

MEHAMA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mrs. John Teeters

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schneider were guests Sunday, June 10, at the home of her sons' family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, Barbara, Alyson, Mark and Tracy in Salem when Barbara was celebrating her 16th birthday. The Crooks are moving to Boise, Ida. where Mr. Crook has been transferred.

Lt. and Mrs. Ben Boots came Wednesday, June 13, and were guests for a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. K. J. Gollit. They returned to their home at Imperial Beach, Calif. on Monday.

Mrs. G. V. Christensen drove to California Wednesday, June 13 and visited with her sister and children Susee Engdahl, Erik, Chris, Jane and Garth at Healdsburg, until Sunday. Mrs. Christensens daughter, Bonnie, who is stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station, Calif., was also at the Engahls for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hughes and daughters, Cynthia, Sheryl, and Laurie of Knappa were guests during the Fathers Day weekend at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. J. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stout of Tigard were Friday callers at the John Teeters and E. J. Hughes homes. Mr. Stout is an uncle of Mrs. Teeters and Mrs. Hughes.

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The legislative work load has been large and extensive. At least to a freshman it appears we are trying to take on all the problems of all time. However, the target date for ending the Legislative session is June 29, '73. The session has been the longest in Oregon's history. This is a first of which I am not particularly proud but will make no excuses.

I have introduced House Bill 3279 which would require the Emergency Board, during the interim, to remit, upon request, to all local government monies which represent the increased cost in operation due to legislation passed this session. I believe this would be equity. I have cast many negative votes on measures I would like to support. I have argued that if the measure is good for the people of Oregon then the Legislature should fund it. Many bills are, nevertheless, passed which will require additional local property taxes to pay the bill. This is done in many instances without knowing fiscal impact. Again, I argue that if we want to fight the increase in property taxes, we should fund our little good-ies. So far, even though many agree, not enough lawmakers have joined with me in this philosophy.

A bill to partially legalize the possession and use of marijuana failed to pass the Oregon House. House Bill 2003 would have allowed each person over 18 years to possess in his home two marijuana plants or have 8 ounces of dry stems, leaves or seeds. I would also allow a person to possess one ounce in public and to give one ounce to another person not for profit. The vote on this bill indicated that this concept is not acceptable in Oregon at this time. I voted in opposition to this measure. Oregon is the last state to go to a three-man Public Utility Commission. The opponents of Senate Bill 409, which has passed the Oregon Legislature, argued that our present one-man commission system was

working well and we should continue it. However, the supporters of the measure argued that a three-member board would give more continuity to the department. In less than two years we have had three different commissioners. If this were to happen with a three-member commission, the changeover would be much smoother. I supported this move and the measure was passed.

Community Colleges received a blow when House Bill 3085 was returned to committee for the second time. It is quite late in the session and it may not survive this last maneuver. This bill would mandate all areas not in a Community College district to join one, or an area education district, by 1977 or the State Board would put these areas in a Community College district.

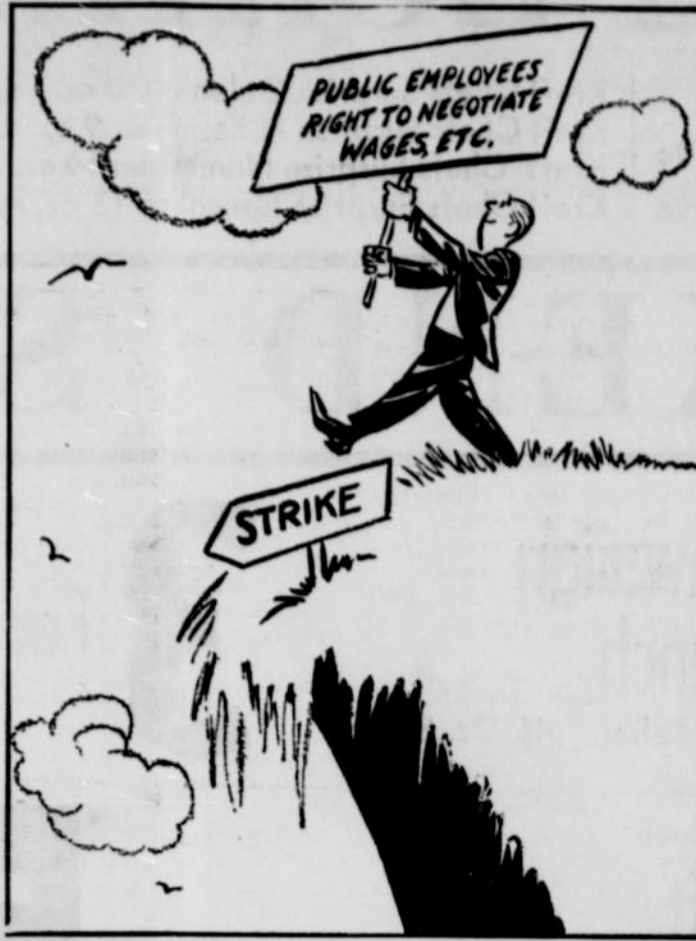
The 700,000 sport fishermen won a battle in the Oregon Legislature with final passage of Senate Bill 409 last week. This measure directs the Oregon Fish Commission to devote its attention to the recreational fishing interests in the state as well as those of the commercial fisheries. They are charged with preventing waste and implementing a sound management program for sustained economic, recreational and esthetic benefits. I supported this measure.

A measure to add a \$50 license fee to certain vehicles was defeated on the floor, reconsidered and returned to the Ways and Means Committee. House Bill 318 would add to the present \$10 license fee \$50 for any vehicle for which depreciation and operating expense or mileage is claimed and thus raise \$15 million. This bill was intended to cover automobiles used for business purposes. It would have excluded the personal auto and certain other vehicles already paying a higher fee. The opponents argued that it was a selective tax and pointed out that it was not clear which vehicles were exempt. I voted against final passage of this measure. The proponents argued that we needed to replenish the highway fund due to the raid the Legislature is making on it, i.e. mass transit, etc. I have been in opposition to raiding the highway fund for purposes other than road use and argued that we would not need to impose additional license or fuel taxes if the fund was left alone.

I appreciate hearing from all those who write their views and have had many nice comments on my column. I hope this is a service to all as I have endeavored to make it useful. Please feel free to write me, Representative Jack Sumner, 18-H Capitol Building, Salem or telephone me at 378-8817.

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LYONS

By Eva Bressler

Airman Apprentice Dan Chytka is spending a 21-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chytka. Dan had been stationed in the Mediterranean the past 10 months aboard the Aircraft carrier USS Forrestal. His new naval station will be Lakehurst, N. J., where he will be taking 12 weeks of parachute rigger school.

The Lyons Barber shop located next to Lavender's Food Market opened June 5 under new management, and will be known as Gene's Barber shop. Gene Boggan moved his shop from Mill City to Lyons after doing some remodeling. The shop has been operated by Merle Boedigheimer of Stayton.

Mrs. Charlotte Thiel and Mrs. Vivian Walton from North Bend are spending several days the first of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walton. Mr. Walton is the son of Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Bob Walton a daughter of Mrs. Thiel. They also visited at the C. L. Salter home, a daughter of Mrs. Walton.

Thurman Smith has returned from Grants Pass where he represented Santiam Valley Grange and Linn County Pomona Grange as a delegate to Oregon State Grange. He was chairman of the Utilities committee. Preceding the grange meeting he attended the Grange Mutual Life and Grange Insurance association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rolleston and family have returned from a trip to Los Angeles where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen spent several days last week at Paulina Lake and reported the weather very cold and disagreeable.

The Lyons Beauty Korner has changed hands. Mrs. Esther Stafford, who had operated the shop for five years, sold her business to Miss Lori Pantovich of Mehama.

Last Thursday guests at the Henry Croissant home were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Winters from San Diego and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winters of Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Winters are former residents of this area, having lived on McCully Mountain for several years.

Lyle Barlow from Bremerton, Wn., has come to spend the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schiewek.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meek and four sons spent Saturday at Sheridan.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Smith are her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold of Dallas, Texas and two nieces, Misses Jill and Jerry Allison from Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Florence Burmester was a Wednesday evening dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burmester at Scio.

Weekend guests at the Henry Croissant home were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Medearin from Auroro. Also, Vi Wolfer and Nora Robertson from Canby.

The Lyons Ambulance Service will raise their base charge of \$25.00 to \$35.00 beginning July 1, 1973, according to Kenneth Lewis, Fire Chief. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett and family were in Silverton Tuesday to attend funeral services for her father, Melvin Woldahl.

"YOUR LAND AND MY LAND"



By Hazel Hayes

"Look!—Look!" A dozen voices cried it at once. There across the water in the dawn's soft pearly light was the Statue of Liberty—her crown and torch.

"We stood there, unable to speak. Many of us were weeping. We were the huddled, the oppressed, the poor that she had asked for. I closed my eyes and prayed, and as I prayed, I thought I heard her speak; "Welcome. Believe in me as I believe in you, for together we are to hope—and the dream—of the world."

A large launch came and took us to Ellis Island. We were taken to the shower rooms and handed large white towels and big bars of soap.

"How much hot water can we have?"

"How much?" the attendant grinned, "all you want."

"I began to sing. I stopped singing to splash and laugh! The soap and the beautiful plentiful hot water were washing away the sweat and dust and grime of the steerage. I washed away the Old World. I washed away all the hatred and injustice and cruelty I had known. I felt reborn—a taller stronger, prouder man—an American. Every year since, I have celebrated the day of the Ellis Island shower—July 24th—as my birthday."

I heard George Mardikian tell this story at a Scout banquet and I wanted to tell it to you.

He has become a good American citizen and owner of the Omar Kahayyam restaurants in San Francisco and Fresno.

In America he lived through unbelievable hardships when his country fought the Turks to retain their independence and later when the Russians tried to wipe them out.

When the first United Nations Conference was held—the one in San Francisco (do you remember?) George Mardikian was asked to take charge of feeding the delegates, 2,000 a meal, with all their different creeds and customs. He used the basement of the Opera House as a cafeteria. Only one particular food would all of them eat. Can you guess? No, not hot dogs, no, not rice. Fresh hard-boiled eggs!

We are very proud of George and his wife, Naz-as all of us should be, of "the homeless, tempest-tossed, huddled masses yearning to breathe free," who have found a niche where her "lamp is lifted beside the Golden Door."

My Neighbors



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