

OREGON TOTAL OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN UP

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SALEM—Development of a state-wide welfare organization with local workers in all counties is recommended by the legislative interim commission on governmental and administrative reorganization and the state planning board in a report filed with Governor Martin.

Such an organization, the report points out, is justified by "considerations of economy alone." Quoting figures to show that the populations of Oregon's state-aided institutions caring for children increased from 618 in 1923 to 1056 in 1934, a gain of 70.7 percent the report emphasizes it would be to keep as many as possible of the handicapped and delinquent (children) in their own communities and out of state institutions.

"During the 1922-23 period a grand total of \$251,857 was contributed to private institutions by the state," the report shows. During the 1933-34 period the state's contribution totaled \$356,254. This is an increase of \$104,397 or 41.5 percent.

"More important than monetary considerations is the fact that this increase in the number of children receiving state aid in private institutions is at variance with desirable social policy. It is generally agreed that the normal family home environment is better than institutional care. This increase in institutionalization of dependent children indicates the need for further development of a welfare organization whose workers in the counties would work out other plans for dependent children which would save many children from the blighting effects that result from even the best of institutional care."

Just one year to the day from the organization of the state capitol reconstruction commission—December 4, 1935—the contractor who will construct the new state house, Ross B. Hammond of Portland, moved onto the job and began work. First operations were

AFTERNOON COAT



Francevramant's formal afternoon coat of black broadcloth is lavishly trimmed with silver fox. The collar terminates in a bolero line in front. The long fur panels are very slenderizing.

confined to deepening of the excavation by another foot to provide additional headroom in the basement of the new \$2,500,000 capitol. This week a crew of carpenters have been at work on the forms in preparation for the pouring of the concrete which will get under way within a few days. Hammond expects to complete his contract in 18 months so that the new building should be ready for occupancy by midsummer of 1938.

Founded in 1907 primarily to regulate railroads the bulk of the business of the public utilities commission today has to do with the regulation of motor trucks and busses, according to Frank C. McCulloch, utilities commissioner. Eighty percent of the commission's 103 employees are in the motor transport division, McCulloch points out.

No plaques bearing the names of Oregon's high officials will grace the fronts of new buildings erected under the present administration. Governor Martin turned thumbs down on the suggestion when it was presented to the board of control. Four buildings were ready for the markers which cost \$30 each. "I don't care about having my name on a lot of buildings; let's just save that much money for the taxpayers," the

Failure To Vote Drops 541 Voters

A total of 541 registered voters in 10 Ashland precincts have been eliminated from the county register for failure to vote in two general elections in the past four years according to the county clerk's office. The precincts, with number eliminated, follow:

Boulevard	64
East Central	87
West Central	55
Oak	60
North	45
East	75
Southeast	106
Northwest	69
South	35
West	35
Barron	65
Bellview	61

Winter Scout Camp To Accommodate 50

Arrangements have been made to take care of 50 scouts in the two sessions of Crater Lake area's winter camp, according to an announcement by Irving P. Beesley, scout executive and camp director.

The annual Boy Scout winter outing will be held at Government Camp at Crater lake, with the first session held December 26 to 28, and the second, December 29 to 31.

NEW DESIGN FOR GUEST WINDSHIELD STICKERS

A windshield sticker with a brand new design will be issued out-of-state motorists beginning January 1, according to word received from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state.

The new sticker, carrying its slogan, "Guest of Oregon," is part of Snell's plan to promote tourist travel in Oregon.

governor declared. State Treasurer Holman and Secretary of State Snell agreed and the plaques were "out."

Whatever recommendations are made to the forthcoming legislature for extension of the industrial program at the state prison will be based on the policy of state's use, that is the manufacture of articles only for use of public institutions within the state. This was indicated by Dr. L. N. Robinson, chairman of the federal board for the reorganization of prison industries who was here this week for a conference with Governor Martin. Dr. Robinson did not indicate what industries might be recommended for the Oregon institution but pointed out that in some states prison labor is used in the manufacture of clothing and shoes used at all state institutions. It has also been suggested that the prison bakery might be enlarged to take care of the needs of institutions now buying bread from private bakeries. A preliminary report on the Oregon penitentiary will be placed in the hands of Governor Martin within a few days, Dr. Robinson said.

Trapper Collects \$210 From County for Pelts

Jackson county's number one trapper and woodsman, Vernon Hopkins of the Dead Indian district, collected \$210 from the county early this week for the hides of 50 coyotes and 17 bobcats.

Mr. Hopkins' record to date is 170 pelts, and he expects to hit the 200 mark before the first of the year, he said.

SONS MUSICIANS ENTERTAIN MEDFORD ROTARY TUESDAY

Musical talent of Southern Oregon Normal entertained the Medford Rotary club in the basement of the Medford hotel Tuesday.

Those taking part were Frank Smith, Rodney Rogers, Kenneth Burns, Bob Moore and Mary Lou McKnight. Dr. Arthur Taylor of the normal school faculty concluded the program with a short speech.

Among those leaving for the Susanville, Calif., where he will south to spend the holidays is be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. Elmer Ayers, who left Monday for E. Ayers.

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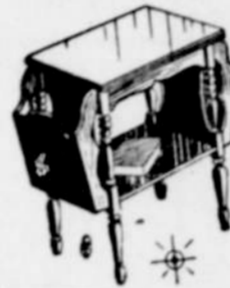
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