Francisco bay region where Merritt's family resides it was announced today by Ward's.

Merritt was found dead in his cabin on Market street at 9 a. m. Wednesday and death was attributed to natural causes. He was a veteran of World War II and was discharged May 24, 1945, at Camp Parks, Calif., from the Seabees. He worked for Peyton as a tinsmith and burner serviceman both before and after the war. It is understood he has one son, Albert, now in the U. S. marine corps. Merritt was found by a neighbor, Charles Sample, also a Peyton employee.

MULEPOWER

ADA, Okla., Jan. 4 (AP)—The time-worn expression "strong as a mule" took on new meaning when it was heard here in terms of manpower. It took 10 men to pull a trash wagon mule back on his feet after a slip on the ice.

Frank Holmes Named Bank Head

Frank Holmes Jr., formerly of Klamath Falls at which time he was affiliated with the United States National bank of Portland, local branch, has been named manager of the Stadium branch in Portland it was announced this week. The new bank opened its doors January 2. Holmes is one of the vice presidents of the bank in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and son Jack made their home on Auburn street during their residence in Klamath Falls, going from here to Grants Pass and later to Portland.

Fort Klamath Pioneer Dies

With the death of Mrs. Mary Isabelle Loosley, 82, widow of the late John Frederick Loosley, Fort Klamath pioneer, at a Medford hospital at 9:30 p. m. Thursday, January 2, the Klamath country lost another of its beloved matrons and early day residents.

Mrs. Loosley left three weeks ago for Central Point to spend the holidays with her brother, James Culbertson. Details of her illness were not learned here. Ward's will announce final rites Saturday.

Mrs. Loosley was born Mary L. Culbertson on December 23, 1864, in Sheridan county, Mo., daughter of James E. and Elizabeth Culbertson. She was married to John Frederick Loosley on November 14, 1885. At that time, Mr. Loosley had taken up 160 acres of school land and homesteaded 160 acres adjoining Fort Klamath. For a number of years he operated his ranch and worked at Klamath Agency for the government, operating a sawmill and also building up a splendid herd of cattle. He organized a company in 1895, known as the Fort Klamath creamery and prior to that time, in the early '80's, he and his brother George owned a steamboat on Upper Klamath lake to carry freight from Klamath Falls to the mouth of Wood river.

About 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Loosley moved their family to their ranch on Seven Mile creek. For a period of three years the family lived in Pittville, Calif., but returned to the Seven Mile home and lived there until 1928, when they leased the property to M. L. Ferguson and moved to Wood River valley. Mr. Loosley died in Medford on March 19, 1940.

Mrs. Loosley leaves scores of friends among the early pioneers as well as those who have moved to the Fort Klamath country more recently. She is survived by five children, a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Hartley of Prineville, Ore., and four sons, Forester W. Susanville, Calif.; Raymond S. Fort Klamath; Claude of Red Bluff, Calif.; and Merle J. Loosley of Malin.

City Manager Starts 10th Year

LA GRANDE, Jan. 4 (AP)—Ed Ford began his tenth year as La Grande city manager today. The newly elected city commission appointed Ford at its first meeting, and selected J. L. Sinden as commission president. Francis Greulich and Homer Lefel, beginning their first terms, were sworn in as commissioners.

Electronics? The navy is full of it. Call the navy recruiter, phone 3431.

Lake County Farmers Name AAA Committeemen For '47

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Jan. 4 — W. P. Vernon, chairman, R. A. Long and Harry Crowl have been elected by Lake county farmers to serve as AAA committeemen for 1947, according to an announcement by County Agent Elgin Cornett. John Withers and Charles Cleland were named alternates. Vernon succeeds Withers, who resigned as active chairman after two years on the job.

This year community committeemen were elected by mail vote as an experiment. Fifty-two per cent of the eligible voters cast ballots, which is a much higher percentage than any previous year when elections were held by

community meetings, the county agent said.

The following committeemen were elected to serve as AAA advisors in their respective districts: Fort Rock-Silver lake district: Avon Derrick, Dan Schumacher, Jess Miles and alternate Maurice Ward; Summer lake-Paisley district: E. M. Carlson, Dean Harris, David T. O'Connor, and alternate Paul J. Brattain; east side district to Valley Falls: T. C. Hartzog, Robert L. Weir Jr., S. V. Carroll, and alternate Cleo Price; west side district: Everett Becraft, Erwin Abramson, Austin Haven, and alternate Hubert Christensen; Warner Valley district: Con Taylor, Charles Crump, Henry O'Keefe, and alternate Con Lynch.