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WHAT'S FOR 1951

This isn't written about for-
eign affairs or national matters
or even about state problems.
It is a cursory glance at Sher-
man county and what its inhab-
itants might do in 1951 to make
this a better place in which to
live.

It seems proper to start with
the assumption that enjoyable
living is desired by everyone;
that most of the things people
enjoy are obtained by them-
selves (properly); that people as
a group either organized as gov-
ernment or as social groups are
able to add to their enjoyments.
Whatever people do as individ-
uals, what they buy and where
they go will be outside the
scope of this discussion. We will
be concerned solely with what
governments can do and what
organized groups can do.

Sherman county has one of
the lowest tax rates in the
state; it has a high per capita
valuation and few services are
performed. Much more could be
done if citizens desired. It is
not the lack of money that pre-
vents us from having enjoyments;
it is a lack of organiza-
tion.

At one time this county had
a road system better than that
of similar counties. Now that
is not so. For reasons having
little to do with money the
people have refused special
levies for road purposes. Yet
there is constant talk about
having some main rural roads
oiled and such a program is
feasible when and if the people
decide that they want it.

This county has no doctor,
no dentist, merely an ambulance
to take sufferers to a hospital. It
has a very rudimentary nursing
service and very little public
health service. It could prob-
ably obtain a doctor by voting
a subsidy and the same applies
to a dentist and even a hospital.
The school system of this
county is inadequate. Costs are
terrible and because children are
few and widely scattered and
schools are small the quality of
education is low. Parents can
change this whenever they
want to and reduce the cost at
the same time.

Public playgrounds, libraries,
clubs, parks, development of
fishing roads all may be had
with little extra burden on tax-
payers or users of the facilities.
Local taxes are always a deduc-
ible item on federal and state
income taxes.

This is not written to urge
any of these things. It may be
that Sherman countians do not
want any of them or that they
would prefer to go away from
home to obtain them. The de-
cision is theirs to make.

But it is possible for us to
make numerous improvements
in the enjoyment of living in
this county. Nothing bars us
but inertia, innate conservatism
or ability to agree among our-
selves.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The federal and the state gov-
ernments are concerned about
civilian defense and are putting
all the emphasis on the atom
bomb. That is probably as wrong
as was the dependence on air
power in the Korean war. It may
well be that we will need other
kinds of civilian defense—and
in any case many of those in
an area bombed with a uranium
bomb will not be able to heed
any instruction.

Yet, because so many are
afraid of the A-bomb and fearful
that a few of them may destroy
the earth, the government has
sent out a little booklet that is
reassuring. It says that not
every one will die, that if you
are a mile away you will be com-
paratively safe. Except for re-
sidents of a few important
cities the A-bomb is a remote
danger because the cost of them
is too much to waste on rural
areas or residence towns.

But there is another sort of
civilian defense that may be of
more importance. In this coun-
ty, we must be ready to guard
against fires when the crop is

ripening and against destruction
of the wheat crop which annual-
ly is enough to feed almost a
million people. We can try to
prevent the destruction of high-
ways by which military and
civilian materials must move.
We can be so organized that
people will have enough confi-
dence in the organization that
panic will not ensue in case of
danger.

LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS

It is usual at this time for
there to be much concern about
what the legislature might do
and that is entirely proper be-
cause what the legislature does
almost always affects many
thousands of people. Experi-
enced legislators realize their re-
sponsibility and are not given
to rushing to the first rostrum
or microphone to proclaim their
aims, knowing that sober second
thought may change them.

It is customary in Oregon,
and we presume other states,
to say that the coming legisla-
ture has greater problems than
ever before. Too often that is
true because legislative prob-
lems are getting larger as gov-
ernment assumes more duties.

This year the legislature will
be faced with the problem of
raising more money. If it is
decided to build more buildings
and further expand state ac-
tivities a great deal more money
will be needed. The people have
already voted for \$17,000,000 in
additional funds and this must
be financed by legislative action.
Even if no other new govern-
ment is added the inflation now
speeding along will require
more funds. State employees
will need more salaries and
state purchases for normal
needs will cost more. The tax-
payer can look forward to big-
ger taxes. But that much was
decided November 7.

The legislature will take a
look at several proposals that
have been made by interim com-
mittees named to study several
phases of the state's activities.
The tax study committee recom-
mended few new taxes although
it did propose much streamlin-
ing of the tax system. The tax
policy base would be broadened
and new taxpayers added to
the tolls if its proposals are
adopted. Because Oregon's tax
system is a bit tangled legisla-
tors will have some studying to
do.

Another interim committee
has been studying a way to re-
organize the state. It is called the
Little Hoover committee, al-
though not all of its work will
result in money saving which
was the aim of the national
Hoover committee. Knowledge
of the organization of state gov-
ernment will be required. To
pass intelligently on these pro-
posals and that, again, will re-
quire some hours of reading and
other hours of talking and asking
questions.

The massive Holy report will
be on the desks of members
when they arrive at Salem. A
legislative committee hired Dr.
T. C. Holy of Ohio to study
Oregon's school system. His re-
commendations would simplify
that system, by reducing the
number of school districts, hir-
ing instead of electing school
officials and in other ways
changing our badly organized
schools. That, too, will need much
work before all members can
pass on it to the advantage of
their constituents.

Some towns want to establish
schools beyond the high school
level and another committee
has recommended that this be
permitted as a means of reliev-
ing higher education.

Cities and counties are pinched
for money and want more from
the state for roads, liquor and
schools; higher education has
been living well from federal
aid to veterans and wishes to
continue on the same scale; Port-
land wants a junior college; it
is time to reapportion the state;
prices are up, buildings are ob-
solete, civilian defense must be
arranged; roads are worn out
and highway bonds are asked.

The list is almost unlimited
and it is impressive as an agenda
to keep 90 men and women busy
for a quarter of a year or more.
It is not only a problem of the
legislature but one of the state,
for citizens can aid the solution
of these problems by being vocal
about them—after due study.
Ways of settling these problems
can be found by anyone or any
group that will settle down
with full information to think
them through.

Oddy enough most of these
problems will be decided to the
satisfaction of a majority but
this will not be done without
some hard work, some clear
thinking, some argument and,
of course, some oratory. And in
that order of importance.

LOBBYISTS

A Portland newspaper is run-
ning a continued story about
lobbyists and it is interesting.
Also it is probably a useful
thing to do because there is
much misunderstanding about
lobbying and the people who do
it.

Lobbying means trying to in-
fluence legislation. The first
amendment to the federal con-
stitution states that "Congress
shall make no law... abridg-
ing the freedom of speech, or of
the press; or the right of the
people peacefully to assemble,
and to petition the government
for a redress of their grievances."
Lobbying, therefore, is protect-
ed by the constitution.

Like many other things, it is
the abuse of this effort to try
to influence legislation, that has
brought discredit of the profes-
sion. Many citizens go to Salem
to appear before committees, talk
to legislators or work for or
against a bill. They are usually
men of some importance with an
interest in public matters.

The difference between the
amateur and the professional lob-
byist is that the professional is
hired by amateurs who haven't
the time to go themselves.

The notion has grown that lob-
byists spend sums of money.
Some do, some don't. The milk
people have retained the milk
control act for years without ex-
penditure of any money other
than hotel bills for themselves.
Labor does little entertaining and
is very effective. The school teach-
ers (by far the most effective
lobby) spend no money on legisla-
tors.

It appears that the purpose of
inviting a legislator to dinner is
to get acquainted with him, to
find out what he thinks and de-
termine how to change or streng-
then his ideas on legislation in
which the lobbyist is interested.
That is merely a practical ap-
plication of salesmanship.

Experienced lobbyists are well
informed. If they do not have
complete information about the
firm they represent they can get
it. Remembered as examples of
lobbying was the defeat of the
pilot bills of some years back.
Pilots came to Salem and explain-
ed the value of their job so well
they won their case. The Port-
land port commission in the last
session defeated a tax bill by pro-
viding so much information ag-
ainst it that it was killed by con-
sent.

A legislator does not often take
the word of the lobbyist. If there
be an opposing lobbyist, he, also,
is heard on the subject and the
truth obtained. Naturally a legis-
lator should be able to analyze
figures given him and reach his
own conclusions.
Contrary to public opinion a
lobbyist must tell the truth. A
reputation for deceit would ren-
der him useless. He is only ex-
pected to give his case like an at-
torney. After a fashion the legis-
lature acts as a body of judges
deciding the fate of a bill on the
testimony given before it. Lob-
byists sometimes are in the po-
sition of lawyers.

When the wheat froze out in
December 1924 eastern Oregon
farmers went to Salem to obtain
loans. They were lobbyists and
good ones for they got the loans.
Probably there were few legisla-
tors who understood the situa-
tion but they decided in favor of
the farmers on the basis of the
evidence presented.

Some legislators are more eas-
ily influenced than others. The
ones whose minds can be chang-
ed by a few kind words, a pious
look, a couple of drinks or a
steak are not numerous and they
are not effective. It does seem
odd that lobbyists whose stock in
trade is ability to make friends
and influence people should have
made themselves such a poor re-
putation.

Bureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
Meets on the 1st and
3rd Thursday evenings
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.
C. S. Bennett, W. M.
H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.
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Tuesdays in I.O.O.F.
hall, Transient and
visiting brothers are
cordially invited to
meet with us.

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Meets 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays of each
month. Visiting
members welcome.
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Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.B.
Meets every second and
fourth Thursday in each
month; visiting members
invited. Moro, Oregon.
Olive Young, W. M.
Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

About the County

about folks you do know
or would enjoy knowing

(Continued from Page One)
Mrs. Leon Smith made the pre-
sentation of the past matron's
jewel to Mrs. Vern Dutton, jun-
ior past matron and LeRoy Bel-
shee presented the past patron's
jewel to Carl Tuggle, junior past
patron; each thanked the chapter
for honors and courtesies that
had been extended to them dur-
ing their year.

Larry Kaseberg gave a humor-
ous reading entitled "A Mythic
Tale of Woe." Since it dealt in-
directly with lodge, it was much
enjoyed by all members.

At the close of the evening re-
freshments were served in the
dining room under the direction
of Leonard Fields and T. Lester
Johnson. The tables were covered
with royal blue and gold and
centered with bouquets of arti-
ficial star flowers in all the col-
ors and greenery. Table decora-
tions and bouquets in the hall
were arranged by Mr. and Mrs.
Carl Tuggle.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

William S. Holmes went to
Portland Tuesday December 26
and brought Mrs. Holmes home
after spending several months
convalescing from an operation,
at the home of her daughter,
Mrs. Dick Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin
and daughter Deanna went to
Portland Thursday to attend
the Ice Follies returning home
Friday.

Mrs. Bill Pausch of Portland
spent the holiday week end here
with her husband.

Mrs. Fred Crowley returned
home Sunday from Airlie where
she spent the holiday with her
sons, Fred and Leonard Crow-
ley.



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Mrs. L. W. Amick of The
Dales arrived Sunday to visit
her granddaughter, Mrs. Marcus
Estinger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry had
as dinner guests New Years day
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler,
Miss Evelyn Kirkelle of Moro,
Carl and Ina May Ziegler, Mr.
and Mrs. Earl Olds and children
Robin Earl, and John and Bar-
bara Alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer
took her brother, Harold Blagg
and family back to Portland
Monday afternoon. They will
visit Mr. Balzer's brother, Ralph
Balzer and family before re-
turning home Tuesday.

Carl, Herman and Ina May
Ziegler and Lois Kelley returned
to La Grande to resume their

studies at EOCCE after spending
the holidays with their parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters
and son, Arden, spent New
Years eve at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Jack Horner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins
of Portland arrived Sunday be-
fore Christmas to spend the
holiday with their daughter and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
von Borstel. Mrs. von Borstel
and children accompanied them
home and Mr. von Borstel went
down Saturday and brought
them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith DeCoursey
and son, Michael, came up from
Eugene Tuesday December 26
and spent the week with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted von
Borstel. They returned to Eu-
gene Monday, January 1.

There will be Divine worship
next Sunday Jan 7 at 3 p. m.
in the Grass Valley Methodist
church.

The Misses Cassie and Mabel
Holmes came up Saturday before
Christmas and spent the week
end at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of
Thos. P. Zimmerman, deceased.
SS. Notice to Creditors.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that
the undersigned has been duly
appointed as Administrator, with
the Will annexed, of the estate
of Thos. P. Zimmerman, de-
ceased.

Any person having a claim
against said estate is hereby re-
quired to present same with the
proper proof annexed to the
undersigned at the law office
of Roy J. Baker at Grass Valley,
Oregon, duly verified as by law
provided, within six months from
date of the first publication of
this notice.

First publication, being Dec-
ember 22, 1950.

Fred C. Zimmerman
Administrator with the Will
annexed.
Roy J. Baker
Attorney 7-10c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of
Chester R. Andersen, deceased.
SS. Notice to Creditors.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that
the undersigned has been duly
appointed by the above entitled
Court, Administratrix of the
estate of Chester R. Andersen,
deceased, and she has qualified
as such. All persons having
claims against said estate are
hereby required to present their
claims duly verified, to the un-
dersigned, within six months
from the date of the first pub-
lication of this notice at the of-
fice of Roy J. Baker in Grass
Valley.

Date of first publication being
December 22, 1950.
Catherine M. Andersen
Administratrix

Roy J. Baker
Attorney for Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims
against the estate of Gordon W.
Reid, deceased, are hereby noti-
fied to present them in proper
form to the undersigned, the
duly appointed, qualified, and
acting Executrix of the Last
Will and Testament of Gordon
W. Reid, deceased, at the office
of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Ore-
gon, within six months from
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December 29, 1950.

Patricia Reid
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Attorney for Executrix 8-11c

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use it to better advantage. Ad-
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doings of Sherman Countians,
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wheat and stock, its government
and the state's government, its
people and their activities, its
triumphs and defeats.

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