

Salem Scene

by Robert H. Elsner

Consumer Protection Bills Introduced

Several consumer protection bills have been dropped into the 1963 legislative hopper. One calls for the licensing of telephone solicitors. Another would prevent turning-back mileage indicators on automobile speedometers. Still another calls for large one-inch letters on bread packages, to indicate the weight of the loaf.

Most prominent of these, perhaps, is a proposal by Sen. Don S. Willner (D-Multnomah County) and 18 other legislators which would require retail merchants who offer credit to disclose the annual rate of interest charged, and to provide the buyer with a copy on the contract.

Sen. Willner told us the bill (S. B. 179) does not intend to tell the merchant "how much interest" he may charge. "It merely requires that the purchaser be told the true annual interest rate he is paying," he said. "Some Oregonians get in serious trouble by using too much credit without being aware of its cost."

"I feel this is a fairly simple bill," he added, "which would require a standardized statement showing rates of interest paid on retail installment purchases."

Sen. Willner believes a disclosure bill will serve a genuine public service. He feels the "consumers are frequently an unrepresented group at the legislature."

We wanted to get the retailers' opinion of this proposed legislation, so we sought out George

Wollenberg, chairman of the Oregon Retail Council, a statewide association of retail merchants.

While pointing out that merchants generally agree with a full-disclosure principle, Wollenberg protected strongly that the requirements to disclose "annual rates of interest" would result in more—not less—consumer confusion.

"Interest and percentages, themselves, are confusing," Wollenberg explained. "People don't think in terms of interest, but in terms of dollars and cents. They are paid in dollars, they make their purchases in dollars, and they better understand dollars."

"It isn't always possible to determine actual interest rates—particularly if it has to be quoted in 'per annum' terms," Wollenberg said.

Wollenberg suggests that it would be much simpler and easier for the buyer to understand—and the retailer to calculate—if the disclosure were made in dollars and cents.

"What the customer is really paying is not entirely 'interest' anyway," he said. "It's the difference between interest and the time-price differential, or the cost of servicing the credit account."

He explained that many retail credit departments lose money, because of such expenses as collections, postage, maintenance of extensive records and ledgers, plus the accompanying additional payrolls.

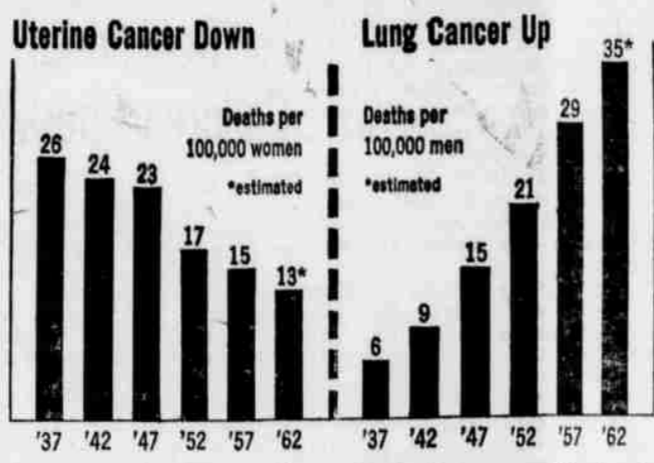
He also explained that the cost of a property owner to 7½ cents per acre on forest lands and 5 cents on grasslands. Under the measure, any additional amount would come out of the general fund of the state of Oregon.

Smith explained that relief under the proposed legislative actions was necessary to the property owner in fire control districts. He said an increasing number of fires were being caused by increased public recreation use of these and adjoining lands. The Condon legislator also stressed that because the private fire patrol and suppression costs have more than quadrupled in many Oregon areas during the past five years, the resulting costs have exceeded the land assessments and in many areas was out of proportion to the actual land value.

The House joint resolution memorializes congress to appropriate a ceiling of \$20,000,000 as the federal government's share in the federal-state-private landowner cooperation fire patrol and suppression program. It also asks that the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service be directed to carry on fire suppression on a good-neighbor policy in connection with wild fires burning over private lands, having started through recreational use of either public or private lands.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rood were in Medford from last Monday through Sunday, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gay there.

STORY OF TWO CANCERS



More progress has been made in controlling cancer of the uterus than cancer of any other site. Since 1937, the death rate has dropped 50 per cent. With the "Pap" smear, many thousands more could be saved each year.

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Rhea Creek Club Plans for Supper

Rhea Creek Grange Home Economics club meeting Thursday night made plans for a pancake supper on March 16 to be followed by a benefit card party. The meeting was held at the country home of Mrs. Elmer Palmer for potluck dinner and business session. About 14 were present, and Mrs. Ben Anderson was in charge of the business meeting.

The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ray Drake on the third Thursday.

MONUMENT

By MARTHA MATTESON

MONUMENT—Bob Humphrey of Dayville, Rev. Verne Wiese and Maynard Hamilton drove to Sacramento, Calif., last Thursday to attend the Presbyterian Seminar there over the week-end.

Monument schools closed Friday morning after several children broke out with the 3-day measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shank were guests Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Inglis on Cottonwood.

Freda Wheeler was rushed to John Day hospital Friday, where she is still a patient.

Miss Laura Lee Shank visited at the Shank and Stritt homes while on her day-off from work in John Day last week.

Mrs. Ford Sloan of Long Creek visited Sunday at the Dick Williams and Harry Scott homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis and daughter Earline spent four days at Kinzua where they were tearing down some houses.

Mrs. Wava Jackson and Mrs. Gladys Bryon spent the week-end in Portland visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Halstead of Dale were visitors Sunday with Mrs. Ivy Barnard. Homer was a cousin of the late Earl Barnard.

Mrs. Clarisa Cork of Portland, who has been with her sister Leila Sloan in Long Creek, visited Sunday at the Frank Williams home.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theron King at their ranch home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. Galbreath of Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin returned home Sunday after spending 10 days in Prineville with their two sons, Ansl and Richard and their families. They were also in Eugene and visited their daughter, Miss Margaret Martin, and other relatives in Salem.

Visiting with Mrs. Mary Bryant over the week-end were Phyllis Brunson of Portland, a friend of long standing, dating back to high school days in Portland, and Mrs. Bryant's son, James Cason of Beaverton. He is attending Multnomah Junior College. They came Friday night and left Sunday.

Hardman News

By CHARLOTTE WALKER

Hardman, Rhea Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Robinson recently went to Hermiston to visit Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid McDaniel, and on to Walla Walla and College Place to visit Bessie Craber, and the Stanton family. This week they drove to Kimberly and Spray.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Engelman and Frankie of Ione were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel on Saturday.

Bill Kessell of Pendleton spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eslie Walker.

Mrs. Mary Wright had major surgery at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton the first of the week.

Cecil McDaniel returned home after being at Ashland for about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Shank of Mt. Vernon visited Mr. and Mrs. Huston Lesley for a few days.

Elmer Knighton of Condon spent several days with his brother, Wilbert Knighton.

Bonnie Kessell visited overnight Friday with Linda Heath at Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin spent a week-end in their cabin at Parkers Mill recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright visited in Arlington with Mr. and

Carol Hynd Makes Parachute Jumps

Carol Sue Hynd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hynd of Cecil now with the WAC at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, has completed two parachute jumps from airplanes in connection with her medical training, the parents have learned.

She admitted that it was difficult taking that "first step" out of the plane, but she landed fine and had no real trouble. Carol, who entered service last year, expects to be transferred to Fort Ord, Calif., perhaps in mid-March, to continue her training.

Old Timer's Night Set

Members of Heppner Masonic Lodge No. 69 are reminded of the special meeting at the hall Tuesday evening, March 5, at 8 p. m. Old Timer's Night will be observed and work in the E. A. Degree is scheduled. All officers and members are urged to be present.

When you trade at home, the dollars you spend go to work for you.

Mrs. Don Anderson and Tami, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Lesley, Guy Chapin and Mr. and Mrs. Eslie Walker have been over on the John Day river fishing a few times.

CHURCHES

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Harold McArthur, pastor
American Legion Hall
Sunday Afternoons:
Sunday School, 2 p.m.
Church Worship, 3 p.m.

IONE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rev. Rod MacKenzie, pastor
Church school, 9:45 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Choir rehearsals,

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Elwood Boyd, pastor
Saturday services
Sabbath school, 9:30 a.m.
Church services, 11:00 a.m.
"Quiet Hour" radio broadcast over KGO every Sunday, 8 p.m.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Melvin W. Dixon, Pastor
Church school, 9:45 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Choir rehearsals, Thursday, 7:45 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Rev. Bill Alsop, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening service, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday evening, family services, 7:30.

VALBY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Kenneth Robinson, pastor
Sunday school and worship, 9:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. M. Carlton Sober, Pastor
Sunday school 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Nazarene young people's society 6:45 p.m.
Evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Meeting in Seventh Day Adventist church.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Kenneth Robinson, pastor
Alfalfa Street
Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.
Church school, 9:45 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Charles V. Knox, minister
Bible school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.
Evening worship, 7:00 p.m.
CYF meeting, 8:00 p.m.
Chi Rho meeting 1st, 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

ST WILLIAMS CHURCH
Ione
Rev. Raymond Beard
Sunday Masses, 9:15 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. C. Bruce Spencer, Rector
Holy Communion daily (except Mondays) 7:30 A. M., Sundays 7:30 and 10:00 A. M.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS' American Legion Hall
Ralph J. Richards, Br. President
Priesthood meeting, 8:30 a. m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament Service at 11:30.

LEXINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Walter Smith, pastor
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
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Weekday Masses, 7:00 a.m.

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Ginny Lou Turner Serves as Queen

Ginny Lou Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner, Lexington, and junior at St. Paul's school in Walla Walla, Wn., recently served as Valentine Queen and was honored at the annual formal at the school.

Ginny Lou is vice president of her class and also was recently selected as a delegate to a regional religious conference at the Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma. She was home on a visit over the week-end.

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Smith Introduces Bill on 2, 4-D

The most volatile and possibly most potentially dangerous form of 2, 4-D chemical herbicide used in farm weed control would be placed on a restrictive use basis in Oregon and set-up for an extensive research program by Oregon State College to determine its possible damaging qualities under a House bill introduced by Rep. J. L. Smith, D-Condon.

Smith said one of the main purposes of his bill was the protection of the \$1,300,000 horticultural crop in the Milton Free-water area of Oregon—a crop which many growers of the region had felt was heavily damaged by ground and airplane spraying of the highly volatile isopropyl ester of the 2,4-D chemical herbicide. The chemical weed control agent is widely used to restrict the growth of weeds in wheat as well as many other farm crops.

Smith said his bill would restrict the use of the isopropyl ester of 2,4-D except by a permit which would be issued by the Oregon State Department of Agriculture of the Oregon State Forester. Accompanying the restriction, he said, would be an extensive research program by Oregon State College to evaluate effects of chemical herbicides (including the 2,4-D ester) on various field and horticultural crops and a determination of what particular agent has caused

ed damage to horticultural and other crops in Oregon. The research would be financed by a use tax on all forms of 2,4-D herbicides sold in the state, according to Smith. The tax would expire July 1, 1964, but the research would continue for a two year period.

Savings Bonds Sales Show Jump

Figures received by County Savings Bonds Committee Chairman Jack Bedford show a huge increase in the purchase of Treasury Department Series E and H Savings Bonds by Oregonians last month as compared to a year ago. Total sales for the State last month were \$4,242,358, a gain of 16% compared to January, 1962.

"Our sales last month in this county were \$39,644" said Bedford. "The same month a year ago purchases by our people came to \$13,264."

"It may interest the people of the county to know that the American people now own a total of \$45,679,000,000 worth of E and H Savings Bonds."

Under New MANAGEMENT

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