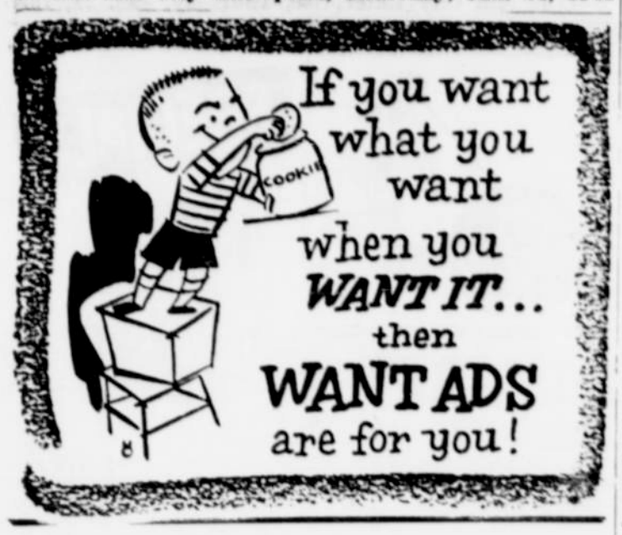

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GATES

By Mrs. Floyd Swaim

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowes were hosts for their pinochle club Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor were first prize winners. Mrs. Keith Phillips was the winner of the pinochle prize and women's consolation prize. Giles Wagner won the men's consolation prize.

Return from Alaskan Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. George Arthurs returned Thursday from a five-weeks trip to Nome, Alaska where they visite dtheir son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Lienard and children. While there they went for a dog-sled ride. They also visited an Eskimo village where they had been invited by the Eskimo chief, to watch them dance. On the return trip, they stopped off at Anchorage for a few days. Stops were also made enroute home at Seattle and Portland to visit relatives. They reported the weather was cold, but nice. And nd floods! They said they had a wonderful time, but were really glad to be back home.

Firemen Act Promptly—

Mr. and Mrs. John Roten couldn't have received more prompt service when they called for the fire department last Tuesday evening. Gates firemen had just assembled at the fire hall for their regular weekly meeting at 7:30 when the call came in. The Rotens had returned from town to find their house filled with smoke. Firemen quickly found the trouble in the utility room where a small area of the floor next to a wall was smoldering. The utility room-kitchen wall was also damaged. Cause of the fire hasn't been determined.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robertson of Salem visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Rush. Mrs. Rush said the Robertsons "initiated" the newly repaired road over Mad creek, being their first callers, except for a few hardy souls who hiked in, since the road washed out. Workmen finished the job Friday of bulldozing enough dirt, boulders and gravel together to allow cars to get in and out.

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Kyle and three children of Yreka returned to their home last week following a week's visit at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone. During that time Kyle had been receiving treatment at a Portland hospital for a back injury.

Celebrates 4th Birthday—

Judy Roten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Roten, celebrated her 4th birthday anniversary Thursday afternoon with a party at her home. Her guests were Brenda Blackburn, Rodney and Lauri Carpenter, Ginger Gabriel and Lorie and Linda Urban. Games were played with Rodney and Ginger winning prizes. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Roten.

Mrs. Winona Nims of Woodburn spent the day Monday visiting her mother, Mrs. Grace Meyers. Mrs. Meyers, who suffered a gall bladder attack last month, is making good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hennes drove to Albany Sunday for a pre-birthday get-together at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Henness. Keith's birthday anniversary was early this week.

Lola Henness, Hattie Cole and Margaret Rusn made their annual trip to Dallas Tuesday to lunch with Mrs. Hennesses parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, in observance of Mrs. Taylor's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Charles Bougart of Fort Dodge, Iowa arrived last Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tucker. The trip was made to attend the funeral of her brother, Jerry Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cawrse and family of Lebanon were Sunday dinner guests at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gael Cutsforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Poe of Springfield were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leaming. The Poes are former neighbors of the Leamings.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas and their grandson, Chris, visited at Seal Rock Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean. On Friday, they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eph Thomas of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Raines of Lebanon were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lang Stafford. Other callers in the afternoon were his sister, Mrs. Bessie Bassett and nephews, Wayne (Bud) Thomas and Earl Bassett of Mill City.

Bill Gabriel started work at the coast Monday for Gulliford & Howell Logging Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mills enjoyed a visit in Redding, Calif., Friday to Sunday at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Britton have sold their property across the road from their home to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edwards, who will be moving their mobile home there soon.

Lauri Cuthbert of Salem is spending a few days this week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

Mrs. Richard Parker attended a Delta Gamma (teacher's honor society) brunch Saturday in Albany at the home of Mrs. M. Erlich. Mrs. Parker is working on a committee on professional affairs which includes Legislation, Selective Recruitment and Teacher Welfare. Nancy Kirkpatrick, is on the same committee. The program for Saturday was "Changing Cultural Patterns in Europe."

Mrs. Harry Harmon was up to her elbows in skillets and kettles over the weekend trying to keep up with the chow-line when family members rallied around to assist in the building of her aunt's new home across the road from the Harmon home. Mrs. Sophie Peters of West Stayton recently purchased the property from Gordon Ward and her son, Danny, has been doing most of the work in it.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oliver were their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oliver, Sheryl, Karen and Sandra and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oliver of Portland.

IT NEVER FAILS

Detering Reports

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TAKES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY

Property tax relief has taken top billing in the first week of the legislator, according to Linn County Representative Gerald Detering. Detering said the majority of the legislators have agreed that property taxes have become the prime concern in this session. In spite of the sympathetic attitude, the big question revolves around the means of returning State funds to the counties for the purpose of reducing the property tax load.

Detering said he has introduced a bill to increase basic school support from the present $133 per census child to $176. Twenty-four dollars of the increased amount would be returned to the counties for direct property tax reduction. The Linn County legislator said the monies needed for the increased basic fund would have to come from the surplus. He said estimates now show the last biennium surplus will be about $30 million.

Other means of financing the rise in basic school support could come from savings that could be made by refraining from enacting new programs requiring state expenditures.

Detering said the legislators were also concerned about the recent flood damage over the state. He said the extensive damage in Linn County would most certainly reduce the income from property taxes. He said the highway committee, of which he is a member, will meet soon to survey the damage to the state's highways, caused by the flood.

As chairman of the Agricultural committee Detering said two past committees had been placed under the new agricultural committee, which now includes food, dairy, livestock, and agriculture.

He said the dairy problems were of the greatest concern and he hoped these problems could be worked out without calling for more legislation to regulate dairymen.

In the State and Federal Affairs Committee, Detering said there would probably be action taken for cooperative programs with the Federal Government to help repair highways and other property damage caused by the floods. As a member of that committee, Detering said he would favor some type of cooperative program.

The general tone of the legislature at this time is opposed to any new tax increases. This is probably due to the defeat of the tax referendum submitted following the last session, Detering said.

Tax reforms and savings on present programs are the main topics of conversation in the legislative halls at this early date. This is not to say that pressure from various groups for more services could not change this attitude before the end of the session. It is likely, Detering stated, that any new proposed tax would meet with a referral by the people and consequently legislators are at the present time refraining from introducing new tax measures.

Senator Huston Reports

It is my intention to report regularly to the people of Linn county with respect to Legislative activities and happenings that may affect them or are of interest to Linn County.

The 53rd session of the Oregon State legislature has commenced its work without the political fanfare that could have been expected. The House and Senate are organized, the Governor has addressed the joint assembly, committees have been appointed and the legislative process is underway.

Harry Boivin, a Democrat from Klamath Falls, has been elected as President of the Senate by a vote of 17 to 13. Regardless of elements of political intrigue that may arise from time to time, it continues to be my sincere belief that I should vote on each measure with a view toward whether it is the best thing for my District and for the State of Oregon.

President Boivin was extremely generous and complimentary with me and it is my hope to justify the confidence which he expressed in me. I will serve as chairman of the State and Federal Affairs and am vice-chairman of the Fish and Game Committee and a member of the Agricultural committee, Rules and Resolutions committee and Constitutional Revision committee.

While it is early to determine with certainty the issues that will demand most of our time, it is obvious that among the problems confronting the Legislature at this session will be the following:

1. The size of the General Fund Budget. The Governor has proposed about $465 million, which is approximately $96 million in excess of the 1963-65 operating budget.

2. Congressional Reapportionment.

3. Workmen's Compensation law. This results from defeat of Measure No. 3 that was on last November's ballot. It is certain that the Legislature will pass a satisfactory law increasing benefits for injured workmen and allowing the employers a choice as to where they will obtain insurance.

Education. This will involve questions concerning the amount of money that will be provided for higher education, Community Colleges and basic school support.

5. Salary increases for teachers, state employees and related problems.

6. Constitutional Revision and Governmental Re-organization.

7. Taxes. Although legislators are in general agreement that there will be no increases in taxes, there will certainly be tax improvement or modification measures introduced; relief of property taxes and tax reductions for business inventories.

These are the general problems that will take up our time. Of course, there will be many others. I have not endeavored to set forth all of the issues. However, as time goes by, it is my intention to report to my constituents on the issues and my views concerning them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Mill City Enterprise:

Dear Sirs:

With the convening of the Oregon Legislature, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to your readers for their support in the election and convey my desire to work for their interest during my term of office.

The responsibility of dealing with hundreds of bills affecting many people is a great one. My past experience has taught me that there are many complicated matters than can come before the legislature. It is beyond the capabilities of any one person, including myself, to qualify as an expert on all these matters. One of the most valuable sources from which a legislator can draw is the background of experience and knowledge of people in his own county.

In the interest of good government and through periodic news releases, I shall attempt to keep this newspaper and its readers informed of pending legislation. Your opinions and reasons supporting them will be most appreciated. If you are interested in receiving copies of bills on any particular matter, I will see that you receive them as soon as they are printed. In this way you will have an opportunity to be advised of legislation before it is acted upon. As in the past, I will also advise you in advance of any hearings, in order that you may attend those in which you are interested.

Wm. (Bill) Gwinn,
Linn Co. Representative

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Letter To The Editor:

The death of Jerry Tucker is a great shock to the people of the canyon, but to us who knew him a great loss will be felt. Jerry exemplified the one thing we all attempt to do and fail so miserably in doing, that of being ourselves and being a friend to all.

If you were fortunate enough to have been a friend of Jerry's, your life was much richer because of it. We will miss the big "bear hug" and that loud familiar "Hi Pal, old Buddy" that we knew came from the depths of his heart. It can never be more said of any man, "He loved and was loved by his fellow men."

Lucille and Charlie, we were as proud him as a friend as you were of him as a son. God grant that there be more like him in this canyon and the World.

BILL GLEASON