

## Book Is No Exaggeration Senator Geddes' Wife Says

By ESTHER GEDDES  
I once thought the book "Papa Goes to Congress" was highly exaggerated—but not since last Friday. On that day the Geddes family, complete with five daughters, (two of whom are still in cribs) and the inevitable puppy, arrived in Salem, bag and baggage to stay for the forty-seventh session of the Oregon legislature.

I am rather surprised that there were no reports of disturbances on the seismographs around the country—so great seemed the upheaval. Being the secretary to my husband, a senator, is not going to be particularly different from being his secretary in the House of Representatives, but I am still expecting one of the Senate doorkeepers to tell me to go back where I belong. There is a rather definite cleavage between the two Houses at the opposite sides of the state house, and the wives and secretaries are often quite aware of it.

The opening day of the legislature was accomplished with the usual well-rehearsed routine of organization in the morning and the formally and even pompantly of the joint session in the afternoon—at which time our new governor, Paul Patterson, presented his message. The balconies were filled and the "Who's Who" in Oregon politics could have been compiled on the spot. The British People have no monopoly on enjoyment of ceremony for even rugged Americans find a certain thrill in watching the impressive show of government and the reminder of the honor and responsibility of serving the state in office.

There was keen interest in the governor's message; for many people it was the first chance to see the new leader in action and to attempt to evaluate his capabilities on the basis of his words and manners addressing the crowd. His address was as fine and capable as I knew it would be and he presented in his usual clear and kindly manner many concerns for the future of the state and proposals which departed far from the hackneyed remarks which could have been his refuge on such an occasion.

My thoughts went back to a copy of a limited edition of the Hillsboro Argos published several months ago with a souvenir cover proclaiming the temporary governorship of Hillsboro's illustrious citizen, Paul Patterson, who was serving during the absence of Governor McKay from the state. I am sure that at the time that was published, few people, including Paul Patterson himself had any

premonition that within a few months that mantle of authority would in its own right fall upon his shoulders and he would be occupying the gubernatorial chair and facing the honors and responsibilities of at least two years as governor of the state of Oregon.

### Three Architects Vio For District's Work

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fourth-graders at Benson. This is Anderson's third year of teaching. New wrinkles in the Senior High curriculum were told to the board by Marvin Smith, assistant superintendent.

The first is aimed at diminishing local, state and nation-wide criticism leveled recently at schools for graduating students unprepared in basic arithmetic fundamentals. Smith said a test in arithmetic—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division—will be given to all 11th graders. If they fail, they will be required to take a course in basic arithmetic during their senior year.

Science Requirements  
The other change will be in science requirements. Previously, all Senior High students have been required to take biology. This will be changed so they may take either general science or biology. A science test will be given eighth graders in March and the upper 25 percent of the students will be allowed to take biology (previously a sophomore course) their freshman year.

Smith also reported on a plan for screening new text books, which, he anticipates, will keep out undesirable books and, at the same time, help to indoctrinate the staff to the books.

The State Textbook Commission issues a list of three possible texts for each subject. The districts then choose one from the three.

Under Smith's plan, the local teachers will decide on this one. Committees comprised of teachers will examine the books and select one in the elementary schools and Junior High. In the Senior High each department will act as its own committee.

Smith also brought before the board copies of new teacher application forms he has prepared for use in District 4.

Supt. M. C. Deller announced to the board that he has authorized another secretary for the Senior High.



G. O. P. BIG THREE—Senate Republicans unanimously elected Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio (left) as majority leader of the new Senate. Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire (center) was nominated to be president pro tempore of the Senate. Senator William F. Knowland of California (right) was unanimously elected chairman of the Senate Republican policy committee, succeeding Taft.



STATIONED IN SEOUL—James R. Madison A/3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madison of Kellogg, is now stationed in Seoul, Korea. He is in the air force communications depot.

### IN WAR GAMES

John K. Marr, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Mary E. Jones of Oakland, is participating in the largest training exercise held by the Pacific Fleet since World War II aboard the destroyer USS Hollister. A 26-ship task force is participating in the two-week operation Ships left from West Coast ports Jan. 5.

### BACK FROM KOREA

Glenn L. Driskell, fireman, USN, of Days Creek, was scheduled to arrive in San Diego Friday aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard after a nine-month combat tour.

### DEFENDANT WINS

A Circuit Court jury Monday afternoon returned a verdict in favor of defendant Emerson P. Black in an auto accident suit filed by K. R. Linder and the General Insurance Co. Plaintiffs had asked \$1,137.56 general and \$103.30 special damages.

### GEDDES NAMED

State Senator Paul E. Geddes of Roseburg has been appointed chairman of the Senate law committee, it was announced in Salem by Senate President Eugene E. Marsh.

## Referendum Vote On Soil District Has Been Ordered

A referendum has been ordered among Western Douglas County farmers on the question of forming a soil conservation district by the Oregon State Soil Conservation Committee.

The committee has decided that a conservation district there would be practical and feasible after reviewing reports on public hearings held recently at Reedsport and Elkton.

Polls for the referendum, expected sometime in February, will be located at Reedsport and Elkton, Walter Pylitz, chairman of the organization committee, reports.

To pass, the district proposal must be favored by two-thirds of landowners voting in the referendum. (Eligible landowners must own more than 10 acres.)

County Agent J. Roland Parker, who has been giving farmers information on soil conservation districts, says the move started in November with the formation of the organization committee. Members of this committee, besides Pylitz, are Bert L. Roberts, R. M. Huffling and C. M. Dawson, Smith River; E. G. Dun, Reedsport; Eugene H. Fisher, Kellogg and C. G. Henderer, Elkton.

If the referendum passes, farmers in the western part of the county will get technical and engineering assistance in working out soil and water problems from various federal agencies. Actual conservation work will be carried out voluntarily by farmers.

So far 37 such districts have been approved in Oregon. Money for the districts come from both state and federal sources.

### GIRLS HELD

Two teen-age girls from Cushman, Ore., were lodged in the county jail over the weekend on charges of larceny of personal property, the sheriff's office reports. They were arrested at Reedsport. One is 15, the other 17.

### CHARGE DISMISSED

A charge of assault with a dangerous weapon against Edgar Robinson has been dismissed in district court by request of the district attorney's office.

### STIFF PENALTY

District Judge A. J. Geddes fined Alvin Dale Miller, 28, of Medford \$500 and gave him a 30-day jail term after he had pleaded guilty to drunk driving Monday.

## Roseburg Building Permits During '52 Exceed 1951 Total

The City of Roseburg issued 547 building permits during 1952 and the valuation involved totaled \$1,258,506, City Inspector C. H. Bonolis reported today.

The amount was an increase over 1951's valuation of permits of \$1,001,747.

Bonolis reported that the four largest building projects started within the city in 1952 included the Eagles Club Building, \$52,000; the Community Hospital Addition, \$30,000; Presbyterian Church Sunday School Annex, \$50,000, and Christian Church Sunday School Annex \$48,000.

Total permits and their valuations issued in 1952 included the following:

Plumbing	109	\$87,000
Electrical	164	69,102
New dwellings	53	486,240
New commercial	15	114,583
Repair dwelling	98	93,503
Repair commercial	40	93,828
New garages	20	13,035
Miscellaneous	48	409,115
Total	547	\$1,258,506

## LOCAL NEWS

Visit At Tye — Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aydelott and son, David, spent the weekend in Tye at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wilder.

## Man Blasts Self With Dynamite

WESTON, W. Va. — "Look what's going to happen here," said Donzel Raymond McCray as he displayed five or six sticks of dynamite strapped to his waist.

As five persons, including his divorced wife, looked on in horror yesterday, he touched two small batteries to wires extending from the dynamite.

He was blown to bits and his wife and her lawyer, Charles N. Bland, were critically injured. The other three witnesses—Magistrate W. S. Futis, Lion Mapel Brannon, and 78-year-old J. N. Osborn—escaped serious injury.

State Trooper Robert Elliott said the explosion came just as the magistrate had concluded a property settlement in his office.

McCray, 47, and his wife were divorced last September. They had six children.

## Increased Driver Training Sought

Oregon schools are working on a move for more driving training among students in the next few years, Paul Warren, supervisor of driver training for the State Department of Education, told 41 members of the Douglas County Schoolmasters Association Monday night at Drain High School.

Warren said surveys show that students who have had driver training have a lower accident rate than those who haven't.

In a speech on school safety, transportation and driver education, Warren also stated that though bus transportation has been good in the past more stringent rules will be required to keep it that way.

Right now educators are attempting to plan a curriculum in safety education for students throughout the state, Warren revealed.

Kenneth Stuart, Riddle, president of the organization, announced that the next meeting will be Feb. 9 at Glide.

## Remington Perjury Trial Schedules Start Today

NEW YORK — The second perjury trial of William W. Remington, charged with falsely denying he gave government secrets to a Soviet spy courier, was scheduled to start today after months of delay.

The Federal Court trial was expected to get under way without further defense or prosecution motions, which have led to postponement several times since last April.

Remington's new trial is based on an indictment containing five counts of perjury allegedly committed while he was on the witness stand at his previous seven-week trial here just two years ago.

Remington, 35, is a former \$100,000-a-year Department of Commerce economist.

## Robert F. Pramann In Fleet Maneuvers

Participating in the largest training exercise held by the Pacific Fleet since World War II, aboard the light cruiser USS Manchester, Ensign Robert F. Pramann, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Pramann of Route 2, Roseburg, Ore.

The vessel is a unit of the 26-ship task force, composed of cruisers, destroyers, destroyer escorts, submarines and service support force and air targets; repelling simulated enemy submarine and air attacks; exercising at replenishing and refueling underway; and executing intricate battle maneuvers.

Rear Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood, USN, is in command of the exercise.

## Republicans May Keep Point Four Program

WASHINGTON — Republicans may continue President Truman's Point Four program of technical economic assistance abroad, with some changes in operations methods and under a new name.

But Truman's budget proposal to spend two billion dollars in foreign economic aid in the year beginning next July 1 is likely to be subjected to close scrutiny and sharp pruning.

Four influential GOP senators said today in separate interviews they favor retention of the principle of Point Four, under which this nation furnishes technical advice and assistance to underdeveloped areas and lays the groundwork for U.S. private investments. It now operates in 36 countries.

President Truman Urges McCarran Act Revision

WASHINGTON — President Truman asked Congress Tuesday for "earnest and prompt consideration" of a presidential commission report urging a complete revision of the new McCarran immigration law.

Truman formally submitted the report, which had been made public Jan. 1. It called for revision "from beginning to end," abolishment of the existing quota system and admission of 100,000 additional immigrants each year.

Japan Warns Russians Not To Violate Borders

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disappeared in the Kokkaido area after meeting another plane which flew in from the direction of the Kuriles.

The U.S., in a stern protest, charged Russia with wanton destruction of an unarmed American bomber and demanded compensation. It warned the Soviets of possible grave consequences from such acts.

## Russians Accuse Nine Doctors Of Killing Leaders

MOSCOW — The Soviet press and radio announced today the arrest of nine doctors — most of them Jews — on charges of killing two top Russian leaders and plotting the deaths of others on instructions from British and American intelligence services and Zionist organizations.

The announcements aid the doctors admitted killing Andrei A. Zhdanov, one of the leading members of the powerful Politburo until his death in 1946, and Alexander S. Serebriakov, head of the chief political administration of the Soviet Army, who died in 1945.

The announcement by Tass, the Soviet news agency, said others marked for death included War Minister Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky; Marshal Ivan S. Konev, commander in chief of Soviet ground forces, and his chief of staff, Gen. S. M. Shtemenko; Marshal Leonid A. Govorov, who commanded Red armies in Finland during World War II, and Adm. G. I. Levchenko, deputy Navy minister.

The nine doctors were identified as Professors M. S. Vovsi, V. N. Vinogradov, M. B. Kogan, B. B. Kogan, P. I. Yegorov, A. E. Feldman, Y. A. Etinger, A. M. Drinshstein and G. I. Mayorov.

SUFFERS BACK INJURIES  
Mrs. Frank Welch of Glide was confined in Community Hospital Monday with back injuries suffered in an auto accident on the North Umpqua Road about three weeks ago. She had been in a cast and is now in traction, hospital attendants said.

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