

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Rep. D.E. (Denny) Jones

On Monday, January 29, we were invited to go on a trip down to the mouth of the Columbia River and view the commercial salmon fishing industry, and also, on the way, to view the huge atomic energy Trojan plant at Rainier, Washington.

We went out to the National Guard Airport and loaded into three helicopters and took off. It was a real nice flight--my first helicopter ride, in fact. These were large helicopters holding about 12 people.

Our first stop was the Trojan plant at Rainier, which is an immense thing. It is almost too large to even realize what the effort is there to complete it. The cooling tower is 499 feet high; 370 feet in diameter at the base, containing 35,000 cubic yards of concrete. The reactor plant itself is huge, and it cost almost \$300 million. This facility will produce about twice the amount of electric energy that is produced at Bonneville Dam. Something that I didn't realize is that after cooling the water, part of it will be reused. It is necessary, I understand, to dump some back

into the river, and this will be cooled until it won't be any more than eight to nine degrees hotter than the present temperature of the river.

I understand that a proposed new plant, if the site is purchased, at Cape Kiwanda, will not have the tall cooling tower. They will dump the water into the ocean for cooling, and it won't be recycled as it is at the Trojan plant--it will use new water all the time.

We then loaded back into the helicopters and took off for the Columbia River where we were loaded on some fishing boats and took out into the Columbia River and shown the commercial fishing industry. They put out a net, and we sat there and drifted for about an hour. They then pulled the net in, but we didn't catch any fish so I didn't get to view the salmon coming bouncing in on the net. It was real interesting and real educational and, I think, worthwhile because we are going to be faced with making up our minds on environmental bills that affect our natural resources, and commercial fishing, of course, is a real necessary industry,

I feel. I was also fortunate in getting to talk to one of the Fish Commission men, and I got some valuable information from him as far as the amount of available fish is concerned. All in all it was a worthwhile trip.

I understand the Governor's Staff introduced an amendment to the school finance plan Monday morning. We don't have a copy of it yet, but I am sure we will shortly. This changes the business tax from 3% to 1% and raises the corporation tax from 4% to 10% instead of 6% and 8% as it was before. It changes the minimum amount of property tax from \$7.50 to \$8.50/\$1,000; also it raises the exemption of the amount that the taxes apply to from \$5,000 to \$15,000; also it raises the rate over \$60,000. I will get these amendments to the bill up into your country as soon as I can. Also I think Rep. Stafford Hansell will introduce a proposed school financing bill on Wednesday. I will also get this information to you as soon as possible.

In regard to the Equal Rights Amendment, it passed the Senate yesterday, as you probably know, by a vote of 23 to 6, and it will probably be on the House floor before long. I understand that they feel they have enough votes to pass it in the House, but there will be one "no" vote on the House side--I'm sure of that part of it.

### Service News



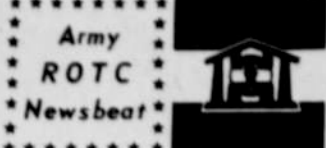
Enlisting January 22 in the Women's Army Corps, Tonia L. Simpson will receive basic

training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. She was graduated from Nyssa High School in 1972 where she had been elected homecoming queen during the basketball season and held the year's title as "Miss Pep". After basic training she will attend a switchboard operator's school and her first assignment will be in Europe, according to the Ontario U. S. Army recruiting station officer.

Veterans and servicemen are cautioned to investigate VA eligibility of correspondence schools before enrollment. A recent law enacted by Congress governs correspondence schools under the GI Bill.

The Farm Labor Legislation bill has been introduced. It is the same as came out of the Special Session last Session, but didn't get acted upon. The Ag. Committee recommended that this be introduced as an Ag. Committee bill, and we had hoped that it would come back to the Ag. Committee, but I understand that we're not going to get it now, and I'm not sure just where it's going.

Under recent legislation, men whose wives die or become 100 percent disabled as a result of



The days when soldiers spent part of their time scrubbing down the pots and pans are over--well in advance of the debut of the Modern Volunteer Army.

The Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va., reports Kitchen Police (KP) is a thing of the past for most stateside soldiers. And in those installations where it's still being pulled by G. I.'s, it will be gone in a short while.

There's only one exception to the general rule--G. I.'s in basic combat training (BCT) will continue to do KP. The Continental Army Command says it never planned to relieve these men of the kitchen chores.

But once that BCT is over and done with, the time that soldiers formerly spent scrubbing and cleaning will be applied to more professional work--soldiering.

military service now share equal rights with wives and widows of male veterans under the GI Bill.

### Favorite Foods

By "Odie" Anderson



I made this frozen Butterscotch Ice Cream Crunch last Friday for a party two days later. It's so easy to entertain when you know the dessert is safely tucked away in your refrigerator.

This recipe might be altered by using different ice cream flavors and changing the sauce. Your own ideas make it your recipe. The crumbled crust will add the secret ingredient.

#### BUTTERSCOTCH CRUNCH ICE CREAM

- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 cup quick cooking rolled oats
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup nuts, chopped
- 1-12 oz. jar butterscotch or caramel ice cream topping
- 1 qt. chocolate ice cream

Combine flour, oats, and brown sugar. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles course crumbs. Add nuts. Pat mixture into a 13x9x2 inch baking pan. Bake in 400 degree oven for 15 minutes. Crumble while warm. Cool. Spread half the crumbs in a 9x9x2 inch

baking pan. Drizzle about half the ice cream topping over the crumbs in the pan. Soften ice cream. Spoon carefully into pan. Drizzle with remaining topping. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Freeze. Serves 8.

A quick casserole and main dish for working gals and busy mothers is this Mushroom-Spam-Corn dish. I made this on T.V. several years ago. It's all cooked in a saucepan in 25 minutes--while you stir up a salad and set the table.


#### MUSHROOM-SPAM-CORN-DISH


- 1 can Spam, diced
  - 1 can whole kernel corn
  - 1-10 1/2 oz. can Cream of Mushroom Soup
  - 1/4 cup water
  - 3 tbsps. butter
  - 1 sliced onion
  - 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
  - 4 tbsps. green pepper diced
- Place Spam, onion, corn, and Worcestershire sauce into a 2 qt. sauce pan. Add Mushroom Soup, water and butter and sprinkle with green pepper. Cook on low heat for 25 minutes.


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