

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just finished reading the Mill City Enterprise, especially the letter from Cpl. Tom Drynan. It really did me good to see this. Finally maybe some of the people in this area who were trying to ignore this drug problem will realize that it is our problem, yours and mine. I have talked to some young people who readily admit that they have been using marijuana STP, LSD, etc. They say that to them it is no worse than the alcohol their parents consume or the tranquilizers that we as adults resort to. Maybe not, but how about the things—hard narcotics—these other drugs can lead to. It is very difficult for us as parents to admit that our youngsters are involved. What do we do about it? I don't know except the first step is to admit that we are involved and then really take the bull by the horns and become involved. I personally have talked to quite a number of people about this. Some parents that I know are aware that their children are, or have, used marijuana but I couldn't even get them to come to any meetings or discuss this problem. They know where their children are and what they are doing but really they don't care. Believe it or not I think that a lot of young people would sit in a meeting and discuss their usage of these things if parents and adults would be interested enough to listen.

As Cpl. Drynan stated meetings were held for about four or five weeks but their wasn't enough interest to continue them although maybe now would be a good time to try to get them started again. We might not be able to accomplish a lot but maybe by a group of adults getting together and talking we could help at least one or two teen-agers or even a parent now and then. Of course meetings take time and involvement and who among you will take time to become involved. Your kids are, so why aren't you?

Believe me after talking to some of these teen-agers who are involved I too am sick and scared to think of what could happen if we don't help these kids. What kind of grandkids are some of us going to have if our kids continue experimenting with LSD and other things. Would you like to have an innocent baby damaged because you were too busy. I still think a lot could be accomplished if we could have meetings and discussions of interested adults, parents, teachers, ministers, and all adults and teen-agers.

Well, I guess I too will have some people who will be mad and unhappy with me but I have said some things that have bothered me.

Betty McCall

TO THE EDITOR:

Re: Tom Drynan's letter

Thank you, Tom Drynan, for caring enough about our

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children to express yourself in this way.

Having worked with the young people in this community in a small way, I have been concerned about the mounting drug problem here in Mill City, but like many people, only talked about it.

I, too, care very much about these kids and want to help in any way that you suggest.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Mel Elide

Dear Mr. Moffatt:

Zoning is the question. Lyons has held two hearings on the question of zoning the city. Is anyone interested? Only seven or eight showed up at the second hearing.

Some thought the citizens of Lyons should have a chance to vote on it in ballot vote. How many would turn out to vote? Five or six probably.

In order to get it ready for such a vote someone would have to get a petition out with a good percentage of the legal voters and then it would cost the city a few hundred dollars to handle the legal voting.

Where does the council get that money? From you, fellow citizens. Perhaps not out of your pocket directly but who else pays the freight on our public costs, no matter what the expense is.

So now if you citizens of Lyons want to gripe about the regulations imposed by zoning, get in there and start working for a vote, attend the next hearing which will be advertised in this and other papers, or be prepared to hold your gripes.

I say leave it up to the council. It will be cheaper, more easily expedited, and save everyone the necessity of deciding for yourselves.

Your truly,  
Leora Z. Stevens,  
Lyons, Oregon.

## GATES

Antonia Thomas  
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Mrs. Lang Stafford entertained Sunday with a farewell dinner for Charles Barnes who has resigned as minister of the Gates Church of Christ. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Marshall. He will be the new minister and attend his senior year at N.C.C. Other callers at the Stafford home this week were Mrs. Webb Case, Cindy and Terri of Salem, Mrs. Steve Myers of Woodburn, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Marston of Gresham and her brother, Louis Myers of Elkhorn.

Mrs. Velma Carey was surprised Sunday with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carey and daughter, Beverly. Mr. and Mrs. Don Carey and family from Stayton and Norman Carey from Albany. The occasion was a birthday celebration and dinner which the families brought with them for Mrs. Carey.

The James L. Bradleys have purchased the Elmer Stewart property from the Selton Zimmermans. The Bradleys moved here from San Diego, and have four children in school: Wanda 12, Danny 10, Adam 8 and Chireen 8. Mr. Bradley

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Bob James, Owner

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This Trade Center Review recommends for lawn mower, tiller or chain saw sales and service, as well as for small motor repair with guaranteed work, you see Bob James Mower & Tiller Shop in Stayton.

is an iron worker in construction and at the present is commuting to Portland.

Nellie Allen was surprised by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bancroft of Los Angeles, Thursday afternoon. Mr. Bancroft is a relative of the late Mr. Allen.

Erwin Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker of Gates and Sandra Duggan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duggan of Sisters were married in Reno Friday. The young couple are living in Stayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hagen proudly announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Michelle Leigh Hagen, born at Salem General September 27. The parents are Sgt. and Mrs. Michel Hagen. Hagen is stationed on Okinawa. Mrs. Hagen has been living here at Gates with their other daughter, 18-month-old Shirley Ann, while her husband is overseas. These past two weeks Shirley has been visiting an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Hagen at Valselt.

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## Mental Maturation Growth Test Is Given to Students

Several days last week were used to test the academic and mental maturation growth of students of the local schools. Every fall these standardized tests are given to all students in Oregon.

The achievement tests are designed to measure specific outcomes of a typical cross-section of instruction in subject matter areas. They are generalized to fit a common curriculum in various geographical areas such as a state or the nation. This test enables the teaching staff to appraise specific growth of the child and to place additional emphasis on curricular areas which show weaknesses.

The mental maturation testing program is given to grades three and six students in addition to the achievement test. These tests are considered one measure of pupil learning po-

tential, and are composed of a series of problems whose solutions call for varying amounts of mental ability or skill. The tests give an indication of how well the student understands relationships of knowledge and how well he can face new problems.

## N. S. Sportsmen to Meet Mon. at Mehama

The next regular meeting of the North Santiam Sportsman club will be Monday, October 6 at 8 p. m. at the Mehama Fire hall.

The caretakers have left the clubhouse for the season and anyone using the facilities are asked to be sure and lock them after use. After October 15 the restrooms will be winterized and the locks all changed to prevent use of flush type units.

There will also be no more garbage pick-ups and waste material must be taken home to be disposed of.

There will be a work party before the "snow flies" and Art Hagen, president, said he hoped that there would be a number of workers out to get things in good shape for the winter.



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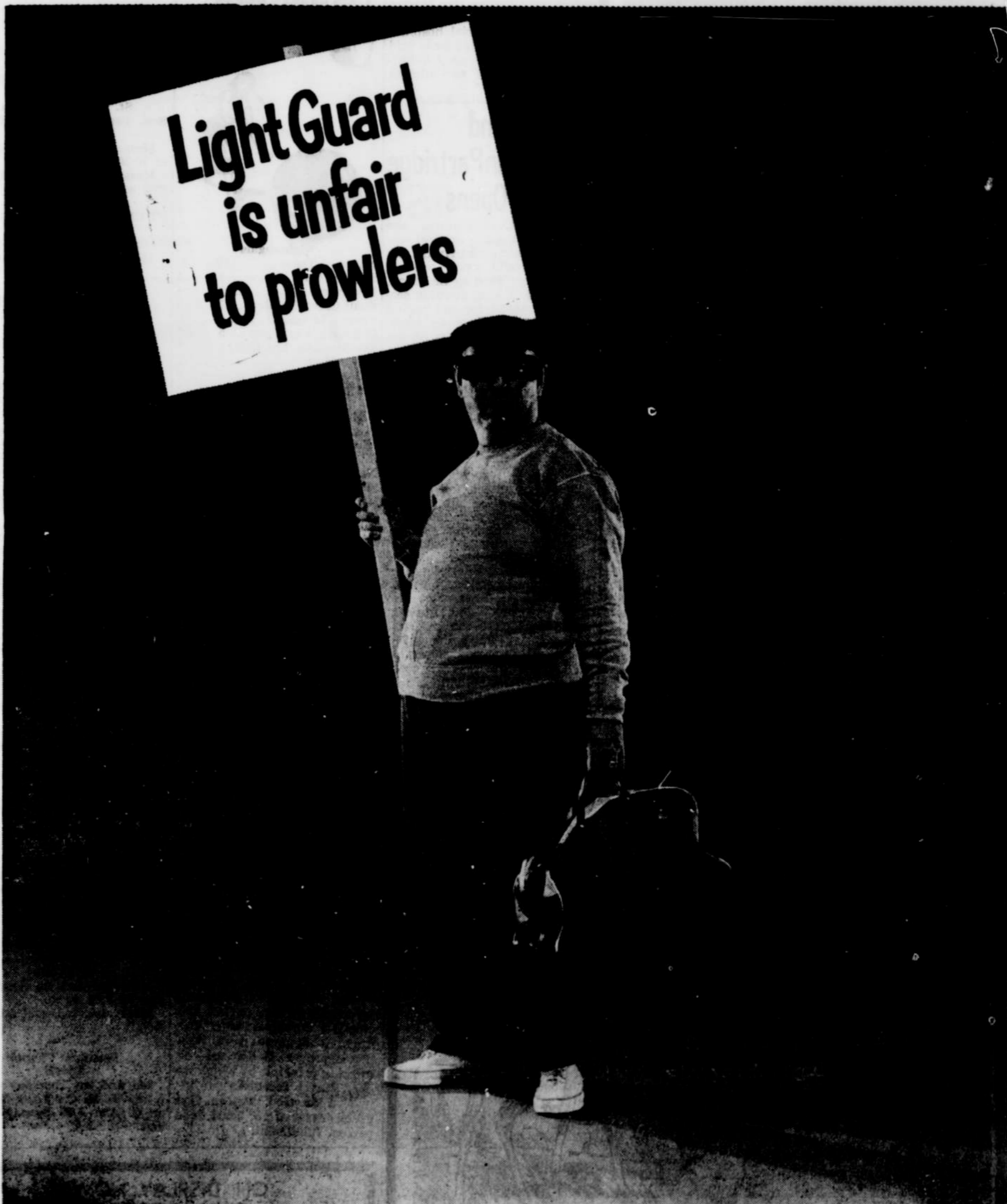


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