

Laws 'With Heart' In Them Goal Of Woman Starting Second Legislative Term

By GORMAN HOGAN

SALEM — Laws "with a heart" in them are the goal of a sweet faced, gray haired woman starting her second term in the Oregon Legislature.

That's why Rep. Grace Oliver Peck, Portland Democrat whose initials are G.O.P., devotes her major attention to such things as legislation for a new women's prison, assistance for the blind and tighter laws on divorce and marriage.

Mrs. Peck, who "never was blessed with children and not talented enough to write great music or prose," thinks maybe her "reason for being here" is to try to help those less fortunate than she is.

Yet Mrs. Peck, a Portland real estate saleswoman and legal secretary, has her practical side. She knows that help for the unfortunate costs money, and she thinks the state should make the most of the dollars it spends.

She has introduced a bill asking

one million dollars to build a new women's prison. While she knows that the pressing financial affairs of the state may make an immediate appropriation of this amount impossible, she does hope this Legislature will at least appropriate funds to plan such an institution.

"Anyone who visits the women's division of the prison knows how crowded and outdated it is," says Mrs. Peck, who is inspecting the institution from top to bottom. "The cells may be decorated with perky curtains and smell good, but there is no chance for recreation or prose." She thinks maybe her "reason for being here" is to try to help those less fortunate than she is.

Mrs. Peck concedes there is an average of only about 35 women in the prison at one time. But to make a new women's section economically sound she would make it available under a fee system for county prisoners as well as those under state jurisdiction.

But many of the women, she contends, receive suspended sentences because the counties have no place to keep them.

"So they return to the same old environment, finally become hardened and the chance for their rehabilitation is gone forever," she says.

Rep. Peck is encouraged, though, by developments in the men's division of the prison since 1949, the last time she served in

the Oregon House.

She's "amazed" at the elementary school where the prisoners "seem to be studying and learning." And rehabilitation projects such as the tailoring, furniture and craft shops seem to Mrs. Peck to be making headway.

On a recent visit, Rep. Peck says she met "one of the boys" she had talked to in isolation while inspecting the prison in 1949.

Eight years ago he was sullen, unhappy and despondent. This time she found him happily at work in the craft shop making jewelry. "He looked good, was interested and told me he had given up his old ways," she says, smiling at the recollection. This she sees as an encouraging sign.

But Mrs. Peck says segregation and isolation practices are the prison are still bad, though possibly somewhat better than eight years ago. She feels, too, that "the boys" in prison should be provided glasses and dental care at state expense as an aid to rehabilitation. These things now are financed by the prisoners themselves and she says many can't afford it.

Mrs. Peck, once secretary to a member of the California Parole

Board, has visited the prison about three times a year since serving her first legislative term.

Her political career has been a disappointing one for her. Until last November she failed to win re-election after serving the 1949 session. She feels she could have accomplished much in the Legislature in the interim.

She wonders why Oregon, where "the people are so fussy about gambling laws and regulation of pinball machines, are so careless about the divorce and marriage laws."

None of those serving in the last Legislature when the three-day waiting period marriage law was repealed "can remember why they voted for the change," Mrs. Peck says.

She believes those really serious about getting married don't mind the three-day waiting period. And she sees it as a deterrent to those who might elope and regret it later, or to elderly people, for ex-

U. S. Newspaper Readers Per Day Pass 100 Million

PHILADELPHIA — A national statistical analysis firm reports that 100 million different Americans now read a newspaper during the average day.

The 100 - million mark was passed for the first time in history during January, according to a report by Sindlinger & Co., Ridley Park, Pa.

The company based its report on findings of a staff of 186 permanent interviewers throughout the nation.

The average reader spent 34 minutes a day with his newspaper during January, Sindlinger said. Although the number of readers declined prior to Christmas to a point lower than before the Suez crisis, it shot up to the all-time high right after New Year's, the report said.

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"You wash, I'll dry, and Daisy can sweep up the broken dishes."

ample, who might be hoodwinked into marriage by the unscrupulous interested in getting hold of their property.

As for divorce, she wants a law providing for an interlocutory decree with a final decree six months later. Oregon's present law provides for a final decree immediately but with a ban on remarriage for six months.

This leads, she says, to many illegal marriages which "must be straightened out in batches" by blanket legislation passed at intervals to protect property rights. She feels, too, that many mar-

Baseball Star

ACROSS

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- 9 He is an —
- 12 Mineral rock
- 13 Idolize
- 14 Golf term
- 15 Burmese wood spirit
- 16 Telegraphed
- 17 Abstract being
- 18 Arid
- 20 Beverage
- 21 Woody plant
- 22 Bustle
- 24 Tint
- 26 Scold
- 27 Notes in
- 28 Mine entrance
- 30 Indolent
- 31 Permits
- 32 Formerly
- 33 Instant
- 39 Rat
- 42 Female horse

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- 10 Walking stick
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- 18 John
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- 22 Dissolves
- 23 Regard highly
- 24 Pause again
- 25 Theater sign
- 26 He is —
- 27 Cleveland's star pitcher
- 28 Bulk
- 29 Insane
- 30 Completed
- 31 Craft
- 32 Martinique volcano
- 33 Content
- 34 Narrow inlet
- 35 About
- 36 Measure of cloth
- 37 Auricle
- 38 Avar
- 39 Legal point

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FUNNY BUSINESS

MADAME SEEMORE
FUTURE PROJECTIONIST

"I see men all around you—I think they're going to operate!"

FROM NINE TO FIVE By Jo Fischer

STATEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE FROM 9-5 CLUB
ALICE GUARETTA
CHARLIE VENUS
TERRY RENUSCH

We haven't exactly got a statement of your account this month, Miss Hangnail. It's more of an ultimatum.

CAPTAIN EASY

THE HOME OF SIR MALCOLM WINTON ON A SMALL ISLAND IN THE IRISH SEA...
COME IN, CAPTAIN EASY! SIR MALCOLM IS EXPECTING YOU.
THANKS!

FRECKLES

PARKING METERS IN FRONT OF SCHOOL?
THEY CAN'T DO THAT TO US! WHAT IF WE DON'T HAVE CHANGE?
I'M GONNA COMPLAIN TO THE PRINCIPAL.
YES?

LITTLE ABNER

WIF A SHOKIN' GUN!!
WHY ARE TH' CHAP YORE DEAR MAMMY'S GONNA MARRY ON ACCOUNT HE HAIN'T GUM-FAT?
HONEST ABE!!
THAR!!
??-RECKON HE HAIN'T COMIN' BACK!!
PUT YORE DEAR MAMMY IS!!—WIF A WEDDIN' ALL PAID FO'-IN ADVANCE!!
—AN' MARRYIN' SAM DON'T GIVE NO REFUNDS!! OH, WHUT'L YORE PORE MAMMY DO NOW?

ALLEY OOP

I'M NOT ON THE BANK OF THIS RIVER, I'M ON AN ISLAND WAY OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!
QUESTION IS: HOVM I GONNA GET OVER TO TH' MAIN LAND WITHOUT GETTIN' MY CLOTHES ALL WET?
OH, OH! JUST LOOK WHAT'S COMIN'!
YOOO! YOOEY! OVER HERE!
TOOT! TOOT! TOOT!
WELL, FER!!

BLOOMING

I CAN'T MAKE DADDY UP!
I SURE WILL! WOULD YOU JUST WAIT A MINUTE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
WE'RE GOING TO TOWN TONIGHT! I SAW THE CUTEST DRESS ON SALE FOR ONLY SIXTY DOLLARS!
SIXTY DOLLARS FOR A DRESS? THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!
HE'S TERRIBLY BROUCHY, BUT HE'S UP