

State Income Tax Runs High

SALEM, July 24 (AP)—Oregon's income tax collections during the year ended July 1 set an all-time record of \$30,894,233, the state tax commission reported today.

The collections were \$8,000,000 more than in 1946, the previous record, and for six times as great as in 1940, the last pre-war year.

Of the total collections for the past year, individuals paid \$19,972,380, while corporations paid \$10,921,853.

"It is now apparent," the commission said in a report to the state board of control, "that the state of Oregon has undergone the initial

transition phase from a war economy to one of peace without any drastic setback, and the current unprecedented increases in the income tax yields, without any changes in tax rates, are the results of private business expansion, higher individual income payments, and an increased population.

There were 319,803 individual taxable returns filed during the past year, also a new record. The total for the preceding year was 289,368. There were only 104,759 in 1940.

Taxable corporation returns in the past year totaled 4,407, compared with 3,970 in the preceding year. There were 5,264 in 1940.

Income tax receipts are used to reduce property taxes, and there now is \$14,585,333 in the property tax reduction account.

The commission appealed to the board for more working space, asserting its present quarters are inadequate to handle current returns and to audit past returns.

PO Building Undergoes Full Cleanup

For the past seven weeks the 18-year-old Klamath post office building has been turned upside down by painters, working on the first complete clean-up job since it was built in 1929.

Stairs have been covered with tarps; paint cans and ladders, and men in white overalls have crowded the corridors. File cabinets and desks have been moved from corner to corner of offices as the \$8683 job has progressed over the weeks.

Inside and out, the building is being renovated with the job expected to be completed according to contract toward the end of next week. The 32 offices on the two upper floors have all been repainted with walls, ceilings, woodwork, the lobby and the postal offices on the main floor, using 200 gallons of paint.

Offices and lobby are now a clean, light buff color with a contrasting taupe shade on the woodwork and metal. Stairwell and upper hallways are finished in an attractive cool shade of French gray.

Improvements were not confined to the inside of the building, but included in the contract were new sidewalks the length of the front and one side of the building and a complete re-surfacing job on the driveway.

Starting this week elevator service will be maintained to the second and third floors from 8:45 a. m. to 12:15 p. m. and from 12:45 p. m. to 5:15 p. m.

The redecorating contract was let to Grohne company, general contractors, Decatur, Ill., and foreman on the job is Lyle Litchfield, also of Illinois. Litchfield lives with his wife and two children, in a trailer at the Altamont trailer camp. They came here from a job on the Roseburg post office where his son, 12, finished the 8th grade. The next post office job will be in Spokane, Wash., and the boy will attend school in Kelso. The little girl is just two years old. Litchfield has been with Grohne company for eight years.

Litchfield started on the Klamath Falls job with a crew of six men which has dwindled to four for the finishing touches.

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Newsman End Fact Search

A trio of Oregonian representatives took last-minute notes on the Klamath country Wednesday before returning to Portland. The group, led by George P. Griffiths, manager of promotion and research for the Oregonian, has been in this vicinity gathering information for an article which will feature Klamath Falls and the surrounding area.

Slated to appear in the paper's Sunday magazine section in September, the article is one of a series which the paper is printing on Oregon cities.

The threesome arrived Monday morning and met at noon with civic and business leaders at a luncheon sponsored by the Klamath County chamber of commerce. The past two days have been spent visiting local industries, ranches and scenic points. Accompanying Griffiths are Helen Alexieff, continuity chief of radio station KGW, and Ted Bushman of the MacWilliams, Cole and Weber advertising agency.

More than 1,250,000 people live around the shores of the harbor at Sydney, Australia.



Governor General Hubertus Van Mook has called the Dutch troop operations against the Republic of Indonesia as "police action."

Coroner Drowns On North Beach

LONG BEACH, Wash., July 24 (AP)—Dr. Raymond Andrews, 34, Clark county coroner, and his 7-year-old niece, Susan Wilson, drowned yesterday in the ocean surf near here while the doctor's four-year-old son was being rescued by an uncle.

The rescuer, Ben Hobgood, also of Vancouver, said he swam out to the boy when he was carried out through the breakers while swim-

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Royal Pair Plan Public Wedding

LONDON, July 24 (AP)—The government let it be known today that Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten will be married in a big public ceremony after all.

Spiking speculation that the wedding would have to be a small, semi-private affair because of the nation's poverty, a high government source said it was now definitely known that the ceremony would be in Westminster Abbey and "certainly won't be on austerity lines."

The source added that the royal family and the government now were "more strongly than ever" in favor of October as the wedding time.

ming with his father. On his return, Hobgood said, the father and girl were missing.

Chandler Gets Wider Duties

Bud Chandler, manager of radio station KFLW since it went on the air 15 months ago, has taken over the job of supervisor of both KFLW and KRNR, Roseburg.

He succeeds Marshall Pengra of Roseburg, who has gone to Oak Ridge, Tenn., to open a radio station there. The resident manager of the Roseburg station will be Mrs. Ira Helliwell, who has been Pengra's assistant.

Chandler will continue to live in Klamath Falls.

Gralapp Due Home Thursday

Arnold L. Gralapp, superintendent of schools in the city system, is expected to return Thursday from a trip north in an effort to secure

teachers to complete the city school staff for this fall.

Gralapp planned to contact the state teacher placement service in

Portland as well as Corvallis, Eugene and Oregon College of Education in Menmouth.

Four positions in the elementary

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