

## GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT ON ARTHUR IRELAND

Oregon's oldest former legislator, a great friend and colleague of mine, and a man who has earned a place of special respect in Oregon history, has passed away.

Arthur P. Ireland will be honored at funeral ceremonies to be held December 8th in McMinnville. He was born in 1893 on the family farm that has been home for five generations of the Ireland family.

His legislative career began in 1933 with his appointment to the State Senate by Governor Julius Meier. From 1955 through 1961, he served in the Oregon House of Representatives. I remember him particularly as a rugged man of few words, but forceful action. He was a model legislator who commanded the ear and the respect of younger members who, like me, began legislative service late in that era.

While generally conservative with his vote, he had a very strong record on human and social issues. He was an early advocate of compensation for crime victims, and took an active part in designing and winning passage of laws to protect migrant workers. He successfully undertook a heavy load of legislative duties and many committee chairmanships during his long career, and served with distinction in many capacities for his community, for Washington County, and for his beloved alma mater Pacific University.

I remember him well as a strong and effective advocate of family farms in Oregon---five generations of the Ireland family lived and worked on the family farm. I also remember Art Ireland for his strong voice on behalf of individual constituents---he

was an effective ombudsman for the residents of his district.

It think it important and appropriate that Oregonians join with me in honoring the memory of Arthur Ireland---a longtime legislator of stature, wisdom, and compassion who has left his mark for the better upon the history of our state.

Sincerely,

Governor Victor Atiyeh