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A Congressman's Work Is Never Done

TO THE EDITOR

O.E.O. is soon going to be a thing of the past. But until it is we, the people of Port Orford, are keeping our center open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every week day. O.E.O. has taken our office supplies but we still can help the people. We have an active Area Council so we want to go on. And when O.E.O. is gone we want to still go on. As a Community Action run by the people of Port Orford. So many people don't know anything about CAP. "It is a place to help people help themselves," and not to rely on someone to help them. We don't help just low-income people, but people in every walk of life. But we do need help to get this off the ground. We want to keep our clothing room but we want it run differently. We don't want to get the clothes away, "unless it's for a very needy family" like your house burns down, or you lose your things in some other way (flood, etc.). The money we get will go into running the CAP's of Port Orford to keep the office going.

We don't feel giving clothes away is helping the poor people help themselves. These clothes will be fixed and taken care of and they won't be getting junk or things they can't use.

I know so many people have got a bad feeling about CAP's in the past. But now it will be run by the people of Port Orford, i.e., your sister, wife, friends, or someone next door. But it needs everyone to work. Those who work together stay together. Come to our meeting, they're open to everyone. Some may have other ideas and may not agree. We will listen to all and maybe we can get everything worked out. But if everyone runs and hides, nobody can help anyone. I have worked with CAP's for two years and in the last five months I have learned a lot. Maybe you can too. But it's going to be rough. We won't have a lot of the things we are used to but we can try.

If you don't agree, let us know. Write to me or come in and talk to me about it.

Susan Dean
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TO THE EDITOR

I just wanted to say thank you for the fabulous coverage the Port Orford News gave our Port Orford opening. The quality of printing and photographs was simply great and I think everyone enjoyed the stories and, of course, the opening.

Thanks again,
John F. Kadel
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of Oregon

the presses and is ready for distribution and public sale, according to Secretary of State Clay Myers.

Twenty thousand copies of the Blue Book were printed, about half of which, under Oregon law, will be distributed free to schools, libraries and

When school is closed for a few days, students know exactly what to call that time off: vacation. In my own student days that meant we were free to loaf or play without any worries about having to meet a rigid schedule until vacation was over. But I find that when the Congress isn't going to meet in formal session, it usually means anything but a vacation.

So it was in the middle of February during the Congressional recess for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. Let me give you a rough idea of how I spent that particular recess.

The recess was due to begin on the afternoon of Thursday, February 8. I was due to catch a 5:15 flight to Denver to attend a meeting of the National Commission on the Financing of Post-Secondary Education. However, House debate didn't end until it was too late to catch the plane, so I stayed in my office for a few hours before heading home for a late dinner.

Early Friday morning I flew to Denver for meetings that lasted through the dinner hour and into the evening, and then began again the next morning and continued until noon on Saturday. That afternoon I flew on to Portland and then to Medford Saturday evening.

After church and a series of afternoon meetings Sunday, Monday began with a 7:30 a.m. dentist appointment. I had a tooth pulled, held a telephone conference with the Josephine County Commissioners, and went on to meet in question and answer sessions first with the student body at Butte Falls High School and then with the student body at Prospect High School.

Monday also included a conference with the Central Point Chief of Police, a conference with the Medford Postmaster, and a meeting with officials and members of the Medford Postal Carriers and Postal Clerks Unions. I began open office hours in Medford about 4:30, finished them about 7:00, and then drove to Grants Pass for an open discussion meeting that ended at about 9:15 p.m. Then a drive back to Medford, and Monday was done.

Space doesn't permit an item by item discussion of the rest of the week, but each day's pace was about the same as Monday's. Most of my trips home are over weekends, and this full week's trip was particularly valuable.

Among the additional areas I visited during the week were Cave Junction, Brookings, Gold Beach, Port Orford, Bandon, Coos Bay, North Bend, Winchester Bay, Redport, Florence, Lebanon, Eugene, Springfield, and Roseburg. In each city I met with individuals or groups concerned about problems of one kind or another and with how our Federal government could be of help.

Subjects covered in a variety of meetings included educational programs, the new helicopter installation at North Bend, funding for higher education, the postal service, urban renewal, sewage disposal, senior citizens, child care, highways, REA, port problems, volunteer services, and Congressional Scholars. In a meeting with representatives of the forest products industry, we talked about such critical problems as log exports, railroad car shortages and forest management.

Finally, after a full Friday of activity in Eugene and Roseburg, Mary Jane and I caught a 10:15 flight to Portland. We spent the night in Portland with friends, then drove north to Olympia, Washington to see our son David, who attends Evergreen State College. After dinner with him in Seattle, we caught a midnight plane back to Washington. We were met at the airport about 10 a.m. by our daughter Barbara, who took us home for a more or less restful Sunday afternoon and evening -- and the end of another Congressional recess.

The recess was no vacation, but it did represent time valuably spent that is a vital part of the Congressional job, and, quite frankly, a part that I thoroughly enjoy. I'm convinced that it's the kind of link between citizen and government that only frequent trips like this make possible that the Founding Fathers had in mind when they wrote the Constitution and created the office of Congressman.

Legislative Log

NEWS FROM COOS-CURRY LEGISLATORS

Sen. Jack Ripper

Rep. Ed Stevenson

Rep. Bill Grannell

This is apparently the traveling week for your legislators, with various trips taking them from the Capitol on hearings and inspection tours.

The Ways and Means Committee of which Sen. Ripper is a member, was on a four day trip to the state-supported institutions along the coast and the Willamette valley.

Rep. Ed Stevenson drove down and joined the committee for dinner and meeting with Coos and Curry residents at Pony Village in North Bend. From there, Rep. Stevenson went to Eugene to attend a Logging Conference. Rep. Stevenson is on the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee, which acts on all timber bills, and proposals which concern the lumbering industry.

governmental agencies, while the remainder will be sold to the public at \$2.00 a copy.

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Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Nothing's 'Blue' About Blue Book But Its Cover

About the time each session of the State Legislature begins to wax productive, another biennial event occurs -- the former tending to obscure the latter.

And the latter is -- publication of the Oregon Blue Book. Statisticians and fans of this compendium of significant State data are quick to note the 57th assembly coincides with the 32nd edition. Further, since both events occur only on odd numbered years, two facts quickly are ascertained: the Legislature is older than the Blue Book, and -- from a legislative standpoint -- there wasn't always a Blue Book. Unfortunately, that about sums up the reaction most Oregonians register when informed there's a new edition of the fact-filled tome dealing with the State in which they live. Nevertheless, the Blue Book remains the most likely candidate for best-read official State publication -- with the possible exception of Oregon Revised Statutes.

During sessions of the Legislature the ORS gets a pretty thorough going over by a relatively specialized type of reader. The Blue Book on the other hand, actually is absorbing reading for all types and all ages any time of almost any year.

A hasty perusal of Sec. of State Ben Olcott's foreword from the first edition in 1911 sheds light both on evolution of the Blue Book and events of the period that gave birth to the publication.

The generic term, blue book, stems from parliamentary England -- so named for blue paper covers. In this country it was known as a registry for the socially prominent. Oregon, for an indefinite period, had been publishing such a list of elected and appointed officials on state and local levels strictly for local consumption.

Even then, however, word of the physical attractions of the Oregon Country and its innovative lawmaking bodies, prompted growing interest in the State among outsiders in the rest of the nation. Consequently, Sec. of State Olcott was directed to expand publication of his list of officials to include certain other factual information.

Olcott's editor vowed to avoid blatant praise for the good life to be found in our State. Nonetheless, that first edition is liberally sprinkled with Chamber of Commerce-type language and piques.

Historically, successive editions have been the responsibility of succeeding Secretaries of State. And as the State has grown, so has the book. At the same time and coincidental to its preoccupation with things official, growth of the Blue Book also is testimony to the growth of government.

dog went right in the house, looked around a bit nice as you please ... and then he spied her dog's food dish. No fooling, said son, ol' dog slipped up everything in that dish before I could stop him. I banged my head in mortification. And that's not all, said young master of stray dog. When he was through with the other dog's food, he also gobbled up her cat's food ... then begged for more. But Mrs. Champe was real nice about it, said son, and offered stray dog a couple milk bones to tops things off with. Then I got him out of the house, but quick, said son, still shaking his head with absolute consternation. Kind of made me think how even ol' humans act sometime.

By the way, if anybody has lost a dog that's some kind of a cross between what appears to be sifter and spaniel, light with tan spots, why come and get him. If not I guess young son would like to hang on to him.

New Blue Book Out

The 1973-74 edition of the "Oregon Blue Book" featuring an aerial view of the golden pioneer atop the Capitol, is off

tact. The Ways and Means Committee tour was a whirlwind trip which was necessary so that committee members could actually see the installations which are being considered in budget hearings.

Sen. Ripper expects his Education sub-committee to come out with the Community college budget this week, and a visit to the smaller community colleges, to learn about their needs and their programs, will help the committee in making their decisions. Sen. Ripper hopes that the formula they adopt will be more advantageous to SWOCC and other smaller colleges.

The itinerary has included stops at Astoria's Clatsop Community College, Camp Rilea, The Boys Camp at Tillamook, OSU Marine Science Laboratory at Newport.

At Coos Bay area they visited the Mental Health Center, Neighborhood Facility, Marine Biology Station at Charleston, and Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Going on to Grants Pass, they inspected the Detoxification

house and Halfway House which has been going there for over two years. The new Rogue Community College, was impressive in view of the program they have developed in less than two years of operation. On a lovely wooded site, they have put to use the old barracks buildings of the Job Corp center, to make it an outstanding college program.

Continuing on to Ashland they visited the Residential treatment center and Southern Oregon College at Ashland, and then north to Umpqua Community College and Pitchford Boys Camp. The last day took the Ways and Means committee to the Halfway House at Eugene, Newgate Center, and Carlton House for Alcoholics at Eugene. The computer center at OSU, Linn-Benton Community College at Corvallis.

Sunday evening brought Sen. and Mrs. Ripper and the committee back to Salem after visiting most of the state installations west of the Cascades. It was a tiring trip, but Sen. Ripper felt that there was no better way of showing

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