

## McKay Defends State Old Age Assistance Bill in Statement

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Following is the text of Governor Douglas McKay's statement on signing the 1949 legislative bill on Old Age Assistance which he signed Monday.

"As a candidate for Governor I made two commitments to the citizens of Oregon receiving old age assistance. First, I promised to do my best to place all liquor receipts, from which assistance payments have been made in the past, in the general fund, and to have assistance appropriations made from that fund. This has been accomplished. I also stated on numerous occasions that I believed our senior citizens should receive a minimum of \$50.00 per month and in my message to the recent session of the legislature asked that this sum be provided. I believe that this has been done by House Bill 436. I have given this bill most careful and thorough study, and it is my firm conviction that under its provisions recipients of old age assistance will be greatly benefited. There has been a great deal of misunderstanding as to its provisions, and I urge that interested parties consider these facts:

**No 'Lien' Provision**  
"There is no 'lien' provision in the law. No one will be asked under its provisions to sign away any property. The attorney general has advised me that the act does not provide for a lien against any recipient. Provisions are made that if both recipient husband and wife die and leave an estate other than an occupied home, a claim may be filed against such estate, which may be considered a preferred claim under the law. A home or place of residence, or part thereof, owned or possessed and occupied by an otherwise qualified applicant or recipient will in no case be subject to any such claim during the lifetime of the recipient.

"The act also vests the Public Welfare Commission with discretion to dispose of any such claim in any manner deemed equitable, or to waive payment in any case in which such commission finds that the enforcement thereof, in whole or in part, would be inequitable, and would tend to defeat the purpose of the public assistance law. The latter provision, properly administered, will prevent unjust burdens.

**Defines "Needy"**  
"The act recognizes as needy any person of qualifying age who does not have income and resources sufficient to provide food, clothing, shelter and other necessary essential needs to afford a reasonable sustenance to maintain life compatible with decency and health and states 'the minimum amount of such income and resources so deemed and considered as sufficient is herein fixed at fifty dollars (\$50) per month.' The 'resources' of an applicant or recipient, which can be considered in determining the amount of monthly grant in each case, does not include personal effects, clothing, furniture or household equipment, nor any other personal property that the state public welfare commission may determine necessary to the beneficiary's general welfare, considering age, health, living conditions and such other matters as may be deemed pertinent and as may be in compliance with federal rules and regulations applicable to 'resources.' In other words, in any proper case, an applicant or recipient under this law may be allowed to possess and keep any personal property that is allowed under the federal law without loss or reduction of assistance grant. It further provides that ownership or possession of a home or place of residence of the beneficiary or his family shall not render such beneficiary ineligible to receive assistance. It requires that the state public welfare commission shall take into consideration the funds available for public assistance and estimate and allocate to the different categories of public assistance the available funds for essential needs to maintain a standard of living during such period compatible with decency and health. In addition, each eligible person under the act is entitled to receive medical, dental, surgical, hospital, nursing, or other care to restore and maintain health, pursuant to accepted standards of medical practice and compatible with decency and reasonable comfort. It follows, of course, that this is within the limitation of available funds provided by the federal government, the state and the counties.

**State May Pay Burial**  
"In addition thereto, in case a beneficiary dies and funeral expenses have not been paid for in advance, and the deceased leaves no real property or money sufficient to provide a decent and respectable burial, the state public welfare commission is authorized and directed to provide such burial out of funds available for carrying out the purposes of the act.

"I appreciate that the act does not incorporate all of the provisions of the so-called 'Old-Age Pension Act' adopted by the people at the last November election, but it does contain many of them and strives to that goal. It is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the United States government which is necessary to meet government standards and obtain federal funds.

**Lead to Litigation**  
"To disapprove the act would lead to confusion and almost certain litigation, which would jeopardize our federal grant in the absence of further legislation to comply with the Social Security act, could result in reduced payments to recipients, and might necessitate the calling of a special session of the legislature, with great expense to the taxpayers and with no assurance that any more favorable act would be passed by it.

"I am not unmindful of the fact that if I were to consider only political expediency and disregard my public duty, as I see it, my oath, and my conscience, I would disapprove rather than approve the act. But I am convinced that the welfare of the state and of the aged citizens who are in need will be advanced if this bill becomes a law, and that I would be derelict in meeting my obligations if I disapproved it. Therefore, after a conscientious consideration of all the circumstances in the public welfare commission program, I have approved it."

Some of those "pearls" which look so smart on women's necks are made of glass beads covered with lacquered scales of small fish such as herring.

## Rhythm Training for Pupils Demonstrated



MONMOUTH—Elementary school students of Monmouth are being given special rhythmic training to give them confidence to move freely and well. The photo shows a group of sixth grade pupils learning a rhythmic dance based on the Paul Bunyan legend during a recent elementary school conference at the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. (OCE news bureau photo.)

## Rhythm Class Introduced in Grade School

MONMOUTH—What can be accomplished through a modern program of rhythm in the elementary school was shown in a demonstration covering kindergarten to junior high school at the recent conference on elementary education at Oregon College of Education.

Under the direction of Mrs. Faye Knox, instructor in rhythms and dance, students of each group performed typical rhythmic activities of their school level.

Beginning with kindergarten kids, exploring familiar themes and experiences in a new way, free to learn and express themselves through rhythmic activity, Mrs. Knox's pupils showed gradual integration of rhythms into all life and learning experiences. In second grade, increased skill in movement was illustrated, with movement expressing ideas and concepts.

Third and fourth grades performed a rhythmic activity based on study of Paul Bunyan legend. Here the children were demonstrating manipulation of movement skills.

Fifth grade has been studying about Mexico, and so chose for their rhythm exercise a dance "La Cucaracha". Individual and group initiative were apparent, even though the group was learning a set pattern of movement. The dance was staged in Mexican costume.

Final activity in the demonstration was a typical square dance, called by Mrs. Knox, with fifth and sixth graders dancing.

## Drowned Boy's Body Found By Searchers

HALSEY, May 9—(Special)—The body of 12-year-old William Henry Harding was recovered from Muddy creek about 9 a. m. today. The boy drowned Sunday when the bank crumbled throwing him into the water.

The body was found about 100 feet below where the boy fell into

the creek. It was almost the identical spot where I. E. Gardner, Halsey area farmer, was drowned last year.

Harding was born in Portland, Jan. 20, 1937 and moved to Halsey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harding, while still an infant. He was a member of the Christian church, a boy scout, and in the 5th grade.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Halsey Methodist church with the Rev. Orville Covatt and the Rev. L. Jones of the Christian church officiating. Burial will be in Alford cemetery with Fortmiller-Fred-

icksen mortuary in charge.

Survivors besides his parents are, brother, Robert; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Harding, Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brock, Eugene; several uncles and aunts, Mrs. Alice Wilson, Salem, is an aunt.

### FORESTER TOTALS COST

The total cost of protection during the calendar year of 1948 on forest lands under jurisdiction of the state forestry department and its cooperating associations totalled \$3,648,594.61, Nels Rogers, state forester, announced Monday.

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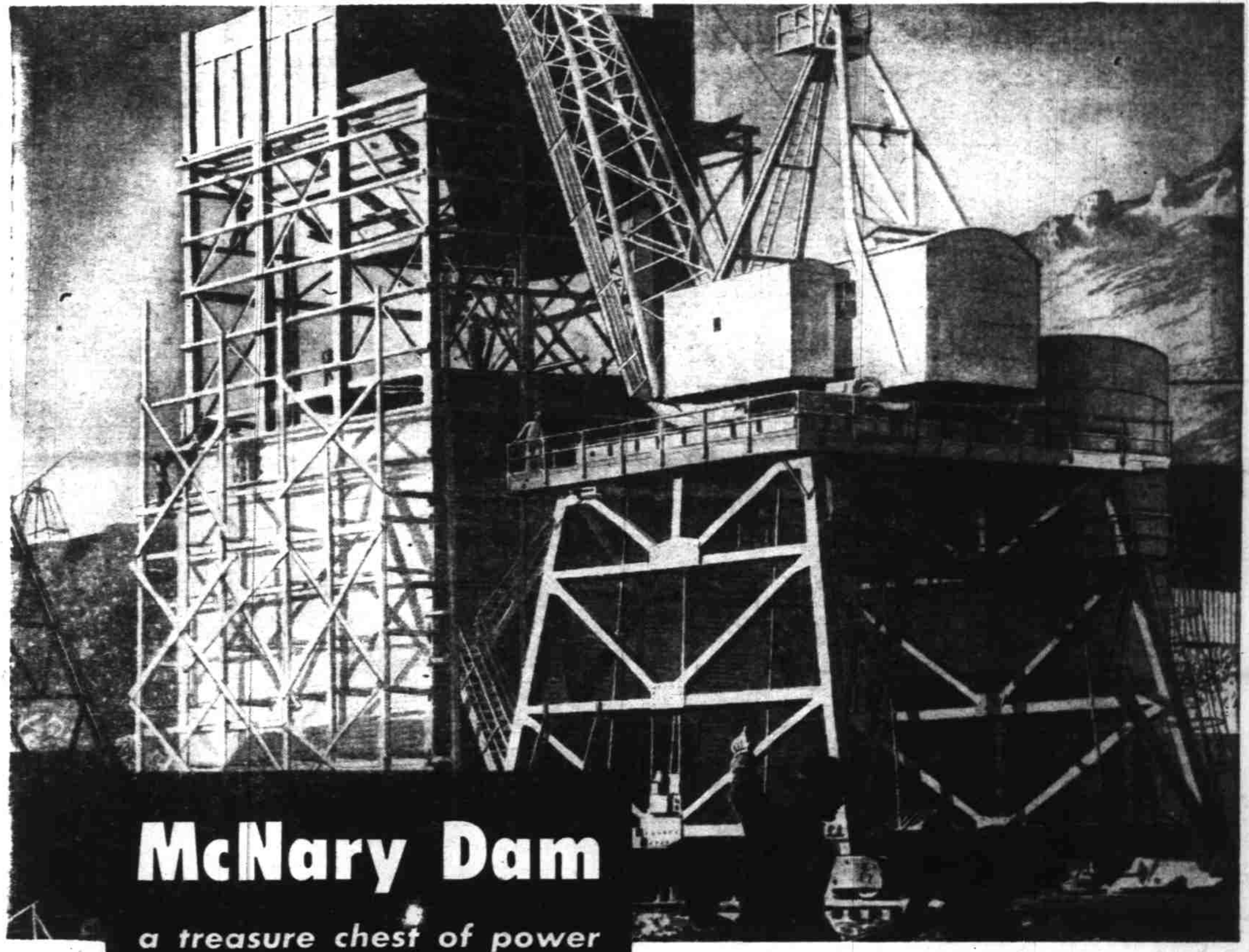


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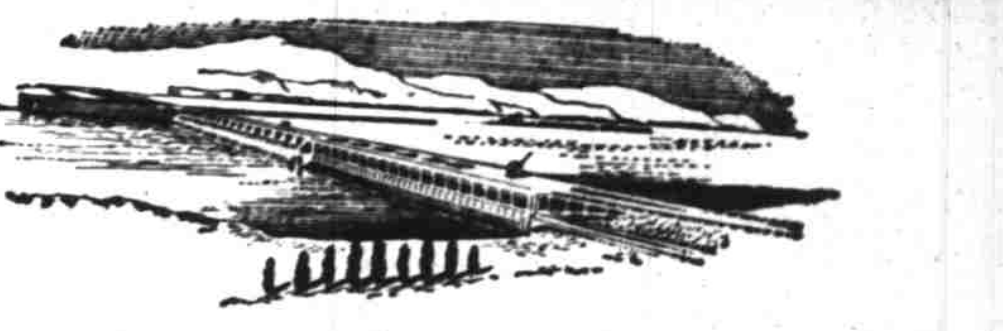


## McNary Dam

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Located on the Columbia River about 25 miles northwest of Pendleton, McNary Dam has been under construction since April, 1947. Initially (in 1954) it will supply 140,000 kilowatts and 840,000 more later, totaling 980,000 kilowatts—nearly twice the Bonneville output. For the far future when more power is needed, the output may be increased by still another 420,000 kilowatts



by addition of extra units already provided for in the plan of construction for the dam.

### Power will remain critical for a time

The Northwest was short of power last winter, and conditions will continue critical for several years to come. Stepping-up completion of McNary Dam is one of the things the government is doing to speed its program for new power here. Portland General Electric Company and other members of the Northwest Power Pool are also doing their part to build new power sources and to use all available power to its best advantage.



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