



PAYLESS DAYS

"I wanna go home, but—"
These five words are a pandex of the feelings of every legislator here at the capitol. They feel they have done their best. So do those who have had a continuous close-up observation of the legislative business of the growing state.

There is a big job yet to do and the determination of these weary but courageous lawmakers can be sensed all over the place.

Bills keep pouring in. Among those introduced this week were bills to—provide 75 full-time state police officers to enforce game laws, to be paid one-third from general fund and two-third from game fund; pay or expenses of circuit court judges when they go outside their counties to attend meetings of the circuit court judges association; set up a 9-man legislative interim committee to investigate treatment of convicts at the state penitentiary; require employees not electing to come under the state industrial accident law to post a \$50,000 bond with the insurance commissioner to cover possible accidents; set up a milk marketing division under the department of agriculture to regulate the milk industry and provide for a milk marketing supervisor; and to set up an interim committee to study feasibility of developing a state botanical garden.

FUNDS ALLOCATED

The legislative joint ways and means committee has approved general fund requests for the 1949-1951 biennium in the amount of \$32,531,053.17.

General fund budget requests recommended by the state budget division and the governor aggregate \$66,805,051.21. Non-budgeted requests before the committee total approximately \$8,290,000. Bills passed by both houses of the legislature, involving non-budgeted items, exceed \$250,000.

WALSH ACTING GOVERNOR

Sen. Pres. Wm. E. Walsh, of

Coos Bay, took over the post of chief executive of Oregon last Thursday for the second time since his election as senate pilot Jan. 10. Senator Dean Walker, Polk county, president of the senate in 1941, presided over the senate in Walsh's absence.

Governor McKay left the state Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Columbia basin interagency committee at Pocatello, Idaho. He returned Friday and signed into law ten minor and two highly controversial bills. The first sanctioning construction of the proposed Rogue river dam, the first step in a \$90,000,000 federal reclamation, power and flood control project, and the other a fair employment practice act to be enforced by the state labor commissioner, the law will forbid unions and employers to discriminate against any person because of race or religion.

CLEMENCY DENIED

Mystifying is the movement that has brought an unprecedented number of letters—hundreds from all past of the United States—to Gov. McKay requesting clemency for William Nagel, a Portland minister who was sentenced to prison in Klamath Falls for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The governor's office says, "The case is closed as far as the governor is concerned. He will take no action whatever."

PEN POPULATION RECORD

The population of the Oregon penitentiary registered an all-time high of 1354 this week. With accommodations for only 1100, there are 129 in the penitentiary annex, 95 in the garage, 41 ill in the hospital and another 41 in the hospital because there is not room elsewhere.

Warden Geo. Alexander says the new block designed to accommodate 400, should be completed in three months. At the present rate of increase it is expected the population will exceed 1500, and the present crowded conditions will recur.

FEWER REAL ESTATE

The number of persons taking state real estate salesmen's and broker's examinations has decreased during the past four months. Real Estate Commissioner Claude H. Murphy said 66 brokers and 112 salesmen who were examined in five tests the past week are normal for recent

months. Next test will be May 28 at Salem.

SPRING IN-CROPPING

Vivacious Vivian McMurtrey, president of the Oregon Young Republicans, visited the legislature week, campaigning for Sigrid Unander, candidate for chairman of the republican state committee. Unander who is a veteran of World War 2, is reported to have enough pledges to insure his election.

Plane Drops Leaflets To Advertise Theatre Party

Adding to the advertising plan for the Theatre Party, staged by Chetco Rod & Gun Club, 5000 leaflets were dropped over the area from a plane, Friday.

While the aim could have been better in some instances, people of the area, once they grasped the idea, made arrangements for tickets, which, by Saturday evening were almost sold out.

Weather Report

For the past week, ending on Sunday:

	Max.	Min.	Rain
March 28	56	35
March 29	54	38	.30
March 30	52	36	.02
March 31	63	36
April 1	53	43	T
April 2	58	38
April 3	68	42
Rain for week			.32
Total rain for March			11.55
Below normal			1.55

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