

Porter Discusses Medical Care for Aged at Luncheon

Medical care for the aged must be provided on a self-financing, non-charity basis, Rep. Charles O. Porter told a small group of local labor leaders and friends Friday noon at a luncheon meeting in the Medford hotel.

Porter, the Democratic nominee to succeed himself as Fourth District representative, spent Thursday and Friday meeting people in downtown Medford, in supermarkets and in mills in this area.

"My Republican opponent's position on medical care has changed for the better since he began campaigning," Porter said, "but he still has a long way to go." The Republican nominee, according to Porter, first favored the American Medical Association position, "self-help and private insurance," but now recommends some federal financing such as provided in the Medicare plan just enacted by Congress.

Porter said he was still waiting to see the "positive program" promised by his opponent early this year. "Does he favor the Rogue Basin project? Does he favor Agate Dam? Is he in favor of increasing the minimum wage to \$1.25? Does he favor legislation to allow common site picketing? How does he stand right to work legislation?" Porter asked, stating that his position on these issues was well-known and a matter of record.

Porter also urged his opponent to sign the Fair Campaign Practices Pledge. "This has been approved by the leadership of both parties and I am surprised that any opponent refuses to subscribe to these principles," Porter said.

Porter said the main national issue was medical care for aged, better home financing, and federal aid to education. He drove to Roseburg Friday night and will return to Eugene Saturday evening.

Thursday morning he was denied permission to visit workers at Bear Creek Orchards, but was welcomed at most mills, and at Tucker Sno-Cat company.

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Girl Scouts

Camping Trip

Rogue Valley Girl Scout Troop 40, seventh grade girls at St. Mary's school, went on a two-night camp trip recently at the new Girl Scout camp, Tomlin Forest in Little Switzerland. They were accompanied by two scout leaders, Mrs. Thomas Eslinger and Mrs. George Davy, who were assisted by Miss Sherry Prichard, a senior scout.

Soon after arriving the group was divided into two patrols, with Miss Susan Naumes and Miss Patty Compton as patrol leaders. They set up camp in a beautiful location, just beyond the spring. The first duty was to pitch their tents, which are big enough for three girls, and to gather wood for the evening meal and the campfire. Patrol 1 washed a big kitchen table with sticks and twine while Patrol 2 prepared the area for the big campfire and prepared the evening meal. It consisted of Sloppy Joe's, a hamburger recipe with all kinds of vegetables, chocolate pudding, raw vegetables and apples. One patrol is assigned as cleanup for each meal, but each girl is responsible for her own individual dishes and washes them by putting them in cheesecloth sacks, linking them in boiling, chlorinated water, and hanging them on the line to dry. Later that evening, the girls had a song-fest and games around the campfire.

After a hearty breakfast, the troop "trenched the tents" in case of rain and left on their hike through the Pioneer area which overlooks the valley. There they practiced on knots and climbed big trees.

Mrs. Eslinger reports an amusing incident. The cooks started to prepare dinner, only to find all the tuna had been used in the sandwiches for lunch. Everyone had wondered at the time about the surplus of sandwiches. So the girls scraped the tuna out of the extra sandwiches and had a fine noodle-tuna dish after all, as planned.

Mrs. Ernest McKee was guests for dinner that night and stayed for the evening campfire and the troop Court of Awards.

Girls who received badges were Susan Naumes, personal health, childcare, sports, animal raiser; Patricia Compton, personal health, child care, cook; Joan Eslinger, needlecraft, personal health, childcare, housekeeper, musician; Terry Newcomb, needlecraft, personal health, child care, housekeeper; Marlene Nougier, needlecraft, personal health, child care, poultry raiser; Cheryl Becker, needlecraft, personal health, childcare, seamstress; Sheila Butler, needlecraft, personal health, childcare; and Diane Davy, needlecraft, personal health, childcare. Girls also worked on their pioneer, outdoor cook, adventurer and campfire badges.

According to Mrs. Eslinger, another overnight is planned in a few weeks at the new troop lodge in Tomlin Forest. At that time, the Girl Scouts will explore the primitive area of the camp and will do their cooking around the circular fireplace in the lodge.

The Rogue Valley Girl Scout council is a member agency of the United Medford Crusade, the Josephine County Fund, and the Ashland-Talent United Fund. The West Siskiyou district conducts a Girl Scout Fund Drive.

Grand Ole Opry To Be in Medford

The Grand Ole Opry, a nationally-famous entertainment organization, will be sponsored in Medford Oct. 11 and 12 by Jackson County Shrine club, President Bill Clark has announced.

A 4 p.m. matinee and an 8:15 p.m. show will be presented both days in the Hedrick Junior High auditorium, Clark said. Funds raised by the Medford sponsorship are to be used for the club's philanthropic endeavors.

Bringing top Western entertainment will be such known stars as Hank Snow and the Rainbow Ranch boys, Norma Jean Alec Houston and Elmer, Carl Perkins and George Hamilton IV.

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Gregory Calls for State Medical Aid

John L. Gregory, Democratic candidate for state representative from Jackson county has asked for the formulation of a state program for medical aid to the aged to benefit from recent legislation passed by Congress.

Speaking before the Medford chapter of the Townsend club recently, he said if the county desires action on needed social legislation, "it should vote for the Democratic candidates."

On the aid-to-the-aged issue, Gregory said the state program is now inadequate in comparison to a social security program, but "we should take full advantage of what the benefits the public has at this time."

He added that the state program is the creation of Republican legislative action taken to defeat the Forand bill, and "we are amazed that the Governor and his Republican colleagues, after several weeks of study, have come forth with no workable program whatsoever."

The candidate also advocated prevention of job discrimination against employees over 50 and exemption or deferment of real property tax for citizens over 65 with limited income.

Dr. Wilcox Named To Association

Dr. Robert F. Wilcox, 3348 Old Military rd., Medford, was elected to membership in the Oregon Veterinary Medical association at the group's fall clinic in Eugene recently.

At the Eugene clinic, Oregon veterinarians heard James F. Short, state director of the department of agriculture, comment on recent reorganizational procedures in his department.

Short, praising the veterinarians as "dedicated men," said he had given full division status to veterinary services in his department.

The convention passed a number of resolutions concerned with public health. One of these, noting the increase in transmission of diseases from animal to man, urged that a doctor of veterinary medicine be appointed to all city, county and other local agencies or boards charged with responsibility for protecting the public health.

Changes Remove Age Requirements for Benefit Hiring of Handicapped

Cash disability payments may be made to disabled individual of any age beginning in November, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford social security office.

New amendments to the Social Security law remove the age 50 requirement for eligibility to disability benefits. Under the new amendments, any person who is sufficiently disabled to fulfill the requirement of the law and who has been employed under Social Security at least five years of the 10-year period immediately preceding the onset of their disability can become entitled to benefits, Jacobson said.

As with other social security payments, an application must be filed to establish entitlement. Benefits are not paid automatically.

The amount of the disability payment is equal to the amount the disabled individual would have received at age 65. Benefit payments may be as much as \$120 per month for the disabled person, and his wife and children may also qualify for payments. Maximum family benefits are \$254.

Disabled individuals of Jackson and Josephine counties should contact the social security office at 1005 East Main st., Medford, for information concerning their possible eligibility for payments. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pickin' Pears

By WALTER TOWNSEND

A report came this week on a new experiment going on at the Hines hospital in what's called "functional electrotherapy" . . . a new twist in physical medicine treatment. This is used to exercise the muscles of those suffering with hemiplegia . . . paralysis of the body on one side.

The patient turns on a small transistor electric stimulator attached to his body. At once, his halting gait improves. No longer does he scrape one foot after another.

Jack Shipman sang "Mother McCrea" with great effect at the John Joseph Paroling program recently in the theater at White City's domiciliary.

The Eagle Point Grange sewing group came to the Domiciliary Thursday. Between 1 to 4 p.m. did mending for disabled men who are unable to sew for themselves.

Among the group were Mrs. Lena Smith, a former employee of the Travis Air Force base; Mrs. Ethel Coy, a regular volunteer; Mrs. Glenn Hale, wife of the principal of Eagle Point school; and Mrs. Gertrude Stanley, a Red Cross grey lady.

Chester B. Thompson is going to Grants Pass to live for a while. He is over 70, but feels a lot better than he used to. Best he has felt since he had a stroke two years ago.

"I used to be rough and tough," he said with pride. He is beginning to feel that same way again, he says.

To paraphrase Stevenson — "In summer we go out to play, in winter it is quite the other way."

OA week-long field events tournament is closing many of the outdoor sports activities at the Domiciliary. Horseshoe, croquet, archery, 8-ball, contests were held. The bowling

'Hold-Over' Fire From Storm Spotted

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Gradual Decline in Lumber Price Index

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A New Cortisone-Like Drug

At the recent meeting of the American Rheumatism association, in San Francisco, Dr. Joseph J. Bunim, of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, at Bethesda, Md., reported the synthesis of a new drug which is 25 times more powerful than hydrocortisone in treating rheumatoid arthritis. It is remarkable now how small a dose of this new medication is needed to keep many patients comfortable. Unfortunately, there can be a few slight side-effects, but they are said not to be as bad as those of the original cortisone. Because the experts plan to spend another year testing the drug, it will be useless for people to write asking me where they can get some of it.

Smoking and Heart Disease

I see that the American Heart Association has reported on a study that showed that death rates from heart attacks are from 50 to 150 per cent higher among heavy smokers of cigarettes than among non-smokers, which means, probably, that the number of cigarette smokers will now increase by the usual 3 per cent!

Shaking Head or Hand
A while ago I commented which showed clearly how a shaking hand — not due to Parkinson's disease — can be inherited through several generations. Now I read that in Sweden, Taga Larsson and Torsten Sjogren have studied 210 cases of "essential tremor" and have traced the descent of all but two back to a few now well known ancestors who had this disease. Fortunately, the shaking tends to show up only in later life, and usually it does not much handicap the person.

Children Who Wet Bed

Dr. Bertil Hallgren studied 230 bed-wetting children in hospitals in Stockholm, together with 702 of their parents or brothers or sisters, and found 10% who also wet the bed abnormally late in life. This study shows that there is a large hereditary influence on the poor child who cannot stay dry at night.

Certainly, he or she should never be sneered at or scolded or punished. Today some urologists say the condition can be cured by dilating the bladder so that it can hold much more urine.

Dr. Alvarez' booklet on nervousness may be obtained

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