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FROM THE... SCRATCH PAD



In this column last week I told you about the theft of the Legion's new flag that occurred over the Jubilee weekend. Friday morning I received a call from a Gold Beach woman who told me she had just read about the incident in the News (and that is proof that someone besides bride reads this column) and that she had a flag she would like to donate to the Legion as a replacement. She said she didn't want her name publicized... just wanted to donate the flag in memory of her husband.

Tuesday the flag was delivered to my office by a local gent... where it can be picked up by the Legion and elevated to its rightful place of honor... at the top of the Legion's flag pole.

That flag was paid for by all a man had to offer. A man who believed in his country and what it stands for.

Let his flag fly forever.

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Monday will be the last day we'll accept changes for the new local "Fonefinder." It'll be in production in early August so we have to have all corrections, changes or new listings immediately. Do yourself a favor and give us a call.

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The Curry County Fair opens Thursday of next week... August 5... and will run through Sunday. You can read all about the good things it has to offer in some front page stories. Ron Crook will appreciate your attendance... and you'll enjoy it. North Curry has two candidates for Pioneer Queen and two for Junior Queen... with winners to be selected at the Queen Pageant Friday night, August 6, at 7 p.m. in the main fair building.

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At a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, the port commission voted to make application for matching funds from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in the amount of \$3,044.50 for the improvement of recreational facilities. Projects will include striping the recreational parking lot, the signing of specific areas (including general rules of the port and a location map), and construction of floating docks to be placed near the boat launch ramp to facilitate loading and unloading of recreational boaters.

First, however, the application must be approved. Recreational restrooms will also be constructed as soon as the engineers receive final okay on part of the construction grant. They will be located south of the cannery building. They've been a long time in the planning and waiting... hopefully it won't be much longer.

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This may come as a total shock to a lot of students... but school this fall will start August 30 instead of the first day after Labor Day. We'll have the big announcement along toward the middle of the month... but a little advance warning seems to be in order.

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All you pie bakers oughta start practicing (if you need to, that is) on your apple pies. The fair will feature another contest and the top prize will be an electric range. Port Orford's Noma Thomas was winner of the first contest held last year. There's a story on the front page this week giving you all the rules.

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The 20th Annual Wisconsin Picnic will be held Sunday, August 15, at Brownsville, Oregon, City Park. Potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Bring a contribution to the dinner and own eating gear. Prizes and awards. All former Wisconsin residents and visiting badgers are invited to attend.



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

CAPITOL EXPANSION
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Ever wonder how many keys it takes to unlock all the doors, cabinets and desks in the State Capitol?

You probably haven't. Furthermore, you probably don't care.

But Cleighton Penwell cares.

That's one of a myriad of his nitty-gritty detail jobs as Administrator of the 26-person staff serving the Oregon Legislature's Legislative Administration Committee. Created in 1969, Legislative Administration is one of six permanent-

ly staffed statutory committees serving our Legislature. It supervises, coordinates or actually provides the vast bulk of physical services required by lawmakers.

Most of those lawmakers currently are preoccupied with campaigns that will climax in victory or defeat at the polls during the Nov. 2 General Election. Penwell and his people are just as absorbed with activities culminating on two other dates.

The first is Dec. 21. On that date, builders hope to have an impressive new addition to the Capitol Building ready for occupancy.

Penwell's second target date is Jan. 10—when victors in November convene the next regular biennial session of the Legislature. And preparation for both requires much more than keeping track of keys and paperclips.

Although there have been similarities among preparations for legislative sessions in the past, Penwell considers his present administrative assignment a once-in-a-lifetime task. And likely it is.

The reason preparation for the 59th Legislative Assembly is so special involves the \$11.5 million addition to the Capitol. It will provide an additional 113,968 square feet of working space to the old building's 108,074 square feet. It will contain offices for 90 Legislators, nine new hearing rooms, two conference rooms and work areas for all permanent and temporary legislative staff.

By way of comparison, if Penwell is concerned about keys to doors, desks and cabinets in the present building, that concern is due to increase proportionately in the months ahead.

Actually, Penwell appears eminently qualified for this particular administrative job. A native of Tillamook, he has spent most of his adult life working for the state since obtaining a degree in public administration at Lewis & Clark College and graduate work at the University of Oregon. Since 1949 he has worked for the old Tax Commission, the Department of Finance, Highway Department, Legislature's Fiscal Office and the Governor's office as budget director and director of the Executive Department. He also served as director of the Department of Human Resources prior to his present assignment.

In a manner indicative of his quiet expertise, Penwell describes his most pressing duty as completing the new addition in a "timely manner."

In the lingo of contractors, he describes construction as adhering to its critical path. He expands by saying some elements are on schedule, some ahead and some a little behind. Taken together, Penwell still is counting on December occupancy.

One project decidedly ahead of plan is Vermont marble facing now being placed on the exterior by skilled artisans from the East.

"Both the marble matching the older building and the workmen to install it became available much sooner than we expected," he said.

The harried administrator brushes aside criticism the two four-story wings and one-level connecting link attached to the south side of the older Capitol may cost more than anticipated.

"The initial \$10.5 million appropriation was for construction and landscaping," he explains. "The additional million dollars authorized by the Emergency Board will go toward furnishings, partitions, refurbishing present furnishings and remodeling portions of the old building."

Much of Penwell's time and that of his staff is consumed by endless meetings required to mesh the many details involved in construction, occupancy and—ultimately—operation of the expanded Capitol. The Legislature, for instance, mandated one percent of construction cost to artwork that will grace corridors, entrances and the many rooms.

Penwell grimaces at the thought he serves on the five-member jury that will make final decisions on those works of art.

Unlike most of the politicians he serves, the legislative administrator is particularly thankful for the 18-month interim between Oregon's biennial sessions. He extends utmost sympathy to anyone charged with a similar project during which business must be conducted as usual.

"The Portland International Airport expansion, for instance," he said.

So work continues on schedule in Salem and Cleigh-



TO THE EDITOR:

The Builders Board appreciates the public service your newspaper provides by printing information regarding the Homebuilders Law.

Since the original information was provided to the paper some time ago the Builders Board has moved its headquarters to 403 Labor & Industries Building. A revised copy is submitted herewith:

The Oregon Homebuilders Law requires that all those who contract for work on your residence be registered with the Builders Board. Registration means the builder has a bond and insurance on the job site. For your protection, before entering into any agreement for work on your home, be certain the builder is registered by contacting your local building authorities or the State Builders Board in 403 Labor & Industries Building, Salem. Toll free number is 800-452-9104.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM R. LAMB
Chairman

TO THE EDITOR:

The Agri-Business Council of Oregon can understand the Grange; the Farmers' Union; the NFO, and other organizations' disappointment in their inability to secure the necessary number of signatures for the Initiative Petition dealing with corporate agriculture. Although opposed to the Initiative, Agri-Business Council congratulates these fellow agricultural organizations' efforts in bringing some of the State's major agricultural problems to the attention of the citizens of Oregon.

The family farm is one of the most important and prominent segments in our State's and Nation's agriculture. There is little doubt that the progress of this Nation and this State can be directly attributed to the achievements of the agricultural community. The family farm has been, and will continue to be, the major thrust of a progressive economy.

All of Oregon's agricultural organizations should look to opportunities which will bring about progress for this essential industry.

Sincerely,
TOM HARTUNG
President
Agri-Business Council of Oregon

TO THE EDITOR:

The program to inform Oregon motorists of the state's new vehicle code has been extremely successful, a fact we attribute in large measure to the excellent cooperation of Oregon's newspapers.

We sincerely appreciate the use newspapers made of the public service messages we provided for publication in June. Newspaper use of the releases provided by our Public Information Office on various provisions of the new code also was excellent.

We believe this program has gone a long way toward helping to ensure that drivers know the laws they are expected to obey, and also has helped to keep motorists informed of safe driving practices that will help them avoid traffic accidents.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this program.

Yours very truly,
CHESTER W. OTT

ton Penwell has more important things to do than count keys. But discovering there are roughly 800 locks in the building today and keys for them issued in duplicate, triplicate—and in some cases as many as five people must have keys to a single lock—he's looking for a storage facility more efficient than a piece of plywood studded with cuphooks.

And if you think keys might be a headache, try something as simple as doorknobs.

Somehow, Penwell has to dig up enough for the new addition that match those that have been turning latches in the old building since 1938.

Lausmann Says Weaver Bill Would Hurt Timber Economy

"Congressman Weaver apparently does not understand the difference between sustained yield and regulating the forest on a non-declining yield basis, because he keeps using the terms interchangeably. If he did understand, he could not continue to support his bill as amended."

This statement was issued today by Jerry Lausmann, who will oppose Weaver in the November general election. Lausmann is the Republican candidate running for Congress from the Fourth District.

"There has been little or no public debate, and no testimony heard by Congress, on the added provisions which do not serve the purposes of the original bill," Lausmann added.

According to Lausmann, amendments to the National Forest Management Act of 1976, Weaver's bill now before the House Interior Committee's timber subcommittee, would severely set back the economic recovery just taking hold in Oregon's timber industry.

Commenting on an advertisement placed in Fourth District newspapers last week by 15 independent forest products firms, Lausmann pointed out that these firms provide 1,925 jobs in the district.

"Virtually all families in the Fourth District whose livelihoods depend on the forest products industry would be affected by Weaver's bill," Lausmann said.

"What is so frustrating to those who have worked in the woods and understand good forestry practices, is that the policies proposed by the Weaver bill as it stands now would allow a great many older and more mature trees to die of disease or rot. That is an illogical and unnecessary waste, particularly in view of the fact that many small mills are badly in need of logs," Lausmann commented.

He charged that Weaver acknowledged this shortage March 26, when he said for the Congressional Records, "Our mills are in desperate straits. They are being driven out of business because log supplies are scarce."

TO THE EDITOR:

We have noted in recent weeks that a minority of Oregon newspapers, television stations, and radio stations still refer to Ballot Measure 9 as the "Nuclear Safeguards" initiative. Others refer to it by its legally correct and politically neutral name, the "Nuclear Regulatory" initiative. May we comment?

When the sponsors of the measure drafted the initiative they sought to have it known as the "Nuclear Safeguards Act." Safety is an instinctively and immediately appealing idea. Everybody is for it. Certainly we are.

The fact is, however, that the Oregon Attorney General, whose duty it is to insure that ballot titles accurately reflect the body and intent of a measure, would not permit it to be called this. Neither would the Attorneys General of California and Washington with respect to similar measures.

The ballot title which the Oregon Attorney General did assign to the measure is "Regulates Nuclear Power Plant Construction Approval." Thus, we suggest that for the correct, neutral title, for the sake of brevity, is "Nuclear Regulatory" initiative.

In further elaboration, the question of whether or not the measure would contribute anything whatsoever to nuclear safety regulation, or was even intended to, will be discussed by our committee very actively throughout the campaign. In like fashion, we fully expect our opponents to contest our contention that it is a "ban" measure and was intended to be.

Thus, the question of what the measure really is, is central to the issues involved in the campaign. With factual information from the media, Oregon's voters will have the opportunity to go to the polls in November and make an informed decision.

We would not expect you to favor us by referring to it as a "ban" measure. Neither, we hope, will you favor our opponents by referring to it as a "nuclear safeguards" measure.

Very truly yours,
HOWELL APPLING, JR.
Chairman

Lausmann contended that these poor practices would be fixed into law, posing an even greater danger, since legal intanglements could hamstring the industry for years to come.

"In addition," he said, "a slowdown in production would ultimately mean that a major revenue source would be lost to county roads and schools."

"For these reasons," Lausmann continued, "smaller timber operators who must depend on government timber, because they have no larger timber stands of their own, have asked Congressman Weaver to slow up until he understands the damage his bill would do. They'd rather have no bill at all than have one which would very likely lead to mill closures and job losses."

Obituaries

Ella Blaser

Funeral services for Ella Blaser, who died at home Monday, July 26, will be held at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, July 29, at Valley Memorial Cemetery in Hillsboro.

She was born in Wisconsin Dec. 27, 1907. She and her husband, Ralph, who survives, owned and operated the Battle Rock Motel since 1959 when they moved here from Glendale.

Mrs. Blaser was a member of Royal Neighbors of America, Rebekahs and the Presbyterian Church.

Other survivors include a daughter, Alice Pearson, Beaverton; grandchildren Sharon Porter and Sandy Smith of Azalea and Victor Pearson of Glendale, and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Oregon Heart Fund.

Gold Beach Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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