

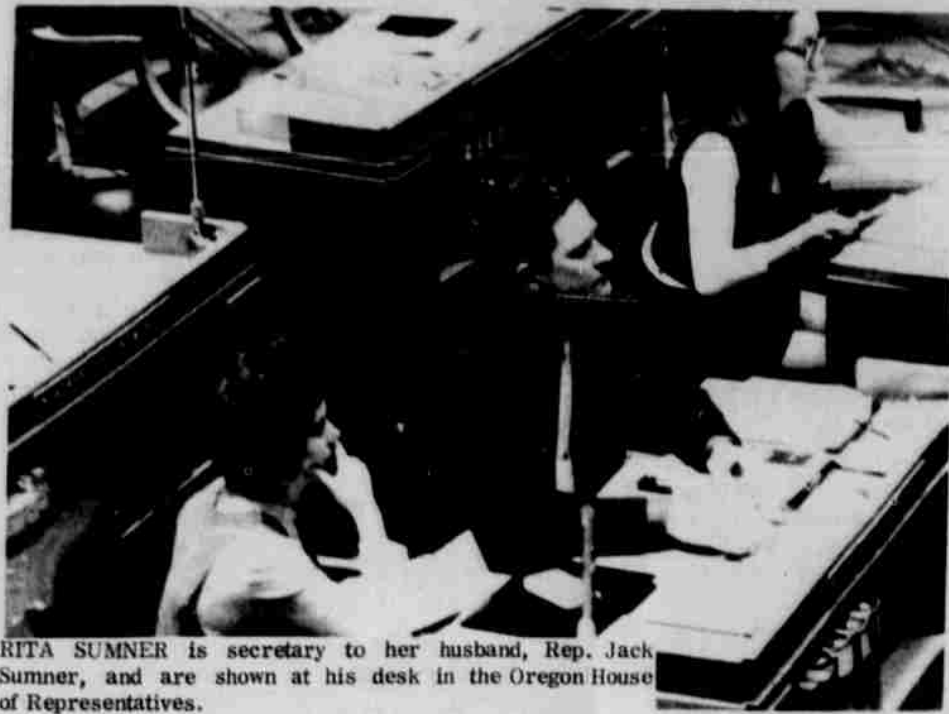
With Steve Lindstrom at Oregon's Legislature

Jan Schlichting, Page

Rep. Jack Sumner



JAN SCHLICHTING is shown here with Rep. Jack Sumner.



RITA SUMNER is secretary to her husband, Rep. Jack Sumner, and are shown at his desk in the Oregon House of Representatives.

By STEVE LINDSTROM
Miss Jan Schlichting, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schlichting of Heppner, is serving as a page in the House of Representatives during the current Oregon Legislative Assembly. She is a 1971 graduate of HHS and attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton during the 1971-72 school year.

Taking time out from a very busy first week, Miss Schlichting explained that she was excited and happy to be working in the Legislature, and went on to say, "I am still not completely organized, with all of the activity and the remodeling in the Capitol Building, it will be a few days before I get oriented."

Her primary duties include acting as a messenger, both on the House floor during the daily sessions, and throughout the Capitol during the rest of the day. In addition, she assists in the distribution of correspondence, copies of pending legislation, and other documents and reference materials as required by the legislators or her supervisor, Mr. William W. Wooten, Sergeant at Arms of the House. Other miscellaneous duties occupy the remainder of her time, and as a result, her work day leaves little time for relaxation or reflection.

"I'm so busy most of the time that time just flies. Even though I'm tired every evening, it seems that the day went by very quickly," Miss Schlichting commented. She continued, "I'm able to observe most of the proceedings and events that I come in contact with and find them to be fascinating. I am really glad that I got this job, and think that it is a great experience."

Miss Schlichting applied for the job with the sponsorship of State Representative Jack Sumner (D-Heppner) Thanksgiving time. Competition is keen for the page positions, as she is one of six selected to work in the House for the session. There are also honorary pages who work for a day under the sponsorship of the various legislators. While in Salem she is living with Representative and Mrs. Sumner.

By STEVE LINDSTROM

"I got out of my car and looked up at the Capitol Building and was struck by a feeling of great pride—pride in my state." In this way did State Representative Jack Sumner (D-Heppner) start his career as a Freshman legislator, representing the 55th District, which encompasses all of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and Jefferson Counties and parts of Wasco, Clackamas, Marion and Linn Counties.

But time for reflection has quickly given way to not enough time, as this Fifty-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly swung into high gear during an extremely busy first week. With party caucuses, House sessions, committee assignments and settling into a new office, Rep. Sumner is eagerly working to develop a feeling for the Legislature and establish a pattern of activity which will allow him to cope effectively with the intense pressures that are brought to bear on our state's lawmakers.

"I have been very grateful to find that the other legislators, members of both parties, have been extremely helpful in my efforts to orient myself to the requirements and demands of the Legislature," said Rep. Sumner when asked how he was able to become acquainted with the procedural intricacies of such a complex system.

When asked about the diversity of the district that he represents, Rep. Sumner replied, "The 55th District is basically oriented around agriculture and forest products. The largest employer in the whole district is a school district in Jefferson County (509J), with the exception of the federal corporation at the Warm Springs Reservation. This clearly demonstrates the rural nature of the district and provides a common bond for the constituents."

Discussing his committee assignments, Rep. Sumner said that he was very pleased with his position on the Transportation Committee and the State and Federal Affairs Committee, but was particularly pleased with his selection as Vice-Chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. He said further, "I found that I am able to talk very well with the Chairman, Rep. Bernard Byers (D-Lebanon), and believe we have a basic compatibility that will be significant and advantageous because the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee is extremely important to the people of the 55th District."

I think that with so many newly elected legislators this session, we will have a very active, flexible body of lawmakers. The youth and newness of many of Representatives and Senators is by no means a liability to the potential effectiveness of this Legislature," maintained Rep. Sumner when discussing the appearance of so many new faces on the Salem scene.

When questioned about the most popular and emotional issue before this session, that of Property Tax Relief, Rep. Sumner answered, "It seems to me that the request of Governor McCall for 100 percent State funding for education will not be supported by the Legislature, rather, I look for legislation that will provide about 50 percent State funding. This limit, coupled with the potential surplus during the next biennium, could lead to property tax relief in the way of refunds to property owners. I believe it is possible to increase the services provided by the state and still hold the line on taxes, without major tax system reforms."

Another pertinent issue developing is that of a proposed State land use and zoning plan. When asked about his ideas for a solution to the current land use inequities and uncertainties in this area, Rep. Sumner said, "At this time, I tend to oppose the concept of State level control for planning and zoning. I believe that local agencies should continue to be responsible for planning, developing and zoning regulation. This sort of local regulation, done by the people who use the land, without yielding to special interest groups, can lead to the sort of orderly development that we all desire."

With his wife, Rita, as his secretary, and Bob Dobbs, a former Heppner resident as his Administrative Aide, Representative Sumner is quickly settling into a style of life that enables him to cope readily with the many pressing aspects of being an Oregon legislator.

Interested constituents can reach Rep. Sumner by writing to: Room 18K, State Capitol Bldg., Salem, 97310

Scrap Age magazine reports, "Standard Oil (Ohio) has come up with an idea reminiscent of the legendary St. Bernard and his keg. For the last two years the company has operated a fleet of courtesy cars along Ohio's major interstate highways, equipped with gas, oil, water, etc., and patrolling for the motorist in trouble."

Here's a defensive driving tip from the Portland, Oregon, Traffic Safety Commission: "Leave plenty of elbow room around your car in traffic. A space cushion will leave you room to stop or swerve in case of emergency."

OCCUPIED WITH THE BUSINESS OF LIVING

A small boy found a bright copper cent glistening in the grass. He seized it eagerly; it was his, and it had cost him nothing. Thereafter, wherever he went, he walked head downward, eyes glued to the ground, searching for further treasure. During his lifetime he found 313 pennies, 61 nickels, 22 dimes, 14 quarters, 7 half dollars and one lonely paper dollar—a total of \$16.38. The money cost him nothing—save that he missed the fiery splendor of 25,350 sunsets; the glow of millions of stars on innumerable nights; the singing of the birds in the trees; the smiles of friends he could have had if he had not passed them by. He spent a lifetime missing the handiwork of God.

How many people do the same? How often do men and women become so occupied with the business of living that they fail to appreciate the beauty of nature, the love of family, and the companionship of friends.

—LILCO News

Pollution is really getting bad. Yesterday I shot an arrow in the air and it stuck.

THE RED PLAGUE

Communism is like a disease: people get it not because they're attracted to it but because they fail to protect themselves against it.

Bob Dobbs In Salem



By STEVE LINDSTROM

Bob Dobbs, formerly of Heppner, is currently serving as Administrative Aide to Representative Jack Sumner (D-Heppner) during the 1973 Oregon Legislative Assembly. Mr. Dobbs, who is a Senior at Eastern Oregon College in LaGrande, is majoring in General Studies—Law Enforcement and minoring in Community Service. This position of Administrative Aide is an extension of his studies in the form of a practicum. The Community Service Degree program at EOC provides a very flexible program, allowing a student to specialize in areas of primary interest, while at the same time the academic program establishes a broad background in all of the Social Sciences.

Mr. Dobbs is very pleased with his position. "Primarily, I hope to be of some help to Representative Sumner," he says. "In addition, I find this position to be an opportunity for tremendous exposure and experience in the fields of state government and legislative process. This practical work, encompassing such a wide range of activities, complements very well the academic aspects of my education and contributes substantially to a worthwhile degree."

Most of Mr. Dobbs' time will be utilized in research—research that is necessary for Rep. Sumner to make well-informed decisions on the many issues and measures facing him. In addition, Mr. Dobbs will be working on correspondence and other facets of the daily office routine.

All in all, he is looking forward to a very busy, interesting experience in the Fifty-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly.

Capt. Daggett Graduates

U.S. Air Force Captain Kenneth A. Daggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Daggett of 545 Minor St., Heppner, Ore., has graduated from the Air University's Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Captain Daggett was specially selected for the 14-week professional officer course which prepares junior officers to perform command and staff duties required by the Air Force.

The curriculum covers communicative skills, leadership, human relations, national security, management resources and international relations.

The captain is assigned at Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y., as a munitions officer with the Strategic Air Command, America's nuclear deterrent force of long range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

He was commissioned upon completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex., and has completed 19 months of duty in Vietnam.

Captain Daggett, a 1962 graduate of Heppner High School, received his B.S. degree in 1966 from Oregon State University.

Turkey Applications Due

Oregon bird hunters are reminded that a spring gobbler turkey season is scheduled April 28 through May 6, 1973 which will be open to a limited number of hunters.

A drawing to determine to whom the 250 available tags will be issued will be held at 10 a.m. February 23 at the Game Commission's Portland headquarters.

To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must file an application on the "Controlled Hunt Application" card available at license dealers. One or two individuals may file on the same card. Applications are due at the Portland office of the Commission by 5 p.m. February 14. Applicants are reminded not to submit the \$2 fee with the application. Only applicants successful in the drawing will be requested to do so.

Open area for the spring season is that portion of the state north of U.S. Highway 26 and east of the Cascade summit. Bag limit is one male turkey.

For more detailed information, hunters should check the 1973 upland game regulations booklet on page 5.

Art Survey Class Starts Soon

Three hours of transferable college credit will be given for an Art survey course that will begin in Heppner January 24 by BMCC. The Survey of Visual Arts will meet Wednesdays from 7 to 10 at Heppner High School.

The class will be an introduction to art forms. The informal class will be lecture, slide pictures and movie presentations. The only text will be identification from slides of forms studied, Gothic, Roman, Early West, etc.

Cal Hempel of BMCC will be the instructor. Ten people will be required to register for the course in order to hold it. The cost is \$15.

Assessors Post Livestock Prices

Joyce Bergstrom, Morrow County Assessor, was re-elected secretary of the Eastern Oregon Assessors Association at their mid-winter Conference and Livestock meeting in Prineville last week.

Schedule of Livestock prices that will go on the tax roll were determined. The Department of Revenue is phasing out livestock and inventory tax with 25 per cent off this year (20 per cent off last year).

Mrs. Bergstrom worked on the Machinery Committee. Irrigation equipment was their

main concern this year. The committee worked it out that pumps and motors would be put on the tax rolls at 20 per cent of first cost. The depreciation is on a seven year schedule at 5 per cent a year to 50 per cent and would remain at 50 per cent while it is in use.

State Wide Project —

The Assessors are working in an educational program that will have slides and other materials that will help people understand the different forms of taxation.

Lexington Grange Views Slides of Colorado Boat Trip

Lexington Grange met on Monday night for the regular meeting starting with a pancake supper prepared and served by the men of the Grange. Following the business meeting conducted by the Master Joe Yocom, the group saw the slides of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth taken while on the boat trip on the Colorado River. During the meeting the Grange draped the charter for Mrs. Bertha Nelson — music provided by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marguardt. The next meeting will be on Monday night, Feb. 19. It was announced that Pomona Grange will meet January 27 at Willows Grange. Let's not forget the attendance contest and try and be present.

Irene Padberg, Florence McMillan, and Mrs. A. F. Majeske were recent callers in Pendleton at the Cool home.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. VanWinkle and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones were Yakima, Wash., visitors at the Bonita Stitts home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cox of Heppner were visitors at the Edna Munkers home on Sunday.

BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Klinger of Hillsboro are the proud parents of a son born Saturday in that city. The young man has been named Shane Kenneth and tipped the scale at 6 pounds and 14 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klinger of Lexington, Art Warren of Ione, Mrs. Joan Kane of Pendleton, great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Warren and Bruce Bothwell of Heppner, and Alean Calvin of Lexington. Mr. Klinger and small daughter, Sheridan, were Lexington and Pendleton visitors where the young lady will remain for a few days with grandparents.

William P. Klinger and bride were recent visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klinger. The bride is the former Bonnie Leong of Portland. The couple were recently married in the Peace Lutheran Church in that city.

MEMORIAL SERVICES — Private Memorial Services were held at the Episcopal Church Chapel in Corvallis in December honoring Robert Mathews of Toledo, Ore. Mr. Mathews was born January 2, 1925 to Mr. and Mrs. William Mathews at Toledo, and passed away there on December 9, 1972.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Marjorie Lucille of Newport, a son, Kirk of Portland, Robert Jr. of Los Angeles, a daughter, Jan, at home, who is attending OCE at Monmouth, his mother, Mrs. Frane Bengtli of Newport, and one granddaughter, Jennifer, of Portland.

He was employed as coach from 1955-1959, was named Oregon Teacher for 1963. In 1965 he was selected by Maureen Newberger to attend the summer seminar for teachers in Washington, D.C. He received his Bachelors degree in teaching from Lewis and Clark in Portland and Masters from the Oregon State University. At the time of his death he was employed in Lincoln County as teaching counselor.

THREE LINKS CLUB

Three Links Club met at the home of Mrs. Cattie Padberg on Thursday. Plans were made for the dinner to be held on the Presidents visit to Holly in March, and the decorating committees were appointed. Refreshments were served by the hostess to Eula Bloodsworth, Florence McMillan, Mrs. Archie Munkers, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Irene Padberg. Mrs. Jones won the door prize. Next meeting will be held at the Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt were Pendleton and Richland visitors on Monday.

Alonzo Henderson of Hood River was a recent business caller in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones of Pinehurst, Idaho were recent overnight visitors at the C. C. Jones Ranch.

FOR SALE — Mobile Home 10 x 50 with two 4 x 8 tip outs. Oil furnace. Excellent condition. Priced right. Evenings 676-9289. 3-4c

Kinzua

Friendship Club The Friendship Club played cards Wednesday night at the home of Ruth Carey. It was decided to raise the dues to twenty five cents a month. Sue Mattison won High, Evy Luper won second high, Roberta Conlee and Irene Samples won pinochles. Others playing for the evening were Pat McMinn, Sharon Bell, Virginia Sitton, Barbara Heim, Melba Mitchell, and Cindy Weaser.

Mrs. Vic Wallis and Mrs. Raymond Reid traveled to The Dalles Wednesday for medical care for Deena and to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Mitchell and daughters Wendi and Cindy went to Hermiston Friday for medical attention for Melba. They were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid.

Birthday Party

Cindy Bowman was the guest of honor at a party at her home for her tenth birthday. Bingo was played, then Cindy opened her gifts. The children then enjoyed ice cream, punch and birthday cake which was baked by Mrs. Larry O'Neal. Those attending the party were Andrea Campbell, Belinda Burch, Dianne Samples, Nannette Carey, DeRina, Lana, Dana Reid, Kena Wright, Robin Miller and Jeannette Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Boy Dyer took Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Muzzy and children to Portland Friday to leave from Portland International Airport for their home in Thorn Bay, Alaska.

Forms are being prepared to send to all lodges.

A certified appraiser committee is working on an examination that if passed would allow an assessor to appraise for county and state purposes. Morrow County Assessor has filed an application to take the exam early in February.

Twins Honored

Mrs. Art Warren was hostess at a coffee hour on Monday honoring her mother, Mrs. Pearl Green, and her aunt, Miss Merle Brannon, at the Green home in Lexington. This was to honor the twin sisters on their 77th birthday. Visitors during the day were Mrs. Lola Breeding, Joan Smith, Lola Smith of Irrigon, Mrs. George Steagall and Tom of Heppner, Mrs. W. W. Weatherford, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Florence McMillan and Mrs. Warren. Ice cream and birthday cake was served.

Mrs. Smith and her daughter, Lola, accompanied Mrs. Breeding to Lexington Monday to get the rest of Mrs. Breeding's household goods.

An old-timer remembers when it cost more to run a car in the city than to park it.

From Tygh Valley

Robert Clark, accompanied by Jean Kuhlman of Tygh Valley, visited in Heppner Tuesday. They were here last summer exploring on Johnson Creek and Big Butter Creek. Robert Clark was 10 years old when he left Morrow County. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Clark, lived on the French ranches. Mr. Clark will celebrate his 75th birthday today.

He treasures a picture taken in 1886 on Heppner's Main Street. It is a picture of his grandfather, Hezekiah Tippet, on a combine. Somewhere in Heppner there is a twin to his picture. He would very like to locate the person who has this same old picture. Hezekiah Tippet is buried in the cemetery out on Butter Creek.

Sen. Kenneth Jernstedt



By STEVE LINDSTROM

State Senator Kenneth A. Jernstedt (R-Hood River), has slipped quickly back into the hectic routine of the Legislature. He is serving in his fourth session in the Capitol, his third as a State Senator. Representing the Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District, which sprawls over nine counties from the Cascade Range to the Blue Mountains, he commutes weekly from his home in Hood River to Salem and then back home on the week-ends. This enables him to stay in touch with both his family and his constituents. "My wife and children find it more difficult to adjust to the Legislative sessions than I do," he stated. "I get so involved with the matters at hand in Salem, that I don't have time to think about how the change of pace affects me. During the interim period, I stayed in near-constant touch with events transpiring in Salem while serving on two commissions and three interim committees. So, I was able to slip quickly back into things here in the Senate."

Senator Jernstedt is proficiently assisted by Peggy Mann—wife of Irvin Mann, former State Representative, and current Director of the State Department of Agriculture—an old hand at dealing with the pressures of the Legislature herself.

Expecting a fairly long session, Senator Jernstedt, explained, "Usually the pace of the session is set by the Ways and Means Committee—by how quickly they move the ever-important money bills—and this year they seem to be starting at only a moderate pace."

Pleased with his committee assignments, Senator Jernstedt feels that the Economic Development Committee is of major importance to the people of Eastern Oregon and goes on to say, "The Land Use control problem is one that I am reluctant to jump into headlong. I am really afraid of a State Zoning Agency for control of regional planning and development. A lot of careful work must be done to effectively control planning, zoning and development, but I believe that it should continue to be done at the local level."

Just prior to the opening of this Fifty-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly, Senator Jernstedt and State Representative Jack Sumner (D-Heppner), held twelve "town meetings" during which they heard constituents explain their feelings on various important legislative matters. The priority issue was that of property tax relief. How to provide schools with adequate funding and at the same time allow for relief of the inequities of the present burden on homeowners and farm owners. "I disagree with Governor McCall's proposed 100 percent state financing for the schools. I am more inclined to support about 50 percent state funding. Three reasons for this position were brought out at the "town meetings": first, property owners are afraid of a STATE Property Tax; second, community members fear a loss of local control, which could easily happen with complete state funding; and third, there is a great deal of community pride—people feel that they are capable of providing monies for quality education, without the proposed 100 percent state financing," Senator Jernstedt explained.

Senator Jernstedt feels that the Senate will have a sympathetic ear for many of the programs proposed by Governor McCall in his opening day address to the Legislature, but feels that "The Senate will not pay close attention to the concept of fiscal responsibility, and also not allow reckless spending or over-extension of the state's ability to raise capital bonds. Caution must be exercised before plunging into new spending programs, because oftentimes such programs create more problems than they are able to alleviate."

Senator Jernstedt welcomes any correspondence from concerned citizens and can be reached by writing to: Room 408D, State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.