

# 'Lazy' Wife Has Full-Time Job

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: My wife and I have been married 15 years. We have five children, the oldest is 14, the youngest 6. They are in school all day and are no trouble to her. I think my wife should be able to get out of bed a little earlier, straighten the house, get the kids off to school and then go to work downtown. We could use the extra money. We have many friends who manage this way and they have new cars, boats and luxuries that we'll never be able to afford on my salary. My wife has a washing machine and a vacuum cleaner, she claims she's bushed from the housework and laundry. I say the cost of living is so high these days I take two pay checks if people are going to enjoy any extras. Please tell my wife to stop making excuses and go get herself some work.—DISGUSTED

Dear Disgusted: A woman who has five young children doesn't need to make excuses—she's got work, and plenty of it—at home. So your wife has a washing machine and a vacuum sweeper—big deal. How would YOU like to take on another full-time job? Well, that's exactly what you're asking her to do. Quit trying to get the old mare to pull a double load and give her a hand with her present duties. She can probably use it.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm 18 years old and I've been going steady with a girl who will be 17 next month. She's been nagging me to get married but I feel I'm too young to take on the responsibilities of a husband. I have another four months before high school graduation and it would be a crime to quit now to get mar-

ried. Some guys in school got married but the heat was too much and they dropped out. This girl's parents are getting pretty huffy because of the girl's condition—if you know what I mean. My folks say it's up to me. Please tell me—what's the score?—DICK

Dear Dick: Yeah—I know exactly what you mean—and this is a fine time to be asking the score. No fellow can be forced into a marriage regardless of the circumstances. You have an obligation, however, to take care of the girl and support the baby, and there are laws to see that you do.

I urge you to stay in school and get your diploma whether you marry or not. It looks as if you're going to have some financial responsibilities starting soon, and a fellow who is not a high school graduate will find mighty slim pickings in the job market.

Dear Ann Landers: We live in a medium-sized city. A man here who gets into all sorts of trouble with the law has the same name as my husband. It is a terrible embarrassment to us whenever his name appears in the paper, which is often. He has been arrested for drunken driving, fighting in taverns and petty larceny. The paper prints his name and address but we feel they should also say "Not the John Jones who is employed at the X Company." The paper refuses to do this. Can we insist on grounds that this other man is ruining our reputation?—INNOCENT VICTIMS

Dear Victims: The newspaper should make the proper distinction by printing the man's address. A newspaper can't identify individuals by stating who he is NOT.

## Truckers Oppose Attempts To Change Flat Fee Charge

SALEM (AP) — Some 100 log truck operators from Southern Oregon appeared at a Senate Highway Committee hearing Thursday and expressed opposition to any attempt to take away their right to pay a flat fee in lieu of weight-mile taxes to the state.

The loggers opposed the repeal of the flat fee option as proposed in a Senate bill. They supported another bill that would provide for certificates of necessity provisions for log trucks.

This would require a log trucker to prove a need for his services. However, the truckers said they wanted to learn just how this would affect their so-called "grandfather rights." These are the established rights of an operator who has been in the area a long time.

The log haulers also voiced support again for a minimum rate regulation. A provision for this was vetoed by Gov. Mark O. Hatfield after the last session.

Warne Nunn, executive assistant to the governor, said Hatfield vetoed the bills that would do all three things because he was opposed to the minimum rate legislation.

Jim Faught, speaking for the truckers, called for adoption of the minimum rate protection for log haulers.

"If you give us the same rates and protection as freight truckers get, we don't mind paying," the Roseburg man said.

State Sen. Al Glegel, D-Roseburg, said that none of the bills were a good deal unless all three were passed. He said that just what scope of operation is permitted is also important.

"This is real important because the log trucker is a nomad," Flegel said. "He goes where the logs are."

Faught said that if the flat rate option were repealed he would have lost money because his taxes would have been upped by about \$8,000 last year.

Faught gave chairman Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, his books and figures for the committee record to prove his point.

Yturri told Faught he could provide copies instead if he wished.

"Copies?" exclaimed Faught. "I've been up for four nights making these." This drew a chuckle from the partisan audience.

Robert Knight, managing director of the Oregon Truckers Association, testified in support of repeal of the flat rate option for log haulers.

Knight said it allowed one segment to pay less than the rest of the truckers.

State Sen. Richard Groener, D-Milwaukie, pointed out that the segment Knight represents gets rate protection and has certificates of necessity. This drew applause from the log haulers.

John E. Erickson, superintendent of the revenue division of the public utility commissioner's office, said that the flat fee provision saved log haulers about \$750,000 last year.

## Too Many On State Pay, Fiscal Committee Says

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM (AP) — The legislature's fiscal committee reported today that the state of Oregon has too many employees.

It also said that Gov. Mark O. Hatfield has underestimated state revenues in the 1961-62 biennium by about \$10 million.

The committee, created by the 1959 legislature to keep a close watch on state spending, said "consideration should be given to reducing the present number of employees."

It said that in 1958, Oregon had 107,777 state employees per 10,000 population, compared to a national average of 75.7.

Even allowing for the fact that Oregon has a high level of state services, the figure appears to be unusually large, the report said.

It recommended that a complete study be made to measure the work output of state employees, with a view toward reducing the number.

The committee said that state has 24,000 employees, compared to 20,500 five years ago. It spent \$138 million for salaries in the 1957-58 biennium, compared to \$260 million asked by Gov. Hatfield for the 1961-62 period.

It agreed with Gov. Hatfield that state employee salaries must be increased to keep the state workers in their jobs. But it said that if the legislature goes for this, it should attach a string that the work measurement study be made.

The committee said that state revenues would total at least \$330 million in the next biennium, instead of the \$320 million estimated by the governor. Adding the \$40 million surplus, this means the legislature would have \$370 million to spend at this session.

The governor recommends spending \$359 million. The committee said that for the past decade, the legislature has underestimated revenues.

The 1959 legislature figured that the state general fund would be broke by next July 1, instead of having \$40 million left over.

It said that Gov. Hatfield followed the same old pattern in underestimating revenues.

**Gary W. Burt In Landing Team**  
Marine Pfc. Gary W. Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Burt of 844 Riverside, Klamath Falls, is serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment, on assignment to the Third Provisional Battalion Landing Team. The landing team operates from ships of the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

An amphibious infantry unit of the Third Marine Division at Okinawa, the battalion will be at sea for approximately two months.

**Dimes Benefit Is Scheduled**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars will give the annual New March of Dimes benefit dance at the club Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be by Louie and Ozzie. All proceeds will go to the New March of Dimes fund for research in the fields of arthritis and birth defects.

The dance will be open only to adults, 21 or over. Admission will be 50 cents per person. Hall and music are donated.

**Jerry Seutter Finishes Course**  
Jerry Richard Seutter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Seutter, 4226 Climax Avenue, recently completed 28 weeks of training at the Navy Electronics Technician School, Treasure Island, California.

Seutter has been assigned to duty aboard the USS McCormick, under construction at Boston Naval Shipyard. She is the latest in a series of missile-launching ships. Seutter currently is home on leave.

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**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**  
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**THE MIDNIGHTERS** will sing during one of Baldy Evans' rock 'n' roll dances Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, at the Klamath Auditorium. They will appear with Hank Ballard and Hank Moore and his orchestra.

## Grange News

**SUMMER LAKE**  
SUMMER LAKE—N. R. Smith of Lakeview spoke about life and medical insurance during a roundtable discussion in a meeting of Summer Lake Grange Saturday evening.

Don Woodruff, Lake County sheriff, originally scheduled to speak, was not able to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elder served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

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# House Republicans Approve Study Of Reapportionment By Committee

SALEM (AP) — House Republicans Thursday authorized their leader, Rep. F. F. Montgomery of Eugene, to appoint a 12-member citizens committee to study reapportionment of the legislature.

There will be three persons from each congressional district. Montgomery said that "the more people who study the matter, the better chance we have of getting an equitable program."

The Republicans discussed Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposal for a one per cent tax on all personal income, without deductions or exemptions. This tax would be in addition to the existing personal income tax, and is intended to make persons in low brackets pay some tax.

It was reported that some Republicans are skeptical about the tax, which is supported by some Democrats.

## Meet Saturday

SALEM (AP) — Delegations from the Oregon and Idaho legislatures will meet Saturday in Portland to discuss means of restoring the salmon runs in the Snake River.

Sen. Andrew J. Naterlin, D-Newport, said construction of the Oxbow and Brownlee dams in the middle Snake has depleted the salmon runs.

He will head the Oregon group, while Rep. C. H. Hider will head the Idaho legislative delegation.

## First New Law

SALEM (AP) — The first bill passed into law by the 51st legislature was signed into law Thursday by acting Gov. Harry Boivin. Boivin, who is president of the Senate, was acting for Gov. Mark O. Hatfield, who is in Washington, D. C., for the inauguration.

The first bill provides the legislature with \$1,250,000 for its expenses.

Boivin is a Democrat from Klamath Falls.

## Surplus Food

SALEM (AP) — A resolution directing the state Public Welfare Commission to distribute surplus food to the needy was introduced in the legislature Thursday by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, D-Portland.

It said that the state and county welfare commissions should start immediately to distribute the food to welfare cases.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield gave the commission a similar order last week.

## Former State Official Dies

PORTLAND (AP) — Funeral services will be held Monday for Paul L. Crooks, a former chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

He died here Wednesday at the age of 73.

Crooks was founder of the general contracting and machinery distribution firm, P. L. Crooks Co. He operated the firm until his retirement in 1956.

The widow, a daughter and four sons survive.

## Bill Criticized

SALEM (AP) — Legislation to let cities sell sewage bonds without a vote of the people was criticized today by Sen. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland.

Pearson told the Senate Local Government Committee it would be improper to permit cities to increase their debt without consent of the people.

Deputy state Treasurer Gordon Barker suggested it would be hard to sell such bonds.

The bills, sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities, also would allow investment of state funds in such bonds, and permit cities to increase sewer user charges without a vote of the people in spite of city charters.

## OK Amendment

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Senate passed 24-1 Thursday a resolution to ratify the amendment to the United States Constitution to permit residents of the District of Columbia to vote for president and vice president.

Sen. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, said four states already have ratified it. The resolution goes to the House.

Sen. Carl H. Francis, R-Dayton, said he voted against it because he said the legislature should consider it at the same time it takes up a proposal to abolish the electoral college.

## Say Thank You

SALEM (AP) — The House today adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to Dean Bryson, president of the Oregon State Bar, for providing legal aid in a legislative pay case.

Rep. Katherine Musa, D-The Dalles, said Bryson provided the legal work free of charge that led to the presentation of the case for increased salaries for legislators to the Oregon Supreme Court.

The 1959 legislature passed a law to increase legislative pay to \$2,100 annually. The Supreme Court ruled this illegal in view of a constitutional provision setting the salaries at \$600.

## Police Locate Gun In Holdup

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland police say they have located the gun that killed James Chambers, 53, in a service station holdup Wednesday night.

Police say they found the gun in the car of two men who were arrested at Canby a few hours after the slaying. Ballistic tests showed that the gun found in the car was the one that fired the fatal bullet, police said.

The two men were taken before the Multnomah County grand jury Thursday afternoon. The jury adjourned for the night without taking action on the case.

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