

NEWELL HEIGHTS ITEMS

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Mrs. Alfred Simpson and Mrs. Gene Simpson visited Friday with their mother, Mrs. Carl Fenn at St. Lukes Hospital in Boise where she is to have surgery.

Ross Durfee was a Sunday afternoon visitor in the Alfred Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luit Stam attended the lawn wedding of Jane Timmerman and Jerry Brewer at the Miller home in Big Bend Saturday afternoon. Others attending from this area were Mrs. Franklin Worden, Mrs. Lydia Worden, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krieh and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff.

Mrs. Bill Webb entertained with a cookout dinner and birthday cake Saturday evening honoring her husband Bill. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stam, Joan and Jonny, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Webb and Melanie and Mr. and Mrs. Ted King of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb attended a charivari for Mr. and Mrs. Foy Sasser Friday evening at their home in Nyssa. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Amalia Pratt of Ontario.

Jimmie King of Ontario left July 5 for the Hawaiian Islands where he will be stationed in the service. His wife, Laura Macky King, is staying with her parents in Adrian. Jimmie King is a nephew of Mrs. Bill Webb.

Hank Moore and Tami Boswick left Saturday for their home in Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kurtz of Bouse, Ariz., were Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Marie Moore.

Several people have called at the R. D. McKinley home to see the beautiful purple clammis.

Mrs. Rollo Fenn accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simpson to Boise Sunday to see Mrs. Simpson's mother, Mrs. Ida Fenn at St. Lukes Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Benny Beach of Vale and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denn were also there visiting their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Baker and family of Ontario were Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Dale Witt.

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Rosenkilde of Nampa visited Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Dale Witt.

Mrs. Dale Witt called Thursday afternoon on Mrs. Harriet Turner. Mrs. Turner returned Sunday from a Caldwell hospital where she had eye surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Udall and son of Kaysville, Utah, spent six days with his sister Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Call and family. They went to Payette Lakes July 5.

M. L. Judd was one of the casket bearers Wednesday at the funeral of Mrs. Evelyn Severson of Nampa. Services were held in Boise.

WORK SMARTER
- NOT HARDER

"In the past I put a new needle in my sewing machine only if I broke the old one," writes a reader. "Now I'm told that I should change the needle often. Why?"

Modern fabrics made of synthetic fibers are denser and more abrasive than silks and woolsens, and dull the needle quite rapidly.

The condition of the needle size and type are of vital importance when sewing the new fabrics.

If youngsters get heel marks on plastic covered upholstery, try this. Sponge the area with a clean white cloth dampened with kerosene or turpentine. Be careful to keep those fluids away from other types of fabrics or wooden areas of furniture.

Mrs. Dave Savage and girls were Saturday morning visitors at the Gene Simpson home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eason of Homedale were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eason of Homedale were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson visited in the Ray Simpson home Saturday evening.

Marcia Topliff who has been attending college at Forest Grove and her room-mate Linda Green of Astoria arrived home Saturday to spend a week with Marcia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff and Greg.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ward and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gustafson both of Caldwell, were Saturday dinner guests of the former's daughter Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill, Lee and Terri were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price in Ridgeview.

Mrs. Dale Witt was a Sunday evening visitor of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Dewater in Big Bend. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Der Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Van Verth of Axtell, Kansas. The Van Verths were friends of Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Van Dewater when they lived in Kansas.

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Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

If Oregon lawmakers thought they were busy between the 1969 and 1971 legislative sessions, the interim prior to the '73 session just might drive some of them frantic.

Traditionally the period between Oregon's biennial sessions -- the "interim," is devoted to special studies of the state's more pressing problems. More often than not, these interim studies produce meaningful legislative proposals designed to solve those ills.

Much was made during the last interim concerning the burgeoning number of bodies appointed to mull everything from education to pollution. Seventeen major committees were active during the '69-'71 interim. Altogether, those committees spawned a grand total of 56 committees, subcommittees, sub-subcommittees and advisory committees.

One committee, Governmental Affairs, had two subcommittees. One subcommittee wound up with two sub-subcommittees and six advisory committees. Another committee, Education, had seven subcommittees.

Not all of this interim activity produced lasting legislative results. But Salem-watchers agree the interim committees were partly responsible for the record number of bills introduced during the 1971 session.

A current tally indicates the 1971 session produced a record number of bills. Some 1,911 bills were introduced; 1,176 in the House and 735 in the Senate. And a record number became law. A total of 782 passed both houses and only one was vetoed by Gov. Tom McCall. To the grand total introduced, one could add 122 resolution; 49 of which passed.

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ling the '71 bill-production record with 724 new laws in 1953, 774 in '55 and 727 in '57.

On a comparative basis, observers credit 1971 lawmakers with admirable restraint. The prodigious outpouring of bills passed into law during the mid-fifties came from an average of about 1,300 total bills introduced.

Despite the fact they met for 151 days -- the second-longest session on record, members of the 56th Assembly in 1971 did restrain themselves in passing 782 out of 1,911 proposals.

All indicators being the same, within three or four weeks Oregon residents and their elected Legislators should have a inkling of how busy the latter will be when they convene in 1973. And if interim activity is a major indicator, it will be another busy session.

Although membership of most interim bodies won't be announced until early August, the number of those groups rivals that of the last interim and could well exceed the '69-'71 total. Using identical yardsticks that produced 17 major committees last interim, the current interim already has 14. Gov. McCall has appointed a 15th, the Governor's Commission on Agricultural Labor Relations and his Economic Development Committee is gearing up for extensive activity.

House Speaker Robert Smith appointed two "Task Forces" of his own to study problems not otherwise designated by the legislature after the '69 session.

Smith already has appointed what is assumed will be a short-term Task Force to draft new farm-labor legislation for action during a possible special session. And a spokesman for Smith said the Speaker may appoint additional interim Task Forces.

Sen. Pres. John Burns might do the same thing. "I'm very receptive to the idea," Burns said, "although I'm conscious of the costs involved and am trying to balance the need with the availability of funds."

If Smith or Burns -- or both, do name more special Task Force study groups, interim activity certainly will rival that of '69-'71.

Not all Legislators are named to interim committees. But a large percentage are and many wind up serving on more than one. Committee meetings became so congested last interim that a special "legislative week" was set aside and meetings scheduled to accommodate as many members as possible.

Heavy interim activity works a special hardship on Oregon lawmakers, the traditional "amateurs," who make their living from pursuits other than those political. But it's part of the job. And it looks as if the job will continue to get bigger.

So indicators point to lots of interim activity and a busy session in 1973. Those same indicators add impetus to proposals involving annual legislative sessions.

A step in that direction may be taken if voters approve a Constitutional Amendment proposed by HJR 15. Right now only the governor can call a special session. HJR 15 would enable a majority of both houses--by petition or resolution, to call themselves into session. And that proposition will be voted upon by the people during next May's Primary Election.



ALICE MURPHY looks over the newly-published Malheur County Fair Premium Book with Gordon Capps, chairman of the Malheur County Fair Board. Copies will be

mailed to all rural Malheur County mailboxes today. Copies are also available at the three newspapers in Malheur County and the Extension Office in Ontario.

Statement By Governor
On Farm Labor Panel

When I vetoed Senate Bill 677 last week, I announced my intention to form a panel on farm labor relations. This morning I'm signing an executive order creating the panel, and I'm appointing three distinguished Oregonians to serve on it.

As chairman, I have selected Gordon Sloan, a former Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. The two associate members will be Orlando Hollis, former Dean of the School of Law at the University of Oregon; and Lee Johnson, Attorney General of Oregon.

These men today are assuming responsibilities that no one envies. I am directing them to review Senate Bill 677 in light of the constitutional problems posed by that bill and other objections they consider relevant. The group must formulate a workable and constitutional measure establishing a procedure for settlement of disputes between farm workers and their employers.

In accomplishing this task, I'm charging the panel to consult representatives of all interested groups. As soon as possible -- and, hopefully, within 30 days -- I look forward to receiving draft legislation from the panel.

As if this were not enough, I'm placing another burden on these men. I'm asking them to make available their services in the fair and orderly settlement of farm labor disputes when asked to do so by farm workers and their employers, so far as they can do this without delaying or impairing preparation of the draft bill.

In any event, I'm directing them to recommend provisional means of bringing about fair and orderly settlement of farm labor disputes pending enactment of their fair proposal.

Judge Sloan, Dean Hollis and Attorney General Johnson cannot do this work alone. In view of the urgent and top priority nature of their assignment, I'm directing all agencies of state government to make

available whatever facilities and resources may be required in carrying out their duties. Moreover, I earnestly request local governments in Oregon to render whatever assistance they can.

We Oregonians have faced crises before. We have heard many times cries of alarm that we are on the brink of chaos and anarchy.

We have not failed to heed these alarms. But each time, we have resisted demands that we meet a crisis by disregarding our constitutional guarantees, by refusing to communicate with one contending element or another, or by depriving some citizens of that equal treatment under the law to which they are entitled.

Each time we have preserved law and order without compromising Oregon's traditions as a proud and a free state.

As we face another crisis today, let's face it with the same firmness -- but also with the same determination to solve it in the Oregon style.

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