

## LYONS

by Eva Bressler

Sam Wallen was taken by ambulance Monday to the Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton and later transferred to the University Medical Hospital in Portland where he is receiving medical treatment.

Friends in Lyons received word of the death of Fred Dallas of Longview, Wash. A former Lyons resident while he was superintendent at the Mt. Jefferson Lumber Co. saw mill in the early 1940's.

Students at Marl-Linn school are enjoying a week of spring vacation. They will resume classes Monday, March 24.

Alex Bodeker returned home Monday after a two weeks stay at the Salem Memorial Hospital where he underwent major surgery.

Rev. Charles Webb from Scio was the guest speaker Sunday morning at the Lyons United Methodist Church replacing Rev. Arthur Hansen who is in the Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Schweer and family of Beaverton were recent guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Schweer.

Chet Grimes who underwent major surgery last week at the Salem Memorial Hospital returned home Sunday.

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## Oregon Logging Conference a Success

The 37th Annual Oregon Logging Conference proved an outstanding success," said outgoing conference president, Russell B. Rose, of Publisher's Pulp and Paper Co.

"Judging from the 2300 members who attended the three-day event, and their response to the extensive equipment display, I'd say we accomplished our objective of keeping industry representatives apprised of the latest developments in logging techniques."

Business leaders representing state agencies, industry and the media addressed the conference, at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene. Keynote speaker, state Sen. Victor Atiyeh, spoke to the members on the conference theme, "Challenge of Change."

Newly elected president of the Oregon Logging Conference, Rex Allison of North Bend, said the session provided ample opportunity for industry leaders to exchange ideas regarding logging and forestry operations.

"The hundreds of items of equipment on display this year was valued well over \$23 million," commented Allison. "And the latest harvesting and logging equipment presented by the exhibitors was impressive, to say the least."

Conference officers elected for the 1975-76 term included: president — Rex Allison, Weyerhaeuser Co., N. Bend; vice-president — Tom Turner, Crooks-Scanlon, Inc., Bend; treasurer — Jim Bagley, U. S. Plywood - Champion International, Lebanon; ass't. treasurer — Bill Phillips, U. S. Plywood - Champion International, Eugene; and secretary-manager — Jim Cross, Robert Cross Insur., Eugene.

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## Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

### When Th' Speaker Speaks You'd Better Believe It

Phil Lang just doesn't appear the type you'd associate with a political dynasty.

Politics is too much of a personal thing with the speaker of the house of representatives during this 58th session of the state legislature in Salem. But seeds for his convictions certainly sprang from ancestral soil.

The eight-time occupant of the seat representing a south-east Portland constituency doesn't claim to have cut his teeth on a poll book. But, he clearly remembers delivering sample ballots door to door from his wooden wagon at the tender age of six in behalf of the 1936 congressional candidacy of Nan Wood Honeyman.

Most Salem observers are aware speaker Lang's nephew, Don Clark, is chairman of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. They know his older brother, Loyal, was appointed to the state senate this session. And many realize former lawmaker Berkeley Lent, now Circuit Court Judge in Multnomah County, is his cousin.

In partisan circles his father's democratic activities are widely known, but the political background is even more extensive. An uncle served in the 1933 legislature, another cousin was a state senator in 1953 and still another cousin served two terms as mayor of Los Angeles.

Although he had been active politically at the precinct level, Lang was married, had earned his degree in sociology and was an air force veteran back in school studying law before he entertained the notion he might achieve elective office. That was in 1956 when the late Terry Schunk ascended from Multnomah County Sheriff to Mayor of the City of Roses. Lang's education and background as a former state police officer and criminal investigator in the service prompted him to seek appointment as Schunk's successor. Young and relatively unknown at the time, Lang impressed the central committee sufficiently to make the body's top three recommendations, but the final nod went to Francis Lambert.

In the process however, Lang did have one brief interview with Schunk and on the strength of that short conversation, his political future was assured. A few days after Lambert's appointment, the mayor-elect happened across Lang at a party celebration honoring then Gov. Robert Holmes. He asked if Lang would visit with him the following week and when they met the second time, Schunk asked him to serve as one of two top administrative aides.

Rep. Lang readily admits a strong affection for the man he served for nearly two years and believes his maturity occurred in the crucible of city hall politics during those stormy early months of Schunk's first term.

That his political die had been cast was evident when he again sought nomination for sheriff — despite the fact voters opted for Lambert's nomination and ultimate election. He began his present affiliation with Oregon Automobile and North Pacific Insurance Companies in 1959 and had been on the job less than a full year when Rep. Norman Howard and others urged him to seek a seat in the state house. Surprised to receive his employer's blessing, Lang ran and won handily.

His long house tenure was nearly thwarted two years later however, when Sheriff Lambert decided not to seek re-election and offered to support the one-term lawmaker if he was still interested. Few doubted Lang could have become sheriff with that kind of an assist and the exposure generated by previous campaigns and legislative service. The speaker-to-be wound up making his decision to return to Salem on the final day for filing — and, in the presence of his nephew and close friend since early boyhood, Don Clark, who was then working in the sheriff's office.

When he arrived in Salem later in the day, there was a phone message waiting. It was Clark. And he startled the usually calm Lang with a request for the loan of \$50 and assistance in filing to succeed Lambert himself. Clark's political career was launched by Lang's reluctant compliance — reluctant, Lang still maintains, because he didn't think his buddy had a chance. It's fairly difficult to find

many voters in his district who believe the speaker has been that wrong about anything since. And house democrats confirm that belief by electing him their leader this session.

In the meantime, Lang assumed a relatively low legislative profile — partly by devoting the bulk of his energy and expertise to the work of the ways and means committee and because his party was reduced to minority status following his second term.

The man who is best known for his quiet competence ("Because I'm a nit-picker . . ."), shunned both possibilities for appointments to the senate and positions of minority leadership. He is an avowed moderate and believes sincerely he reflects attitudes synonymous with those of the average Oregon voter. On that basis, he believes his greatest opportunity for public service is in the chamber most responsive to the ever-changing needs of the times and people.

As one would expect, the Oregon house this session is proceeding with dispatch and efficiency. With an even larger collection of pipes than Senate President Jason Boe and an ample supply of apple-flavored tobacco, the speaker is candid enough to admit his job this session has gotten to him at times.

But it's equally obvious he will weather any storm generated in his own caucus or that of the minority. And there's the clear ring of authentic authority when he says things are on schedule, there'll be no taxation surprises, the field burning issue will go one way or the other, and committee work will wind down by mid-May and the session adjourn a couple of weeks later.

## THE FAMILY LAWYER

### Architect's Boners

Architect Jackson sometimes got a little careless in his work. He placed part of one house on the wrong lot. In another house, sections of the foundation were left out. A third house went up without a building permit.



When Jackson's disgruntled clients finally complained to the state's architectural board, his license was revoked. Although he took the matter to court, the action of the board was upheld. The court said there were ample grounds for concluding that Jackson was incompetent.

Most states have set up some sort of agency to oversee the practice of architecture. Among its other powers, such an agency usually has the authority to suspend or revoke the license of an architect who fails to maintain a suitable level of competence.

Dishonesty, too, may lead to disciplinary measures. Another architect was accused of involvement in a scheme to bribe a city official. This was enough reason, a court ruled afterward, to justify a suspension of his license.

Nevertheless, the courts acknowledge that penalties of this kind should not be imposed lightly. In another case, there was no question that a certain house had been erected with specifications reduced to a dubious minimum.

But at a hearing it became impossible to sort out which shortcuts were the fault of the architect and which were due to the owner's insistence on saving money.

Under these ambiguous circumstances, a court ruled that the board had no sufficient basis for suspending the architect's license.

The court said: "The right to practice his profession is highly valuable, and he (may) insist upon (better) proof before this right can be taken away."

The best revenge is to be unlike he who performs the injury. —Marcus Antonius

## MEHAMA

Mrs. John Teeters

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright went to Coos Bay Saturday, March 8, and were guests during the weekend at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sarvela, and daughters, Cynthia and Annette. The men went fishing on Sunday but didn't have much luck.

Mrs. J. J. Doerfler of Salem spent several days last week at their place here doing yard work.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Emert and family moved here from Salem the first of last week. Rev. Emert is the new pastor of the Mehama Community Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shafer were in McMinnville Saturday evening, March 15, to attend the banquet and meeting of the Yamhill County Livestock Assn. Mr. Shafer is president of the Marion County Assn.

Twenty-one Lyons-Mehama Cub Scouts of Pack 98 enjoyed a trip to Corvallis Saturday, March 15, where they visited Horner Museum on the OSU campus. Later they had a picnic at Avery Park. It was wet and windy but they all had a fine time. Accompanying the group was their leader, Rose Ader, assistant leader, Connie Willse, and den mothers, Marianne Willsey and Kay Gregory, and two other mothers, Linda Trahan and Jo Anderson who took cars.

Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Ellis and daughter, Mary Elizabeth Pinder of Portland, came Friday, March 14, for a few days visit at the home of Mrs. Ellis' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor. They came especially to help Mrs. Taylor celebrate her 89th birthday on Saturday, March 15.

Mrs. Jack Van Beek accompanied her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Brock of Salem, to Mercer Island, Wash., Thurs. March 13, where she visited with her daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Glassey and children. They returned home Saturday evening.

Guests Sunday, March 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coffman were her cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Daniels, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daniels, all from Molalla.

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Building permits were down in Linn County in January, 1975, compared to January, 1974, the U. of O. Bur. of Bus. and Econ. Research has reported.

In January, 1975, the total was \$283,933 compared to \$517,800 in the same month the year before.

Building permits from 150 identical reporting centers in Oregon totaled \$52,985,321 in January, 1975. This was 23.0% higher than the total in Jan. 1974.

In January 1975, \$18,590,465 was for 820 new dwelling units, \$26,945,165 for new non-residential construction, and \$7,450,691 for additions, alterations, and repairs to existing structures.

For the same month in 1974, the \$43,064,823 total for permits was composed of \$17,145,877 for 908 new dwelling

units, \$17,386,454 for new non-residential construction, and \$8,532,492 for additions, alterations, and repairs to existing structures.



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