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Legislators, Families Spend

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OKLAHOMA LAWMAKERS and their families scattered to the four winds during the congressional recess. At one time or another you could have run across a sooner house member or senator or his family in such places as Palm Beach, Fla.; Jamaica, B.W.I.; Antarctica; and even Oklahoma.

THE JOHN JARMANS apparently had the most varied between-session vacation in the congressional delegation.

Rep. and Mrs. Jarman and their large family were together with grandparents in Oklahoma City for Christmas, then scattered to Aspen, Colo.; the Mexican border; and a Virginia ski resort.

Mrs. Jarman's son Brooks Hall remained with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, while his brothers Fred and Kirk Hall departed for the ski slopes of Aspen, Colorado. Rep. and Mrs. Jarman with Susan and Steve Jarman departed for a five-day ranching vacation near the Arizona-Mexico border.

The family was reunited in Washington for the start of school, and spent the last weekend of the congressional weekend skiing at a resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

SEN. AND MRS. Henry Bellmon spent the recess at their Billings, Okla., farm home with their daughters Gail and Ann.

Pat Bellmon and her husband Larry Lewis, who live at Stillwater, joined the family for the holidays.

Christmas was spent at the Billings home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Osborn, Mrs. Bellmon's parents. Her brother Dan Osborn and his wife came from New York to join them for a family reunion.

SEN. AND MRS. Bellmon, who presently live in the not-so-close-in Virginia countryside, plan to move to a townhouse nearby the Capitol next year.

They are looking for a smaller home since Ann, their youngest daughter who is a high school senior, will join Gail (now a sophomore) at Oklahoma State University in the fall. Their son-in-law, Larry, plans to attend law school after graduating from OSU this year, and Mrs. Bellmon mentioned that among a number of others, he's considering attending Georgetown University Law School.

REP. AND MRS. Page Belcher began their vacation with a trip to Palm Beach, where they enjoyed 11 days in the sun with more than 20 other congressmen, their wives and families.

The occasion was an annual golf tournament, and the Belchers arrived early to spend Christmas.

MRS. BELCHER said her husband "played three days straight and was kind of tired out" by the time the tournament began. She added, "He didn't do as well as last year, when he was second runner-up." Nonetheless, she said, they thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine and the chance to rest.

The remainder of the recess time was spent at their home in Tulsa, and visiting with their son and daughter in Enid.

Mrs. Blecher said, "We just got back (to Washington) last Saturday . . . we caught the last flight out" before freezing rain shut in on the Tulsa Airport.

HOUSE MAJORITY Leader and Mrs. Carl Albert spent the holidays at their home in Washington, and Rep. Albert later departed for a solitary 10-day visit to the Caribbean island of Jamaica.

Mrs. Albert explained, "He does this each year, sometimes at Easter recess. He just gets off by himself, doesn't see anyone . . . just walks on the beach." She said her husband had returned "well rested and suntanned."

Mary Frances, a junior at Rice University, Houston, Tex., joined her family in Washington for the holidays.

Since their son David had to return to St. Alban's

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School where he is a freshman this year, Mrs. Albert did not accompany her husband to Jamaica.

SEN. AND MRS. Fred R. Harris spent the holiday season at their McLean, Va., home, and "spent much of the time outdoors enjoying the snow," said Mrs. Harris.

Outdoor sports included sledding with former Oklahoma cityans, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taliaferro and their children, and the Bill Carmacks, who came from Norman.

THE HARRISES later flew to Oklahoma to visit relatives and for a 10-day tour which took them to 29 counties in the state.

Mrs. Harris said that while driving to Woodward one night they saw the falling meteor which landed near Lost City.

Mrs. Harris said that Byron, 12, who is in junior high school, and Kathryn, who is attending Harvard this year, were interviewed recently for an article to appear in "Seventeen" magazine.

Mrs. Harris, who is part Comanche, is featured in the February issue of "Redbook" magazine, which tells of her concern for the future of American Indians.

REP. ED Edmondson flew to the naval air station at Kingsville, Tex., to join his wife and family who had traveled there from their Muskogee home to spend Christmas with their son Drew, a naval yeoman, his wife, Linda, and the couple's daughter and son.

Edmondson proudly related, "It was the first visit with my first grandson. He's just two months old now."

THE FAMILY, including John, 20, June Ellen, 16, and Brian, 9, then departed for Muskogee for the wedding of their eldest son Jim to Suzanne Williams, a young Vietnam war widow.

Jim, a former Navy lieutenant had been stationed aboard the Carrier U.S.S. Tripoli, which after service in the Vietnam war area, docked at San Diego, Calif., where the couple met.

Mrs. Edmondson remains during the school year at their Oklahoma home, and the congressman said he was looking forward to Jim's arrival in Washington, where he'll be working on the staff of Rep. James C. Wright (D-Tex.).

REP. AND MRS. John N. Happy Camp spent Christmas Day on the road to Oklahoma. They had a delayed celebration with their family the following Saturday.

Mrs. Camp said they drove to Oklahoma so that they could fill the car with belongings to bring back to their Washington apartment.

SHE SAID she enjoyed visiting with her sons and two daughters and their families, while her husband toured Antarctica and New Zealand with the members of the House Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs.

Mrs. Camp said he especially enjoyed the visit to New Zealand which he found to be "clean-looking and just beautiful."

The summer weather in New Zealand contrasted drastically with the below freezing temperatures of the Antarctic region, she said.

ALTHOUGH REP. TOM Steed has spent 22 years in congress, he said his wife just doesn't consider Washington home.

Steed said his wife much prefers their Shawnee, Okla., home, which is just five blocks from that of their

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son Richard, his wife and three children.

STEED REFERS to his grandchildren, Katherine, 16, Marguerite, 14, and Roger, 12, as "pistols."

He said the girls are working on a special medal

which he jokingly said he feels entitled to, after nearly 50 years of marriage.

The congressman said his wife is content to live in Washington until "flower planting time and then goes home at every chance."
