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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE FEATURES CIVIL DEFENSE, FINANCES, HIGHWAYS

In contrast to the demoralizing uproar coming from Washington these days, Governor Douglas McKay's message to the forty-sixth Biennial Legislative Assembly last Monday displayed a calm and cool awareness of the peril in which the nation and the state finds itself, and made a number of common-sense recommendations for meeting the situation with the resources which this state can muster.

Said the governor: "I urge that legislation be limited to matters of importance and significance.

"I recommend that state services not related to the preparedness effort and not immediately essential to the economic and social health of the state be held to an absolute minimum . . .

"I recommend that no new state services be created except where it is found possible to combine existing agencies with a resulting economy of manpower or cost. . . .

"We must place first things first. We cannot afford 'legislation as usual' any more than we can afford 'business as usual.'"

The governor recommended the immediate establishment of a central state civil defense agency with sufficient personnel to provide necessary leadership for the local organizations now being created in the cities and counties of Oregon. He commented that the efforts of the present loosely knit volunteer organization, however good its intentions, has fallen short of requirements. An appropriation bill providing \$68,147.95 to cover expenses for such organization from February 1, 1951 to June 30, 1951 and \$165,447.43 for the period July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952 is now before the legislature. He also recommended that an additional \$500,000 be made available to the governor's office, "to be used if and when needed to meet the problems of relief and restoration should an enemy attack occur."

In a brief discussion of state finances, and the additional load created when the electorate exercised its initiative to pass a veterans' bonus and increase the basic school support fund without providing means for collection of the additional funds necessary, the governor recommended elimination of the federal income tax deduction from state income tax returns. It was estimated that such action would increase state income by about 11 million dollars a year. He commented that the great increase in property taxes for purely local purposes has made a state tax on property something to be avoided as long as possible. However, he also stated that he was not in favor of a personal property 4444... o-af4 in favor of the passage of any law which would exempt real or personal property from such a levy.

Coming to a matter which has always been of deep concern in the Illinois Valley—highways—the governor said:

"Heretofore, I have strongly advocated a pay-as-you-go plan and have opposed incurring debt for highway construction. However, we must meet the conditions that now confront us, and the present emergency has completely changed the picture."

He commented that the Highway commission has about 15 millions available annually for new construction, whereas it needs 30 millions annually to take care of the critical deficiencies in the next five years. Both the Legislative Interim committee and the Highway commission have arrived at the conclusion that it would be good management to use deferred financing because of the great benefit of new highways. It would be bad management to tolerate continuance of economic losses that can be avoided by the judicious use of funds made available immediately. The governor therefore recommended "legislation permitting the Highway commission to meet the present situation by the issuance of road bonds, over the

OUR DEMOCRACY

by Mat

DEMOCRACY—A Year-round



ON JANUARY 7, 1789, GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT IN THE FIRST NATIONAL ELECTION IN THE U.S. THAT EVENT MARKED THE FORMAL LAUNCHING OF OUR REPUBLIC AND BROUGHT INTO ACTION THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES BY WHICH, OVER 161 YEARS, OUR PEOPLE HAVE BUILT FOR THEMSELVES THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM THAT MANKIND HAS KNOWN.



SO LONG AS OUR PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP ARE CONTINUOUS, EMBRACING PARTICIPATION THAT GOES BEYOND MERE VOTING—



SO LONG AS OUR GOVERNMENT HOLDS ITSELF CONTINUOUSLY RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE—
OUR DEMOCRACY WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN FREEDOM, IN POWER AND IN OPPORTUNITY.

LOCALS

Merle Griffen, grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Gray, spent his Christmas vacation, together with another student from the University of Chicago, down in Old Mexico.

Miss Jean Taggart, sister of Mrs. W. A. Brown, left last Friday for her home in Montrose, California, after a month visiting here.

The Hartwells returned home after a three week trip to Los Angeles. They visited with relatives and had a grand time taking in the sights.

The Carl Hale's left Saturday night for Los Angeles. They are on a ten day vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin entertained relatives from Rogue River, Sunday. Their guests were Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Babb; her sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Preston and son Robin, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Davidson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hendricksen of Granada Hills, Calif., visited Mrs. Hendricksen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salvage, over Christmas. Mrs. Hendricksen is staying on for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stengel of Selma just returned from a months stay in Woodland Hills and vicinity with their children also a few days at Paradise in Northern California with Mrs. Stengel's two brothers. They report weather fine in L. A. only very dry.

Dwain Cross underwent surgery

last week in the Josephine General hospital, and returned home on Saturday morning.

The Boling families were visiting in the valley during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Boling, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boling and daughter, Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Twyman and daughter, Maryanne. Wallace and Bill are both in school at Corvallis this year.

A unique gift came to Mrs. W. A. Brown at Willadora the other day, a box of lovely fresh flowers, shipped from So. Rhodesia, called "Chinchinerchees," the South African wonder flower, called so by the natives because of the sound made when the stalks are rubbed together. The flowers are a lovely white, and at first are encased in a calyx or husk, which gradually opens from the bottom of the husk upwards, with clusters of six petaled lily-like flowers with a rich yellow center, the buds opening so gradually that they can be kept for many weeks, always growing more beautiful. The box came from Mrs. Brown's missionary daughter, Miss Beulah Reitz, who is a missionary in Untali. For 30 years now the House of Howie, in Cape Town, has shipped these flowers from 6000 to 8000 miles, to U. S. A., Sweden and almost every city and town in the United Kingdom.

Mrs. Lillie Peters is improving in health and spent Monday with Mrs. Watkins in Cave Junction.

Mrs. McDaniels returned home this week after a month's visit with relatives and friends in Oceanside, Los Angeles and San Lorenzo, where her son Frank and family now reside.

period of years you may deem necessary, and to be retired from highway revenues. . . .

If the legislature accepts the governor's recommendations in the matter of highways and takes competent action, it will be cause for rejoicing all over the state. While it's nice to pay cash as long as you can, it is foolish to starve to death while you still have credit at the grocery, and Oregon's roads and highways have dropped completely below the tolerable level. As the governor pointed out, if such a condition is crippling the economy of the state, and it certainly is, it would be false economy to attempt to avoid deficit financing any longer. Borrowed money has been squandered on many a less worthy project.

And while Oregon's finances are in serious condition, we need only look at our sister Pacific states to north and south to feel good all over again on the strength of Mr. Einstein's "relativity." Compared with the indebtedness piled up by Washington and California, Oregon is positively affluent. And the roads and highways Californians compare to our own were all built with borrowed money, and it hasn't been paid back yet, either.

American Legion News

The American Legion voted unanimously to sponsor a complete four year college scholarship to be awarded to an Illinois Valley High School graduate. The winner of this coveted degree may choose any college in the state of Oregon.

Commander O. B. Nassen has appointed Comrade H. V. McAbee as chairman, with Comrades Wilson and Pope as committeemen to set up the foundation and prerequisites for the scholarship. In behalf of the Glen Morrison Post Executive Officer Arthur Kellert will be entrusted with the final presentation.

Although this does not impose a financial disaster for the Legion, it was the hard working effort of every active member in the post to pass and finance a bill of this nature. Therefore it is hoped the students, their parents and teachers will be notified of this opportunity, creating an inducement for higher education and thereby elevating our educational standards.

This scholarship should not be confused with the other American Legion Merit Awards which are given annually to grade school and high school students for scholastic achievements. This is an award given by the Legionnaires of Cave Junction Post No. 70 as an addition to child welfare, for the betterment of the community, state and nation.

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Legion Auxiliary News

Mrs. Richard (Connie) Burke, daughter of President Hazel Henry, was guest of honor at a stork shower given at the meeting of January 3. Mrs. Burke was very pleased with the many lovely gifts she received. Refreshments were served in honor of this occasion.

Everyone is reminded that the clinic is being continued every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. in the Legion kitchen.

An award will be presented to the outstanding high school girl graduate of the June class by the American Legion Auxiliary. It is hoped that this presentation will induce each girl graduate to strive for scholastic achievement.

President Hazel Henry announces that anyone needing clothing please contact the Legion Auxiliary. Clothing of all sizes is available at present.

Another series of card parties will begin January 13. For further details please consult article headed LEGION CARD PARTIES.

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