

The Arizona State Tax Commission threatens to go to court to obtain control of the Bisbee Bees of the Arizona-Texas (D) League.

Frank Frazier, head of the Arizona sales tax division recommends the seizure of the ball club by the state commission because the Bees owe \$236.00 in unpaid taxes, covering state assessments against admission over the past three years ... Fraser believes that the clubs only assets are the team's "goodwill" and ball players.

Bisbee officials contend the club is not subject to the sales tax but is exempt under the law.

Bisbee Club Pays Taxes

THE BISBEE Baseball Club of the Arizona-Texas League yesterday paid \$236.84 in delinquent sales taxes to keep the club from going on the auction block to satisfy the claim.

State Seizure of Bisbee Club Suggested in Tax Controversy

BISBEE, Ariz.—The possibility that the state tax commission may wind up with an entry in the Arizona-Texas League is the latest worry of officials and directors of the Bisbee club.

As a climax to a row of several years standing over sales tax collections, Director Frank E. Fraser of the sales tax division has recommended seizure of the Bisbee club by the state commission. Fraser claims the local club owes \$236.

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Fraser believes otherwise and that the tax should be paid as other ball clubs are doing and contends that the Bees are not exempt ... on Monday, July 17, he issues a warrant for the seizure of "sufficient property of the Bisbee Bees" to satisfy the state tax claim of \$236.00.

On July 20, the warrant is dropped and the case settled when the Bees give in and elect to pay the \$236.00 ... a check for the amount owed is delivered by Cunningham to I. V. Pruitt, Cochise County sheriff, for transfer to the state commission.

"The whole situation seems to be rather ridiculous, and the Bisbee Baseball Club cannot help but think that it is being singled out in this matter." says Cunningham. "However, we do believe for the best interest of baseball, we are compelled to pay this account. Therefore, we are enclosing here with our check the amount of \$236.84."

Despite the distractions, the Bees go on to win the second-half championship of the Arizona-Texas League, finishing with a league-best 72-57 mark overall ... Bisbee will lose the league's best-of-seven championship series to the Albuquerque Cardinals 4-games-to-2.