

Highway Commission Says Passage Of Revenue Split Would Wreck Road Plans

SALEM, March 26 (AP)—State highway commissioners told the senate roads and highways committee last night that Oregon's highway program would be wrecked if the senate passes the house-approved bills to increase the cities' and counties' share of state highway revenues from 20.7 to 32.5 per cent.

Representatives of more than a score of Oregon cities and counties answered that they need the extra money badly to carry on their own road and street programs, that the state highway program would not be hurt because revenues will be increased, and that cities and counties are entitled to more money because a greater proportion of taxes are paid on gasoline which is used on county roads and city streets.

The bills would increase the cities' share from 5 to 12.5 per cent, and the counties' share from 15.7 to 20 per cent.

"There is not enough money to go around and do all the things that are necessary," T. H. Bonfield, Portland, chairman of the highway commission, declared. "The county courts and chambers of commerce have requested \$350,000,000 worth of highway projects, but there will be only \$50,000,000 available for all state projects in the next three years. Four or five large cities would get the bulk of these increased revenues, and the bills would perform a major operation on the commission. It eventually would end up with the counties and cities getting all the money."

Virgil Langtry, legislative representative for the League of Oregon Cities, denied the bills would cause Oregon to lose any federal aid road funds, and declared it is unfair that city streets have to be built and maintained by property tax money. He said it wouldn't affect the road program, asserting the highway commission still would have as much money as it did before the war.

A parade of mayors from many cities outlined their local problems of street maintenance.

A. W. Schaupp, Klamath Falls, member of the highway commission, said:

"It's a proposition of whether you want to do any more highway construction in the state. You won't get any highway construction in this state if you take a third of our money."

The commission explained its plan to give the counties and cities an extra \$500,000 a year for the next two years, and it appeared that the counties might be satisfied with that idea.

A. D. Collier, as representative of the Klamath County chamber of commerce said:

"These bills are a diversion from the ideal of the original gas tax, and they would eliminate new construction. The money would better be spent by the highway commission than by cities. If the cities have to have more money, then let's have an additional one-cent gas tax."

"Alice" Brings \$4800 At Sale

LONDON, March 26 (AP)—A tattered first edition of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" brought \$4800 at auction today.

The untidy little red book, which looked as if a child had taken it to bed often, was of special interest because the author had written on the flyleaf to one Tom Taylor that the beloved Alice almost was called something else. The note said:

"There is already a book called 'Lily's Golden Hours'. Here are the other names I had thought of:

"Alice Among the Elves (or Goblins), Alice's Hour (or Days, or Adventures), or in Elf-Land.

"Of all these I at present prefer Alice's Adventures in Wonderland—I want something sensational. Perhaps you could suggest a name better than any of these."

But the book remained "Alice in Wonderland" through subsequent editions. The original manuscript was sold in 1928 for just under \$150,000.

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Flashes Of Life

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NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—Anthony Cassula, 9, and his girl friend, Marian Kader, 7, were home again today after getting on what they said they thought was a subway train and ending up in Philadelphia.

Anthony recalled that as the Pennsylvania's Congressional Limited sped them across New Jersey, "I had kind of a hunch we weren't going right." The conductor arranged with police for their return.

COLORFUL CAR
MT. PULASKI, Ill., March 26 (AP)—Mt. Pulaski has a new fire engine—but it is not red like most fire trucks.

When the city's red fire truck burned the city council decided that the new fire engine would not be red because there were too many privately owned trucks painted that color.

So the city has a white engine to carry firemen to fires.

CHAUTEMPS SENTENCED
PARIS, March 26 (AP)—Former Premier Camille Chautemps, now a resident of the United States, today faced the prospect of a five year term in prison should he ever return to his native France.

Chautemps was convicted in absentia by a Versailles purge court last night on charges of committing acts harmful to his country's national dignity during an alleged "Vichy mission" to the United States following the fall of France in 1940. In addition to imposing a prison sentence the court sentenced Chautemps to loss of civil rights and ordered his property confiscated.

The verdict was reached despite the introduction in evidence of a statement by Sumner Welles in which the former U. S. under secretary of state declared Chautemps "violently opposed" collaboration with the Germans and sought at all times to bolster resistance to the nazis in his dealings with the American government and with Vichy.

CHILOQUIN AIRPORT ENLARGED
CHILOQUIN, March 26—Recent action of the city council has resulted in the enlargement of the local airport, it was announced this week. Two Le-Tourneaux, a road grader and numerous small pieces of equipment put in operation by the R. A. Heintz Construction company of Portland have lengthened the field to over 3700 feet and have leveled the entire airport.

Further improvement is expected when adjoining land owned by Roy Glenger will be cleared in the near future, allowing a longer takeoff. It is announced by the council that gasoline is on sale at the hangar and private pilots are invited to come and make use of the field.

FOE DISTRICT CONVENTION SUNDAY
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State Pushes Murder Trial

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26 (AP)—The state continued today to outline, through witnesses, its charge that Joseph Henry Maish, 16, fatally knifed 16-year-old La Dona Tosca last December when she rejected his sexual advances.

Seven witnesses took the stand yesterday as the state opened its first degree murder case against the youth, who pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Among them was the girl's father, Chris Tosca, cafe operator here, who began sobbing and had to be excused after testifying that the girl had arrived in Vancouver only two weeks before and was staying at the home of Pete Tamis, where young Maish saw her alone the fatal night.

Patrolman Glen Anguish said later that night the boy ran into the police station, sobbing, "Why did I do it? Oh, why did I do it?"

Sgt. Harold Edmunds of the city police then read into a testimony what he said was a confession the boy signed. It related that the youth, who scarcely knew the girl, gained entrance to the rear of the Tamis home, picked up a knife in the kitchen, then confronted the girl in the front room. She resisted his advances and was stabbed five times, the statement said.

WALLGREN VACATIONS AT PALM SPRINGS
PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Mar. 26 (AP)—Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington came up with some advice for citizens of his state today.

He said they should pick up the same spirit Californians have in advertising and boosting their state.

The 56-year-old governor and his wife, Mabel, arrived for an extended vacation, following close of a three-months legislative session.

He looked with pleasure on Palm Springs' sunshine, then remarked:

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auxiliary will be the ritualistic competition which will begin at 10 a. m. at the KC hall. Men of the lodge will meet at the FOE hall.

Taking part in the contest will be teams from Bend, Lakeview, Medford and Klamath Falls. Luncheon will be served, and members of the Klamath Falls auxiliary are asked to bring sandwiches.

WINTER CATTLE DUE IN BASIN SOON
Movement of cattle into the basin area from winter range in California is expected to get into full swing in early April, with only a few cattlemen moving their stock early. A number of California ranchers will send cattle here for pasture next month as well as animals being brought back by local stockmen.

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