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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE
Governor Douglas McKay who
recently offered a budget asking
for an additional \$40,000,000
without additional expenditures
listed gave a message Monday
containing a plea for economy.

Generally, however, the gov-
ernor's message was a studied
effort at improving state condi-
tions in troublous times. As a
veteran of two wars he asked for
a civilian defense program with
an appropriation large enough
to implement it. And he asked
that during wartime the legis-
lators hold to economy to pre-
vent the state's from interfering
with the war effort.

His plan for amending the
state's financial structure does
not meet with that made by the
tax interim study committee but
it is as good a place to start as
any. He does think that the state
must have some sort of a build-
ing program to keep building
requirements from piling up un-
til they become impossible.

He gave little support to the
program for state reorganiza-
tion which is being established
by an interim committee. It may
be admitted that this committee
has offered a program that gives
the governor's office much au-
thority now held by the secre-
tary of state and gives to elec-
ted officers much direct authori-
ty now held by the board of
control (governor, secretary of
state and treasurer). The report
would make men responsible
and not boards—which has some
merit.

The governor seemed to favor
highway bonds saying that the
federal government would permit
use of federal funds for bond
repayment if the original
moneys were used for road
building. It seems likely to this
writer that an additional source
of revenue might be added to
insure payment.

Modification of requirements
that make mandatory retirement
of state government workers at
65 was recommended in consid-
eration of the probable need for
additional manpower. This
seemed wise to one who feels
that the state has no moral right
to limit the right of anyone to
work.

A committee on natural re-
sources composed of a long list
of persons in charge of forestry,
game, parks, agriculture, and
even education was proposed
and it might solve the problem
although it may only serve to
diffuse whatever light exists.

The governor did delight many
thousands when he said that he
thought initiative measures asking
for money should state the
maximum to be spent. Only those
who have been using the
initiative to obtain money from
the public oppose this action.
Twenty-two representatives
were put on the purge list by
the grange for favoring it and
the publicity given to that purge,
ineffectual as it was, has im-
measurably helped obtain popu-
larity for the proposal.

The governor's statement
about reapportionment merely
hoped that something would be
done to remedy former legisla-
tive inactivity in that regard.
It was quite a good speech,
read quickly, impressively. The



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3rd Thursday evenings
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.
C. S. Bennett, W. M.
H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary



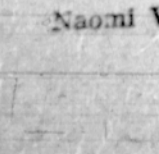
Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F.
Meets 1st and 3rd
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hall. Transient and
visiting brothers are
cordially invited to
meet with us.



Donald Martin, W.M.
Leo Watkins, Secretary



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Meets 2nd and 4th
Tuesdays of each
month. Visiting
members welcome.
Helen Kruger, N. G.
Lucille May, Sec.



Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.
Meets every second
and fourth Thursday in each
month; visiting members
invited. Moro, Oregon.
Gwen Ross, W. M.
Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

floor was filled with legislators
and their guests and the galler-
ies were packed. Pageantry
pleases people, a coronation or
an inauguration attracts, and the
custom is to parade state offi-
cials up the aisle with as much
pomp as ordinary looks will sus-
tain.

NO MORE DOGS

Senator Frank Hilton of Port-
land scored the first bulls-eye
when he introduced a bill to re-
peal the pari-mutuel betting in
Oregon. If passed Hilton's bill
would eliminate dog racing in
Oregon. It might also stop horse
racing. But horse racing is some-
times conducted without public
betting because men like to see
which horse can run the fastest.
It is not so with dogs. That is a
betting business, pure and sim-
ple.

He started the bird dogs to
scurrying. Around the hotels
and in the capital lobbies they
whispered and instructed and
started off with new missions to
protect the fat producing job
and income. (Fat producing jobs
often produce fat heads).

Of course the first line of de-
fense will be the county fair
boards and the representatives
of the shows that obtain a part
of their money from state racing
funds. Aid to the ever-needy
county fair has been the pro-
claimed excuse for dog betting
in Oregon. One might picture
the promoters considering with
tearful nostalgia the pleasures
of the county fair and pledging
their funds toward establish-
ment of dog racing to preserve
this remnant of pioneer life in
rural communities. (Or one
might realize that the fair boards
were the bait).

Mr. Hilton attacks frontally.
He is not one whose knife will
be found in the back of a rival.
He would have done the same
thing had he been in the house
where the adherents of the dog
races are said to be in control.
Joe Harvey of the house has
wanted to rid the state of dog
racing for some time but Joe has
nerved to introduce a bill, for-
scentic ability to present it, but
little ability to solicit support.

Anyhow Oregon has been given
a chance to be moral on week
days instead of just Sunday.

SERVICE MEN WONDER

A young man who would like
to live in Moro has been return-
ed to the navy as a printer. He
has been in since October and
is now in Japan. He wonders
why and writes, "perhaps you
could give us some explanation
for our presence here."

He explains that on his ship
in the recent declared war
WWII, there were three men in
the print shop on his ship. Now
there are seven. He says that
outside of preparing a few maps
and directing printing of some
forms it is questionable if he has
done anything.

Another member of the print
shop crew has enclosed a car-
bon copy of a letter to his sena-
tor. He has, he says, been back
in the navy four months and
the most important thing he has
done is to print himself some sta-
tionery. He signs himself "No
longer yours, An ex-Democrat"
which seems a little unkind to
his southern senator, who isn't
the rattle-brained, new deal
class.

PERSONALS

Joe Levin of Redmond, 4-H
club agent of Deschutes county
was an overnight guest of the
Thomas Thompsons Monday
night. He left with Mr. Thomp-
son Tuesday morning to attend
a two-day session of an exten-
sion school for club workers at
Heppner, returning Wednesday
evening.

LEGISLATIVE
COLUMN

By Giles L. French

Here we go again.

For what the record keeping
Oregon Voter says is the ninth
time the writer is a member of
the Oregon legislature and is
writing a column of news and
comment about it. There will be
an attempt to make this one a
little different, to try to explain
the persons who make the laws
as well as the laws.

Committees have been named
and work has begun on a long
job of legislation. It is oversha-
dowed by questions about how
much we should spend and how
much we can raise to spend.

It has been a long habit in
Oregon to appoint the house
Ways and Means committee by
a certain formula. There is al-
ways one man from Benton
county, (OSC), one from Lane
county (U of O), one from Mar-
ion county (state institutions),
one from Portland (more state
institutions), often one from Un-
ion or Umatilla county to look
after hospitals and schools in
that section. Other members
may be especially interested in
agriculture, military affairs,
health, or some other of the
more expensive bureaus or may
be entirely independent of any
of them.

By this method the tax spend-
ing groups are able to consoli-
date their forces and appropri-
ate whatever money bills desired.
It is estimated that it costs the
taxpayers some \$10,000,000 a
biennium.

In Oregon the house and sen-
ate ways and means committees
meet in a joint session and mon-
ey bills are discussed but once
by the entire group. This meth-
od evades the two house advan-
tages usually given as one of the
good things about democratic
form of government. As a matter
of fact the joint ways and means
committee sits as a judicial
board on requests of bureau and
institution heads because ways
and means bills are seldom re-
viewed by the legislature. They
are brought in late and rushed
through without debate and with
little information.

It is a bad system and taxpay-
ers should see that it is changed.
Old friends and old enemies
have met and revived contacts
and there is evidence that actual
legislating will begin shortly.
Nothing important will be done
soon but some bills go-
ing through the mill will make
it possible to learn about how
the land lies for the important
ones.

This year the senate reduced
committees to 20 which chang-
ed the old theory that every sen-
ator should have a chairman-
ship. The house has 25 which it
has had for some sessions.

The house policy appears to be
that committee chairmen and
members of taxation and ways
and means shall have but one
other committee. This has re-
duced the number of experienced
men to fill committees and the
number of members on commit-
tees has been reduced. Several
committees are very weak and
would be greatly strengthened
if more use was made of expe-
rienced members who have al-
ways been capable of taking
care of three or four committees.

Oddly enough the governor
and the president of the senate
and the speaker of the house are
all from a small area in the Wil-
lamette valley, less than 50 miles
apart. Whether or not this will
have any effect on the results
cannot be foretold. Yet it not of-

en that executive officers are
chosen from so small an area.

Multnomah county with 14
members drew 11 chairmanships
which is over par there being 25
committees to 60 members. East-
ern Oregon has six for 16 mem-
bers. It must be explained that
length of service has more to do
with appointment than geogra-
phy and few old members are
without chairmanships and no
new men have them. The value
of a committee chairmanships,
like time, depends on what you
do with it.

Governor and Mrs. McKay
stood in the executive office af-
ter his inaugural message and
shook hands with a two hour
line of people with army and
state police brass watching the
show. One must wonder how
many cows could be milked with
the hand exercise that goes with
shaking 500 hands. A dairyman
might have a slight advantage in
politics.

THESE THINGS WE NOTE

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may be related to the war, to the
public reluctance to start into
another son-killing conflict with
the probability that it will end
in the same confusion, hate, in-
ternational deceit, financial and
moral bankruptcy as have the
two in this nation so foolishly en-
gaged in.

T T W N
And people are mad and dis-
gusted about the war, sore and
mean and ready to bust the fumb-
lers who got us into it.

T T W N
Around Salem it is said that
legislatures never change, only
the names and faces. The nor-
mal legislature consists of a
third good, conscientious men
with sufficient courage to follow
through, a third average who
can be depended on if the ex-
planations are clear and the
pressure light and another third
who lack ability to reach con-
clusion through mental process-
es or fortune to hold to them
when reached.

More Farm Records
Due During 1951

Additional farm records by
Sherman county farmers em-
ploying regular hired help
should be started January 1,
states T. W. Thompson, county
extension agent.

The Old-Age and Survivors
Insurance under the Social Se-
curity Law has been extended
to cover some farm employees.
The system will be financed by
taxes on the worker and the
farm employer with the farm
employer liable for the deduc-
tion of the employee tax from
cash wages of the employee.

The employer will be required
to pay this tax to the U. S. Col-
lector of Internal Revenue for
his district which, Thompson
states, is Collector of Internal
Revenue, Portland 9, Oregon.

The Social Security taxes do
not apply to all farm employees.
They do apply to all full time
employees and those hired hands
which after meeting the qual-
ifying quarter work for 60 days
and earns a cash wage of \$50 or
more.

The qualifying quarters are
from June 1 to March 31, April
1 to June 30, July 1 to Septem-
ber 30, October 1 to December
31. An employee must be em-
ployed continuously in one of
these quarters prior to his eligi-
bility for the Social Security
tax, according to Thompson. The
qualifying quarter may be the
last quarter of 1950.

Sherman county farmers have
been mailed an Agriculture Em-
ployer's Applications for Ident-
ification Number which should
be completed and mailed to the
Collector of Internal Revenue.

Want Ads

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING —
Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp
freeze. Bring them in any day
but Sunday. C & C Food Store,
Grass Valley, Oregon. 21tc

FOR YOUR WILLYS 4-WHEEL
DRIVE PICKUP, JEEP OR
STATION WAGON contact
Willys Motor Co., West Col-
umbia River Highway, The
Dalles, Ore. Also Willys Sta-
tion Wagons, Jeeps, Sedan
Deliveries and 2-Wheel drive
Pickups 1 ton equipped with
the new P-head HURRICANE
motor. Used civilian and mili-
tary Jeeps. Willys-Overland
Parts and Service. 35tc

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man County. Wonderful oppor-
tunity. \$15 to \$20 per day. No
experience or capital re-
quired. Permanent. Write today.
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B, 2423 Magnolia St., Oak-
land 7, Calif. 10-11c

Portland 9, Oregon, if they are
now regularly employing hired
help.

Those farmers who did not re-
ceive forms for application or
have questions regarding their
situation may consult with the
county agent's office in Moro.

The hired farm workers who
met the requirements of the law,
the insurance provides:
Monthly payments when they
retire after reaching 65.
Payments to their families up-
on death.

The employer will deduct
from the employee's wages 1 1/2
per cent and add to this an equal
amount to be paid to the Col-
lector of Internal Revenue. The
employer may pay the entire tax
without deduction from the em-
ployee's wage.

Wages paid to a son or daugh-
ter 21 or over; or other relatives
and in-laws are taxable if they
meet the 60 day-\$50 test. These
taxes do not apply to children
under 21, or to your father, mo-
ther, wife or husband.

John Sell Speaker
At Woman's Club

The Moro Woman's club met
at the club house on Thursday,
January 4, for their first regu-
lar meeting of the year. Mrs. A.
H. Barnum, director for the day,
introduced John I. Sell, vice-
president of The First National
bank of The Dalles. He gave an
interesting talk in which he told
of the privileges of living in
Oregon, and stressed the respon-
sibilities of citizenship.

The next meeting of the club
will be on January 18 at 2 p. m.
Mrs. John Parker will be direc-
tor and some late Standard Oil
pictures will be shown. These
are slides and are entitled "This
is Oregon." The hostesses for the
day will be Mrs. Ernest Eslinger
and Mrs. Jennie Martin.

Both Squads Take
Klickitat Games

By Edwin Balsiger
The Moro A and B squad bas-
ketball teams played at Klickitat
Saturday, January 6, 1951. Moro
won both games. The B squad
won 41 to 27 and the A squad
35 to 16. Bob Martin was high
point man with 9 points and
Fred Von Borstel with 11 points.
Both teams had very good de-
fenses, but the offense of Moro
was not as good as expected. Von
Borstel and Bucholtz were again
the Huskies' backboard men and
were very important in winning
the sixth straight win.

The referees were local men,
and very good.

LEGAL NOTICE

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, deceas-
ed.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims
against the estate of Gordon W.
Reid, deceased, are hereby not-
ified 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
the date of this notice, to-wit:
December 29, 1950.

Patricia Reid
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Executrix 8-11c

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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 publi-
cation 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

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Branstetter
and family, of Pendleton were
houseguests of the Lawrence
Warrens from January 1 to the
third.

Lupine Rebekah lodge 116
and Marion Lodge of Wasco will
hold a joint installation service
at the Moro Odd Fellows hall on
January 23 at 8 p. m.

Tele-fun
by Warren G. Jrich



"Give Johnnie Glowworm
plenty of time to answer—
he probably can't find his
light switch."... You'll com-
plete more calls if you give
the other person plenty of time
to answer—at least a full min-
ute... Pacific Telephone.

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ADDS UP TO YOUR
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ONLY 4%
Plus SHARE in EARNINGS
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Plus VOICE in MANAGEMENT
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Plus 33 YEARS to PAY
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