

GUEST EDITORIAL

No Feeling of Local Need
For the Big Struggle

By Neonta Hall

Deep water harbor . . . Improvement in Highway 101 from Port Orford to Bandon are among the problems smoldering like a charcoal pit. All covered up, burning inside, and perhaps a few coals will send out a few smoke signals soon!

We hope the smoke will rise soon enough to stifle a few weary townsfolk, countryfolk, city fathers, etc., off their TV chairs into action.

All have heard tell of cotton rags dipped in turpentine and how they produce combustion! The ELEMENTS (Commissioners, Council members, Chamber members, Civic club members and Representatives) of spontaneous combustion are lacking in abundance or else there would be a breakthrough on some of these problems and perhaps the Federal Government and State highway department would realize an eruption of Mr. Etna Lava was in evidence.

Friday, July 19th, a special meeting of the State Highway Department in Salem was held to hear complaints and problems of Coquille and Myrtle Point Chamber of Commerce members and scores of other interested people for Highway 42.

What do people, organized or unorganized, of Port Orford, Langlois and Bandon do about

the worst bottleneck (Highway 101) in the state? . . . Nothing! Certainly these pictures of fatal accidents, remembrances of school bus accidents are not enjoyed, and busy people of this area traveling back and forth do not appreciate such hazardous roads.

It seems that the great number of trucks paying the tremendous tax they do and using this stretch of road would raise huge clouds of smoke. Federal money, if allowed to get very near at all, is like a "bone of contention" and just like a "shin of beef thrown to a pack of dogs." Now that there is a possibility of further development of one of the three harbors in Curry county—The Pack is in evidence! And which will have the feast?

At the Timbermen's meeting in Gold Beach Friday evening this problem was discussed and all those attending and even all those who didn't attend knew that this problem would be discussed. Who had the largest Pack there?—We should say "Who had the smallest Pack there?"

It seems that every mill man, logger and a representative from every organization in Port Orford and surrounding area should have been there. Is it a sign of well-fed, well-satisfied taxpayers, uninterested in future developments, who feel no need for the struggle?

REPORT ON LEGISLATURE

About Welfare and Education

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is an authoritative review of what happened at Salem during the Legislative session just concluded—why taxes are being raised, and what could happen if the tax bill just passed is referred to the people and beaten in a special election—in the words of a key figure on the scene: Clarence A. Barton of Coos County, Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 52nd Legislative Assembly.

The following are excerpts from Rep. Barton's talk to the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association at Coos Bay.

By CLARENCE BARTON
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Oregon House of Representatives

PART V

Welfare & Rehabilitation

One of the most significant strides forward made by the Legislature was enactment of House Bill 1829. This permits the Welfare Commission to enter into an agreement with the Vocational Rehabilitation Division to retrain some of those now on welfare in order to return them to productive status. This applies especially to mothers receiving aid to dependent children and to those who are handicapped. Such programs have been successful in other states. There is no reason why this should not be true in Oregon.

The increase in welfare cases has alarmed many of us. There have been many claims of fraud. Certainly fraud is present, although not to the extent commonly believed. The Legislature tried cleaning up this situation by adding 125 case workers to the Welfare Commission, both to uncover fraud and to provide more intensive work with difficult cases, looking toward rehabilitation and getting them off the welfare roll.

Medicare Broadened
The medicare program approved two years ago turned out to be a joke. This session broadened the coverage to make the program a little more workable until such time as a realistic medical care for the aged program is authorized from fed-

eral social security.

Basic School Support

Significant strides were made in education. A new basic school support eligibility formula was enacted, basing support on the numbers of children in school.

The appropriation of \$141 million for basic school support brings the level of state support to 36%. This is far from our goal of 50% state support, but in view of the revenue situation, it was as far as the Ways and Means Committee thought we could go in 1963.

This \$141 million is property tax relief. I note in the papers that the Salem School District calculates that their levy for the coming year may be reduced as much as 4 mills because of this legislation action.

The Department of Education tells me that Portland School District No. 1 will receive about one million dollars more from the state because of the actions of this session of the Legislature. This is in addition to the \$8 million that your districts now receive from state support. This is significant property tax relief.

Higher Education

The debate over higher education zeroed in on the question of an extra half-million dollars in pay increases for more valuable faculty members. The heated talk about this half-million obscured the fact that higher education received virtually everything else it wanted.

A budget of \$79 million for the state colleges and universities was passed, including \$11.5 million for buildings. We did sweep this problem under the rug as Governor Hatfield advocated with his bond issue election. Furthermore, the Board of Higher Education got the building priority list it wanted, and received approximately the "step" pay increases it said it needed.

I for one am gratified at the beginning which the State Board of Higher Education has made toward a more realistic attitude toward out-of-state students. It has slightly raised the admission standards for these non-Oregonians. We should encourage better out-of-state students to come to Oregon. We should do this with scholarships and other in-

Play It Safe—Learn Rules of Water Safety

Virginia M. Wilson
Funeral in Portland

Mrs. Virginia Meta Wilson, mother of Mrs. Charles Jensen of Danmark, died July 12 at the Bandon Retirement Home.

Mrs. Wilson, born in 1873, would have been 90 years old on October 2.

Private services for Mrs. Wilson were held Monday, July 15, at the Ross Home Chapel in Portland with Rev. Oscar Luchs in charge.

Mrs. Wilson was survived by her daughter, Mrs. Wilma Jensen of Danmark, with whom she had made her home until illness necessitated her constant care; a son, Robert, who resides at the Retirement Home; Sisters, Jessie Keady of Portland, Maude Lyons of Kansas City, Mo.; brother, Robert Romig of Denver, Colo.; daughters, Mildred Hamilton of Sacramento, Calif., and Clara Mears of Portland. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Convictions Up
For Six Months

Oregon courts reported more than 123,000 traffic violation convictions to the Department of Motor Vehicles during the first six months of this year. The figure represents an increase of more than 6% over the same period a year ago.

During the period, the department ordered 21,198 driver license suspensions—18,652 under mandatory provisions of the law and 2,546 under discretionary authority given to the licensing agency.

Suspensions vary in length ranging from 30 days up to several years. Most suspensions are ordered only until drivers comply with the state's financial responsibility law.

The department said that the mandatory suspensions included 1,224 for convictions of driving under the influence of liquor. The bulk of these were 90 day suspensions, based on a first conviction on the charge, but 189 were for one year, based on a second conviction; and 64 suspensions were given to third-time offenders. The latter are suspended for three years.

The department reinstated 10,999 licenses previously suspended when drivers complied with legal requirements or department regulations.

But Oregon cannot continue to be a dumping ground for out-of-state students whose high school work was too poor to get them into California schools. Oregon taxpayers simply cannot continue to foot this bill.

Along this line, I know everyone in the Portland area is interested in the proposed graduate center here. The Legislature instructed the Board of Higher Education to draw up its graduate center plans and to present the next session with the costs.

You are off the ground on this now. Governor Hatfield's plans called for participation of the private colleges in this area. This is not out of the cards. But I don't believe the Legislature should enter any dispute which might arise over whether or not the private schools should participate.

(to be continued)

A Letter Back Home...

by Marijane Duncan

The first thing most people ask newcomers to Washington is "How do you like living in the Capital?" This is not an easy question to answer. Most of us, naturally, prefer our homes, wherever they may be. We from Oregon feel, rightly or not, that we left even more behind than others who have traveled from far and near to settle, for a time, in Washington.

Actually, many Congressmen do not live in Washington at all, but in Virginia or Maryland. So our impressions are mixed and a little confused. "Home" becomes a house in one of the suburbs, and family life goes on there much as it did in our real home. But so much time is spent in "the City" that it becomes an overwhelming part of the new environment. Our husbands and fathers spend the major part of their waking hours in the Capitol, and this is the environment they come to know best.

In the meantime, our youngsters are learning about their new world—the kids in the neighborhood, classrooms and teachers in a new school, new rules to follow. It is a completely different routine from what they left behind. So we are all learning and adjusting at the same time, but to different things. It is a difficult period, particularly for the children.

We have hurdled the hardest part—just becoming familiar with our surroundings and the people who make up our new world. At first, I must admit, we were not very happy. I missed my older children, my home and my friends even more than I thought I would. David, Jamie and Laurie went reluctantly to school each morning and returned to plant themselves in front of the TV (for want of anything better to do) each evening.

Bob battled traffic back and forth each day and his natural dislike of city living became intensified. However, he found great compensation in his work, which he has enjoyed tremendously from the beginning. The children and I had nothing like this to fill the vacuum at first, so we spent a lot of time trying to cheer each other up. Bonnie Dee was a great help to all of us. There is nothing like an exuberant two-year old to dispel despondency.

It was not long until new friends were made. This made the difference in our attitude toward our new home. No matter where you go, it is the people who are important. You can put up with inclement weather, strange surroundings, or a depressing view out the window—once you've established human relationships.

Laurie found a friend with whom to walk to school and, magically, putting on warm coat and hat, mittens and boots every morning became less onerous. David was asked to join the Boy Patrol, and with this responsibility came a sense of participation and belonging. James found a new talent for dramatic improvisation in working with classmates on a puppet theatre and was chosen to narrate the show before the whole school. The doorbell began to ring on Saturdays, and I'd open it to see a new, young face and hear the old, familiar "Can David (or James, or Laurie) play?" Our garden started to bloom.

Juice Treat

Try equal parts of cranberry juice and orange juice for a tangy morning pickup.

Combine two parts jellied cranberry sauce with one part orange marmalade for a relish flavor mate with roast chicken.

Beat a one lb. can jellied cranberry sauce with ¾ cup gingerale. Freeze in ice cube tray for a cool summertime treat.

Whip cranberry juice and orange juice with crushed ice in your blender for a frosty refreshing summertime drink.

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