

### French Reviews the Legislature

By Giles L. French

The governor is reported to be disgusted with the house taxation committee because it hasn't worked fast enough or shown anything like a unanimous acceptance of his program. So he has decided to take them collectively and metaphorically to the woodshed and administer fatherly correction in the form of a "statement."

It has been tried before and it even works less well for governors than for fathers. Executives are elected as executive and the word means what it says. An executive is a man hired to execute a program, that is, to put it into effect—an administrator.

The constitution requires the executive to make his recommendations to the legislative body at stated times and gives him the privilege of doing so at his pleasure. More often than not the legislative branch of the government feels just as important and certainly just as independent as

the executive and goes merrily on its course paying little attention to executive pain and screams.

The house has almost a half of its membership composed of new men. They are sincere and honest and desirous of doing the best legislative job possible. They will be handicapped if hurried. You gotta give a colt time. Don't slam the harness on him, tie him ahead and sideways and throw rocks at him the first time you put him in the team.

Take it easy, Mac.

Actually the tax program is farther along than the big shots think. There are comparatively few important tax measures before the legislature and nothing serious would happen if nothing was done about any of them. If the Ways and Means committee would cut the requests down a few millions, around 2 to 30, levy over the six percent limit for what is needed, all the legislators could go home assured that the state would get along for another biennium.

The only question is whether or not the excise and income tax moneys will be transferred to the general fund or rather how they shall be spent. The usual way is to levy over the six percent limit and offset the levy with income and excise funds. When the people refused to permit the \$6,500,000

levy last November, it scared the leaders in government and gave impetus to the diversion of these funds to the general fund.

The only result of such a transfer will be to make spending the money easier—by the legislature instead of by the people—and to put off the day when drastic economy will have to be started.

Oregon citizens will never stand for a \$180 million budget nor vote the taxes to pay for it. Unless the initiative and referendum are repealed the people will not accept any such taxes as such a budget will entail.

It must be remembered that the state's income will be down soon. The \$180 million budget is presumed for 1951 on the basis of growth comparable to that of the last biennium when the budget grew from \$76 to \$118 million. In fact, no one has found a sure way to pay for this \$118 million budget as yet although it might be done by spending all the \$50,000,000 (now cut to \$45,000,000) estimated amount on hand June 30 and most of the estimated receipts for the coming biennium.

The state would be spending all it's got and all it expects to get this session with the full knowledge that it would be obliged in 1951 and with some very expensive habits.

That isn't good business, private or public. Under Oregon's peculiar initiative and referendum system it is extremely dangerous.

The time to start cutting is now not after we are another two years and another \$100 million nearer the poorhouse.

There are those who say that the state must be developed and must spend more money. What they haven't answered yet is how and with whose money. It doesn't grow on bushes even in fertile Oregon.

### Lexington Teams Victorious Over Boardman Friday

By Delpha Jones

Lexington played Boardman on the local floor last Friday. Both A and B teams played, and won both games.

Mr. and Mrs. Bastin of Moscow, Idaho, are the parents of a 6 3/4 pound baby girl. She has been named Lois Ethel. Mrs. Bastin is the former Eva Wilcox of Lexington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Ceel Jones are spending a few days in Portland visiting her grandmother. Mrs. Kate Sheely, Mr. Jones is attending a co-op school while there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael have returned from a several days' visit in Portland and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davis and Clark Davis of Pendleton were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Nettie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Stotts are the parents of a baby daughter. She weighed 4 pounds 7 ounces and is in an incubator, name Eva Sharon.

Mrs. Orla Padberg entertained the Three Links club at her home Wednesday night. Mrs. Eldon Padberg was co-hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger and family went to Boardman Wednesday to attend the funeral of his mother who passed away Sunday after a lingering illness.

A. M. Edwards was transacting business in Echo and Stanfield Monday.

Gerald Baker went to Portland Friday evening and returned on Sunday, bringing his wife and baby son home.

Anyone wishing to participate in the cotton dress workshop to be held in Lexington in March should contact Mrs. Archie Munkers before February 21. This is available to anyone in the county

### Monument Clears \$180.00 at March Of Dimes Dance

By Millie Wilson

On Saturday night, Feb. 12, Monument's grange sponsored a dance for the benefit of the March of Dimes. The school donated the use of the gym, Dempsey Boyer donated the lights, a local band furnished the music, Orval Wyland the janitor work, Perry Wilson his time as marshal, and many others joined in to make this dance the success it was. Everyone donated food and the women served it. In spite of cold weather and bad roads there was a nice crowd. About \$180 was cleared.

On Friday night Spray's town basketball team and the town volleyball team came to Monument to play Monument's town teams. The proceeds of this game were given to the March of Dimes.

Three cars from Monument, the Emory Moore, Howard and Bob Swick and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Enright cars, were caught in one of the season's worst blizzards last Wednesday when they attempted to go to Heppner. Emory Moore's was the first car to stall on the brink of the hill this side of Hardman. Next came the Swick car but they were unable to get Moore's car free of the snowdrift. Then came Enright's in a truck which had power enough to pull Moore's car out. Then came the Heppner patrol. With the help of all hands they managed to get chains on and all three cars turned back.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johns and daughters, Kay and Diane, spent the week end visiting in John Day and Prairie City.

Lawrence Cochran from Heppner spent several days last week at the Howard Swick home.

A council meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Brown Tuesday night. A committee was appointed on street and

whether they have attended a meeting or not. This is a most worthwhile and interesting project.

public building repair. They also voted to join the Columbia Co-op association.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Round and Mrs. Lorraine Cribbins were in John Day on Friday. Mrs. Cribbins had a date with her dentist.

Word was received in Monument Saturday of the passing and burial of another pioneer of Grant county, Pernice Carter or "Granny" Carter as she was lovingly called by her many friends. Burial services were held in Long Creek on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Shanks returned Saturday from a week's stay in Portland. Mr. Shanks had a throat operation while there. They report the roads in bad condition on the Washington side.

Dewey Taylor, the stage driver from Long Creek, spent several nights in Monument this week. The road between Monument and Long Creek was blocked by snowdrifts. However, a rotary snow plow came through on Thursday.

Services will be held in the Community Presbyterian church February 20. Sunday school at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 7:30 p.m. Men's choir.

On February 3 Monument's basketball team played a losing game with Mt. Vernon on Mt. Vernon's floor. With three of the main players fouled out, the Monument high school team lost a heartbreaker in the last thirty seconds when a Mt. Vernon player made a basket to win, 39-38 in a game that had everyone on their feet. The local team completely dominated the game throughout, only to lose when inadequate reserves were unable to keep pace with the strong Mt. Vernon team.

On February 4 Monument's team played at Dayville, but was unable to hit the hoop for any consistent average, so bowed to Dayville with the score of 26-16.

Joe Simas made a business trip to John Day on Saturday. Then on Sunday he left for Roseburg to spend a week with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Devore.

Emory Moore and Chet Brown were business visitors in Heppner on Friday.

Lee Slocum is driving a new pickup this week and Steve Holmes is driving a new five-passenger coupe.

Ethel Schafer is back in town at the home of Mrs. Miles Gilman after spending a week at the home of her brother, Morton Cuper.

Scott Furlong from Heppner was in town Thursday on business. He reports the highways as being very icy.

Stanley Boyer, Darlene Moore and Norris Stubblefield drove to John Day last Saturday. Miss

Moore was having some dental work done.

Case Shanks from Hermiston arrived Thursday afternoon. He took his two children, Jerry and Caroline to see their mother. Mrs. Shanks was badly burned some time ago and is now convalescing at the home of Mr. Shanks' sister in Hermiston. Mr. Shanks and the children will return on Sunday.

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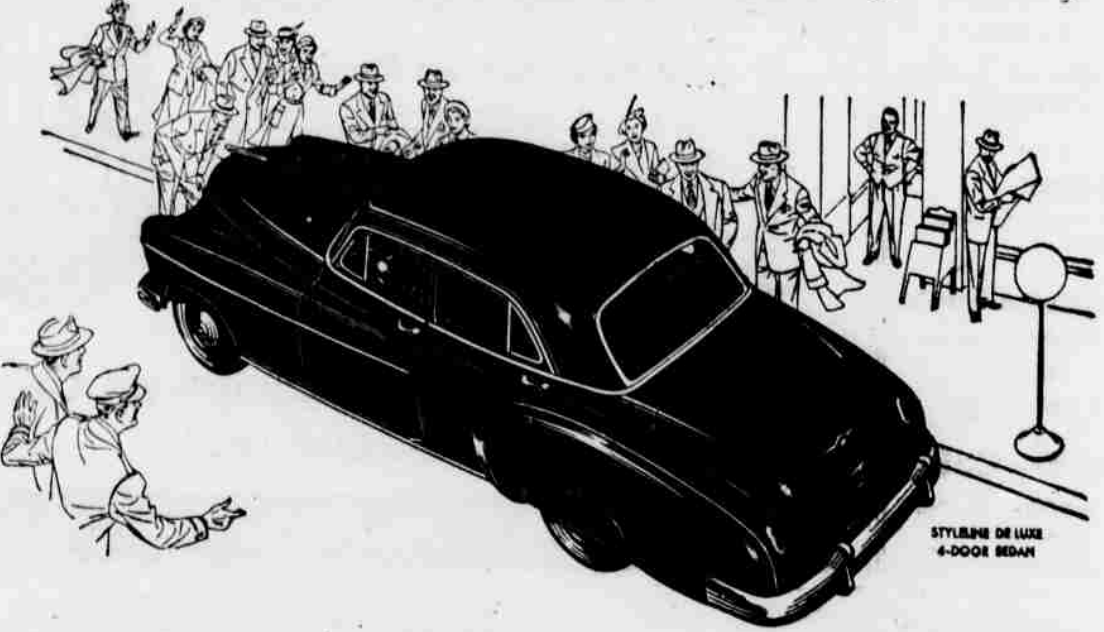
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