

Gas Tax License Fee Threatened In Illinois

Division of taxes and license fees paid by motorists is again threatened in Illinois, warns the Illinois Automobile Club. The state administration is asking the legislature to appropriate \$4,600,000 from registration fees for an eighteen month period to pay the salaries of 650 additional state highway policemen while the City of Chicago is demanding that the legislature authorize the use of \$3,000,000 from its share of the gasoline tax to pay for more policemen and firemen in the city. Both requests are based on the plea of wartime emergency. Originally both registration fees and the gasoline tax were limited in use to construction, reconstruction and maintenance of highways. There has been some diversion to other purposes in the past such as unemployment relief and approximately \$800,000 toward the salaries of Chicago's traffic policemen. However, the U. S. Government has ruled that further diversion in any state will result in curtailing or stopping all Federal Aid to that state. Gov. Green has publicly stated that "the unfortunate diversion of the highway funds, which have been contributed by motorists, to other miscellaneous and unwarranted uses, should cease. This practice has resulted in inefficient and wasteful government, and any attempt by a public agency in the State of Illinois to use motorists' funds for any other purpose than highway improvement will meet my determined opposition."

Miss Jean Nichols entertained at a luncheon at her home Wednesday noon.

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Tire Conservation Will Help Win War

How motorists can contribute to America's victory effort through tire conservation was explained today by the Illinois Automobile Club. Surveys reveal that if each driver in the United States reduced the wear of his tires 25 per cent, it would save enough rubber to build the heavy duty tires for more than 500,000 army command cars, the latter having a combined transport capacity of several million soldiers.

The Club suggests the following for rubber conservation:

Check tire pressure frequently, carrying the amount recommended by the manufacturer. Avoid excessive speed, the greatest enemy of tire life. Check wheel alignment frequently. Avoid sudden "pack-rabbit" starts and skidding stops. Check brakes frequently. Don't strike curbs in turning or parking. Turn corners slowly and have cuts and injuries repaired promptly. Last, and perhaps most important, always drive carefully.

"Every one realizes that modern armies roll on rubber, but few realize that the striking power of our planes, guns and the navy's ships also depends on rubber," says Carl A. Barrett, President of the Club. "It is, therefore, the patriotic duty of us all to take the utmost care of our tires in order to make available more rubber for the guns, ships, tanks, planes and trucks necessary for victory."

Freeport Buys 17 Ambulances With Stamps

Launching a drive to sell in one week enough Defense Savings stamps to cover the cost of six ambulances, citizens of Freeport, Ill., instead raised enough to equal the cost of 17 ambulances, a clearcut demonstration of the importance of organization and concentrated effort, according to Norman B. Collins, Illinois state administrator of the Defense Savings Staff.

Carl F. Ogden, county chairman of Stephenson County, directed the campaign, which had a goal of \$10,000 for the first weeks effort. Previously, weekly sales of defense stamps in Freeport had averaged \$600.

The goal was more than doubled, total sales being \$26,205.10. These were stamps alone, no bonds being counted in the total Mr. Collins reported.

A Freeport company makes ambulances for army and navy use and the drive was aimed at a goal translated into these important items, to assist in stimulating the campaign. The population of Freeport is under 23,000, which means sales averaged more than \$1.00 per person.

But Freeport is not considering the job as completed, according to a report to Gilbert M. Clayton, state chairman of the retailers' division. A letter to him from R. W. Hyatt, chairman, and K. W. Kraft, co-chairman of the Freeport retailers, declares that this division and other groups are continuing their campaign as a year-around project.

Mr. Chamen R. Albert, spent the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Albert, 239 Ashland Avenue.

Mrs. O. Fabbri entertained Mr. and Mrs. B. Weatherby of Ann Arbor, Mich and Mrs. F. Grim of Fort Sill, Okla, over the holidays.

Mrs. J. Bjork and Mrs. E. Swan entertained the Zion Lutheran Aid Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lolli and daughter spent the holidays in West Frankfort with relatives.

Y.W.C.A. Notes

NURSERY SCHOOL

The Y.W.C.A. Play School for children between the ages of 3 to 5 reopened Monday morning following a 10 day vacation over the holidays.

The children, under the direction of Mrs. Jane Floriani, meet from 9:00 to 11:45 every week day morning for all kinds of educational and play activities, including drawing, clay modeling, singing, rhythms, story telling and group activities. Additional information in regard to this school may be had by calling H. P. 675.

FRESHMEN GIRLS CLUB

Members of the Freshmen Girls Club met at 4 p.m. in the living room of the Y.W.C.A., 374 Laurel Avenue, on Monday, January 5th to complete arrangements for their Mid-Year Hop which is to be given in the Assembly Hall of the Y.W.C.A. on Saturday evening, January 10th.

Miss Eleanor Mailfold, President, is heading the committees, which consist of Music - Lila Richman, Mary Fink, and Betty Tjaden; Refreshments - Paulette Jansby, Mary Lou Henning, and Irene Gerkin. Decorations - Wilma Gerkin, Mary Lou Tjaden, and Virginia Connolly.

Parents of the members will be invited to chaperone the dance, which will last from 8 to 11 p.m.

RED CROSS GROUP

Tentative plans are being made to hold a First Aid Class on Thursday evenings at the Y.W.C.A., 374 Laurel Avenue, starting January 15th. Mrs. Walter Heymann has volunteered to teach the class. Registrations should be made immediately by calling H. P. 675. There is no charge outside of the usual fee for the First Aid Manual for this class.

EMANON CLUB

Members of the Emanon Club met Tuesday evening, January 6, at the Y.W.C.A. to plan their program for the coming spring months. Discussion will revolve around Public Affairs Programs, in addition to the usual social activities sponsored by this group.

Mrs. Joseph Richards, the former Marian Hayward, President of the Club will be presented with a wedding gift.

VESPER SERVICES

The first Y.W.C.A. Vesper Service in 1942 will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday March 11, in the Assembly Hall of the Y.W.C.A., 374 Laurel Avenue. Crawford Williams, graduate of Princeton Theological Institute and Assistant Pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, will be in charge of this Service. The Emanon Business Girls Club will serve as hostesses at the tea which will immediately follow the Vesper Program.

CANCER LECTURE

The Pi Delta Club is sponsoring a program presented by the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer to be given Wednesday, January 14, at 8:00 p.m. at the Y.W.C.A. It is their desire to help in the education of the public to the fact that "Early Cancer is Curable."

Dr. Charles B. Puestow of Highland Park will deliver the evening's lecture on cancer. Dr. Puestow who is considered one of the outstanding surgeons in this part of the country, is Associate Professor in Surgery in the College of Medicine, University of Illinois. In addition to his talk there will be a talkie film entitled "Choose To Live."

This lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Free literature will be distributed to all those who attend the program.

Southern Arizona A Factor In National Defense Fitness

For those who have never seen the desert country that is Southern Arizona, there awaits a pleasant surprise at the vast expanses of desert growth, at once strange and fascinating, thriving with the profusion and symmetry of an old-fashioned garden. Nature has indeed been lavish in her gifts to Arizona, with its desert, mountains, subterranean caverns and pine forests. Thus, says the Rock Island Lines, in its new guide to that winter vacation region, "Where one may go to attain fitness in our program of national defense."

The Arizona way of life is simple and captivating, for, along with the excellent efforts of city managements to introduce every modern mode and convenience, the flavor of the old frontier country has not been lost.

Tucson and Phoenix are served every other day by the streamlined, all-Pullman Arizona-Limited from Chicago, over Rock Island Southern Pacific's low-latitude Golden State Route.

FOR DEFENSE BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS. Illustration of a soldier standing with a rifle.

State Nursing Council On Defense Maps Program

Streamlining of nursing to insure safe and adequate care of the sick in hospitals and homes while meeting the demand for graduate nurses to serve with the military forces is the task undertaken by the State Nursing Council on Defense, just organized by the Illinois State Nurses' Association.

The program mapped out by the Council embraces:

Stepping up recruitment of students for mid-year classes to be admitted in February by most of the 99 accredited schools of nursing in the state;

Enlistment of inactive graduate nurses for service in hospitals, home and other civilian nursing work to replace nurses called to military duty;

Wider development of hourly nursing services for homes to provide essential care for sick persons who do not require full-time professional nursing;

Utilization of Red Cross Volunteer Nurse's Aides and other lay volunteers to perform many non-nursing duties now required of graduate nurses in hospitals, clinics and dispensaries.

Although it requires approximately three years to complete the nursing course offered in accredited schools, students can be taught, within a few months, to perform under supervision, many nursing tasks in the hospital, thereby releasing more graduate nurses for military service or other defense nursing. Young women applying for admission to a school of nursing must have at least a high school education and certain other qualifications which vary in different schools. A list of accredited schools in Illinois and other information may be obtained by writing to the Illinois State Nurses' Association, 8 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

A survey completed last summer indicates that there are approximately 20,000 former registered nurses in Illinois who have allowed their registration to lapse. It is believed that a large number of these will respond to the present call to active work, and to facilitate this the State Department of Registration and Education has announced that in the discretion of the nurse examining committee and with the approval of the department, former registered nurses will be granted special licenses for the period of the emergency without having to take the usual state examination.

Judge Persons to Address Study Club

On Wednesday, January 14th, at 1:30, Mr. Perry L. Persons, County Judge, will address the study class in "Juvenile Delinquency" on the subject of "The Juvenile Court in Lake County." This will be the second meeting of the five-week course conducted under the Department of Government and Social Welfare of the Highland Park League of Women Voters, with Mrs. Douglas Boyd, Chairman of the department and in charge of the class. Her meetings are held every Wednesday between 1:30 and 2:30 at the Public Library, 2nd floor.

If there are people who may not be interested in the entire five meetings they will be welcomed at any single meeting. It would be especially courteous of all Leaguers and others if they would make an effort to come to hear Judge Persons, who is taking time from his official duties to address this group.

66,000 Named As January Quota For Unemployment

The authorized January employment quota for the Illinois Work Projects Administration has been placed at 66,000, according to an announcement today by Chas. P. Casey, Administrator. Approximately 1/4 of the 66,000, Casey said, are now employed on projects related to the war effort; this proportion is expected to increase as additional requests are received from the Army and Navy Departments.

Casey also announced the appointment of Fleming M. Sherlaw as the new State Director of the Division of Training and Reemployment, Sherlaw, prior to entering upon these duties, was District Employment Officer in the Chicago WPA office and assumes his new responsibilities well equipped.

The Division of Training and Reemployment is an important branch of the WPA. Through this Division, men on the WPA rolls are trained to take their places in industries filling war orders. Special training is given in welding, machine shop trades, forge and foundry methods, airplane construction and related subjects. The WPA pays the salaries of the workers during the period of training. Training is done both in vocational training schools and in manufacturing plants producing war materials.

In-plant-training has been successfully tried out in more than 30 Chicago plants; 94% of the trainees were placed on the plant payrolls on completion of their courses. This plan has met with similar success in down-state industries.

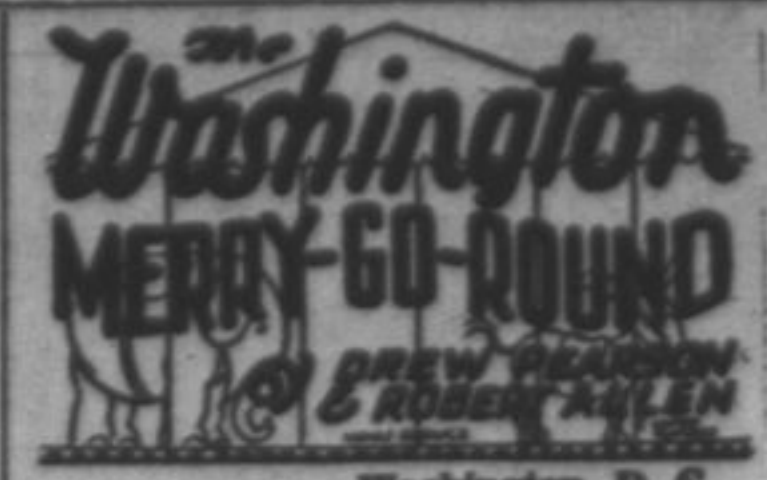
Naval Aviation Rules Changed

Two significant changes in the rules for enlistment in Naval Reserve aviation were announced this week in Chicago by the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board. Both changes are designed to help cadet selection boards meet the Navy's demand for 2,500 pilot-training recruits per month. The most important change provides that college sophomores, juniors, and seniors may enlist now for pilot training, but may be deferred from active duty until completion of their current college year. The second ruling provides that applicants for pilot training may now receive transportation at the Navy's expense from any recruiting station to the nearest cadet selection board.

Substations which will provide transportation to the Chicago board are located in Aurora, Rockford, and Rock Island, Ill.; Indianapolis, Lafayette, South Bend, and Kokomo, Ind.; Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Oshkosh, Wis.; Escanaba and Marquette, Mich.; and Cedar Rapids, Davenport, and Dubuque, Ia. Applicants will be given preliminary examinations at these stations. Other cadet selection boards—also served by numerous recruiting substations—are located in Minneapolis, Kansas City (Mo.), St. Louis, and Detroit.

Under the rule affecting college students, sophomores in accredited colleges may now be enlisted by cadet selection board provided they have "every reasonable expectation" of completing the 2-year college requirement for naval aviation. If after enlistment they fail to meet the prescribed educational requirement, they will be transferred to another class in the Naval Reserve.

Candidates for pilot training are chosen from applicants between the ages of 20 and 27 who are unmarried and in good health. They must complete two years of college work before beginning the 10-month pilot training program. Upon completion of training, aviation cadets are commissioned as ensigns in the Naval Reserve.



WILLKIE AND F.D.R. Seldom in political history has a President of the United States received such wholesome support on major foreign policy from a defeated candidate as Franklin Roosevelt has received from Wendell Willkie. Few people know how active Willkie has been behind the scenes.

For instance, Willkie has even done some missionary work on Joe Martin, chairman of the Republican National committee and opposition leader of the house. Willkie remains on very friendly terms with his old campaign manager, even though they differed on foreign policy.

Shortly after the congressional vote to repeal the Neutrality act, in which the Republicans nearly defeated Roosevelt, Willkie phoned Joe Martin.

"Joe," he said, "those Republicans who voted against repeal of neutrality are going to have a tough time being re-elected. They're going to find the country is behind Roosevelt on this."

The Republican national chairman replied that he would not only re-elect all the Republicans who voted against Roosevelt, but he would also elect a lot of new Republicans to fill the seats of the Democrats who had voted with Roosevelt.

"Listen," said Willkie, "if you voted 80 per cent of those who re-elected against the President you'll be the greatest political genius of all time." "And," said Willkie, in telling the story to a friend afterward, "a few days later there was Joe himself voting with Roosevelt for a declaration of war."

SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAM

The action of the house naval affairs committee in slashing the proposed expansion of our two-ocean navy was due chiefly to shortages of materials and construction equipment.

However, Rear Admiral Samuel Robinson, chief of the bureau of ships, ran into a blunt barrage of questions about the worth of the battleship under modern combat conditions. Committee members sharply suggested that in view of the battleship's record in this war, the navy might be wise to build no more.

Robinson contended that this would be impractical, since the United States needed battleships "if our enemies continue to use them for combat purposes." "What is your honest private opinion of the battleship?" he was asked. "Do you think this type of ship is worth all the money it costs and the time and labor required to build them?"

"I'm sorry, gentlemen, but it's not my function to answer that question," sidestepped Robinson with a smile. "I'm not a policy man. My job is to build ships after it is decided they are needed. However, I have my own ideas about the battleship."

This drew laughter, and the admiral was pressed no further.

Robinson also was quizzed closely about the high cost of certain vessels which the navy proposed in the expansion program, chiefly an aircraft carrier at an estimated \$85,000,000.

"Higher labor and material costs are the biggest factors," Robinson explained. "For instance, we have a new type of armor plate for our ships which is far stronger than that used by any other nation. It costs \$60 a ton, three-times as much as the armor plate we formerly used."

"How about the labor supply?" "We have plenty of labor to carry out our shipbuilding program," Robinson said. "Also plenty of facilities. Getting materials and machine tools is our big problem right now. However, the shortage doesn't amount to a bottleneck. In fact, production is running a little ahead of schedule and will be greatly expedited by next spring."

CAPITAL CHAFF

The outbreak of the war obscured the incident, but the house ate crow in a big way on its action last summer barring David Lasser, former head of the Workers Alliance, from government employment. After a careful investigation, the appropriations committee completely exonerated Lasser of any Communist affiliations. Representatives John Taber, N. Y., J. W. Ditter, Pa., and Everett Dirksen, Ill., who made the original accusation ducked the committee session when Lasser was cleared.

Puerto Ricans wryly recall that U. S. navy's radio towers at Cayey, 25 miles from San Juan, were dismantled three years ago and sold as scrap iron to the Japanese.

Office of Civilian Defense is preparing a handbook on "What You Can Do For Civilian Defense." Author of the handbook is Eleanor Pierson, wife of Export-Import Bank President Warren Lee Pierson.

Australia's able Minister Richard G. Casey drives about Washington in a British car with a transparent top and right-hand drive.

Apparently not having enough to do with the war, representatives of the Pure Food and Drug administration now ask drug firms the question: "How much business did you do last year?"