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The Hoover commission on the re-organization of the executive branch of the government has been very much in the news during the past few months. Although only a fraction of the commission's reports and recommendations has been made public to date, the commission's work will continue to be mentioned prominently in the news, not only during the present session of congress, but possibly for the next two or three years.

This special commission was created by an act of congress in 1947, and was assigned the duty of studying the executive branch and make recommendations to promote efficiency, eliminate duplication, consolidate services, abolish unnecessary functions and to define and limit executive functions. Three hundred experts have been busy in carrying out this study. It is probably the first time in our history that the executive branch and its administrative functions have been so thoroughly investigated and laid open to the general public. There have been times when congress had the feeling of having been swallowed up by this creature of its own creation. The Hoover commission reports are revealing why congress had this feeling from time to time.

In the preface to its report, the Hoover commission points out that the government is the most gigantic business on earth. Within 20 years, the civil employees have increased from 570,000 to more than 2,100,000. Bureaus, agencies, and services have increased four-fold to more than 1800 in number. Annual expenditures have increased from \$3,600,000 to more than \$42,000,000,000. The national debt for the average family has increased from about \$500 to about \$7500. It seems probable that proper re-organization and co-ordination of the executive branch of the government might save as much as \$3,000,000,000 per year.

Although we have realized for years that the federal government was entirely too expensive, and that there was much duplication of service, some of the findings of the commission and of committees of the house and senate make very interesting reading.

Some of the examples of duplication are:

Thirty-seven agencies carry on activities in public health.

Twenty-two in housing.

Twenty-seven in labor relations.

Sixty-four in business relations.

Twenty-four in rehabilitation.

Twenty-four in map making.

Twenty-one in transportation.

Sixteen in education.

Sixty-five in gathering statistics.

Thirty-four in acquisition of land.

Twenty-eight in welfare.

Sixteen in wildlife preservation.

Although the world's largest printing plant is owned by the government here in Washington, and the bulk of the government publications are printed there, it is interesting to note the overlapping or printing facilities and functions. In Washington alone, there are 61 separate government printing and duplicating plants. There are 23 in San Francisco, 25 in Philadelphia, 16 in Chicago,

6 in Kansas City, 16 in New York, etc. The army and air force have 140 printing and duplicating plants, and the navy has 87, the commerce department 26, the interior department 15.

To find out how involved the red tape has become in some government agencies, a routine letter was addressed to one department. A tracer was placed on this letter, and it was discovered that it landed at 21 different desks in three different buildings and travelled through each building twice before the reply left the department.

The lack of co-operation between government agencies is well illustrated by an instance reported wherein the army, after tearing down a multi-million camp in Alaska, shipped the lumber to Seattle, Wash. The interior department then purchased the lumber, and shipped it back to a point in Alaska within ten miles of the place where the army camp had been.

Government expenditures for new materials, supplies and all equipment amount to more than six billion dollars per year, the largest part of which is for the armed services. The Hoover commission found that government purchase procedures and programs are inefficient and wasteful. The military and civilian inventories on hand were found to be worth about \$27,000,000,000. The value of government personal property being used could not be calculated. One item, however, was more than one million motor vehicles, probably worth nearly two billion dollars. It costs about one billion dollars per year merely for the purpose of transporting such property.

The facts uncovered by the Hoover commission and senate and house have set bureaus and agencies to justify their existence—each agency seems to feel that it is fine to re-organize the executive branch as long as it is done in the other agency.

Library Board Will Buy "New Books"

The library board reports that the Antique Tea, held Tuesday of last week, at Chetco Grange, and sponsored by the Community club of Harbor, was a great success, both in the number and quality of antiques displayed, and also financially.

Net proceeds were \$100, to be used to buy new books.

The short program was much enjoyed. The Azalea Garden Club singers under direction of Mrs. Nell MacKenzie and accompanied by Mrs. Norinne Harvey, sang three numbers, followed by Miss Marilyn Struebing and Miss Margaret Byrne, each rendering piano selections.

Tea was served by George and Martha Washington, portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Sandbo.

The board wishes to thank everyone in the community for the support, especially the following organizations:

Harbor Community club for serving the tea.

Azalea Garden Club for decorations and the various chairmen who had charge of the display tables. These were Mrs. Moore for Grange; Mrs. Campbell for the Baptist Community church; Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Rausch for the P.-T. A.; Mrs. Olsen for the Community Club; Mrs. Bolinger for the V. F. W. Auxiliary; Mrs. Whirry for the Rebekahs; Mrs. Rice for the Garden Club; and Mrs. Hendry for Eastern Star.

Editor, Pilot: The Girls Scouts wish to thank you for teaching us book-binding. Many of us have our books done.—Lois LaClair, secretary.

\$1431.08 RAISED IN COUNTY FOR DIMES CAMPAIGN

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Dances	273.79
Coin collectors	337.96
Cards	614.11
Total	\$1531.08

The county and community chairmen wish to thank all for their splendid support for the 1949 March of Dimes campaign.

The \$5 and \$10 contributions as well as the effort of a Gold Beach youngster who collected and sold bottles and then donated the proceeds to the campaign, have all added up to make the 1949 campaign successful. These organizations have made special contributions, or donated the use of their halls, or otherwise actively lent support:

- Harbor Community club.
- Port Orford Legion Auxiliary.
- Ophir Womens Club.
- Harbor Grange
- Sixes Grange
- Brookings Girl Scouts.
- Brookings V. F. W. and Auxiliary.
- Gold Beach V. F. W. and Legion and their auxiliaries.
- Gold Beach Eastern Star.
- Gold Beach Rebekahs
- Gold Beach Womens Club.
- Curry County Reporter.
- Brookings-Harbor Pilot.

Ben Kerns Buys In Electrical Business

Ben Kerns, for over a year owner of The Town Shop, has purchased the interests of W. E. Wolfe in Brookings Electric and Adio Co., and took possession on March 1.

While no disposition has been made of The Town Shop, Mr. Kerns has made no statement, but it is assumed that he will try to manage both, with Mrs. C. W. Dam in charge of the Town Shop.

Electrical appliance business is not new to Ben Kerns who, in 1946 and part of 1944, was an appliance salesman in San Francisco. He will take charge of that phase with the electrical company.

New Books

If you like to read aloud to the family (or to yourself for that matter) be sure to investigate one of the new books in your library, "Cheaper by the Dozen" by Frank and Ernestine Gilbreth.

There is never a dull moment with Dad Gilbreth and his twelve red-headed offspring and your family will laugh time and time again at the uproarious book.

There are two new especially selected new books for the high school readers. "The Secret of the Buried Tomb" by Clayton Knight is an exciting mystery-adventure story. Although the setting is in Okinawa, and the navy it is not a war novel.

A sailor befriends a 12-year-old native boy, and in his efforts to help recover a family heirloom, becomes "innocently" involved in a complicated and a dangerous plot.

The other book is Margaret Irwin's brilliant new novel, "Elizabeth, Captive Princess" which is a sequel to the popular "Young Bess," also in your library. It is a continuation of Queen Elizabeth's life from her 19th year until shortly after her half-sister, Queen Mary's marriage to Phillip of Spain. This was a dangerous and dramatic period of English history and you will find Elizabeth a fascinating, unpredictable and dominate young lady

who becomes a real person under Margaret Irwin's able pen. Through the generous support and participation of the community in the antique tea and the library benefit dance, the Chetco Community library will be adding many new volumes to the shelves for its readers of all different ages.

Gushchu Indian Rites Were Held

SMITH RIVER—Funeral services were held Friday afternoon from Gushchu Indian church for Mrs. Jennie Scott, a pioneer aged Del Norte Indian woman, who died at Seaside hospital, Feb. 23. Rev. E. C. Hicks officiated.

Jennie Scott was born in Del Norte county and spent her entire life around Fort Dick area. The last few years she made her home on the reservation.

She was one of the oldest women in this area. Surviving are: cousins, Clara Hostler, Laura Billy and Lena Lopez. Interment was in the family plot on the reservation cemetery, with Roeder Funeral home in charge.

Farrell Sunderland, who recently returned from the veterans hospital at Roseburg, is now enrolled at Klamath Falls at Ore-

gon Institute. Farrell is robust and seems to have fully recovered from war ravages.

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