

# Illinois Valley News

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## Capital Parade By MURRAY WADE

**NO PROPERTY TAX 1951-52**  
William Collier says a state property tax levy probably won't be needed during the coming biennium. No one is in a better position to prognosticate. He is head of the research division of the state tax commission and advisor to the legislative interim committee on taxation.  
The final report of the legislative interim tax committee, epithetically "The Little Hoover commission," will be completed this week. In eight major points it recommends:  
1—That the tax base of any taxing district could be established or changed by a majority vote of the district.  
2—Abandonment of the property tax field by legislative action rather than by constitutional amendment.  
3—Repeal of the state property tax.  
4—A 3-cents-a-pack cigarette tax to finance the veterans bonus.  
5—Repeal of 14 exemptions in the excise corporation law and repeal of the personal property offset of the same law.  
6—General personal property assessment revisions.  
7—A 2 per cent tax based on business net income in place of the personal property assessment.  
8—That the office of county assessor be made non-elective and that the assessor be appointed by the county court from a list of qualified persons selected on merit by the state tax commission.

been furnished and repainted.  
The responsibility of finding space for all state departments is one of the hex worries of the secretary of state. He is moving his own traffic safety division to the hearing room in the state library building.  
The question of office space is a touchy one with Newbry. Constantly perplexed by lack of adequate space for other department offices, he has deliberately passed up space for his own divisions in order to fill needs of others.  
Completion of the Public Service building provided little relief in the Capitol group as most of the departments now in that building came from downtown Salem locations set up after the Capitol burned in 1935.  
Pending completion of the Highway building some departments are operating under congestion handicaps.

**NEWBRY GOOD HOUSEKEEPER**  
These are moving days at the capitol as Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry prepares for the biennial visit of the legislature.  
Interim committees and other committees set up by the legislature are being moved from the committee rooms that will soon echo with legislative debate. For the first time since the completion of the building 13 years ago, most of the inside of the capitol has

**REFUNDS STILL WAIT**  
Perhaps the state of Oregon owes you money in the form of income tax refunds. There's more than \$45,000 in unclaimed state income tax refunds in the withholding tax division that Tax Commissioner Ray Smith would like to deliver to claimants. Checks that were mailed to the rightful claimants were returned marked "unclaimed" by the Post office department.  
Substantially all of the taxpayers to whom the checks were sent apparently had moved from their former location without leaving a postoffice forwarding address.  
If the money represented in these checks is not claimed by the end of the current biennium, it will revert to the general fund.  
**PUBLIC LANDS FOR VETS**  
Speedier service is now available to veterans interested in acquiring residential lots, campsites or business locations, according to associate director Roscoe E. Bell of the Department of the Interior. Applications for small tracts

## Christmas Spirit, Child's Size, 1950

The true spirit of Christmas and of thinking of others led a dear little lad, Jimmy Cady by name, to plan a tree which he wished to take as a surprise to his friend, Mrs. William A. Brown. After he had duly decorated it with tinsel, baubles, a lovely star and added his own precious stocking made at kindergarten some years ago, he persuaded his friends to take him out to "Willadora" for him to present it.  
It is hard to say which was the happier, the donor or the recipient, but the Word says "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Anyway, there were two happy people and this lovely act will not soon be forgotten.

## Appeal Made For Christian Koreans

A most urgent appeal for warm clothing of any kind is being made for the suffering Christians of Korea. Any warm children's garments, sweaters, coats, hose and such items of wearing apparel will be acceptable.  
Pierce Brothers will carry any packages left at Yandell's Service station which are well wrapped and addressed to Bob Hammond, Voice of China, Pasadena, 16, California. Any such clothing may also be left at "Willadora" and it will be sent on.

must be accompanied by a fee of \$10. After a form has been properly filled out by the applicant, and where there are no conflicts, the lease becomes effective on being signed by the manager or other signing officer of the bureau.  
When more applications are filed than tracts available, a drawing entry card will be available with no filing fee in advance required at the time of application.

## FRITZ GRUNOW

Fritz Grunow, 57, of Cave Junction, died at his home Thursday, Dec. 14. He was born Dec. 27, 1892, at Oderberg, Germany. He had resided in Cave Junction for 36 years.

The deceased is survived by his brother, Frank Grunow of Seattle, and a sister, Emma White of Cave Junction. A nephew, Frank Grunow, resides in Sacramento, Calif.  
Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 18, at 2 p. m., at the Community church in Cave Junction, with Rev. George Gray officiating. Interment is in the Laurel cemetery. The Britt Funeral home in Cave Junction was in charge of services.

## Examination For State Prison Guard Positions

Examination for prison guard jobs at the Oregon state penitentiary in Salem are to be given in December throughout Oregon, the state Civil Service commission announced today. James Clinton, acting director, indicated that this is the first time an examination has been given for this position.  
The eligible list established as a result of the tests will be used to fill vacancies at the penitentiary in Salem.  
Starting salary is \$210 per month for a 40 hour week. Applicants must meet these requirements: between 25 and 50 years of age, not less than 5 feet 8 inches in height, have completed the eighth school grade and be skillful in the use of firearms.  
Applications also are being accepted now for domestic and custodial worker jobs located in nearly every locality of the state. Starting salaries for these positions for a 40 hour week are \$163 and \$193 respectively.

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