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County and Cities Received Net Of \$6,847,076 In State Gas Tax Funds

Los Angeles county and cities in the county received a net of \$6,847,076 in gas tax and motor vehicle fees from the state of California during the fiscal 1945, California Taxpayers' association said today, making public its study of state payments to local governments for highway purposes.

The county's apportionment from the gas tax amounted to \$5,155,245, of which \$1,600,637 was withheld by the state for a payment on the unemployment relief loan owed by the county to the state. Net to the county from the gas tax was \$3,554,608. The county in addition received \$1,681,435 from registration and weight fees. Cities in the county received \$1,610,633 from the state for street purposes and the state is required to spend a like sum for state highway purposes in cities.

Motor vehicle and fuel tax monies apportioned by the state to the counties and cities in California for fiscal 1945 totalled \$21,958,866, with \$2,430,828 withheld for repayment of the unemployment relief loan indebtedness of twenty-six counties, or a net of \$19,528,038. Gas tax monies for the counties totalled \$14,292,869, from which the \$2,430,828 relief loan payment was withheld, making a net to the counties from fuel taxes of \$11,862,041. Registration and weight fees apportioned to the counties totalled \$4,092,780. Cities received \$3,573,217 in direct apportionment from the state and the state is required to spend a like sum for state highway purposes within cities.

"At the end of 1940 there were 2,955,952 motor vehicles registered as fee paid in California. At June 30, 1945, there were 2,967,533 fee paid motor vehicles registered in the state. Reports are that the state department of motor vehicles is making plans for the registration of large numbers of additional vehicles in California during 1946. Increases in gas tax revenues from the greater use of motor vehicles showed up immediately with the lifting of gas rationing restrictions. Additional cars in California will mean increased highway revenues to local governments, both from the gas tax and from motor vehicle taxes."

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State Leaders To Make Survey Of Problems

A call for Southern California business, agricultural and industrial leaders to participate in a statewide survey of manpower, transportation, taxation and other problems at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel, Nov. 29 and 30, was voiced today by E. C. Hummel, regional vice-president of the California State Chamber of Commerce. The occasion will be the first annual meeting of the State Chamber to be held since 1942.

"For the first postwar session to be held, our Southern Council will have the privilege of acting as hosts for the other five councils of the California State Chamber of Commerce which will assemble at the Biltmore in a statewide reconversion conference Nov. 29 and 30," Hummel stated. "Members from the Northern California Councils, including areas to the Oregon line and from the Sierras to the Coast, will come to Los Angeles for the conference. They represent all major agricultural and industrial pursuits, and will consider with us the many economic problems with which we are faced at the present time."

Meeting concurrently with the various committees of the state group will be the State Chamber's Board of Directors, of which Asa V. Call, president of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Los Angeles, is first vice-president. Other Southern California members of the board are: Frank P. Doherty, William May Garland, Preston Hotchkiss, W. C. Mullendore, Stuart O'Melveny, Alden G. Roach, James E. Shelton, M. B. Silberberg, P. G. Winnett and E. C. Hummel, all of Los Angeles; Robert E. Gross, Burbank; Hal G. Hotchkiss, San Diego; A. J. McFadden, Santa Ana; and C. C. Teague, Santa Paula.

AVERAGE 8 YEARS
The present average age of passenger cars is more than eight years, as compared with an average age of four and one-half years in 1940.

Corporal Ortlieb Wins DFC For ATC Assignment

Corporal Walter J. Ortlieb, aerial engineer, of 26420 Governor ave., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross it has been announced by Brig. Gen. Charles W. Lawrence, commanding general of the India China Division, Air Transport Command.

The India China Division has provided far-reaching portents for the future of air transport on a world-wide scale. July 1945, saw 71,000 tons cross the Hump, while at the moment of Jap surrender the rate was nearly two tons a minute.

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of all U. S. Forces in China, has said, "Through enemy fire and through all sorts of weather, over oceans, mountains, desert and jungle, those planes came, never failing. Upon their cargoes battles have been fought and victories won. Upon their cargoes China survived when there was no other contact with the world. Your fliers made the Hump the most famous mountain range in the universe."

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