

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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This session of the Oregon Legislature seems different than any other I have participated in over the last years. The feeling is different, and it took a while to pin down the contrast.

Simply stated, there is more pressure on the committees this session than ever before. With the massive number of bills introduced — nearly 3000 — it's up to the committees in both chambers of the legislature to keep things moving.

And that they are. The 1975 session went a record 180 days. That's a performance legislative leaders have hanging over their heads as "forbidden." So while some members of the press call this session "dailysville," the fact remains that we are getting more done in less time than in previous years.

More and more bills are sent to the budget-making ways and means committee than before, as well. Any hint of "fiscal impact" in a measure almost mandates a motion on the floor to refer the bill to ways and means. With the onslaught of measures in that committee, members have to develop tough priorities about where the general fund dollars go.

The floor sessions are getting longer each day, meaning committee meetings are scheduled in the early morning (7:00 a.m.) or evening hours. Two months ago that was unheard of. Those committees continue to use a sifting process to see which bills reach the floor.

A thorn in the legislature's side over the past few sessions was removed early last week, as the senate voted to merge the Fish and Wildlife Agencies of the state. SB 613 replaces the two commissions with a seven-member state fish and wildlife commission, which will have jurisdiction over commercial fishing, sport fishing and hunting. The key to the bill — which now goes to the house — is the greater efficiency it creates in game and fish management in Oregon. Similar measures in previous sessions were the subject of much controversy, but SB 613 passed the senate unanimously and faces almost certain approval in the house as well.

This week I would like to relate to you the employment situation and an attempt by the legislature to further spur the economy in Oregon.

As reported by the Employment Division of the Oregon Dept. of Human Resources, the state's employment picture is showing some sign of improvement.

The statewide employment total for March increased 13,700 over the previous month.

However, only 2,500 persons were removed from the unemployment rolls. The remaining 11,200 "new hires" represent additions to the civilian labor force.

The March decline in the total number of unemployed (from 120,500 in February to 118,000) had no effect on the seasonally adjusted rate, which remains at 9.9 percent. The March unemployment total is 35,800 more than the level a year ago, when the seasonally adjusted rate was 7.1 percent.

In relation to the total work force, the unadjusted rate now stands at 11.5 percent — down from 11.8 percent in February, but still higher than for any period since the recession of 1958-59.

The legislative committee on trade and economic development is dealing with some of the 1975's most significant legislation, much of it aimed at spurring Oregon's economy and putting people back to work.

This is critical in light of the fact that more than 118,000 Oregonians are presently unemployed.

The committee recently unveiling the first phase of an economic stimulation package designated the legislative economic action plan, or LEAP.

This initial measure sets up an emergency economic assistance program under which local areas can call on the state for immediate help. It would operate along the lines of Oregon's program for dealing with natural disasters.

Some areas are suffering the effects of chronic unemployment due to depletion of a vital resource, such as timber. Other areas have been hit by sudden high unemployment due to layoffs or plant closures.

Regardless of the cause, these areas would be eligible

for assistance under the proposed emergency program.

When the state is alerted by local officials, the governor would order a resource inventory of the affected area — in other words, a list of current state projects and planned expenditures. He would then pull people from different state agencies to form, in effect, an economic task force.

Working with the task force, local officials would formulate recommendations and requests. These would be in the governor's hands within seven days.

The governor would then hammer out an action plan emphasizing these key elements.

—Better utilization of programs established by the legislature for local self-help.

—Acceleration of projects already in the works, in some cases by expediting necessary permits.

—Better utilization of existing resources.

—Reallocation of current budget expenditures.

Local participation is the vehicle for directing the energies of business, labor, government and civic leaders toward solving their own problems. The local team would learn to use the development tools placed in their hands by the legislature — tools such as county bonding authority, credit corporations and dryland port authorities.

We are proposing two additional aids.

The first is to provide tax incentives for economic development in areas where serious unemployment exists. The other is to hire, with 50 percent state participation, development specialists who can plan and coordinate longrange economic stimulation efforts.

LEAP is an attempt by the Oregon Legislature to help solve the economic problems which have plagued many parts of the state for years.

The first program, the emergency assistance program, complements the Governor's employment stimulation proposals and adds to his authority to speed state aid to economically stricken areas.

More importantly, it offers hope to communities where problems have been recognized for a long time, but where the ways and means of solving those problems have remained beyond reach.

If you have any questions concerning legislative problems, please contact me at 107K Capitol Bldg., Salem, Oregon 97310. My phone number is 378-8849. Information on legislative matters can also be obtained by calling the toll free information number 1-800-452-0290.



## "YOUR LAND AND MY LAND"



by Hazel Hayes

Sibyl Ludington

**Koffee Klatchers**

Name of Team	W	L
Earl's Chevron	17 1/2	6 1/2
Ditter's Mkt.	17 1/2	6 1/2
Bob & Bill's ARCO	15	9
Frontier Inn	14 1/2	9 1/2
Dick & Carol's	12 1/2	11 1/2
Aumsville Tavern	11	13
Girod's Mkt.	9	15
Phillippi Ford	9	15
Ray's Drug	7	17
Freres Lmbr. Co.	7	17

**High individual game and series — Dorothy Nye, 212 and 574; high team game — Frontier Inn 978; high team series — Earl's Chevron 2829.**

**Stayton Invitational**

Name of Team	W	L
Dery Trk.	21	7
Sub Auto Sup.	17	11
Madison Dav. Ins.	16 1/2	11 1/2
Lierman Ins.	15 1/2	12 1/2
D. H. Trk.	15	13
Stayton Pharmacy	15	13
N. S. Real Estate	12	16

**High individual games — Blanche Wallace and Mabel Yankus; high individual series — Blanche Wallace, 530; high team game and series — Dery Trucking, 546 and 1484.**

**Tuesday Pin Fals**

Name of Team	W	L
Teds Drive In	21	11
Mel Round & Sons	20	12
State Farm Ins.	19	13
Pats Pill Box	17	15
G&B Trk.	16	16
Stayton Bowl	16	16
U. S. Nat'l. Bk.	16	16
Highland Trk.	14	18
Phillips 66	12	20
Girods Hilltop	9	23

High individual game and series — June Lowder, 217 and 531; high team game — Highland Trk., 746; high team series — G&B Trk. 2127.



**Velva M. Johnson**  
Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 25, at McHenry Funeral Home, Corvallis, for Mrs. Velva M. Johnson who passed away Tuesday, April 22 in the Corvallis Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 12, 1909, in Harlan, Oregon. In December, 1929, she was married to Chester B. Johnson who preceded her in death in 1971.

Living most of her life in Corvallis, she was a member of the Methodist Church and the Elks Auxiliary. For a number of years she was employed at Payless Drug and her latest employment was at the Matt Mathes Florist in Corvallis.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Clara Lovos, Corvallis; daughter, Barbara Davidson, Mill City; son, Barry Johnson, Albuquerque, N. M.; seven grandchildren including Mark, Charlotte, Donna, Michael and Robbie Davidson of Mill City.

Rev. D. Walker officiated at the services. Interment was at Oaklawn Cemetery, Corvallis.

Have you seen the new 8-cent stamp called "Contributors to the cause"? Down in the right-hand corner it says, "Youthful Heroine," and on the back it says, "On the dark night of April 28, 1777, 16-year-old Sibyl Ludington rode her father's horse "Star" alone through the Connecticut countryside rallying the colonial militia to repel a raid by the British on Danbury.

2000 British Regulars had landed at Westport headed for the Danbury patriot stores of salt, meat, flour, grain, powder, shot, muskets, and to burn the town.

Colonel Henry Ludington, veteran of French and Indian wars, owned a gristmill a few miles away. At 7 o'clock that evening a messenger staggered to the door with a British bullet in his back, gasping out the story of Danbury's pillage and destruction.

The Colonel scratched his head, "How can I round up our regiment and be here too when the men report?" "I'll go, Pa. I know the road and the men know me," spoke up Sibyl.

Lashing the big bay horse into a gallop, she tore down the road and was gone — gone on an errand that could mean death. She knew the dangers — marauding British bands, Indians.

Within an hour she had militia men pouring in. They came all through the night. At farm houses and taverns she shouted, "Get up! Pa says, come right away! The British have burned Danbury!"

The regiment fell in at day break only half armed. But out-numbered 3 to 1, they met the enemy at Ridgefield, giving them as sharp a defeat as they ever suffered. That night the English General Tryon told a council of war, "No amount of destruction is worth the disaster we have suffered today."

That dawn when Sibyl returned, she slid off her tired horse into her father's arms and wept. I could sympathize with her. One time when I was sixteen, I had to drive the family car at night through a terrific thunder, lightning and downpour storm over nine miles of slippery dirt roads. My mother and I and all the children (with some extra cousins) had gone to the county fair. Mother saw the storm coming up but couldn't get everyone collected in time. In those days we had no windshield wipers. When we arrived home I sat down and wept.

Sibyl raised a family of six children. One son served with distinction in the Black Hawk, Seminole and Mexican Wars. At Ft. Riley, Kansas, there is a monument to honor his name. But Sibyl has no monument other than a headstone in the old Presbyterian cemetery at Patterson, N. J. It reads:

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It's our way of saying thanks to all of you for being such great people to work with.

So come help us celebrate our 20th anniversary next week. It may be our birthday, but it's going to be your party.



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