

# Rankled Hubby Says His Piece

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: Just keep up the good work and you'll be responsible for 20,000 divorces in Cuyahoga County alone next year.

I am referring to your advice to Fenner's flying. Why shouldn't a wife clean the fowl and fish her husband brings home? What is she doing besides sitting home and filing her fingernails and talking on the telephone?

My mother used to be tickled pink when my father brought home anything that ran, flew or swam. In those days the head of a family had to go out and hunt up food.

Times have sure changed and dames like you who think women should be carried around on satin pillows will be the ruin of civilization. I say we'd all be better off if we went back to nature—back to the soil back to the tree and the stream.—JIM

Dear Jim: Yep, you just go right back in that tree. And ask your wife to write me when you open a branch office.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a happily married man who needs an outside opinion.

A fellow I've known since childhood recently moved to this city. He was a brilliant student when I knew him, talented, well-thought of and popular. I was proud to be his friend. He has done well in a creative field, is a sparkling conversationalist, a deep thinker and a thoughtful, kind person.

# Worker Comp Bill Offered At Capitol

SALEM (AP)—A bill to provide for "two-way" workmen's compensation was introduced Monday in the House at the request of the state Industrial Accident Commission.

It would implement a recommendation of Gov. Mark O. Hatfield in his legislative message.

It might head off a fight to get "three-way" workmen's compensation.

The bill would allow firms to self-insure. Under present law, firms can only insure with the state under the Workmen's Compensation Law, which places limitations on awards unless increased by court appeal.

The three-way proposal also would give employers the option of insuring with a private company under the law.

Another of the bills introduced Monday would provide that the employer be notified of a workmen's compensation claim and the employer would be permitted to come before the commission in his own defense. Claims against an employer figure into the rate he pays for the industrial accident insurance.

Another bill would require a new trial if either party appeared to have withheld pertinent evidence in the hearing.

Rep. W. O. Kelsay, D-Roseburg, said the commission proposals may go a long way toward meeting employer objections to the present law.



SWEETHEARTS OF ELKS will be honored at the annual Sweethearts Ball in the lodge Saturday night, Feb. 11. Committee members are going "all out" for decorations and party plans. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. with plenty of dips and chips for between dance snacks. Music will be by the Dance Masters. Dance will be semi-formal. Getting ready among others are left, Mrs. John Buckham and Mrs. Paul Whitman.

# Interest Bill Runs Into Opposition

SALEM (AP)—A bill to require money lenders to state their interest charges in terms of simple annual interest ran into opposition Monday from lenders.

Sen. Richard Groener, D-Milwaukie, author of the bill, told the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee that borrowers are confused when interest is stated in monthly terms, or given as discount interest. The discount interest rate usually is about half the simple interest rate.

Groener said some lenders are charging exorbitant interest, and that rates charged by Oregon small loan companies are among the 10 highest in the country.

Dean Bryson, representing the small loan companies, said the Oregon small loan interest rate is about average.

Bryson, a former state senator, said the existing law regulating small loan companies provides ample protection. He also said that it often is impossible to figure the simple interest on a small loan.

Ray Bestor, Portland small loans lender, said the small loan companies charge three per cent a month on the first \$300, two per cent on the next \$200, and one per cent on the balance.

Bestor said that all the customer cares about is the dollar amount the loan will cost him, not the interest rate.

"This bill would not enlighten the public one iota," Bestor said. "It would just confuse the public. The public interest already is well protected."

Another adverse witness was Charles Wentworth of the Oregon Automobile Dealers Association. He too said that only the dollar amount is important to the buyer.

The bill would apply to all forms of borrowing and installment sales.

Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Athena, a co-sponsor of the bill, said it is "a very real service to consumers that this bill would provide. It would state interest in terms they can understand."

George Brown, representing the Oregon AFL-CIO, also supported the bill. He attacked stores which are opening charge accounts for juveniles, adding that some of them charge 18 to 33 per cent annual interest on them.

The committee took no action on the bill.

# Agreement On Financing Of Toll Bridge Reached

ASTORIA (AP)—Agreement has been reached on two-state legislation for financing the proposed Astoria-Megler, Wash., toll bridge, Oregon and Washington lawmakers said Monday.

The announcement came from Oregon Sen. William Holmstrom of Astoria and Washington Sen. Eob Bailey of Aberdeen. They are members of a negotiating committee chosen at a recent meeting of the Oregon and Washington legislative highway committees to outline details of bills to be introduced in Salem and Olympia.

Holmstrom and Bailey said in a joint statement:

"We have reached an area of agreement for introduction of legislation for both states. Details will be made public after we have reported back to our respective negotiating committees, probably in the next few days."

They said the legislation will be along general lines of a tentative agreement reached by committees in Portland more than a week ago. It provides that Oregon would pay the first \$100,000 of anticipated annual deficits of the span across the Columbia River mouth, with the two states going 50-50 on the rest of the costs.

The two senators added:

"The agreement... does not insure passage in either legislature. But it is a real step forward, since after two years of negotiation we have reached an area where we can be hopeful of legislative approval."

SALEM — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. Monday refused to pay expense claims of two legislators—Sen. Boyd Overhulse, D-Madras, and Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston.

The two filed under a resolution passed by the legislature that allows legislators to collect up to \$75 a month during the session and \$150 a month when not in session.

Appling said he concluded there exists a question on the constitutionality of the resolution and he said this would clear the way for a test case before the Oregon Supreme Court.

Appling said he did not intend to ask Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton for an opinion on the resolution.

The Oregon Constitution limits legislative pay to \$600 a year for legislators. It bars personal expenses, which this expense resolution seeks to circumvent by calling the money "legislative expense."

"My refusal to pay will now expedite the taking of this matter to the only place where it can receive orderly, judicial and final determination—the Oregon Supreme Court," Appling said.

Appling said Overhulse filed for \$20.18 as telephone and telegraph expense and Hansell sought \$7.62 for telephone expenses.

# Appling Refuses To Pay Claims

# Wife Accused Of Helping Mate Escape Is Nabbed

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Police Monday arrested Mrs. Chester Hedrick, 18, who is accused of aiding her husband and another man in an escape from the Oregon State Hospital at Salem.

Sheriff's deputies said they are holding her on an Oregon warrant charging aiding and abetting an escape.

Hedrick, referred to by police as the Fat Man, fled the hospital where he had been taken for psychiatric examination after admitting several sex attacks on Portland women.

Vernon Street, 42, Lake Oswego, who escaped with him late in December, was captured in Portland last Wednesday. Hedrick was picked up the next day in Los Angeles.

Hedrick told police his wife had been with him in Los Angeles, but she was not in their apartment when police arrived.

Witnesses of the hospital escape said a woman drove the car in which Hedrick and Street fled.

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# Moose Women Schedule Event

Academy of Friendship, Klamath Falls Chapter 407, Women of the Moose, invites members of the lodge and their guests to a smorgasbord dinner and annual sweetheart ball Saturday, Feb. 11, at Moose Home, 1010 Pine Street.

Dinner will be served from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. and dancing will continue from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The Bob Peters Trio will furnish music.

Tickets may be obtained in advance and those wanting them are asked to all TU 4-3980 or TU 4-8308.

# Youth Ordered Sent To Salem

Lanny Ray Polk, 17-year-old Klamath Falls youth who pleaded guilty last week to car theft, was adjudged to be mentally ill and ordered committed to the Oregon State Hospital in Salem Monday at a sanity hearing in circuit court.

Testimony from two psychiatric specialists was to the effect that Polk could understand the difference between right and wrong but had little remorse or regret concerning his actions.

Polk admitted stealing a car on Jan. 14 from Drive More Used Cars, 302 East Main Street, and driving it to Corning, Calif., where he was captured. The youth had been in minor trouble before and spent a term at MacLaren School for Boys.

# Bike-Riding Professor Wins Acquittal In Court

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—A technicality won acquittal Monday for Prof. Malcolm Dole, charged with bicycling on a busy thoroughfare.

Judge James M. Corcoran found that warning signs were absent from the street where bike riding is banned.

During the Municipal Court hearing the legality of the ban itself was not an issue. Considerable discussion on the philosophy behind the regulation came out in the informal session.

In the course of the wide ranging argument, Dole mentioned that busy Oxford Street in London has thousands of cyclists.

"Nowhere in London is cycling prohibited," Dole said. "Oxford Street is much busier than Sheridan Road (where Dole was arrested) Jan. 20."

City Prosecutor Harold O. Andrews observed: "There are a few million less cars in England than here. My guess is that a considerable number of cyclists are hurt in traffic in London."

Judge Corcoran told Dole: "You have the perfect case for dismissal in that signs posted earlier were absent, possibly reposted in students' dormitories (at Northwestern University)."

"I wish we could win your agreement to comply with the law if it is a good law," Dole promised not to ride his bicycle on restricted streets but he said: "I am going to take up this question with the City Council and see if the ordinance can be amended."

For 27 years the professor had pedaled serenely between his home and the campus. Then, at an intersection on busy Sheridan Road in this Chicago suburb, the law confronted the silver-haired member of the Northwestern chemistry department faculty.

"This young officer radioed into the station for a paddy wagon," he related. "When they brought it around, they loaded the bicycle inside, and then me."

"Over at the station they placed me under guard in the squad room."

In short order, the professor was ticketed for a traffic violation — for having driven down streets zoned exclusively for motor vehicles. He was ordered to appear at a hearing today in Evanston municipal court.

Resentful over what he considered high-handed treatment, the professor decided to fight the case.

"They treated me," he recalled, "like a child—even though I'm 57 years old and have been driving my bicycle to and from campus for 27 years."

Friends and champions of bicycle riding rushed to his defense.

"When I went to church the other day, they called me a hero," Dole told a reporter.

"A group from the astronomy department sent a representative to talk to me. He said they wanted to contribute toward my legal defense because I was fighting their fight."

Somewhat dismayed at the attention his case has received, the professor nevertheless insists on seeing it through. "My objection," he said, "is that the zoning ordinance places undue restrictions on a minority."

# Oregon Needs Federal Work, Morse Declares

WASHINGTON (AP)—Oregon is hit hard by unemployment, and needs more federal work, Sen. Wayne L. Morse, D-Ore., told President Kennedy in a letter Monday.

He said in the year that ended last June 30, "not one Defense Department prime contract of \$10,000 or more was awarded in Oregon in an area of substantial labor surplus. Yet during four months of that period, the statewide unemployment rate was well over six per cent."

A recent Labor Department bulletin shows 11.8 per cent of Oregon workers covered by unemployment compensation were jobless, Morse said.

"While the rate in Portland is about eight per cent, it ranges close to 25 per cent in lumber centers like McMinnville, Grants Pass and Roseburg, and about 30 per cent at Toledo," Morse said.

He said the seasonal factor should be re-evaluated to provide assistance for areas as heavily dependent on one industry as Oregon.

# INSTALLMENT PLAN

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—Home owners are not the only ones who buy lawn mowers on the installment plan.

The San Angelo School Board voted to buy a seven-unit \$5,800 mower and stipulated it would be purchased on the installment plan.



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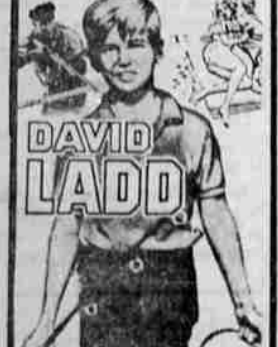
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