

OREGON TODAY

By Don Willner

Every session of the Oregon Legislature resembles a collective bargaining session where Associated Oregon Industries and the AFL-CIO fight over workmen's compensation and unemployment compensation. Where the two sides can agree on any changes in these laws, the Legislature actually breathes a sigh of relief and passes the change quickly, but typical disagreements are the levels of benefits to be received by the unemployed person or the injured workman.

In this session with Democratic control of both houses of the Legislature, organized labor has a little more hope for structural changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act. The benefit controversy continues with labor supporting a bill increasing payments for injured workmen to two-thirds of the average week's industrial wage in Oregon, with the hope that future increases will be automatically tied to statewide wage increases so that the fight over the dollars does not continue every session.

In addition, labor is trying to restore the right of trial by jury which was in the Workmen's Compensation Law before 1965. At the present time an injured workman receives a hearing before a Hearing Officer of the Workmen's Compensation Board, at which time evidence is presented and a written record made of what takes place. This decision of the Hearing Officer can be reviewed by the Workmen's Compensation Board itself, then the Circuit Court and even appellate courts, each of whom relies on the written record made before the Hearing Officer, but can reach their own independent judgment. Management would like to cut out the independent review by the courts but, as a practical matter, this is not going anywhere in this session. Labor, on the other hand, would be happy to have the review by the Workmen's Compensation Board eliminated and would want the matter of benefits for the injured workman to be determined by a jury just as the benefits are determined for an injured person not involved in an injury on the job. Management feels that the sympathy of juries will increase the awards to improperly high levels.

Another change in the 1965 law that labor is seeking is to allow more law suits against "third parties." If a workman at the present time is injured while driving his employer's truck due to the negligence of another driver, he can sue the other driver. On the other hand, if the workman is injured at his employer's place of business due to the negligence of a subcontractor or other company that comes to the job site, he can get nothing more than workmen's compensation. If a workman is injured on his job due to the fact that the employer is running a machine that violates safety codes, the workman can still only get his compensation benefits and not sue his own employer for violation of the safety code. Labor would like to loosen up the Workmen's Compensation Law in both these respects so that the injured workman can get more compensation. The cost of workmen's compensation is a major factor to many employers, especially farm employers who are paying high premium rates. The injured workman, on the other hand, wants to receive the greatest monetary benefit possible to compensate him for his injury on the job.

The chances are that labor will gain some improvement this session, but I doubt that sweeping changes will be enacted since no tremendous public outcry has been voiced.

"The Joy of Seeing" Subject of Contest

Children's art creations expressing "The Joy of Seeing" will be sought in a statewide art contest to be launched the first day of National "Save Your Vision" Week, March 4-10, 1973, by the Oregon Optometric Association.

Oregon Governor Tom McCall this week expressed his support of "The Joy of Seeing" competition, and urged Oregonians to help youngsters participate.

In his statement, McCall said "A glimpse into the more innocent, enchanted world seen through the eyes of a child may help us learn to better appreciate and protect our vision."

A portable black and white television set will go to the 6 to 12-year-old Oregon young-

Idaho Power Employee Retires After 49 Years

T. R. Heikes, who in nearly a half-century with Idaho Power Company progressed from streetcar-station relief operator to superintendent of power overseeing the utility's 17 hydro plants, has retired with ranking as its senior employe in years of service.



T. R. HEIKES

Heikes witnessed during his long career the dramatic development of increasingly sophisticated plant control equipment and the evolution of steadily larger and more efficient generating units. He also saw Idaho Power start its move from an all-hydro system--one of the nation's few--into steam generation to take advantage of abundant supplies of low-sulfur coal in western Wyoming.

Company president Albert Carlsen, paying tribute to the veteran employe for his "loyalty and selfless devotion to duty," declared Wednesday:

"Mr. Heikes has been almost legend in Idaho Power--his familiarity with virtually every 'nut and bolt' in every generating plant, his operating know-how, his composure in crisis, and his consuming concern with the best possible customer service."

His service, starting in 1924, spanned almost the complete course of "new-look" changes that progressively reshaped the utility's system in its first 57 years. Among the changes: retirement of such outmoded facilities as two of three plants at American Falls; modernization of such others as the third American Falls plant and the Malad and Lower Salmon plants for greater capacity and efficiency; and construction of such new ones as Bliss, C. J. Strike, Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon to keep supply ahead of demand.

From a total maximum generating capacity of some 60,000 kilowatts at the start of Heikes' service, Idaho Power's supply capability has steadily soared to nearly 1.5-million kw and the company expects to put a 500,000-kw, coal-fired unit into production at the Jim Bridger steam generating plant in western Wyoming in mid-1974.



EASTER SEAL CHILD Janet Kintz, 8, of Forest Grove, a victim of congenital dislocation of the hips and knees, symbolizes the hundreds of Oregon children who are helped by the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults each year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Kintz, and attends Camp Easter Seal on the Oregon coast in the summer. Annual Easter Seal sale to support society programs opened March 1 and continues through Easter Sunday, April 22.

ometric Association is part of a nationwide public service program. When selected Oregon's top three winning entries will then go on to the national finals in "The Joy of Seeing" contest. National prizes include a thrilling three-day trip through Disney World in Orlando, Florida, for a trio of award winners and their adult companions. A sight-filled "JOY DAY" in New York City will also be in the offing for the grand prize winner.

Norman Rockwell, one of America's most beloved artists, heads the list of prominent judges who will select the winning entries.

The nationwide contest is sponsored by the American Optometric Association and its affiliated state associations which represent nearly 18,000 vision care specialists throughout the country.

NEWELL HEIGHTS ITEMS

BY DALE WITT ■■■ PHONE 372-2183 ■■■

NEWELL HEIGHTS - Mrs. Marie Moore attended the World Day of Prayer service at the Methodist Church in Nyssa Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Dale Witt visited Mrs. Lydia Worden Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Irvin Topliff, Mrs. George DeHaven of Adrian and Mrs. Marion Wilson of Roswell attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Church held at the Presbyterian Church in Caldwell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Topliff of Hazelton, Idaho spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff.

Mrs. Tina Schiemer visited Greta Van Twist in Nyssa Sunday afternoon.

Last week's guests at the Burton Barnes home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kiles of Melba and Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman of Fremont, Nebraska. Sunday they went to Nampa to visit the Artie Allens and Eva Cadall. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Joki of Boise spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Timmerman.

Mike Wenke came home Friday evening, on a 30-day leave from the Navy. He is stationed in Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Pratt of Idaho Falls came home Saturday. They will be here a month then move to Hawaii.

Mrs. Dale Witt accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff to the Home Extension meeting in Adrian Monday evening.

Mrs. Dale Witt was a Friday dinner guest in the W. C. Vab DeWater home in Big Bend, noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chamberlain and Jed attended the Honor Banquet for the Adrian basketball and football players at the Eastside Cafe in Ontario, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Call of Bountiful, Utah came Sunday afternoon to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Call and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb went to Bogus Basin Friday with the seniors from Adrian. They had their breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Condra in Ridgeview. A number of the mothers attended and helped with the breakfast. Mr. Dockter drove the bus. Larry Cain was chaperone. Nancy Timmerman broke her leg skiing. Most of the group were on top of the mountain. A man from Boise took Nancy and friend, Kathy Tollman to Boise to St. Alphonsus Hospital where the leg was set and she was able to return home that day.

Mrs. John Fahrenbruch called on Mrs. Lydia Worden Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leedy of Huntington and Mrs. Anna Long and Mrs. Marie Moore visited Mrs. Lydia Worden on Tuesday.

Gene Worden is living in Boise. He is playing with two others in a string band. He called on his grandmother, Mrs. Lyda Worden twice when she was in the hospital in Boise recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson were Monday dinner guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson and family.

Alene Simpson and Scott Gillette of Ontario were Tuesday dinner guests in the Alfred Simpson home and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ward were evening callers.

GOOD SAM'S Recreational Vehicle Tips
By Bob Stevens

ONE SURE WAY TO ALIENATE THE NON-EMER IS TO BLOCK TRAFFIC ON A GRADE (BOTH UP-HILL and DOWN-HILL). MOST DRIVERS UNDERSTAND YOU'RE HEAVIER and GRADED LOWER and WILL "REAL WITH YOU" UNTIL YOU FINISH SEVERAL TURNOUTS.

SLOWER VEHICLES USE TURNOUTS

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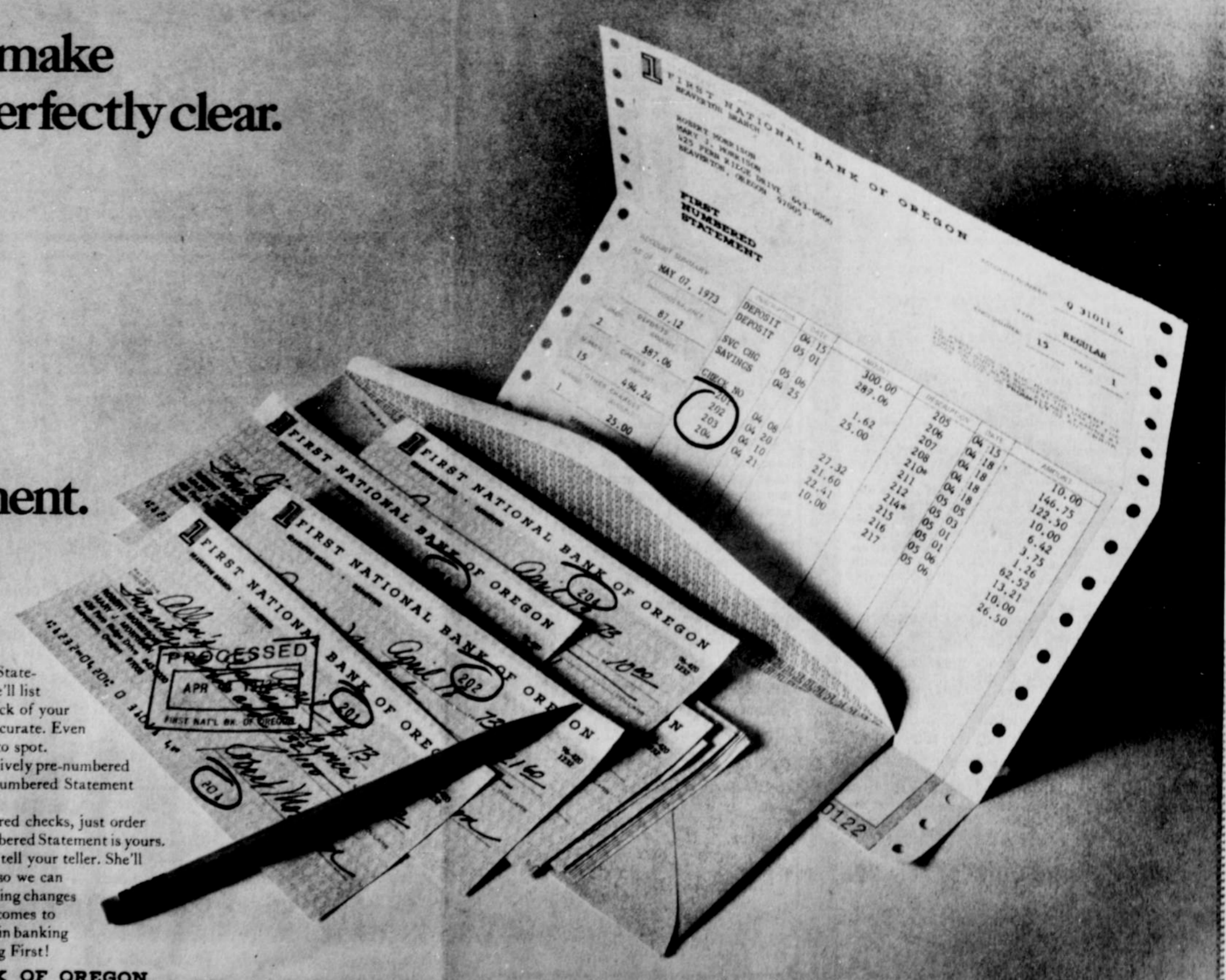
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