WASHINGTON REPORT

Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

16th District-Ponnsylvania



perience of trying to get some asked might deal in anything this agency, I have often conneeded information only to be from Social Security to pass-cluded that never have so many at Drumore, Pa. The winners confronted with a run-around ports, but in each case someone produced so little. And, a confrom the organization being con- has gotten in touch with me in sideration of some note in this tacted. It is not an experience hopes of receiving assistance in instance is that my committee dall Lane, Most colorful—Marcy which is particularly appealing obtaining something of personal in the House deals in all eduand probably does not leave you importance from the govern- cational matters so that in a in a very good frame of mind. ment. It is a sad fact that one of the worst places to seek out an Congressman can immediately specific requests.

It is natural to assume that a answers, hopefully the right ans- situation is for the general pub- need an answer in a hurry. wers, out of the massive adminis- lic when they try to contact a

Within some agencies, it is alheadway at all.

As an example of an operation that causes some real frustration. let me point to one that seems You have probably had the ex-trate bureaucracy. The questions Education. After contacting manner of speaking OE's fate is partially in my hands.

On a tyical case involving edumental structure. My office daily cut through the red tape and cation, I have learned to expect receives pleas from people who come up with some satisfactory that no less than five telephone desires help in getting the responses. I am happy to re- calls are necessary just to get Federal Government to react to port that with some persistence pointed in the proper direction. such a pattern can often result, Then several calls may be needbut even for a Congressman ed to finally get in touch with A large portion of my time pursuing casework can be a the person supposedly has posis spent obtaining information most frustrating job. Since a session of the facts. More often or looking into problems within Member of Congress is supposed than not the facts finally accumu-Federal agencies for consti- to wield some degree of influence lated leave much to be desired, tuents Many people are sur- within the national structure, I but by the time this juncture is prised to learn how much of a suppose that we do receive the reached, you are almost ready Congressman's day must be de- cream of the service provided, to settle for anything. I suppose voted to what is commonly call- but the cream sometimes runs writing a letter might be a way ed casework. Primarily, case- pretty thin and I cannot help around such turmoil, provided, work involves attempting to get but think how difficult the of course that you do not really

> I am told that the new team being installed in the education agency will eliminate some of these problems, and I hope this means that the general public as well as Congress will be the beneficiaries of better service from the Office of Education. There are some professional educators among those in the 16th District who I know would welcome the change.

As a final note, I might add that I am always happy to engage in casework for you, even it it involves education. I just thought that you might like to know that if my answer to your question is not always as prompt as it might be, it is highly possible that I am tangled up in some pretty stiff red tape.

Club Jr. Horseshow on May 3rd knowledge. Pixie Waters, Best design-Wen-

They are also preparing for 4 of the members to appear on TV

branch of their government. LANCHESTER PONY CLUB on Channel 8 on April 39th. Next Lanchester Pony Club mem- they are looking forward to the most impossible to make any bers have been busy as bees this Regional Rally which will be month. You can see them up at held at headquarters on June 16 their headquarters painting and to 18 for C's, B's & A's and June trimming up in preparation for 20th, to 22nd for D's They finthis busy spring schedule they ally end up the month of June have. The children have al. 28th and 29th as host for the every occasion—the Office of ready turned in their posters an- "A" Panel which everyone is innouncing the Lanchester Pony terested in watching and gaining



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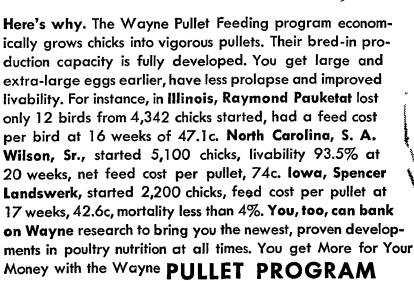


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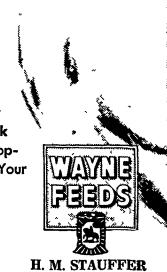
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