

**STATE CAPITAL NEWS**

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Salem.—Oregon will shift its old age pension set-up to include needy persons 65 years of age and over effective January 1, next, if Governor Martin signs the bill which has passed both the House and Senate as he is expected to do.

During the remainder of the current year, however, pension payments will be limited to needy persons of 70 years and over under the terms of the bill which is now in the hands of the governor.

Reduction of the age requirement for old age assistance, it is estimated, will cost the state an additional \$680,400 during this biennium. The several counties will also be required to budget this additional amount next year to meet their share of the pension cost.

In passing this pension program, which represents the original ways and means committee proposal with only one minor amendment, the House receded from its stand for immediate reduction of the age requirement to 65 years and for a shift in the cost ratio which would have imposed one third of the total burden on the state, with the counties paying only one-sixth of the cost, instead of state and counties each paying one-fourth of the cost as under the present program.

The only other change of any consequence in the old age pension program at this session—assuming that the governor signs the bill—was an amendment under which aged persons, otherwise qualified, may use their pensions in paying for a portion or all of the cost of their keep in a private institution. This provision, however, will not apply to persons who have paid or are able to pay their own way in one of these homes.

Chief concern of both the House and Senate in liberalizing the pension program was the ability of the counties to meet the additional cost. The state, it was explained, would be able to meet its share of the increase without additional revenue whereas some of the counties, it was admitted, would be hard put to meet the increased burden. With this problem in mind an interim committee will study the problem during the next two years and report back to the next session with recommendations for raising additional revenue, a part of which will go toward relieving the counties of their tax load.

Orville Gamble, superintendent of the trade school for adult blind at Portland, has resigned. His successor will be named by the new board created by an act of the 1937 legislative session, soon to be appointed by the governor. The resignation, it is understood, came as the result of differences between Gamble and his advisors, several of whom will probably be appointed to the new board.

Reports that Charles H. Carey, state corporation commissioner, and Frank Wire, state game supervisor, are to be replaced have been denied by Governor Martin. The governor explained that he had made no change in the corporation department and that the game supervisor was under the game commission of whose plans he knew nothing.

One of the wildest scenes staged at the current legislative session—or at any session in recent years for that matter—was enacted in the House late Saturday afternoon over the issue of adjournment. The senate had sent over a resolution calling for sine die adjournment at 5:00 p. m. Monday. This was promptly tabled by the House. A motion was then made to adjourn until 10:00 a. m., Monday. This was promptly amended to read 5:00 p. m. Tuesday, and the amendment again amended to read 10:01 a. m. Monday. Then the amendments were withdrawn and the same procedure repeated again. This horseplay continued for more than an hour until the members, exhausted by their own parlia-

mentary maneuvering, were content to knock off work for the week end and come back Monday morning.

Four state officials will emerge from the legislative session with bigger and better pay checks. Salaries of the three industrial accident - unemployment compensation commissioners were increased from \$3600 to \$5600 a year and the state insurance commissioner was given a pay boost from \$3600 to \$5000 a year.

**Bauman Named County CMTC Head**

C. J. D. Bauman, Heppner, has been appointed by Patrick Bacon, state aide for the Military Training Camps association, as chairman of the committee for Morrow county in connection with enrollment of applicants for the CMTC camp to be held at Vancouver Barracks, Wn., July 1st to July 30 this year. Mr. Bauman will have charge of the local arrangements for enrollment.

Dr. Archie D. McMurdo, Masonic bldg., has volunteered to assist in the campaign by conducting the preliminary physical examinations of the boys who apply to go to camp.

The quota allotted to Morrow county for this year's camp is two boys. It is hoped that the county will fill this quota promptly as the quotas, if not filled by May 20th, will be allotted to counties which have oversubscribed their quota.

Among those who have already applied from Morrow county is Lawrence L. Wehmeyer of Heppner.

Information and application blanks can be obtained from the county chairman, the examining physician, or by writing direct to the CMTC officer, Vancouver Barracks, Wn.

**DR. GRAY IMPROVED.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burkenbine returned the first of the week from Portland where they went to see Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Gray. Dr. Gray was found to be much improved in his serious illness, so much so that an operation was found unnecessary. Mr. Burkenbine reported that Dr. and Mrs. Gray had returned to their home at Dorris, Cal.

**Eight Mile Pioneer Passes at McMinnville**

Mrs. Fred Akers of Eight Mile was called to McMinnville Friday by the death of her mother, Nancy L. Jones, pioneer and long time resident of the Eight Mile community. Interment was in the Newberg cemetery, where also is buried her son, Clifford E. Jones, former resident of Eight Mile.

Mrs. Jones left Morrow county in 1914, since residing at McMinnville. The old home farm is now operated by Mr. and Mrs. Akers.

**SEES DEER SNOWBOUND.**

Stephen Irwin is spending the week in Heppner with his family from the road camp on Camas creek where he is employed on the John Day North and South highway. The camp was maintained through the winter and Mr. Irwin said the weather was plenty severe. It was nothing to count from 40 to 50 deer most any day going up and down the road by the camp, the road being the easiest passageway to travel through the snow. Ticks are held responsible for killing many deer in the Ukiiah section, Mr. Irwin said. He saw one animal that had succumbed to their attack. One tick was seen swelled up to a size equal to the end of his little finger from the first joint. The ticks attack under the animal's throat where it cannot get at them, a nest of them forming a large lump under the hide.

**MORTIMORES TO POCATELLO.**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mortimore and family of La Grande will leave that city about March 30 for Pocatello, Idaho, where they will make their home. Mr. Mortimore has been pastor of the La Grande Christian church for the past six and one half years and has now accepted position as pastor of the Christian church in Pocatello. Mrs. Mortimore will be remembered in this vicinity as Huldah Tucker of Lexington.

John Krebs was in town Saturday from the Krebs brothers holdings at Cecil where lambing has been progressing nicely.

**BATTLED SNOW.**

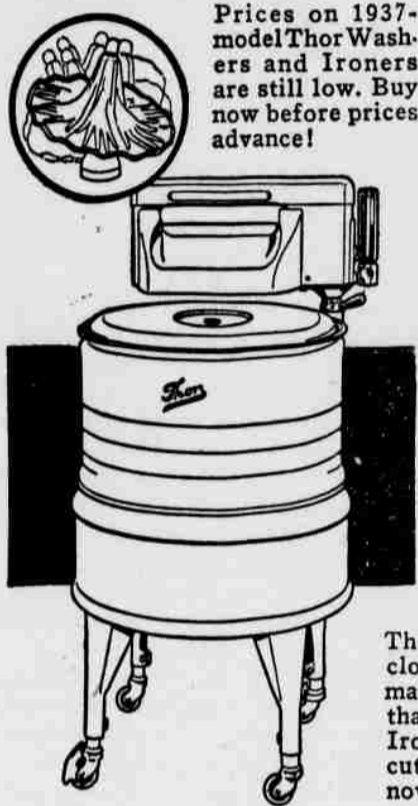
The wind driven snow covered up their house all but the tops of the chimneys, said Jim Hams, in from the Hardman section Saturday. It was the toughest winter in his experience. Snow blew into the house through keyholes or the least opening of any kind. For several days it was necessary to leave the house by an upstairs window. He would dig out a channel to the kitchen door and almost before it was finished, he had to start digging all over again. The stock were especially mean to handle, as they were reluctant to go outside the barn for water. Large snowbanks were still holding well at his place, he said.

**TOWNSEND MEETING SET.**

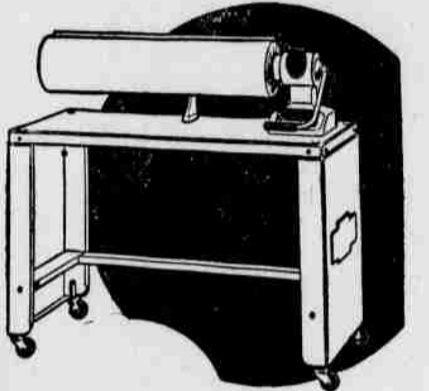
A mass meeting of Townsend club members will be held at the court house Saturday, March 20, at 2:00 o'clock. The speaker will be Rev. Glen C. Wade of Hermiston, district manager for the second congressional district. Boardman and Ione clubs are asked to send representatives. Rev. Wade will speak on "The General Welfare Act of 1937." The public is cordially invited.

Charles McElligott was a business visitor in the city Monday from the farm in the Ione section. He reported wheat on his place starting fairly well, though the ground is pretty badly crusted and rains would be welcome.

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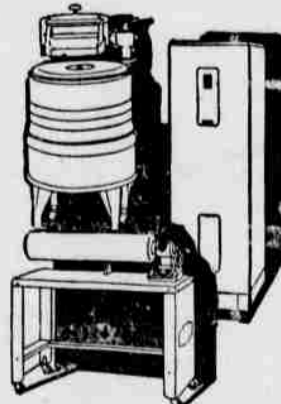
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