

Students Get 'Short Course' On Legislature



INVITED TO TEA — Mrs. Mark Hatfield, wife of Oregon's governor, (above left) provided a gracious hostess to young valley students who have been guests of Rep. and Mrs. John Dellenback, Medford, during the legislative session in Salem. Shown above are Jerilyn Hansen, Eagle Point, and Star Parsons, Rogue River, who attended the Friday

Dellenbacks Have Area High School Pupils as Visitors

(State Rep. John R. Dellenback and his wife-secretary, Mary Jane, have provided a short course on the Oregon legislature for a number of the valley's high school students during the Dellenbacks' "freshman" year in Salem.

(About 15 boys and girls from Medford, Crater, Eagle Point, Rogue River, Ashland and Phoenix High schools have been invited to the state capital to be guests in the Dellenback home and visit state offices. (Mrs. Dellenback's description of their informal "school" follows.)

By MARY JANE DELLENBACK

The experience of having as visitors students who have come to us from Jackson

county high schools has been a really thrilling one for us. We both are impressed with the intelligent interest which they have all displayed in learning the details of the legislative process. Some of the meetings, I am sure, have seemed very dull, but they have faithfully attended, early morning and late evening.

The first two who came were invited personally by John and me, and it was so rewarding that the others came through the cooperation of the schools.

Barbara Whalin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Whalin, was the first of the young visitors, and made the comment, "I didn't know I could be so fascinated by a committee meeting!"

Neighbors of Dellenbacks Following her, we invited De Lawson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Lawson. Both of the girls are neighbors of ours, members of John's Sunday school group, and good friends.

A combination of three boys came next. They were John Alansky, son of Mrs. William Russell, Medford; Mark McQueen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. McQueen, Medford; and Jeff Anhorn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anhorn, Central Point.

The two girls who were the next guests were Marsha Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson, Medford, and Judy Eberhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean F. Eberhart, Ashland. They were followed by Galen



AFFAIRS OF STATE—The three high school students above were among a number who have been guests of Rep. and Mrs. John Dellenback while the Medford couple is in Salem for the State Legislature session. A visit to Gov. Mark Hatfield's office was a highlight of each trip. Shown above (left to right)

Jeff Anhorn, Crater High school; John Alansky, Medford; Governor Hatfield; Mark McQueen, Medford; and Representative Dellenback. The valley legislator and his wife provided a "short course" on state government for their young guests.

Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Roberson, Ashland, and Terry Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hanson, Talent, a Phoenix High school student. This week end guests are Star Parsons, Rogue River, and Jerilyn Hansen, Eagle Point.

Schedule About Same

The schedule was roughly the same for all our high school guests. They arrived on the evening bus, in time for dinner. Quite often there was an opportunity to go to the capitol, and either take in a committee meeting or hearing, or tour the premises.

The next morning the young people would serve as honorary pages on the floor of the House of Representatives. This gives them the privilege of being on the floor, which is afforded very few during the session. They also participate in carrying messages and other errand-running.

All the young people seemed to get a big kick out of this phase of the operation—it gave them a good close-up look at the representatives from all over the state, and a small chance to converse with them.

To Governor's Home

On Thursday afternoon, I have taken the girls to the open house held by Mrs. Hatfield in her and the governor's home. She is an informal, friendly person, and always glad to see the youngsters come.

I tried to promote the idea that the boys would be welcome, too, but I got a noticeably cool reception from them to that idea.

There were usually opportunities to attend public hearings or committee hearings on various issues during the rest of Thursday afternoon, and either John or I would take them with us, whatever we happened to be doing.

I have tried to give them a picture of what it means to amend the bills each day, and we made a list in each case of any bills they might want copies of to take home.

We have then made a trip to the bill room, and loaded up with literature—the daily calendar, the list of bills which were on Third Reading (that is to say, up for vote) on the day they served as pages, and the index, which gives a subject matter reference to bills introduced.

Most of the students have wanted the opportunity of visiting Willamette university, and we have been able to contact students from Medford, or if that fails, the admissions officer, to give us (or to give it to them without me) a tour, so that they can begin to think whether this school interests them.

All the visitors have been high school juniors, so they are not quite at the point of having to make application, but it is well they think toward the future.

John has taken them with him to his 8 o'clock state and federal affairs committee meeting on Friday morning. Then after I have arrived, we have had appointments with Governor Hatfield, who is also always glad to see the young people, and is very gracious about taking time to get acquainted with them in his office, and chatting a bit.

Then I have taken them to visit Secretary of State Howell Appling, whose office is most interesting, as it is full of mementoes from his experiences, and from dignitaries we have had visiting the state.

We have also visited Treasurer Howard Belton's office, and he, too, is glad to take time to explain a bit about

May To Be Devoted To Arousing Public Interest in Seniors

The month of May, National Senior Citizens month, will be devoted to arousing public interest in projects of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging, council members decided at a meeting last week.

Gene M. Williams, Medford, was elected council president, succeeding Frank Glonning, Veterans Administration domiciliary staff member.

Council members and committees are planning special events to honor seniors, using contacts with clubs, churches, Granges, lodges and service groups to promote appreciation of their older members' contributions.

Senior Citizens Week

The week of May 14-20 was chosen as Senior Citizens week. Activities and events for the annual celebration will be headed by Mrs. Mary Frederick, former president of the Fifty Plus club of Medford, Walter Hatch, former council secretary, and Glonning.

Dr. Frank Roberts, recreation chairman, reported that the Ashland Kiwanis club plans to organize a Fifty Plus club in that city. Dr. Roberts spoke to Ashland Kiwanians recently at the request of Dwayne Baker, geriatrics chairman. The council's recreation committee will assist in the project.

Tentative plans were made for a public meeting in Medford during May to be attended by Gene Rossman, Portland, northwest regional director for the Public Housing authority.

his plans for investment of state funds, and the tremendous job of signing millions of dollars worth of bonds.

We have visited the Senate to observe that group in session also, and while I do not have the courtesy of the floor there, Senator Lyndel Newberry of Jackson county has been glad to have the young people visit him there.

The time flies by, and before we know it, we are usually flying to meet the bus, which leaves for Medford at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Probably Last Ones

We feel we have probably been host to the last ones now, with Star Parsons from Rogue River and Jerilyn Hansen, Eagle Point, who were with us this week.

The session is getting busier, and we will most likely be involved in night and afternoon sessions steadily from now on.

We can't express how impressed we are with the "younger generation." They asked intelligent questions, grasped the meaning of parliamentary maneuvering, which sometimes gets mighty involved, and seemed fully cognizant of what is required to make an idea become a law.

I think they themselves would have an interesting story to tell of their reactions. They seemed surprised at some phases of the operations, and I would be interested to know what parts of the trip stuck in their minds most clearly.

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He would be accompanied by an architect and a speaker from the western area office at San Francisco to answer questions and objections to establishing a federal public housing authority here.

The council received an invitation to attend a housing conference in Portland May 3 sponsored by the Portland Community council and the Portland Public Housing authority.

Mrs. Fred Rankin, Senior Center committee chairman, reported that attendance at the center in March reached an all-time high of 370, a 100 per cent increase over March, 1960.

Glonning emphasized the great need for a larger center, which could be used as a central clearing house for information about and for older persons, and could accommodate Fifty Plus club meetings, as well as smaller hobby groups.

Suggests Steps

He suggested the council take definite steps toward a public drive for building such a center and to continue to enlarge the present building fund.

A low-cost housing project was suggested as another project for the coming year.

Dr. Roberts presented Glonning a gift from council members and expressed their appreciation for the three years' service of the retiring chairman.

23 Mumps Cases Reported in County

Twenty three cases of mumps headed the list of communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Central Point had 9 cases of mumps, Medford 8, Ashland 4, and Jacksonville and Eagle Point, each 1.

Rogue River reported 4 cases of chicken pox, and Medford, 1; influenza, Medford, 8; Ashland, 2; strep throat, Medford, 1; tuberculosis, Rogue River, 1; pneumonia, Ashland and Central Point, each 1; Medford and Camp White, each 2; measles, Medford, 7; German measles, Medford 8, and Ashland 1. Medford also had two cases each of gonorrhea and whooping cough.

RETURNS

Gordon B. Newstrom, interior communications electrician fireman, son of Mrs. Marjorie Newstrom, 200 Lewis ave., Grants Pass, returned to San Diego, Calif., recently aboard the destroyer, USS Mullany, following a five-month cruise in the western Pacific.

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Debits for March totaled \$86,168,222. For February the total was \$77,640,626, and for March, 1960, the total amounted to \$87,033,526.

Oregon, with 227 banks reporting, had an increase in bank debits in March of 13.4 per cent, compared to February, and an increase of 0.3 per cent over March of last year.

Total debits for Oregon in March, 1961, came to \$2,059,522,891; February, 1961, totaled \$1,316,400,499; and in March, 1960, reached \$2,053,961,547.

Bank debits represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. Bank debits are considered good indicators of current business activity. Each month the bureau of business research at the University of Oregon collects data on bank debits from the 227 banks and branches.



NEW 'OFFICIALS'—Two new state government "officials" are sworn in by Harry Wells, sergeant-at-arms for the Oregon House of Representatives during a recent Salem visit by Judy Eberhart, (center) Ashland High school student, and Marsha Watson, Medford. The two were among a number



TOUR STOP—The memento-filled office of Secretary of State Howell Appling was among stops which valley high school students made while guests of Rep. and Mrs. John Dellenback, Medford, in Salem for the State Legislature's current session. Above are Mrs. Dellenback, Secretary Appling, Terry Hanson, Phoenix High school student, and



Galen Roberson, Ashland. The boys were invited to serve as special pages in the House, and were also kept busy visiting committee hearings, touring the capital and learning about state government in conversations with others in Salem.

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He is Don A. Berg, former southern Oregon radio and radio promotion director for the Shakespearean Festival in Ashland. He helped found the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce, and served as first secretary.

He recently left a position as advertising copywriter and executive with the Roy Adams Advertising agency of Eugene, as well as a position as sales manager of S. W. Distributors, Inc.

He is now directing distribution of Sculpture Wave, a new hair-setting formula manufactured by Parks Laboratories.



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