

Cigarette Tax Revenue Down, Cigar Revenue Up

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
There has been a lot of talk lately about lowering federal excise taxes, especially the nuisance ones on telephone calls, admission tickets and the like. But the federal government still is collecting a sizeable bundle in excise taxes, although revenue from cigarette taxes has fallen substantially.

For the fiscal year ended last June 30 the government received, all told, \$13,950,232,000 in excise taxes, which was \$550,000,000 more than in the previous year.

Cigarette taxes dropped \$43 million. On the other hand, taxes collected on cigars rose \$6,100,000.

From the size of the collection, and the continued high level of federal spending, it appears that any reductions in excise tax rates will continue to be just talk for a long while to come.

INDUSTRIAL NUMEROL-OGY — Unlike dogs, old machines can be taught new tricks. And new machines can be taught to perform with an exactitude that meets the extremely high tolerance demanded of today's aerospace industries.

New Term Forecast For Dills

The re-election of Assemblyman Clayton A. Dills, (D-67th District) has been predicted by observers in the district. Dills was first elected in 1942.

The Gardena Assemblyman's campaign has attracted a wide variety of support. Organizations urging Dills' re-election include Grocers, Hardware, Merchants Automotive and Garage Owners, and professional associations.

Dills is chairman of the Assembly Committee on Interstate Cooperation and is presently the only member of the Assembly working on the Colorado River Boundary Commission.

His re-election was recommended in the Press-Herald editions for Oct. 18.

In the nomenclature of industry, this new approach to manufacturing perfection is called "numerical control." These numerical control systems operate much like a player piano, responding to a mechanical pattern or shape punched out in a roll of tape. In this mechanical pattern each hole, instead of being a musical note, is an increment of distance, a sequential count, or a time interval.

Created by a parts programmer from an engineer's or designer's specifications, the pattern of holes is studied and verified and, in response, the machines under numerical control do exactly what they are told, no more, no less.

Today the aircraft, metalworking and automotive industries are the biggest cus-

tomers of numerical control and in the opinion of I. C. Maust, general manager of the Industrial Control Division of Bendix Corp., one of the leading developers and manufacturers of NC, the expanded use of numerical control in industry will help America maintain its world leadership in technology.

OVERFED HOGS—In this age of research it's hardly news that a great deal of industrial effort is aimed at finding ways to broaden markets. But it is news when a company conducts research to show its customers they should use less, not more, of the company's product.

The company is Cargill, Inc. The product is one of its Nutrena feeds for animals. Swine nutrition experts know that if a farmer over-

feeds his female hogs during the 4½ months of pregnancy and nursing, profits can be cut, despite the added animal weight. So Dr. Francis Wingert, swine specialist at the Cargill-Nutrena research farm at Elk River, Minn., ran a test in which he divided 54 hogs into two equal groups. He carefully doled out relatively small amounts of feed to one group and let the other eat as it wished. Records on each sow and each ounce of feed showed that each piglet from the freely fed group cost the farmer \$1.17 more than the average of those whose mothers were on limited feeding.

SCIENCE NEWS—Successful experiments in keeping alive a single strand of algae—the green covering found on stagnant pools—may someday provide for space travelers both food and oxygen to breathe. A California experiment has kept the algae alive for more than three years and more recently white mice were kept for two weeks in a sealed chamber where they breathed only oxygen produced by the algae and ate only algae food with no ill effects. . . . The iceman, long in limbo, soon may be joined by the meter-reader who checks household electric and gas meters. Experiments in Michigan have proved that electronic meter reading by telephone does the job quickly, automatically and without interference with the telephone service.

THINGS TO COME — For home photographers a rapid color processor is now available which turns out a color print in eight minutes or less. The motorized processor makes prints up to 11 by 14 inches and its small size makes storage easy. . . . Slips

Advanced First Aid Course Set

Red Cross Advanced First Aid will be offered in a 16-hour course beginning tonight at Regional Red Cross headquarters, 390 W. 7th St., San Pedro. Hours will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Mrs. Marion Hager, the course is open to persons 16 and over who hold a current Standard card and is without charge. Enrollment may be made through the Red Cross office, TE 2-8321.

Law Prohibits Apartments in Business Zones

A new ordinance adopted by Lomita councilmen prohibits the construction of residential buildings in commercial land use zones.

The ordinance, recommended to the council by the Planning Commission, is patterned after a recent Los Angeles County ordinance.

The ordinance is aimed primarily at eliminating the building of apartments in C-2 zones.

Request Placed To Facilitate Use of Grounds

A master plan for the use of property now occupied by old military barracks at Harbor General Hospital has been requested by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The supervisor believes the barracks should be replaced by a regional library, fire station, or other county building to utilize the undeveloped land.

Billy A. Barr, son of Mrs. W. Barr of 126 West 226th Pl., was graduated Oct. 2 from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

He learned basic military law, customs and etiquette, seamanship, and a basic knowledge of shipboard routine.

and spills on newly waxed floors may be a thing of the visible surfacing. . . . For past some day. Now on the hunters, fishermen and campers there is a new portable, sprinkling on freshly waxed taken-down aluminum buggy

capable of carrying up to 200 pounds of gear, or pack a deer. Comes apart for carrying in a knapsack.

BITS O' BUSINESS — In 1963 a record of \$6.3 billion was invested abroad by U. S. individuals and firms, bringing total overseas investment to \$66 billion, according to the Department of Commerce. . . . An AEC spokesman thinks nuclear power may supply as much as half of the nation's energy needs in the next 100 years. . . . Shipments of finished steel in first eight months of 1964 rose \$4.2 percent to 55,310,135 tons. Second highest 8-month total on record.

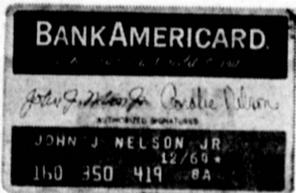


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Edward Murawski Rites Held Saturday in Lancaster

Requiem mass for Edward Murawski of Lancaster was celebrated Saturday at the Sacred Heart Church in Lancaster. Mr. Murawski, a former Torrance resident, died last Wednesday in a Lancaster hospital.

Rosary was said Friday evening at the Murphy Mortuary Chapel in Lancaster. Mr. Murawski, who was 47,

served as cubmaster for Pack 953 while a resident of Torrance. He also was active in Boy Scout Troop 753. Mr. Murawski was a life member of the Perry School PTA.

Surviving are his widow, Kay, a two-year president of the Perry PTA; two sons, Edward and John, and a daughter, Marianne, all of the home.

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