



NURSING HOME PATIENTS — Shown above is a group of patients at a Medford nursing home. Seven member homes of the Oregon Nursing Home, Inc., are pictured with a group of patients. Standing left is Viola Crafford, nurse, and Dietician Bessie Murphy, standing, right rear.—Brainerd photo

Nursing Homes Area Slate Open House Plan on Week End

Where will you go if you should pass the life expectancy of three score and 10, and are in need of nursing care?

If you have a lot of money, you possibly can afford your own quarters and expensive private care. If you are just an average citizen, who may even need help from the state, you may end up in a licensed nursing home.

What Are Conditions?

With this prospect facing many Oregon citizens, what will be your living conditions in such homes? All kinds of ideas pop into a person's head when he envisages life in such an environment. An event scheduled for two days, March 12 and 13 should go a long way to clear up many doubts along this line. This is a "statewide open house" for members of the Oregon Nursing Homes, Inc. Visitors will be welcomed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

Those interested will get a chance to talk with the patients, observe housing conditions and inspect the kitchen facilities and menus. State regulations placed on such homes call for certain requirements in kitchens, plumbing, lighting, fire fighting equipment and communications, as well as others, according to Mrs. Erma Milledge, local home operator.

A total of seven homes in the Medford, Ashland and Jacksonville areas, which belong to the state group, will participate and one non-member home. They are the Medford Convalescent home, 120 Laurel st., Milledge Convalescent home, 12 South Orange st., Brimble Convalescent home, 106 South Orange st., all Medford; Mitchell's sanitarium, 207 North Fifth st., Jacksonville, and Crosby Nursing home, 47 Granite st., Hillcrest Rest home, 142 North Main st. and Mountain View Nursing home, 596 Park st., all Ashland. Park View Nursing home, 906 West Main st., is a non-member.

Patients in the home are both men and women, except the Milledge home where only women are taken care of. A total of 30 patients are cared for in the three ONHI-member homes in Medford and the one in Jacksonville. The three homes in Medford offer the same service for welfare and private patients at the same cost, Mrs. Milledge said.

The home operator pointed out that the ONHI is sponsoring a bill to set up a board of examination for licensed homes, similar to those for the medical, dental and engineering professions. The board would handle inspections of the homes and hear any complaints about treatment in the homes.



ROTARY OFFICERS — The present and incoming presidents of the Medford Rotary club, and their wives, are shown as they appeared at the Golden Anniversary luncheon of Rotary International recently. From left to right, they are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harris, Mrs. Joe Naumes, and Naumes, who will take over as president, succeeding Harris, July 1. The 50th year of Rotary will be observed by various events until June, with the motto, "50 Years of Service Above Self. He Profits Most Who Serves Best."—(Brainerd photo)

Floor Fight Looms Over Pay Increase For Postal Workers

Washington — (U.P.) — A House floor fight loomed Saturday over the bill to give postal field workers a pay raise.

It was learned that some members of the Post Office Committee, led by Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.) intend to ask the House to approve a larger pay raise than the average 7.5 per cent approved by the full committee Friday.

Amount Indefinite

The group has not yet definitely decided just how large an increase they will seek. Some members said there may be proposed amendments calling for a 10 per cent boost.

But it was considered more likely that the group will confine its floor fight to an attempt to obtain higher rates for postal workers in the low income brackets, particularly the 330, 000 letter carriers, clerks and drivers.

House Approves Bill

The House committee, by an overwhelming unrecorded vote Friday, approved a pay raise bill that would give every postal

Texas Citizens Seek Ouster Of School Board Members

Irving, Tex. — (U.P.) — A citizens' group allied with 200 striking teachers and other school employees Saturday was considering a plan to do away with the local school board. But officials of the school board were busily hiring replacement teachers and said things would be cleared up soon.

"A spirit of co-operation is now evident in our school district," a spokesman for the school board said.

But the Irving Citizens' Committee was thinking about a plan to get the Irving Independent School District dissolved, through a special election. This would put the city's eight public schools into the Common School District and leave the seven-man Irving School Board without jobs or power.

The school board's firing of field worker at least a six per cent pay boost and reclassify postal jobs.

The committee estimated that the bill, if enacted, would cost the federal government an additional \$150,000,000 a year.

The Senate Post Office Committee already has approved a bill which would raise postal salaries 10 per cent.

Communications Effective In Assisting Legislators

By PHILIP B. LOWRY
State Senator

Salem—One of the most interesting phases of serving as a legislator is the tremendous variety of communications received during the session. Telephone calls, telegrams, postcards, letters and circulars arrive in a continuous stream.



Legislators are extremely responsive to any type of communication. We are anxious, wherever conscientiously possible to serve the needs of the individual. Most important, various types of communications furnish us with considerable guidance in fulfilling the function of representative government by finding what the people want and what they are thinking.

So well aware are a number of organizations of the effect of communications upon lawmakers that some have widely circulated printed material instructing their members as to how best to accomplish this.

From my brief personal experience, most of their suggested points are well taken because they are based upon common sense psychology in dealing with people.

Lists 'Don't's'

These are the "don't's" of letter writing:

Don't threaten defeat at the next election. (Most legislators are only doing what they regard as a public service anyway.) Don't assume an air of great influence in the community, as the legislator can decide this for himself. Don't urge defeat or passage of a bill without giving reasons. Don't use mass circulation letters. Don't write repeated letters on the same subject, as they tend to add to the burdens of an already busy schedule, and one well-written letter will adequately do the job. Don't be abusive or scurrilous.

The "do's" are simple:

Do be concise and to the point. Do, when writing on specific bills, designate the popular name or number, or the legislator may spend a long time trying to find the bill you are writing about. Do base your views, if possible, upon personal experience or observation. Do mention local conditions, if they will be affected. Do make the communication timely to the subject under consideration. Do send a letter of commendation or thanks when you think it is in order. (We realize these occasions will be rare.) Do be sure that you are writing on a state and not a federal problem when addressing mail to the Capitol at Salem. Letters involving federal questions should be directed to our delegation in Washington, D. C.

Fall In Categories

Communications fall into rather definite categories. The largest volume comes from organizations or businesses who do not have lobbyists regularly representing them at the Capitol. Word gets around that a particular bill will adversely affect a particular business or group and very soon the letters of protest will start coming in. Someone in these situations assumes the initiative to see that the letters are written. When this type of letter starts arriving, it is easy to determine whether it is part of a "mass attack," or represents the carefully thought-out reasoning of the individual writer. These communications, however, usually represent the forthright convictions of the writer, if only for the purpose of protecting himself against what he thinks may directly and adversely affect him.

Next, there is the purely form letter, which is almost identical in wording with lots of others. This type, it would seem, has been solicited by an interested organization which is seeking to enlist the aid of others not directly affected. Sometimes this appears to be done on an accommodation or friendship basis. Most legislators regard this sort of letter very casually, especially when they know a well-organized campaign is in progress on a particular bill. Nevertheless, it still merits some consideration in my mind, because some citizen has taken the time and trouble to write it and has at least put his name to a statement of opinion.

Point Out Problems

Then there are those letters which do not oppose or support legislation but seek only to point out the problems or defects in pending bills. They are extremely helpful and much appreciated. This type of letter often comes from the person who has a better practical knowledge

of the problem at hand than the legislator himself, and often points out laws that look good on paper but would be bad in practical operation.

Another class is the letter of inquiry as to the status of a particular bill or a request that a copy of a particular bill be forwarded.

Legislative recommendations of organizations of long standing and good repute are frequently received. These too are extremely helpful because they represent the decision of people who have had a deliberate group discussion and exchange of views.

The real favorite is the letter written by that person whom we have all come to call "the common man." He is really very uncommon because he has taken the time, usually in longhand, to tell you what he thinks we could do for the good of the people. He may be wealthy or poor but his only interest is good government. These letters are the best possible index to the general thinking of the people. They often indicate a trend, if enough are written. Too, legislators recognize that the longhand or individually typed letter may represent more of an effort than that which has been typed in an office regularly equipped for that purpose.

Calls Effective

Telephone calls are effective, because they are direct. However, the legislator usually doesn't have his files and bill calendars in a tiny phone booth. There is no written record for further consideration as with a letter. Letters are often passed among the legislators and considered by committees and, of course, this effect cannot be had with a telephone call.

Telegrams command immediate attention and furnish a written record. They can be used effectively where legislative action is imminent. In my opinion, they sometimes lose weight because they are usually terse and do not state in detail the reasons for the position taken.

One of the most significant facts I have observed about communications is the sudden, almost explosive, action of the well-organized opponents of a bill and the silence of its supporters. In other words, opposition brings far greater response than support. While it is impossible to determine scientifically the effect of protests, the sad fact probably is that the violent protests of a minority have often smothered a bill which would have been supported by the majority.

Visit of Russian Farmers to Iowa Receiving Study

Washington — (U.P.) — State Department officials are seriously interested in proposals to let a group of Russian farmers visit farms in Iowa.

High-ranking department officials were surprised and somewhat irritated by reports that they were scoffing at the idea. They said they have adopted a "reasonable and positive approach" to the suggestion.

The big problem at the moment is the absence of any official application for the Russians to come to this country, the sources emphasized.

The idea of having Russians visit Iowa was first brought up by the Des Moines Register and Tribune in a Feb. 10 editorial. A Moscow publication, Soviet Agriculture, on March 1 endorsed the idea in an editorial "provided, of course, the Soviet delegation "would be allowed into the United States."

Honest-To-Goodness Farmers.

State Department officials said that any Russian applications would be acted upon individually by the government. They emphasized that their interest would only be in real honest-to-goodness Russian farmers (no secret agents allowed).

Authorities took the view that the United States would lose propaganda-wise by turning down cold any bona fide agricultural exchange project.

INDICTED

Portland — (U.P.) — Andrew Taylor, alias George H. O'Connor, was indicted for assault with intent to kill Friday as a result of a recent shooting scrape in which Portland Police Chief Jim Purcell narrowly missed death or serious injury.

AWARDED CONTRACT

Portland — (U.P.) — Gallaher Welding of Corvallis has been awarded a \$4,016 contract by the Corps of Engineers for cutting, trimming and drilling 502 pieces of railroad track and re-stocking them at North Dalles, Wash.

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