



DISCUSSING OTI and its future was the main order of business on Friday and Saturday on the Oregon Tech campus. Ten state senators and representatives, members of the Joint Ways and Means subcommittee on the OTI budget, came from Salem to spend two full days inspecting facilities, asking questions and seeing for themselves just what OTI does for the education of Oregon youth. Here Senator Jean Lewis at left and Senator Al Corbett, right, are shown talking things over with OTI Director W. D. Purvine, center.

### Texas Family Ends Ordeal On Beacon

By CONARD CASLER Reporter. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (AP)—Leslie Schmidt and his young family, marooned three days last week on a tiny beacon in the Gulf of Mexico, lived to tell about it. But Leslie, 23, wrote a pathetic little diary to let relatives know what happened to them. He "knew" he and his wife and three children would die there within eight of the shore, he said Sunday. "We wrote the diary so that when they found our bones they'd know what happened," Schmidt said at the hospital where he, his

wife, Sarah, 22, and the children—Leslie Jr., 3, Linda Lee, 2, and Cheryl, 10 months—are recovering. Crewmen of a passing shrimp boat, the Carroll Ann, snatched the hungry, cold and sick family from the tiny navigation light Saturday afternoon. The Schmidts scrambled onto the light, just 7 miles from downtown Corpus Christi, Wednesday after their 25-foot cabin cruiser broke up in heavy seas that lashed Corpus Christi Bay. Schmidt was returning to Port Aransas from Port Mansfield after going there on an abortive commercial fishing venture.

Mrs. Schmidt tied a line to the sinking boat as her husband fastened it to the beacon. They traded places and she took Linda Lee up 15 feet to the small platform atop the beacon. "I tied her there and went down for Cheryl Lynn," related Mrs. Schmidt. "By the time we got Leslie Jr. up top, the boat was gone and everything we owned, except a half can of milk and that can of baby food. "I said a prayer up every rung of that ladder," she recalled. Schmidt stepped clear of the cruiser with Leslie Jr., just as the boat went under. Then the long vigil, the prayers, and the frustration began. Every morning an oil crew boat passed with 100 yards, the couple said. "They never saw us although we yelled at them," Schmidt said. "I prayed all the time," Mrs. Schmidt added, "and God must have been with us. He saved us."

### USAF Awaiting Arrival Of New Long-Range C130

PANAMA (AP)—The Air Force expects to begin receiving soon a new model of its C130 transport plane which conceivably could speed paratroopers direct from U.S. bases to a battle front in Europe. A new model of the C130 transport, due for delivery within the next few months, will have a non-stop range up to 4,000 miles, compared with about 2,300 miles for the present C130s. The Air Force currently has transports capable of the longer range, the C124s. They can carry tremendous loads for considerable distances. But they lack several critical features. Powered by conventional piston engines, they are slower than the C130s driven by jet turbines linked to propellers. Their troop-carrying compartments are not pressurized to make possible carrying passengers at high altitudes which are safer in combat and often

make possible higher speeds. Moreover, the giant C124s are not intended for use by paratroopers, for jumps into combat, as are the C130s. The Army would like to test out its ability to fly a whole battle group of paratroopers (about 1,400 men) to Europe and parachute them down directly into a rock battle. Maj. Gen. Robert F. Sink, head of the Strategic Army Command, was asked by newsmen if there were any plans to make a European test similar to the just completed exercise Banyan Tree, in which 1,300 men were flown from the United States and dropped into Panama. He said "I have had a letter in on that for the last year and a half" with Army headquarters at the Pentagon. Sink and Lt. Gen. Ridgely Galtner, chief of the Combined Caribbean Command, estimate it would take about 700 aircraft to airlift an entire airborne division of 12,000 men. This, the Army calculates, could be done with approximately 300 C130s and 200 C124s. The Air Force does not have that many C130s now, although substantial numbers of additional planes are on order. Aside from the problem of inducing the Air Force to build up its transport fleet, the Army is seeking to improve details of its airborne operations. One long existing problem has been that of getting paratroopers out of parachute harness quickly, to prevent their injury by being dragged when wind fills chutes after landing. Beginning in the next four or five months, Sink said, paratroopers will be equipped with a most quick-release device. With one quick movement, a parachutist will be able to snap himself free of his parachute and most of its harness. The Army now is designing all its equipment and weapons—except for tanks—to fit into existing aircraft. This, says the Army, means that all its units will be air transportable.

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### School Wins Speech Cup

MALIN—The Malin Junior High School for the fourth year won the first place cup at the annual county school speech festival held at Henley School on February 12. Competing schools were Altamont, Merrill, Henley and Malin. Those participating from Malin and the honors they won were Lois Owens, story "King O' the Cats," first place; Karen Gentry, "Childhood Poems," first place; Verne Cox and Cathy Kenyon, humorous "Fisherman's Luck," first place; Rob Steyskal, serious "America at Stake," second place. In the radio division Judy Madden, Mary Day, Judy Huffman, Jim Kolkow and Jim Leithold won first place for their program, "Blast Off for Oregon." The choral reading, "The Congo," presented by the seventh and eighth grades also placed first. Mrs. Mildred Totell was the teacher who was chairman of the Malin speech students.

### OES Chapter Offers Skit

MALIN—Malin Prosperity Chapter, OES, held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall with Madelyn Depuy and Homer Depuy, worthy matron and patron, presiding. John Freitag, master of the Malin Masonic Lodge, was introduced and escorted to the east. Pro tem officers for the meeting were Gladys Halousek, conductress, and Margaret White, warder. Special program of the evening was to honor master masons, who were "crowned" in a skit presented by Barbara Victorin entitled "King for a Night." About the room were clever valentine decorations which had been arranged by Gladys Halousek. Invitations to master masons were sent out by Betty Halousek. Prosperity Social Club will be held Thursday evening, February 26, at the home of Thelma Stukel in Merrill. Refreshments were served following the meeting by Grace Walker, Glenna Walker, Mickey Walker and Mary Haskins.

### Scouts Show Two Exhibits

MALIN—In honor of National Scout Week two exhibits have been made in store windows in Malin. The Cub Scouts have a display in the window of the Malin Drug Store of handcraft products made by the members of Dens 1, 2, 3 and 4, such as woven baskets, dishes made of oyster shells, postcard stick picture frames, napkin holders and racing cars. In the window of Kalina's Food Market the Malin Explorer Scouts have arranged an exhibit with the theme, "49th Anniversary of Scouting and Alaska, the 49th State."

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### Capitol Hill Again Cries At Nepotism

WASHINGTON (AP)—As it does almost every year, nepotism Saturday attracted a spotlight on Capitol Hill. The ancient political practice of giving government jobs to relatives receives attention annually when the House of Representatives reveals its office payroll. This year's records show that at least six of the 82 new House members have their wives on the payrolls. The wives' salaries range from \$4,047 to \$13,344 a year. In addition, Rep. Steven V. Carter (D-Iowa), a freshman congressman, hired his 19-year-old son, a freshman college student, as an \$11,000-a-year assistant. The Senate refuses to open its payroll records to public scrutiny. Any nepotism there usually is a secret. The congressmen's justification for the practice is that the relatives do important work and fully earn their pay. "We have always been a team," Rep. Leonard G. Wolf (D-Iowa) said, explaining why his wife, Marilyn, is on the payroll for \$1,037.91 a month. "I'm actually working," said Steven A. Carter, the son of Rep. Carter, "and don't give the money back to him. It's all mine and I plan to use it to complete my education."

The five other new congressmen with wives on the payroll were: Rep. Robert W. Levering (D-Ohio) (Wife Eileen, \$12,527); Rep. Denver D. Hargis (D-Kan.) (Wife Charlie, \$8,192); Rep. Ralph Rivers (D-Alaska) (Wife Martha, \$4,200); Rep. Randall S. Harman (D-Ind.) (Wife Mary, \$4,324); Rep. William H. Meyer (D-Vt.) (Wife Bertha, \$9,047). Congress authorizes \$35,000 a year to each House member for his office payroll. He may hire eight clerks, none of whom may earn more than \$14,344 a year.

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### U.S. Airman Races Time

ABERDEEN, Scotland (AP)—A U.S. airman sailed the North Sea by fishing smack today bound for the remote Faroe Islands in a race against time to get his bride-to-be to Iceland. Airman Walter Baldwin, 28, of Cleveland, Ohio, has covered 1,600 miles by sea in a week to pick up Kristen Anthon. He is to be returned to the United States April 2. To marry before then, under Icelandic law, Kristen must be in Iceland by Feb. 28. Baldwin went from Iceland to the Shetland Islands, north of Scotland, but couldn't get passage from there to the Faroes. He took a cattle boat to Aberdeen. Then he encountered Hans Jensen, master of the Faroese fishing smack Grunnigen. When Baldwin told his story, Jensen exclaimed "Why I know Kristen" and took the airman aboard. Baldwin's next problem will be getting back with the girl. The couple met in Iceland nine months ago when Kristen was there as a nurse.

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



HAVE YOU LOOKED IN TEXAS, MR. MITCHELL? DENNIS IS ALWAYS TALKIN' ABOUT GOIN' THERE.

### First A-Ship Near Complete

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet Union says the world's first atomic surface ship soon will be ready to put to sea. Moscow radio gave some details of the 16,000-ton icebreaker Lenin which was launched at Leningrad in December 1957. The broadcast said the Lenin, which is completing dockside tests is powered by three atomic reactors which can develop 44,500 horsepower. "Two reactors suffice to meet all the needs of the ship and one is kept as an auxiliary unit," the broadcast added.

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### Well-Wishers Greet Cubans

NEW YORK (AP)—Ten bearded members of the Cuban army might have marched like Manhattan—but it was too long a hike. More than 100 well-wishers greeted the visiting Cubans Sunday when their plane landed at Idlewild Airport. They formed in rough marching order in front of a bus carrying the soldiers. Maj. Camilo de Cienfuegos, chief of the Cuban army staff, climbed down from the bus to join them, but was told that the airport was 18 miles from Manhattan. He weighed the matter a moment, then climbed back. The bus left for Manhattan without any marchers.

### Freak Accident Hospitalizes Man

DETROIT (AP)—Early Bradford's troubles only started when his car stalled. Bradford, 33, reached into the motor Sunday. His hand became trapped. The car roared into life and, dragging Bradford along, it crashed through a wire fence, hit a parked car, went through a garage and another fence and finally stopped when it hit a tree. Bradford was hospitalized in serious condition.

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### Abigail ANSWERS

Miss Abigail Stonehead continues her weekly advice to those who have emotional and behavioral problems brought about by Oregonians growing beards for the Centennial.

Dear Abigail: I am in a real fix. I grew my beard just for fun and to be in the spirit of things. Now my wife is enamored with it.—Enamored! She is mad about it. She cooks meals fit for a king, turns down all invitations to go out, never looks at TV—in short we are on a honeymoon that promises to continue the rest of our married life—except my boss doesn't like this beard business and says he expects some clean faces around soon. What can I do?  
Tired but happy

Listen, pooped, man doesn't live by bread alone—come summer, if the boss doesn't relent, look for another job. A wife like that is hard to come by.

Dear Abigail: My husband just entered that darned J. W. Kerns Whiskerino and I am furious. He has been too tight to buy me a Norge dryer all these years, though there was always plenty of money for guns and fishing poles. Now he says he is showing his love for me by running around with a bushy face like one of those Neanderthal men. Then he expects to be a big Joe when he gives me a Norge dryer he wins free at Kerns. Oh he'll go on those hunting trips thinking I should be happy to sit home with my Norge.  
Mrs. Cave Man

Sounds like you deserve a Norge dryer my dear. Too bad you didn't try to imagine that galate in whiskers before you married him. There is a little ape in all of us, but generally not that much.

Dear Abigail: I'm an old codger who was here when Linkville was started. You sound like a lively old gal, how about us getting together to reminisce sometime?  
Lively at 90

Sure, there are some young tricks in old Abigail yet, just be sure you're wearing a beard when you come to call.

Dear Abigail: My husband wants to get into the J. W. Kerns contest and raise a beard, but I think they just look awful. I have threatened everything including locking him out of the house, but he is adamant. Why must we wives have our husbands looking like oggle-eyed beavers just for the Centennial?  
Indignant

Get off that high horse, honey—relax and have a sip of black-berry cordial. As a beard grower's wife you'll be tickled pink when he really gets that beard going.

Write me now at the Herald & News. Let Abigail help with those personal problems that come up from raising a beard.

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