

**JOINS ARMY**

Raymond Adrian McDonald is the only draftee from the local selective service board this month. McDonald reported at Pendleton where he has been living. He formerly resided in this vicinity, working for Earl Blake and others around the county.

**JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE**

Winter coats 1/4 off; winter hats 1/2 off. Curran's Ready-to-Wear. 42-44c

**SPEAKS AT SCHOOL**

Dee Jones spoke to his former school mates at Heppner high school, giving them a resume of his travels and experiences since entering the navy. He has been on a 17-day leave and will report back at Seattle Friday.

**DINNER PARTY**

Betty Lee Elliott was honored with a dinner party Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Wendell Herbison. The party was given by her Sunday school class.



**LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION**

Monday morning the 43rd legislative assembly organized, elected Senator Howard C. Belton, Clackamas, president of the senate and Representative Eugene E. Marsh, speaker of the house. Before convening, in joint assembly at 2 p. m. to hear the biennial message of Governor Earl Snell, the standing committees of the two houses were announced by the presiding officers. To Senator Deon H. Walker, Independence, went the chairmanship of the powerful ways and means committee of the senate while Henry Semon was accorded this honor in the house.

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

In the opening statements of his biennial message to the legislature, Governor Earl Snell praised civilian efforts and contributions that aided in bringing victory in sight. He warned, however, that "this is no time to rest on laurels or records."

In reviewing the state's financial position, he said, "I am happy and proud to report that the state of Oregon is in the best financial position in which it has been for a long, long number of years. . . . The total bonded indebtedness from original issues of over eighty-million dollars has been reduced to around twenty million dollars. . . . The service carrying charges on our bonded debt have been reduced from the high of three million in round numbers to a figure now of less than a million. . . . Two years ago the per capita net debt was \$25.50. Today it is \$18.80. Ten years ago it was \$55.20.

The governor stated that a survery of taxes in Oregon, Washington and California discloses that Oregon's per capita tax is much lower than either Washington or California.

Speaking on old age assistance, the governor stressed that at the 1943 legislature, he asked for an increase in appropriation sufficient to provide \$40.00 a month payment, designated as the minimum both in the state and federal law. "At that time," he said, "the average payment was around \$24.00." The average payment is now \$35.00 and these payments will be increased further before the close of the fiscal biennium, June 30. Nearly 50 percent of recipients now receive \$40.00, over 60 percent receive from \$35.00 to \$40.00, approximately 80 percent now receive from \$30 to 40 supplementing and in addition to these figures is free medical service totaling in excess of \$125,000 a year. "As stated in my inaugural message in 1935, I still maintain that \$40 per month is little enough to provide sustenance and reasonable comfort for these elderly citizens."

The message had 6600 words and required 50 minutes to deliver.

**CAPITOL BRIEFS**

The first bill, by Senators Strayer and Rand, was introduced on the first day, its purpose being to repeal the 1943 community tax law, made useless by a recent United States supreme court decision. . . . The combined legislative experience of the members of this legislature amounts to over 35 years. The oldest member in point of service is W. H. Strayer with 15 sessions. Only two members of the 30 in the senate and 11 of the 60 in the house have not had previous legislative experience. . . . You should have your state income tax blanks by now. They were mailed Saturday. It took 10 tons of paper to produce the blanks.

**IN PORTLAND**

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gaily left the past week-end for Portland, Mrs. Gaily accompanying her husband that far on his way to California where he will take advanced training in the navy.

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**MISSIONARY MEETING**

Tuesday evening will be devoted to a missionary talk by Miss Catherine Rueck, evangelist in charge of special services at the Assembly of God church. Anyone interested in China should hear Miss Rueck as she spent many years in that country as a missionary. Meetings will continue at the church every night except Saturday and Monday.

**HERE FOR FUNERAL**

Elmer Pomeroy and family Kelso, Wash. arrived Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Pomeroy's sister, Mrs. Ben Cox.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends for the many cards of sympathy and the flowers sent to us in our bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson and Marlyou.

Alex Thompson recently finished his boot training at Farragut and has been transferred to a radar school in Chicago.

Pvt Vernon Amis is home from Camp Roberts where he took his basic training in the army.

**❖ Star Reporter ❖**

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13

**Heavenly Days**

Fibber McGee and Molly, Eugene Pallette, Gordon Oliver, Raymond Walburn, Frieda Inescourt. The King's Men

A new bill of riots with the stars of the most popular team on radio giving their fastest performance in a story tailored to their warmly human comedy talents.—PLUS—

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Sunday-Monday, Jan. 14-15

**Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**

All we need to say is that Dopey

and Happy and Grumpy and Sleepy with all the other characters of the famous fairy tale are back again in Walt Disney's beautiful Technicolor feature-length cartoon.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

**Singing Sheriff**

Bob Crosby, Fay McKenzie, Fuzzy Knight—A good-natured musical comedy portraying a singing cowboy who goes West.—PLUS—

**CRY OF THE WEREWOLF**

A real thriller-chiller with Stephen Crane, Nina Foch, Osa Massen, Barton McLane.

Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 17-18

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