

# Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

**BUSY INTERIM INDICATED FOR OREGON LEGISLATOR**

If Oregon lawmakers thought they were busy between the 1969 and 1971 legislative sessions, the interim prior to the '73 session just might drive some of them frantic.

Traditionally the period between Oregon's biennial sessions—the "interim," is devoted to special studies of the state's more pressing problems. More often than not, these interim studies produce meaningful legislative proposals designed to solve those ills.

Much was made during the last interim concerning the burgeoning number of bodies appointed to mull everything from education to pollution. Seventeen major committees were active during the '69-'71 interim. Altogether, those committees spawned a grand total of 56 committees, subcommittees, sub-sub-committees and advisory committees.

One committee, Governmental Affairs, had two subcommittees. One subcommittee wound up with two sub-subcommittees and six advisory committees. Another committee, Education, had seven subcommittees.

Not all of this interim activity produced lasting legislative results. But Salem-watchers agree the interim committees were partly responsible for the record number of bills introduced during the 1971 session.

A current tally indicates the 1971 session produced a record number of bills. Some 1,911 bills were introduced; 1,176 in the House and 735 in the Senate. And a record number became law. A total of 782 passed both houses and only one was vetoed by Gov. Tom McCall. To the grand total introduced, one could add 122 resolutions; 49 of which passed.

During the '69 session some

1,554 bills were introduced. Lawmakers of both houses passed 710 and Gov. McCall vetoed two. Legislators during the middle-Fifties came closest to equalling the '71 bill-production record with 724 new laws in 1953, 774 in '55 and 727 in '57.

On a comparative basis, observers credit 1971 lawmakers with admirable restraint. The prodigious outpouring of bills passed into law during the mid-Fifties came from an average of about 1,300 total bills introduced.

Despite the fact they met for 151 days—the second-longest session on record, members of the 56th Assembly in 1971 did restrain themselves in passing 782 out of 1,911 proposals.

All indicators being the same, within three or four weeks Oregon residents and their elected Legislators should have an inkling of how busy the latter will be when they convene in 1973. And if interim activity is a major indicator, it will be another busy session.

Although membership of most interim bodies won't be announced until early August, the number of those groups rivals that of the last interim and could well exceed the '69-'71 total. Using identical yardsticks that produced 17 major committees last interim, the current interim already has 14. Gov. McCall has appointed a 15th, the Governor's Commission on Agricultural Labor Relations and his Economic Development Committee is gearing up for extensive activity.

House Speaker Robert Smith appointed two "Task Forces" of his own to study problems not otherwise designated by the legislature after the '69 session.

Smith already has appointed what is assumed will be a short-term Task Force to draft new farm-labor legislation for action during a possible special session.

And a spokesman for Smith said the Speaker may appoint additional interim Task Forces.

Sen. Pres. John Burns might do the same thing.

"I'm very receptive to the idea," Burns said, "although I'm conscious of the costs involved and am trying to balance the need with the availability of funds."

If Smith or Burns—or both, do name more special Task Force study groups, interim activity certainly will rival that of '69-'71.

Not all Legislators are named to interim committees. But a large percentage are and many wind up serving on more than one. Committee meetings became so congested last interim that a special "legislative week" was set aside and meetings scheduled to accommodate as many members as possible.

Heavy interim activity works a special hardship on Oregon lawmakers, the traditional "amateurs," who make their living from pursuits other than those political. But it's part of the job. And it looks as if the job will continue to get bigger.

So indicators point to lots of interim activity and a busy session in 1973. Those same indicators add impetus to proposals involving annual legislative sessions.

A step in that direction may be taken if voters approve a Constitutional Amendment proposed by HJR 15. Right now only the governor can call a special session. HJR 15 would enable a majority of both houses—by petition or resolution, to call themselves into session. And that proposition will be voted upon by the people during next May's Primary Election.

# LYONS

By Eva Bressler

Mr. and Mrs. John McPheeters entertained with a dinner Thursday evening honoring Floyd Bassett on his birthday anniversary. Others attending were Mrs. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston and Tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanson of Portland were Thursday overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Julian, and a Sunday dinner guest was Laurance Walworth of Salem.

Mrs. Carrie Osburn returned to her home in Ashland Saturday after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Leao Johnson.

Mrs. Clara Wright from Isaquah, Wn., is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright.

Pat Taylor is spending some time at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Leao Johnson, and working in the berry harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spellmeyer returned home the last of the week from a week's vacation trip. They spent several days at Reno and returned home by way of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston and family with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sutherland and children of Corvallis, spent the weekend at Lincoln City.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meek and four sons returned home Sunday evening after spending a week camping at Logsdon, about 20 miles inland from Newport.

Mrs. Charlotte Imus moved Saturday to Newberg. She has been living in the former Oral Toland house for the past 10 years, which has recently been sold.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Riggs were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harlan from Salem. The two families were neighbors and school mates while living at Wa-

Keeney, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Prichard from Olympia, were weekend guests at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Van Prichard.

A potluck dinner was held Sunday following church services at the Lyons United Methodist church honoring the new minister, Rev. John Hall.

Miss Ellen Daugherty returned to her home in Portland the last of the week after spending a week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Fink. Miss Theresa Pietrok of Portland spent the weekend at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anne Pietrok and Louise, and Sunday afternoon guests at Pietrok home were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hendricks and family from Aumsville. Mrs. Hendricks is another daughter.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Riggs was their son-in-law, George Paulick from Santa Cruz, Ca. and his son William Paulick from Coast Guard Academy, Conn.

Cedar Lumber Company have resumed operations following their fire of June 10, and Mt. Jefferson Lumber Company is closed this week for vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hiatt from Roseburg and their daughter Mrs. Warren Ward from San Diego visited Tuesday afternoon at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodeker and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bressler, Mr. Hiatt is a brother of Mrs. Bodeker and Mrs. Bressler and Mrs. Ward a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Dougherty from San Francisco spent several days the first of the week at the home of Mrs. Leona Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Que Haines were Sunday guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shuey.

Lynn Royce from San Francisco, spent the Fourth of July holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Royce.

Mrs. Emma Forest from Stayton and Mrs. Cora Berry from Strathmore Ca. visited friends in Lyons Monday. Mrs. Berry is a former Lyons resident some 35 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Grimes spent the Fourth of July weekend at Rockaway on the coast.

Mrs. Hazel Lewis with Mrs. Thersa VanNuys of Stayton visited in Corvallis Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Van Nuys sister.

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**OBITUARIES**

**JAMES C. WARNER**  
ALBANY — Rosary for James Charles Warner, 28, of 2205 Broadway, N. E. Salem, who was killed early Sunday in a one-car accident north of here, was at 7 p. m. Tuesday at Fisher mortuary.

Mass was at 10 a. m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, Albany, Rev. Phillip Hemming officiating. Interment was in Willamette Memorial Park.

Born in Spokane, Warner lived five years at Mill City and a year at Sweet Home before moving to Albany in 1951. He had lived in Salem the past year. A Navy veteran, he was a furnace operator at Wah Chang Corp. He was a member of American Legion Post 9 in Salem.

Surviving are widow, Joyce; son James Jr. and daughter, Jaime Ann, both at home; parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Warner, Albany; grandparents Mrs. Susie Taylor and Mrs. Paul Jahnke, all Albany, and Charles Warner, Oregon City; brother Dale, Springfield; sister Sharon Lee Warner, Albany.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OREGON  
Duncan & Duncan,  
Attorneys for Executor  
Published July 8, 15 and 22, 1971.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**WAKE UP—IT HAPPENED**

Where was the help? Not far away if we want it. A lot of you Gates people saw what happened tonight, (Monday) it could have been you, or me, or your son or daughter. What will it take to wake you up? We need police and then maybe we can get an ambulance, if we would have had one, that little boy might be alive today. We need help from all of you. Will it take a death in your own family to wake you up? It is your place to do something. God put us here and gave us minds. We aren't dummies hanging from a string—look around, do you have a string? God won't do it all, we have to help. So, stand up and holler "We Need Help." Please come to the council meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock and let them know what we want. The Mill City Police Department is willing to patrol Gates. A minute might have saved him. There is no price too great to pay for a life. REMEMBER, it could have been you.

by Karen Meader

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