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Welcome, Lions Club

A community can be judged largely by the churches and clubs it supports. Certainly, therefore, Brookings is favored to have two service clubs of international scope.

The Rotary Club of Brookings says welcome to the new Lions Club just chartering. We look forward to rivalry with the new Lions Club, and with a spirit of friendliness and cooperation. Rivalry or competition generally brings out the best whether it be in sports, in business, service clubs, or as individuals.

A better community in which to live and bring up our children should be the net result of a second large service club coming to Brookings.

E. BREUER

Letter From Washington

By

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THREE FINE STATUES now standing in the Statuary Hall area of the Nation's Capitol honor the memories of three distinguished citizens of Oregon's early history. Statues of Edward Dickinson Baker, Oregon Senator and distinguished soldier; Dr. John McLoughlin, pioneer doctor and leader, and Jason Lee, early Oregon missionary and minister, are now in place.

The statues of Dr. McLoughlin and Jason Lee were officially presented with appropriate ceremony Saturday, Feb. 14, the anniversary of Oregon's admission as a state in 1859. The statues were officially presented by Secretary Douglas McKay and were accepted for the Federal government by Vice President Richard Nixon.

The fact that there has been one statue of an Oregon citizen in Statuary Hall for a long time seems to have been unknown to most people. In 1873 a statue of Oregon's Senator Edward Dickinson Baker was given a place of honor at the left of the main entrance to the great rotunda of the Capital by Act of Congress. Opposite the Baker statue on the other side of the entrance is a bust of George Washington.

Even the official state committee which had charges of arrangements for obtaining and placing the new statues of McLoughlin and Lee apparently did not know of the Baker statue, for in the report of that committee printed in booklet form in 1947 appears this paragraph: "The records indicate that to date 34 states have sent two statues each,

and six states have sent one statue, making a total of 74 statues. Eight states are unrepresented . . ."—and Oregon was listed as not being represented.

UNDOUBTEDLY, the stories of the great careers in the service of the Oregon country of Dr. McLoughlin and Jason Lee will be printed in detail in connection with the placing of these statues. I think, therefore, I shall devote some space to Edward Dickinson Baker. His was a brilliant career indeed. His death was a hero's death.

After being admitted to the bar, young Baker went to Springfield, Illinois, and began practicing law. There he formed a close friendship with lawyer Abraham Lincoln. He was elected to the House of Representatives in the 29th Congress but resigned near the end of his term to take a commission as colonel in the Mexican campaign where he saw considerable action. When Baker went to war Lincoln was elected to his seat in Congress, but upon Baker's return to Springfield, Lincoln did not seek re-election and Baker was again elected.

Those were the "days of '49" and the great West lured Baker. He journeyed to California and set up a law practice in San Francisco. A few years later he moved to Oregon and was elected to the United States Senate from the new state—as a Republican. He took his seat in the Senate in October, 1860, but in September, 1861, President Lincoln was having trouble with the leaders of his armies so he commissioned Senator Baker a major general and sent him into the struggle. Baker was killed while leading his Union Army troops in the Battle of Ball's Bluff, exactly one month later on October 21, 1861—while still a Senator, although serving as a major general.

For What It's Worth This Week At The Chetco Inn

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

THIS WEEK-END I will be at the Oregon Publishers convention in Eugene and while only a comparatively few people will



be aware of the problems being discussed there, I consider them most important.

At first glance the problems of editors and publishers may seem to be of little concern to most of us; in fact, if the truth were known, I am afraid that most people even fail to realize the importance of their home-town editor.

While we recognize the high place of the doctor who keeps us healthy, the lawyer who keeps us legal, and the teacher who endeavors to guide our children to intelligent living, we usually fail to see where the editor fits into such an essential group. Being one of those fortunate enough to be fairly well acquainted with publishers and their responsibilities, I do not hesitate, in my own thinking to place them at the top of the list. For the greater part of what I know, think, and believe is based on what I read in my daily and weekly paper. And WHAT I think and the ACTIONS resulting from those thoughts, determine my value to a democratic society.

Since my opinions and your opinions, which add up to public opinion, must of necessity be based on available information on all phases of controversial issues, we should be deeply interested in the problems and activities of those men who through their papers determine to a large extent what information shall be ours.

From the early colonial press which aroused our forefathers to a united effort for independence to the modern press which attempts to give us a true picture of the world-wide struggle of freedom of man versus communism, the American newspaper has been the watchdog of democracy.

Such being the case, I am sincerely interested in the activities of the Oregon press and, as all citizens should be, vitally concerned for its welfare.

Weather Report

For two weeks from Feb. 2; ending Sunday, Feb. 15.

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Feb. 2	53	41	1.14
Feb. 3	58	48	1.50
Feb. 4	55	48	.50
Feb. 5	53	48	2.25
Feb. 6	53	50	.24
Feb. 7	55	42	.95
Feb. 8	56	36	—

Total rainfall 6.67

Feb. 9	64	37	—
Feb. 10	66	38	—
Feb. 11	59	35	—
Feb. 12	59	41	—
Feb. 13	59	42	—
Feb. 14	52	39	.33
Feb. 15	49	37	.26

Total rainfall 59

Nearly one million Americans of all ages are afflicted by rheumatic fever, forerunner of rheumatic heart disease. Support of the Heart Fund will aid in the fight against this major health enemy.

Fred C. Mostoller, Jr., representing American-Standard Co., was a Brookings visitor this week.

Earl McDougall and Floyd Hopeman of Albany, Ore., stopped over this week to look over the fishing.

The State Liquor Control was represented in Brookings by Carroll A. Nettleton and he had with him Jim Frain of Coquille.

E. W. Steinhauer, who is building a home in Harbor, has been our guest for some time. Mr. Steinhauer represents the Mutual Health & Accident Insurance Co. of Omaha and plans to handle that business in the Brookings-Harbor area.

The Rev. Paul Wessinger was our guest this past weekend. He held services at the Episcopal church Sunday morning.

R. H. Grandy of Portland was a visitor representing the Rogue River Anklets.

Mill Gowman and Ray Hooper of Medford are guests of the Inn while looking for a hauling contract for logs. They have their own trucks and can be contacted at the Inn.

J. Cambra, Wm. McDonnell and Abe Gunther are guests of the Inn while erecting the new service station for Elmer Bankus.

Archie McGowan and Mrs. McGowan are guests here while visiting Mrs. McGowan's brother, Harry Smith. Mr. McGowan tells

of coming to Brookings twenty years ago for a visit.

Rev. H. M. Roberts and Rev. R. G. Hall are in Brookings working on the formation of a Presbyterian church.

S. S. Russ, federal veterinarian, is back in this area again and can be contacted at the Inn.

Most victims of "heart attack" (coronary thrombosis) not only survive, but recover to live happy, productive lives. The Heart Fund enables your Heart Association to wage the battle against heart disease.

Character development is the great, if not the sole, aim of education.—William O'Shea.

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