

# LYONS

By Eva Bressler  
Mrs. Doris Roy was hostess for the Wednesday afternoon card club at her home. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served preceding the playing of 500. High score was held by June McPheeters, second high by Nellie Riggs and low by Margaret Kunkle. Others attending were Leota Worden, Juanita Davis, Bernice Bridges, Zeta Prichard, Mabel Downing, Ruth Lyons, Katie Sieg, Gladys Nygaard, Effie Nydegger, June Kokstis, and Ethel Huffman.

Mrs. Ronald Lengacher and two children from Orofino, Ida., spent several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lengacher. She also visited her parents at Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes were Easter Sunday guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Effie Nydegger in Salem.

Mrs. John P. Lengacher has returned after spending several days in a Salem hospital for medical treatment and tests.

Easter Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meek were Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hilton, Alan and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. William Warwick, Aneta, Corrinne and Janelle, and Mrs. Alice Clore all from Sheridan. A weekend guest at the Meek home was Jerry Wimer of Sublimity, a cousin of Mr. Meek.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stevens spent Thursday and Friday in Portland at the home of Mrs. Edna Courtmanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schiewek have returned from a month's trip to Valley City, N. D., where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wells Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Royce were Sunday visitors in Falls City at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Feenstra.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Donohue have purchased the Richard Lindemann home and the Lindemanns have moved into the apartment at the Linde-

man real estate office in Me-hama.  
Walter Olmstead from San Francisco, was a weekend guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olmstead.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Prichard were Mrs. Martha Phelps and daughter, Opal, from Longview, Wn., Mrs. Delbert Reed from Woodburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Prichard from Olympia.

An exchange of pulpits was held Sunday, April 9. Rev. Don Diegelman from the Stayton United Methodist church was guest speaker at Lyons, while Rev. Laron Hall from Lyons was the guest speaker in Stayton.

The annual birthday luncheon sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service will be on Tuesday, April 18, in the dining hall of the Lyons United Methodist church. Come bring your pennies and enjoy the fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wagner, who have been living in the Paul Schiewek trailer house have moved to the former Ed Taylor house east of Mehama.

## Many Visitors At Santiam Valley Grange Meeting Friday Night

LYONS—Over 100 visitors and members attended the Santiam Valley Grange meeting Friday night, April 7, with guests present from both Marion and Linn counties. Master Arthur Martinson from Scio was escorted to the Master's station. Marion County Deputy Ted Ruches was welcomed as was Mrs. Bea Martinson, Linn County Activity chairman, also Chris Rebmann, Linn County Deputy and Mrs. Margie Rebmann, Pomona Chairman.

Floyd and Barbara Knoff's petition was read to become new members.

The program was a tribute to farm animals using transparent figurines in a very amusing skit with Mrs. Clara Wizer playing "Old McDonald Had a Farm."

Mrs. Elmer Taylor baked a birthday cake to honor all who have birthday anniversaries in April.

# MEHAMA

Mrs. John Teeters  
Randy E. Wilkinson has been named to the straight A honor roll at Oregon State University for the winter term. Randy is a junior studying Science.

Easter Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Monroe were Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bilyeu of Lebanon and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brown and Vicki of Lyons.

Mrs. Lilly Wolfkiel returned home Friday, April 7, from a Salem hospital where she had been receiving treatment.

Mrs. M. V. Frame spent several days last week visiting with her cousin, Mrs. H. C. Cadwell at Lincoln City.

Visitors recently at the Alfred Schneider home were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pask (Diane Schneider) who were moving from Virginia to Portland.

Visitors during the weekend at the home of Mrs. Jennie Moe were her daughter, Mrs. Joe Jones, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joe Paul Jones, and son, Walter, all of Klamath Falls. They also visited with the Larry Kimsey family.

Guests Sunday, April 9, at the home of Mrs. Helen Anderson were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spoelstra of Salem.

Mrs. Mel Pankratz and daughter, Bettie of Salem, were Saturday guests at the Bruce Matthis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ball of Glide were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Titze were in Sweet Home Wednesday, April 5, to visit with her brother, Frank Weber.

Mrs. H. W. McCarley and daughter, Mrs. George Antella of Longview, Wn., visited here Sunday with Mrs. Lilly Wolfkiel and other friends.

## School Lunch Menu

Thursday, April 13—  
B.B.Q. Hamburgers  
Potato Chips  
Turnip and Carrot Sticks  
Applesauce and Butter Sauce

Friday, April 14—  
Fish Krisps  
Tator Tots  
Green Beans  
Mixed Fruit  
Maple Bars

Monday, April 17—  
Ravioli in meat sauce  
Lettuce Salad  
Bread and Butter  
Apricots  
Gingerbread Cake  
Milk

Tuesday, April 18—  
Turkey Gravy  
Whipped Potatoes  
Hot Rolls  
Peas  
Purple Plums  
Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Milk

Wednesday, April 19—  
Pizza  
Spinach  
Cubed Jello Salad  
Oatmeal Cookie Bar  
Milk

Thursday, April 20—  
Bar B & Hamburgers  
Potato Chips  
Green Beans  
Pineapple  
Mountain Bars  
Milk

Friday, April 21—  
Meat Loaf  
Carrots  
Bread and Butter  
Cherry Shortcake  
Milk

# Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

## State Solons Don't Get Rich On Their Legislative Salary

Nobody runs for the Oregon Legislature to make money. Not off their legislative salary, that is.

Prior to filing deadline March 14 there was some talk higher salaries might lure a few candidates into the race. And at least one former lawmaker—who dropped out of state politics a few years ago for business reasons—became a candidate again this year and said the big reason was that the money made it worthwhile now.

When Oregon legislators convened for the 1971 session in Salem they were making \$10,500 for the biennium—or an average of little more than \$5,000 a year. Lawmakers last session managed to put through some increments, however, which over two years will probably boost the yearly average to slightly more than \$7,500.

The public didn't make much of a squawk over the increases—and probably with good reason. The money doesn't cover the cost of doing legislative business, really. And few Oregon solons serve without making a considerable personal sacrifice of both time and money.

One State Representative laid it on the line: "Checking back over my income tax statements, I find my total income drops about 35 per cent during the years we're in session."

And those who serve in the Oregon Legislature find their legislative activities are a year-round responsibility—whether they're in Salem for a session or back home during the interim period between sessions.

While they're in session, of course, many find they have virtually no time at all to spend on personal pursuits. And the farther they are from home the harder it is to tend to personal affairs. Many Eastern and Southern Oregon lawmakers get home only two or three times a session.

During interim periods those same Representatives and Senators find themselves working on legislative committees—necessitating frequent trips to Salem and other points throughout the state for meetings and hearings—while they study existing laws and prepare new legislation.

A 1971 freshman lawmaker, for instance, reports he's spending at least seven days a month in the Capital City during the current biennium and estimates as much as 75 per cent of his total time is devoted to legislative affairs.

He might be an exception. But Oregon Legislators are finding themselves in more and more demand from constituents increasingly aware of government and politics. And the demand seems to intensify in direct proportion to the number of miles their homes are located from the Capitol Building.

By comparison, an urban lawmaker finds it easier to hide than does his rural counterpart. Reapportionment will narrow the ability-to-hide gap because all legislators will be physically closer to the people they represent due to the residency requirement. At the same time, however, many rural Senators and Representatives are responsible for districts larger than the size of two or more eastern states.

Another reason the public seldom complains about recompense to Oregon Legislators is that the pay is meager compared with the literal shower of dollars falling on lawmakers in other jurisdictions. California solons, for example, were paid \$48,950 biennially in 1970. And a United Press International survey following the 1971 annual session revealed the average Sunshine State legislator dragged down a cool \$28,879 in salary and expenses that year. They also receive free office space, a late model car, oil company credit cards and clerical and administrative help. The highest paid California legislator last year received \$34,084 in salary and expenses; the lowest, \$26,470.

A 150-day session of the Oregon Legislature would cost less than \$2 million. Californians paid their lawmakers \$3.4 million in salaries and expenses alone during the 1971 session and that state's total legislative payroll has soared to \$13 million a year for annual 10 to 12-month sessions.

California's legislature has some 1,400 employees, for instance, and the highest paid

receives more than \$35,000 a year.

Legislative pay—length and frequency of sessions—and sizes of legislative bodies differ from state to state. About half the states conduct annual sessions and the balance convene biennially with occasional special sessions. Heavily populated states have three times or more the number of men and women who troupe to Salem every other year for biennial sessions.

The lawmaking process is generally taking longer in all states and Oregon sessions reflect the trend. As a rule, lawmakers are paid a basic salary based on length of session and expenses. The lowest paying state is New Hampshire—which does out a token \$200 every two years. The highest being our neighbor to the south. In 1970 the median biennial legislative salary was \$12,500 and states paying lawmakers on a daily basis predicated on length of sessions averaged slightly less than \$4,000.

So, despite the record number of candidates filing for Oregon's May 23 Primary Election and aspiring to a House or Senate seat when the 57th session convenes Monday, January 8, 1973, chances are strong not one is lucre-motivated.

Oregon residents still get a bargain out of their amateur State Legislators and they're aware of the fact.

As one prominent mid-Wil-lamette Valley Representative recently remarked:

"I've never had an intelligent constituent accuse me of being overpaid. And the only time I've ever had a specific complaint was during the recent round of Congressional salary increases. A voter told me then that he didn't think my work was worth \$42,000 a year. In honesty, I had had to agree."



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