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THE LEGISLATURE

To start the new year and end
holiday season comes the meetings
of congress and the state legisla-
ture. As for congress it will not
be much different than it has been
southern Democrats and northern
Republicans of rather conserva-
tive mold will run it again for
which we are thankful. Oregon
will have no senator among that
group for which we are sorry.
The legislature will have a dif-
ficult time. It always does have a
difficult time but in 1955 there
are more reasons for it.

Money

The state has finally spent the
surplus that was saved during the
war when it was impossible to buy
or build. The legislature will have
to curtail expenses or raise new
tax money and will probably com-
promise by doing some of both.
There is little chance that Ore-
gon will have a sales tax. Other
means of raising money are addi-
tional property taxes and addi-
tional income taxes. A six mill
property tax may be expected and
will be passed unless citizens
make organized opposition. Re-
moval of the federal exemption to
the income tax may also pass.
Under this sort of a tax program
property owners and the larger
income taxpayers will be hardest
hit.

It is probably true that the post
war period of inflation is ending.
Taxes will be harder to pay and
harder to pass. Reduction in the
state's spending seems necessary.
When that is done depends on
whether the legislature listens to
taxpayers or those who want more
state services, but it is axiomatic
that when the income of citizens
decline the spending of the state
must also decline.

New Constitution

An interim committee has lab-
ored two years to finally spon-
sor a bill asking for a constitu-
tional convention. The constitu-
tion is old and over-long. To re-
medy its fault it would be necessary
to take away from the people the
right to amend the constitution so
easily. That cannot be done.

Labor Legislation

Labor leaders feel stronger with
larger representation from urban
areas. They will try to get larger
unemployment benefits, probably
needed, and may have to help
correct some of the abuses of that
law in return.

Schools

An effort will be made to
change the basis for apportion-
ment of the basic school fund.
Proposals now made would take
more money from the richer coun-
ties and give it to the poorer
counties. No proposal would do
what the law was passed to do:
equalize educational opportunities.

Minimum Rates

Trucks, which have minimum
rates to control competition
among themselves, and barges,
which are not controlled at all by
the state and only under certain
conditions by the ICC, want to
have railroads controlled by the
state PUC commissioner.
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Gas Tax Boost

The legislature approved high-
way bonds a few years ago. Now
it has spent the money at a time
of high costs and finds that it
needs more highways. Legisla-
tors should know that there is no
limit to such demands.

Administrative Changes

A department of revenue has
been proposed which would re-
duce the activities of the secretary
of state and the treasurer. A one
man tax commission will be the
topic of another bill. These chang-
es are desirable.

The above are only part of the
bills that will keep legislators
busy for 100 days or more; there
will be little bills galore and all
of them will influence the impor-
tant bills. Happy will be the leg-
islator, who, at the end of the
session, can look back on his vot-
ing record and discern a single
philosophy of government expres-
sed therein.

EDUCATION

It should be apparent to every
one that something must be done
about education by which we re-
fer to schools. There are those
who do not think the terms are
synonymous.

More and more children are
coming to school age every year
and this will continue as long as
economic conditions remain good.
Child bearing seems to run in
cycles which are often similar to
economic cycles. Cessation of the
draft will aid to reduce the num-
ber somewhat.

In Oregon counties schools are
taking from 50 to 75 percent of
the total taxes and this is in ad-
dition to the millions that are
collected through the state income
tax and redistributed to school
districts. The total is large enough
to severely handicap all other
government functions.

School teachers, through their
very effective lobby, tell us that
the taxpayer must dig down
deeper in order to provide what
they say is the very minimum of
education for the coming hordes
of children. So strong has been
the propaganda for schools that
few are willing to raise their voices
in public against it.

Even if the teachers' argument
is accepted it is difficult to be-
lieve that taxpayers will long con-
tinue to support schools in the
manner the teachers say is neces-
sary. Increases have been possi-
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taxpayer to rebel.

Efforts of laymen to combat
the argument brings on a charge
of disliking children, opposing
knowledge and attempting to
hamper the development of the
state and nation.

Certainly it is time for school-
men themselves to analyse the
problem and try to find a solution.
This they have been unwilling
to do—or at least have not done.

There are some alternatives.
Schools might well run the year
around. School houses could easily
be used twice as long per day.
There is reason to believe that
with modern methods (if as good
as claimed) more pupils could be
taught per instructor. Fewer
courses could be given in second-
ary schools. More attention could
be given to the old fashioned
three Rs and less to the fancier
courses that amuse as much as
they instruct.

It is our opinion that education
would not be seriously damaged
if all of these were done but one
can get an argument on any one.
Although there is a movement
toward more kindergartens it is
entirely possible that children
might easily finish high school at
18 or less without spending 12
years at the job. Starting age
could be seven or eight. This
might cause a change from the
old grade system which seems
obsolete anyway.

The present method of pushing
a pupil through school whether
he takes an interest in the pro-
cess or not is entirely uncalled
for. Pupils should have to try
and achieve certain standards be-
fore passing. This might mean
drastic readjustment of the com-
pulsory school attendance law
which keeps thousands of boys
and girls in school after their in-
terest in learning has been sat-
isfied.

It may be admitted that the tax
payer has a duty to provide edu-
cational opportunity to all child-
ren. However, that does not re-
move the duty of the individual
pupil to learn as fast as he can
and get out. Neither does it re-
move the duty of the school
teachers and administrators to see
that education is administered as
quickly and cheaply as possible.

Steps should be taken to re-
medy this situation before economic
conditions make it necessary for
taxpayers to call a halt on the
spending.

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People's Column

To the Editor:

There seems to be a lack of in-
formation generally concerning
the use of Sherman county funds
collected during March of Dimes
campaigns.

The people making collections
in the several communities have
found those who claimed that peo-
ple in this county do not benefit
from the funds and that cases in
this county have been refused aid.

There is not a person in the
United States who has not bene-
fitted from the vast and expensive
research which has been financed
by money collected in March of
Dimes campaigns.

No one in Sherman county has
been refused assistance who ap-
plied for it. There has been mis-
understanding concerning applica-
tion. Forms should be supplied
by the hospital admitting the pa-
tient-filled out by the hospital
and signed by the doctor in atten-
dance. A duplicate of this form
is then presented to the local coun-
ty chairman which constitutes an
application for aid.

I know that these misunder-
standings have not been wide
spread because of the tremendous
record for contribution made by
this county in the past. It is my
hope that the facts here presented
will make the task easier for
those who unselfishly give time
and effort collecting March of
Dimes funds.

Dorothy Moore
Sherman county Chairman
National Foundation Infantile
Paralysis

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All persons having claims
against the Estate of Charles J.
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notified to present them, with
the proper vouchers and duly
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Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

The American Legion Auxiliary
No. 91 at Wasco met at the Legion
hall Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Virgil Larimore president
opened the meeting with the sal-
ute to the flag. Mrs. Art Watkins
secretary read the previous min-
utes and gave the financial re-
port. The debt of \$100 left from
purchasing the tables and chairs
for the hall has been paid off.

Members present who make
their home in The Dalles were
Mrs. Margaret Blau, Mrs. Casha
Yates and Mrs. James Maddox.
It was reported \$42 was the value
put on the Christmas gifts given
by the Wasco unit for the veter-
ans gift shop in Portland. Mrs.
Margaret Blau reported that she
was a visitor at the gift shop, and
told of the tremendous good the
units are doing to make this pro-
ject available to the veterans, so
that they may give to their loved
ones.

The unit plans to make some
children clothes to give for child
welfare for Easter. The unit de-
cided to drop the Sue Marlin plan.
A donation of \$10 was to be sent
to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Clem Welk reported she
had the traveling basket. It was
decided to buy four president's
pins from the past presidents'
fund.

Mrs. Margaret Blau gave out
some magazines, "The Star", a
paper put out by people who have
Hansens disease at Carville, La.

After the meeting the hostesses
Mrs. Clyde Stradley and Mrs.
Dewey Thomas served refresh-
ments of ice cream, brownies and
coffee. Others present were Mrs.
Gus Hartman, Mrs. Clem Welk,
Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. George
Fox, Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. Bob
Bish and Mrs. Lee Dehler, besides
those previously mentioned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster
and two sons of Portland arrived
Wednesday at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Bill Macnab. They spent
the rest of the week visiting re-
latives here. Also guests here dur-
ing Christmas vacation were Mrs.
Leo Dumler and sons Wally and
Denny of Salem.

Mrs. Pat Macnab entertained
the Thursday evening bridge club
recently. Her guests were Mrs.
David Richeiderfer, Mrs. Gerald
Nisbet, who held high, Mrs. Al
Dormaier, Mrs. Dewey Thomas,
Mrs. Pete Macnab, Mrs. Stuart
Macnab, Mrs. Clem Welk, who
was a club guest and Mrs. John
Foss who held low and received

the consolation prize. Holiday
decorations were used and a gift
exchange held.

C. Edward Brock Jr. of Center-
ville, Wn., spent Thursday of last
week visiting with Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Merritt and family.

Guests for Christmas of Mr. and
Mrs. Malcolm McDermid were Mrs.
Margaret Blau and sons, Keith,
Scott and Craig of The Dalles,
Mrs. George Read, Don McDermid,
and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ghorter.

Leland Schwendel has returned
to his teaching duties at Madras
after spending part of the holidays
with his parents Mr. and Mrs.
Matt Schwendel and part in Port-
land.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Andrews of
Portland spent several days with
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Wright spent
Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Mar-
cus Eslinger.
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stanick of
Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rob-
erts and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mer-
ritt and sons Dale and Terry drove
to Grass Valley for a visit with
their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob
Rolfe.

New Year dinner guests of Mr.
and Mrs. John Addington in Du-
fur were Mr. and Mrs. Don Mac-
nab and children Jeanne, Karen
and Jackie.

The Rufus PTA met Monday
evening in the lunch room at Ru-
fus school. Mrs. Joe Morris presi-
dent presided at the meeting.

If the weather permits the
group will have a spaghetti din-
ner and bingo game at Rufus Jan.
29. The members are to furnish
the prizes for bingo. Mrs. Frank
Reid chairman of the dinner is
calling a meeting January 5 so
that details can be worked out.

John DeFigh, principal, said a
school dance is planned for March
19. The refreshment committee for
February will be Mrs. Marie El-
liot, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Peter-
son. A program on dental health
is planned for that evening.

For the program the men told
where they started to school and
the name of their teacher. The
women told how they spent New
Years and what resolutions they
made.

After the meeting refreshments
of angel cake, ice cream and cof-
fee was served by Mrs. Craig, Mrs.
Charles Blake and Mrs. Roy
Grant.

Mrs. Grace Medler arrived home
Saturday from a visit in Seattle
with her sister, Mrs. Clara Bing-
ham.

Mrs. Wilson Foote and daughter
Nancy arrived Friday morning

via the streamliner from Madison,
Wisconsin. They will spend some
time with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. George Fox. Wilson who
spent last term at the university
of Wisconsin, will sail for Swe-
den in January. Mrs. Foote will
join him there later.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox and
sons George Jr. and Jimmy. Mrs.
Foote and Nancy all were New
Years dinner guests at the
Frank Weatherford home in Olex.

Mrs. F. W. Macnab gave a bir-
thday party Monday afternoon at
her home honoring her daughter
Nancy. Nancy who was five receiv-
ed many gifts. Her mother served
ice cream and cake and punch for
refreshments.

The Wasco town team came to
Rufus Wednesday night where
they gave the Rufus high school
team a work out. The town team
beat the high school by 20 points.
Playing on the town team were
Bill White, George Fox Jr., Hank

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Richeiderfer, Leo Roberts, and an
unidentified man working for Al-
len Tom. Bobbie Byrd substituted
for them. On the high school team
were Wally Morris, Mike O'Brien
Russell Blake, Jimmy Fox and
Chester Peterson.

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