

# In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Salem, the highway committee of the house of representatives approves an increase of one cent in the Oregon gasoline tax. The present tax is six cents per gallon. If the legislature approves the house highway committee's proposal and the governor signs it into law, the tax would be raised to seven cents per gallon.

It is estimated that the one-cent increase in the tax will bring in six million dollars a year. Of this amount, the state will get about \$4,200,000. The rest will go to the cities and the counties.

Why the increase? It's needed to match the approximately \$6 million dollars in federal highway funds now appropriated to Oregon.

How would you rather pay your share? Personally, I'd rather pay my share of it at the rate of a penny for every gallon of gasoline purchased and poured into my tank than to dig it all up at once in one big sum.

That's about the long and the short of it. At this point, let's take a look at these federal grants.

They aren't manna from heaven. They come out of money levied in the form of taxes by the federal government upon the people of the United States. The people of the states, the counties and the cities who ask for and receive these grants PAY THEIR SHARE OF THE FEDERAL TAXES THAT PRODUCE THE MONEY.

It's as if a child should say to his father: "Daddy, I want \$100 to buy me a pony. If you'll give me the money, I'll break open my piggy bank and give you \$50 so that you can give me the \$100." It's just that simple.

As a matter of fact, in Oregon's case, it's even simpler. According to figures compiled recently by Tax Foundation, Inc., a non-political, non-partisan private organization devoted to tax research, for every dollar Oregon GETS from the federal government it PAYS BACK to the federal government 96 cents in federal taxes.

That is to say: Out of this \$6 million dollars granted by Uncle Sam to his children in Oregon he will TAKE BACK from them in the form of federal taxes the sum of \$5,760,000. All they will get from their kind old uncle, when the books are balanced, will be the sum of \$2,240,000.

Well— If Oregon NEEDS THE ROADS, even that gift will be welcome. But if Oregon DIDN'T need the roads, it would be a gift horse that should be looked in the mouth.

As a final thought, let's add this: In the case of our neighbors in California, it is different. According to the Tax Foundation figures, for every dollar California gets from the federal government it pays back \$1.04 in federal taxes.

That changes the California picture. DEATH PENALTY TRENTON, N.J. (UPI) — The state assembly Monday defeated a bill to abolish the death penalty in New Jersey. The vote was 30-19. A similar measure was defeated in 1915.

## Unions Plan To Hold Giant Rally

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of delegates to the AFL-CIO unemployment conference here were stricken with food poisoning, some en route Tuesday night and others in the meeting hall today.

At least 30 were hurried to hospitals from the National Guard Armory where the meeting was held, and one man was reported in a serious condition. He was not identified.

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's labor unions stage a giant rally today to drive home their claim that the nation's jobless situation is still desperate.

George Meany, president of the sponsoring AFL-CIO, in a prepared keynote speech, charged President Eisenhower's administration with a do-nothing policy toward the nation's economy.

Meany urged the administration and Congress to embark on a broad public works and economic aid program, not as a spending plan but as what he called a sound investment toward the nation's future.

"It is a safe and sound investment," Meany said. "For the most part the funds invested by the government will be reimbursable. Whatever expenditures are entailed will be more than made up by a tremendous upsurge in tax revenues."

More than 5,000 delegates were expected at the National Guard Armory, biggest hall in the nation's capital. They represent both union officials and unemployed workers drawn from major employment areas in the East and Midwest.

Besides Meany the program called for addresses from Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, speaking for the Eisenhower administration; Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas, and Auto Union chief Walter Reuther, who promoted the rally.

However desperate may be the unemployment situation, some of its urgency was removed by new job data disclosed by the administration Tuesday. This showed a substantial job improvement in March, with employment rising a whopping 1,106,000 and unemployment declining by 387,000.

Both changes were twice as good as the seasonally expected improvements, lifting total employment to 83,828,000 and cutting unemployment to 4,362,000 for March.

Meany minimized the improvement, saying it represented only a little better than expected springtime change. He said even the lower unemployment total is the worst idle figure for the month of March since World War II except for in the 1958 recession year.

Three Perish In Car Crash An early morning tragedy took the lives of three youthful Chilquin and Sprague River youths today.

Killed in a spectacular automobile accident one and a half miles north of Sprague River were the car's driver, Norman Barney, 19, of Chilquin; Joseph Barkley, 18, of Sprague River, and Geraldine Dexter, 19, of Sprague River.

Oregon State Police officers said the car flipped end-over-end once and overturned sideways once in its 234-foot journey from the road into a field belonging to Hi Robbins in the Sprague River cutoff.

The bodies were brought to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home in Klamath Falls this morning. Funeral services are pending.

Three passengers were injured.

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## Reich Chief Predicts 'No Changes'

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer declared tonight West German policy "will not be changed one iota for years to come" with his withdrawal to the less active role of president.

The presidency, he told a national audience, "is far more powerful than people generally believe."

Adenauer's agreement Tuesday to drop the chancellorship to seek the presidency, heretofore a post largely of prestige and protocol, caused repercussions not only in German politics but also in world capitals.

East-West negotiations on Berlin and Germany are coming up this spring and summer.

Adenauer has been in the forefront of a hard policy of no bargaining without Soviet concessions, a policy that has run counter to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's advocacy of greater flexibility.

Adenauer, 83, said his decision was "designed to secure the continuity of our policies for years to come."

This was Adenauer's first personal explanation for his sudden and surprising decision to run for president next July and quit the chancellorship next September if — as appears certain — he is elected.

Adenauer's decision brought mixed reactions in Europe. The Communists, as expected, said he had been a failure.

West Germans and persons in Allied capitals looked for a new approach to old problems by the new chancellor—but no startling revision in Adenauer's policies.

Allied diplomats cautioned on expecting any major shift in overall Western policy to result.

## Morton Seen As Chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican critics abandoned today their fight against the selection of Sen. Thurston P. Morton (R-Ky.) as GOP national chairman.

A congressional Republican who was influential in launching it conceded privately that the stop-Morton drive itself had been stopped by the refusal of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield to let his name be considered.

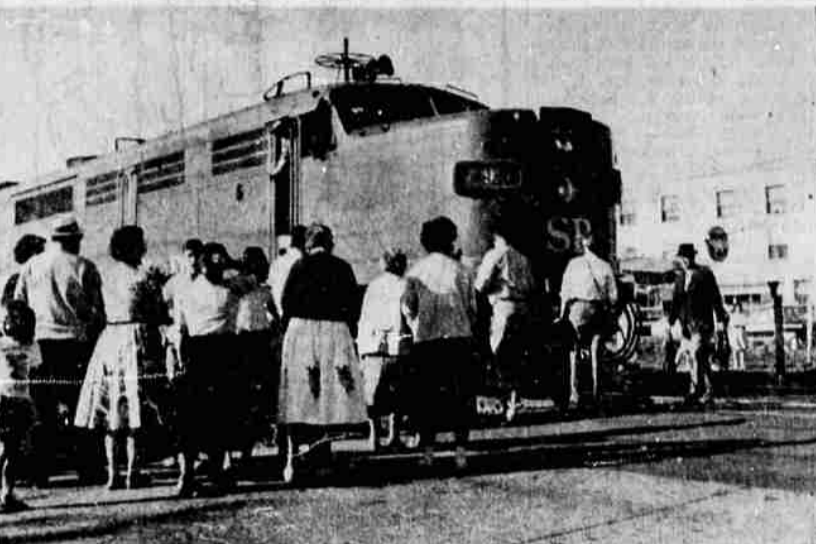
Summerfield said in a statement Tuesday it would be "impossible for me to consider this assignment in view of my pressing duties as postmaster general."

In the light of this development, Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.) told reporters after a meeting of the House campaign committee he heads: "I know of no candidate at all other than Mr. Morton."

Simpson and Sen. Barry Goldwater, chairman of the GOP Senatorial Campaign Committee, had contended that Morton could not give full time to the chairmanship because of his senatorial duties.

Previously, Simpson, Goldwater and others had hoped that State Chairman Ray Bliss of Ohio would take the post being vacated by the resignation of Meade Alcorn to return to private law practice.

President Eisenhower is reported to have approved Morton.



FOR THE FIRST TIME since the Southern Pacific Shasta Daylight started its run a number of years ago, the streamliner stopped in Mount Shasta, its namesake town, last weekend. The occasion was to pick up 30 members of the Southern Pacific Ski Club, who had spent the weekend skiing at the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl. The mayor, Pete Chinca, was there to greet the train, and the high school band played. Cub Scouts waved flags. Bunting and posters decorated the station. Special police directed traffic for about 20 minutes after the Daylight hummed southward to clear the crowd accumulated to witness the phenomena. — Photo by Peggy Walsh

## End Of Backstreet Affair To Be Told By Defendant

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The ending of a 15-year backstreet romance in a post-midnight shooting will be told today by Minnie B. (Connie) Nicholas.

An all-husband jury will hear the shapely defendant's version of how wealthy drug executive Forrest Teel died last July 31 in his white Cadillac.

Mrs. Nicholas, 44, was expected to support the defense contention that the handsome, sports-loving Teel was shot in a struggle over a gun as he beat her.

The prosecution claims it already has proved a case of first-degree murder—that Mrs. Nicholas killed Teel rather than lose him to a younger woman.

Everyone was left in suspense Tuesday as Judge Thomas J. Faulconer adjourned court immediately after the jury inspected a farewell letter Mrs. Nicholas wrote Teel but left unmailed nine days before the shooting.

The placid composure Mrs. Nicholas had presented during the trial vanished in tears as defense lawyer Charles W. Symmes read aloud the sorrowful two-page typewritten note.

"I know now that we can never go back and mean to one another the things that we have for the past 15 years," the letter said.

Mrs. Nicholas covered her face with a handkerchief as she sat on the witness stand and sobbed.

"I still love you," Symmes read on. "I am still not angry with you, just hurt and heartbroken. I am sorry that you failed me after all this time."

The jurors glanced uneasily at the weeping defendant. Two elderly women in the audience slowly shook their heads.

"Life without you would have no meaning. I still love you with all my heart. There is no half way point for me when I truly feel as I do about you," Symmes read.

Introduction of the letter over prosecution objections was aimed at proving Mrs. Nicholas meant to commit suicide and had no intention of killing Teel.

The defense offered a note left in the divorcee's apartment with a robe and slippers belonging to the executive vice president of the Eli Lilly & Co. drug firm. It directed that the clothing be sent to Teel at his home.

Mrs. Nicholas long control and sobbed several times during her first day on the stand, breaking down completely when Symmes showed her the .25 caliber pearl-handled pistol with which her lover was killed.

She wept as she told of her first day with Teel in 1943—two years she said, after he began asking her to go out with him.

After that they met at least twice a week, she said, "sometimes in my apartment, other times in hotels." She told of trips to Havana, Chicago and St. Louis with the married businessman.

## Oklahomans Vote Repeal Of 'Dry' Law

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahomans struck prohibition from their constitution Tuesday.

With all but 13 of the state's 3,234 precincts in, repeal carried 395,242 to 313,574.

The state still isn't off the wagon. Legal liquor is at least two months away.

A constitutional amendment substituting privately owned package stores for prohibition was approved by a margin of more than 80,000 votes in a record-breaking special election called at the urging of Gov. J. Howard Edmondson.

Edmondson called on state residents to use "good judgment and common sense in the days ahead."

The Legislature must validate the amendment and repeal anti-liquor laws before liquor can be sold legally. This probably will take 60 to 90 days.

Oklahoma then will emerge from 51 years of prohibition. Mississippi will be the only dry state left in the union.

Failure of a county option proposal Tuesday means the entire state will go wet, although liquor stores will be limited to towns of 200 and larger.

The county option question, submitted separately, lost 221,320 to 467,928.

Had county option passed, each county would have voted May 12 on whether to allow liquor stores.

Liquor can be sold only by the bottle when the new amendment goes into effect. The "open saloon" will be banned, although 3.2 beer still will be sold in taverns.

Though whisky still is illegal, there was celebrating Tuesday night. Nightspots were crowded and honking horns reverberated through Oklahoma City.

Repeal advocates marched down an Oklahoma City street, carrying a coffin bearing a sign "Old Man Prohibition."

The repeal victory came when Oklahoma was "drier" than at any time since statehood.

Edmondson ordered a statewide crackdown soon after taking office in January. State officers have driven hundreds of bootleggers out of business. Many nightclubs closed.

The whisky crackdown and intensive campaigns by both the wets and dries helped make this the biggest special election ever held in Oklahoma.

The vote total of more than 700,000 topped by far the previous high of 591,000 in the repeal election 10 years ago won by the dries.

## Collier Bill Given Okay

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A bill to establish a more than 10 billion dollar freeway and expressway system in California was approved Tuesday in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Sen. Randolph Collier (R-Yreka) drafted the bill which will connect all of California's major cities with a 12,305 mile net of high speed roads.

The system, Collier said, is geared to meet the state's needs through 1980 when California is expected to have a population of 31 million with a total of 17 million cars and trucks.

## Heroic Girl Saves Mother

A heroic little girl saved her mother, Mrs. Marjorie Zupan, 38, of 915 Donald Street from burning to death shortly after 1 a.m. today.

Liza, 7, awoke to find the home flooded with smoke. She ran into her mother's room, and found the woman in bed, overcome by smoke and flame from burning bedclothing.

The girl tried in vain to wake her mother and to get her out of bed. When her attempts failed she ran next door to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw.

They entered the home, removed Mrs. Zupan from the bed and called the Klamath Falls Fire Department and the Peace Ambulance Company.

## Thai Leader Warns Others Of Tibet Fate

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (UPI) — The fifth SEATO Council of Ministers meeting opened here today with a warning by Secretary General Nai Pote Sarasin of Thailand that the fate of Tibet could befall any small, undefended nation.

Sarasin, who did not mention Tibet by name, said the Far Eastern nation was a "clear exhibition of Communist imperialism, co-existence by force." He said the free world must be united in defense against the Communists.

New Zealand Governor General Viscount Cobham opened the morning session with a call for increased emphasis on economic aid for Southeast Asia to combat Communist expansion in the area.

"An organization devoted to military cooperation alone is too narrowly based to meet the varied challenge with which the free world is confronted at the present time," he said.

His words were echoed by New Zealand Prime Minister Walter Nash, who said hungry, ill-clad, ill-housed men "are not likely to have the strength or the enthusiasm to stand firmly in the defense of democracy."

C. Douglas Dillon, U.S. Under Secretary of State, and Australian Foreign Minister Robert G. Casey indicated a reluctance to introduce a new program of economic aid into SEATO's range of affairs.

"I am confident the United States and the other free world countries would devote even greater resources to this pressing task were it not necessary for us to devote so large a share of our resources to building defenses against communist aggression," Dillon said.

Casey said in a speech on the eve of the conference that Australia preferred to see SEATO place its emphasis on the military defense against communism while leaving economic aid programs to the Colombo Plan, which he said was a more appropriate vehicle for aid.

The eight nations attending the conference are Australia, the United States, Pakistan, Thailand, the Philippines, Britain, France and New Zealand.

## Group Seeks Tax Increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Committee for Economic Development, an influential business group, wants Congress to match any unbalancing of President Eisenhower's budget with a tax increase.

But the committee, in its annual report on the federal budget Tuesday, saw no need for boosting taxes. It suggested that Congress keep within the budget by cutting expenditures for farm, housing and veteran programs, while increasing appropriations for foreign aid.

Supported by private funds, the committee is an organization of corporation leaders and educators.

With its plea for a balanced budget, the CED coupled a warning that any tax increase probably would affect low and middle income taxpayers the most.

The committee said the government can get little extra revenue by raising the taxes on upper income people and corporations, for maximum income rates now reach 91 per cent and maximum corporation rates reach 52 per cent.

The report of the CED's 50-member research and policy committee was not unanimous. Former Sen. William Benton (D-Conn.), one of several dissenters, filed a long minority opinion. He said the report's presumption that the budget will be balanced this year "seems to me wholly unrealistic and unwarranted."

## Solons Okay Tobacco, Tax Hikes

By JAMES C. ANDERSON SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown's program was rolling in high gear today through the Legislature.

In the short space of 48 hours, the Democratic governor's program for "responsible liberalism" scored these important victories:

—The Assembly voted 45-34 in favor of Brown's bill to levy a new tax of three cents a package on cigarettes and 15 per cent on cigars and other tobacco products. It approved by the Senate, the tobacco tax would raise 68 million dollars a year.

—The lower house also approved 51-27 and sent to the Senate the governor's proposal to boost middle and upper state income taxes by 73 million dollars a year.

—Assembly Democrats successfully beat off efforts by rural legislators to exempt agriculture from Brown's minimum wage bill. However, some amendments were adopted to the measure which weakened its effect.

—The Senate prepared to vote final approval to a key administration proposal to create a Fair Employment Practices Commission designed to prevent discrimination by employers or unions in hiring workers because of their race, creed, color or national origin.

—The vote on the income and cigarette taxes in the Assembly was a courageous commitment to fiscal responsibility in California," the governor said.

Noting that six Republicans went along with 39 Democrats in the Assembly in voting for the tobacco tax and seven Republicans joined 44 Democrats in approving the income tax measure, Brown added:

Those who voted for the tax bills today have demonstrated that they recognize the needs of this state and are prepared to provide for them without regard to political consequences. I was pleased to see there were some Republicans who stood with the majority.

"California is on its way to its first balanced budget in many years."

Twenty six Republicans were joined by eight Democrats in voting against the cigarette tax.

## D-Line Ding-Dong Daddy Loves 'Em And Leaves 'Em

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The 72-year-old marrying "ding dong daddy of the D-car line" said from his jail cell today that he doesn't remember all of his 18 wives but he knows he loved 'em all.

Most of my marriages were on impulse," cherubic-looking Francis H. Van Wie said. "All I wanted was companionship, just like someone to be with, to go to the movies with someone and to the park."

The roly-poly former San Francisco streetcar conductor who served two brief terms in jail for bigamy was back in jail, this time for breaking terms of his 1953 parole which ordered him not to engage in any more matrimonial pursuits for seven years.

"One thing Van Wie wants everybody to know" — the 5-foot, 2-inch Van Wie said, "and that's that I never never married a woman for money."

"I can honestly say that," he said with a touch of pride. "No woman ever had to work for me. Some of them didn't have any money at all, and I took care of them."

Van Wie, who appeared in court Tuesday and was assigned a court-appointed lawyer when he pleaded he was broke and couldn't afford to pay a lawyer for his May 11 probation violating hearing, married wives No. 17 and 18 in the past two years.

"But I loved 'em all when I married them, everyone of them," he insisted. "But then I'd wake up and realize I'd done an awful thing. I didn't really love them after all, and soon I'd leave and marry someone else."

Van Wie is called "the ding dong daddy of the D-car line" because at one time, he was married to four wives, all of whom lived along his streetcar route. He used to clang the streetcar bell in a merry greeting each time he went by one of their houses.

which was opposed by organized labor. Only three Democrats plus 24 Republicans in the lower house voted against Brown on the income tax bill.

The two tax bills approved in the Assembly and sent to the Senate are part of Brown's eight-point tax program to generate 256 million dollars in new revenue. Administration leaders said the bills are needed to offset an expected deficit in the current fiscal year of 68 million dollars and a potential red ink figure of 200 million dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960.

The Assembly action in the lower house on proposed amendments to Brown's minimum wage bill virtually assured passage of the legislation later in the week.

On a roll call of 42-37 Tuesday, the Assembly for the second time rejected efforts by Lloyd Lowrey (D-Rumsey) to exempt agriculture from the bill. In its present form, the measure provides for a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour for industrial and trade workers and 90-cents an hour for farm laborers.

However, the lower house did adopt 58-19 amendments which prohibit the Industrial Welfare Commission from increasing the wage for male workers above the stated minimums.

And Assemblyman John C. Williamson (D-Bakersfield) succeeded 94-8 in attaching a rider which will permit farm employers to continue using piecework rates for labor as long as 90 per cent of those on an incentive pay scale get more than 90-cents an hour.

## World News In Brief

United Press International ADENAUER — Bonn — Adenauer begins a month's vacation today, leaving his capital confused on motives for leaving office and guessing as to his successor.

ROKE — Augusta, Ga. — Eisenhower plays another 18 holes of golf today in sunny weather.

TIBET — New Delhi — Anti-Communist rebellion grows in Tibet: Dalai Lama trekking toward Assam jungles to greater safety.

ARGENTINA — Buenos Aires — Argentina expels one Communist diplomat, brands four others unwelcome as prelude to expulsion.

REPEAL — Oklahoma City — Oklahoma prepares to take its first legal drinks and bootleggers start looking for a livelihood.

KURDS — Beirut — Soviet shipment of 855 armed Kurdish tribesmen to Iraq seen as forerunner of new troubles in Middle East.

NICHOLAS — Indianapolis — Connie tells all-male jury her version of how the man she gave 15 years of her life was killed.

JOBLESS — Washington — AFL-CIO president opens big unemployment rally with sharp attack on Eisenhower's economic policies.

## Catholic Cleric Accident Victim

ATHENS (AP) — Roman Catholic Archbishop Marius Macriotes of Athens died early today of injuries received in an automobile accident April 2.

## Mayor Romps To Easy Win

CHICAGO (AP) — Mayor Richard J. Daley romped to an easy predicted victory in Tuesday's municipal election, strengthening the stranglehold the Democrats have held on City Hall for 28 years.

It was no contest in the mayoral race. Daley smothered his Republican opponent, Timothy Sheehan, in his successful bid for reelection. He led his Democratic ticket in the sweep.

Daley, in winning a second four-year term, polled a near record majority for a mayoral election. He won by more than 465,000 votes, getting 71.36 per cent of the total ballot and outvoting Sheehan by about 2 1/2 to 1.

Daley, a veteran politician backed by one of the country's most powerful Democratic organizations, made the best showing in a mayoral election since 1935.

In that ballot, then Mayor Edward J. Kelly and his Democratic ticket got 75.8 per cent of the total vote.



AUDIENCE APPLAUSE gave 10-year-old Sandra Ruonich, Klamath Falls, fourth grade student at Conger School, the coveted trophy presented at the 1959 DAV-sponsored local talent show for outstanding performance April 3. The show of 40 acts was presented at Mills School Auditorium. Sandra also took second place cash prize with a piano number "Jazz Legato Medley." The presentation was made by Leda Wirth, adjutant of sponsoring Dewey Powell Post, DAV. Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ruonich and has taken piano for four and a half years under Mrs. Pearl Foster.