

# Solons Favor Campaign Cost Limit Increase

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It looks as though an attempt may be made to lift the limit on campaign spending in Oregon.

The research staff of the Legislative Interim Committee on Elections plans to recommend repeal of a 1909 law, which limits the amounts that can be spent by candidate.

Instead, the researchers will propose a new system of reporting campaign expenses, and rely on the pressure of public opinion to keep the spending in line.

There is every indication that the committee will approve the idea and recommend it to the Legislature.

The 48-year-old law provides that a primary election candidate can spend no more than 15 per cent of the annual salary of the office which he seeks. For general elections, the figure is 10 per cent.

**\$100 Minimum**  
However, any candidate can spend \$100.

Prof. A. Freeman Holmer, head of the research staff, says the law never has worked. He points out that there are many ways to circumvent the law, and that there is no limit on the amounts that can be spent by friends and campaign organizations of the candidates.

Besides, he says, the limits are unrealistic in these days of high costs.

Holmer's proposal is to designate one person to report all of the spending on behalf of each candidate. This plan would make it possible to know the total cost of each candidate's campaign.

**Treasurer Would Report**

The candidate's campaign treasurer probably would do the reporting. He would report 10 days before the election so that the voter would know, before he casts his ballot, who is spending the money. This feature would be new.

The expense statements, which now don't mean much because there is much duplication, are filed within 15 days after an election. This would be continued.

Holmer also is proposing that campaign contributions be deductible for income tax purposes.

Holmer says that other states have tried to find a way to curb campaign spending, but none has found an answer. So he figures that public opinion is the best curb.

**Ask Publication**

He'll have to try to find a way to get full publicity on the amounts spent by every candidate. Holmer is trying to work this out now, but he'll probably ask each newspaper to publish the list of candidates' expenditures.

The elections committee's original purpose was to reform the regulations of campaign spending. Then its authority was broadened to cover the full scope of the election laws.

**Simplified Ballot**

The committee, while it hasn't reviewed the campaign expenses laws, has come up with other election law recommendations to simplify the ballots and to make the cumbersome election machinery run more easily.

To compel all candidates for president to run in the presidential primary.

Eliminate the vice presidential primary.

Give the secretary of state more authority to supervise elections.

**Done by Write-Ins.**

Prevent a candidate, nominated by one party, from being nominated by the other party. This now can be done by write-in votes.

Eliminate one of the two poll books in each precinct.

Mail sample ballots to every registered voter, and eliminate the requirement that notices of elections must be posted.

Omit the names of presidential electors on the ballot.

Repeal the law against treating by candidates.

Permit counties to issue voters' pamphlets.

# Copper Wire Theft Probed

Investigations of an attempted burglary and theft of some 700 feet of copper wire were reported Thursday by Marion County sheriff's deputies.

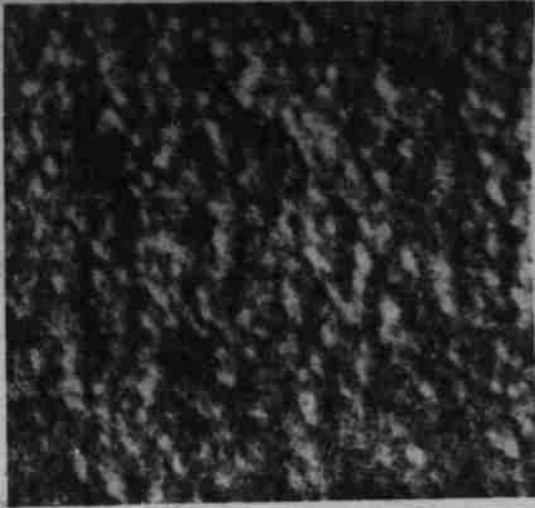
A thief's efforts to enter Powell's Grocery in Jefferson through the store's skylight were thwarted, deputies said, by a wire mesh screen a few feet below the skylight. The entry was attempted early Tuesday morning, a deputy's report stated.

An Aumsville crime was more successful, however, with about 700 feet of copper wire being cut from a power pole leading to a sawmill owned by C. W. Wright of 2385 S. Cottage St. The theft occurred sometime during the 10 days preceding its discovery Wednesday by Wright.

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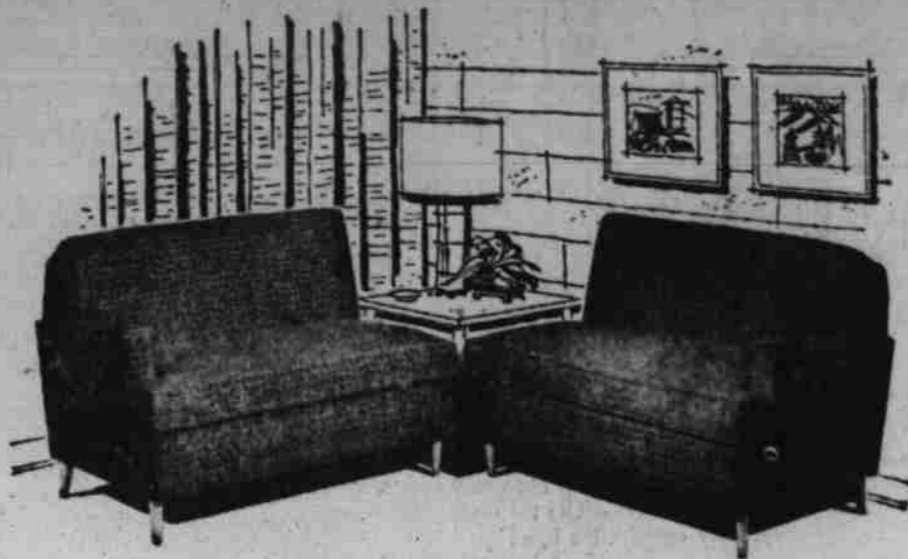
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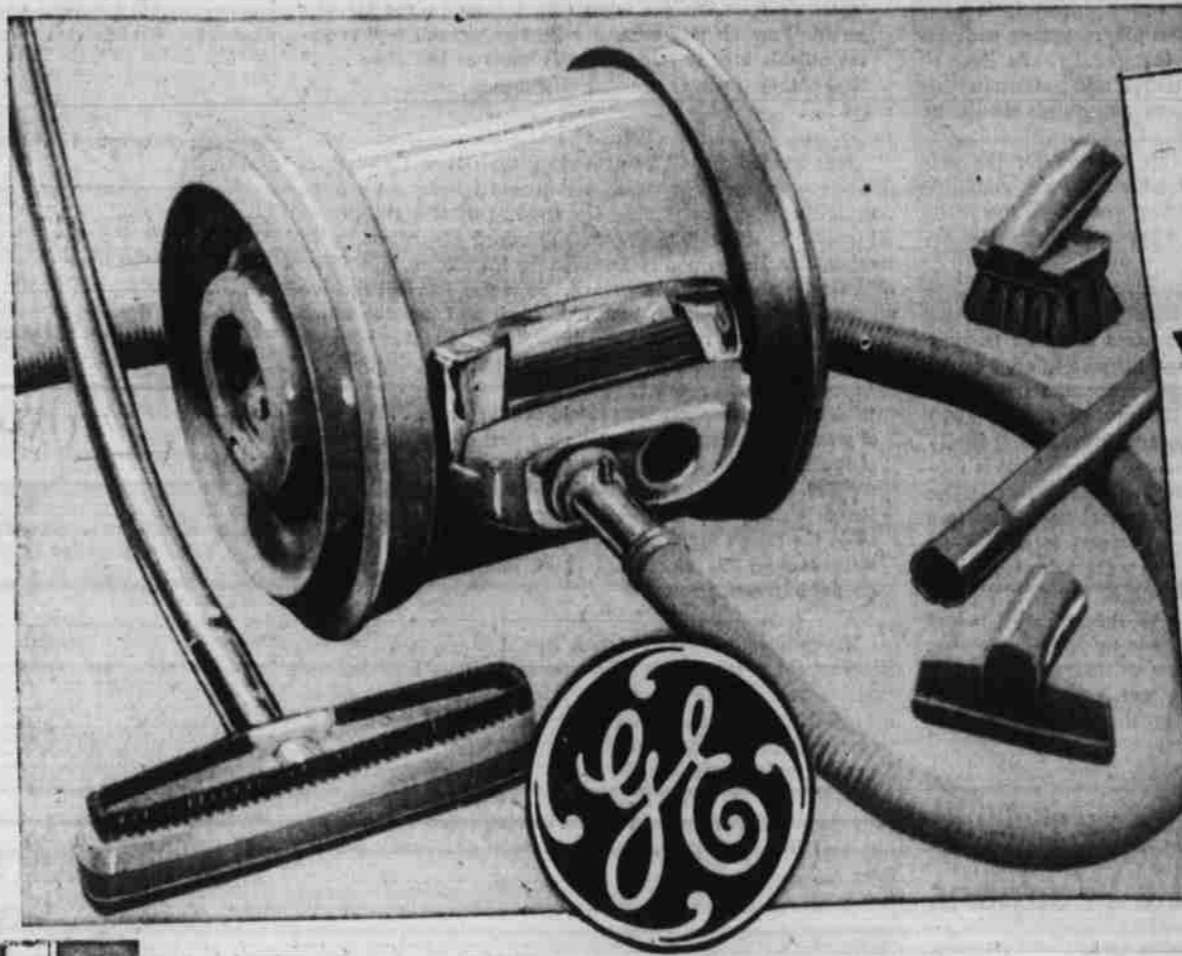
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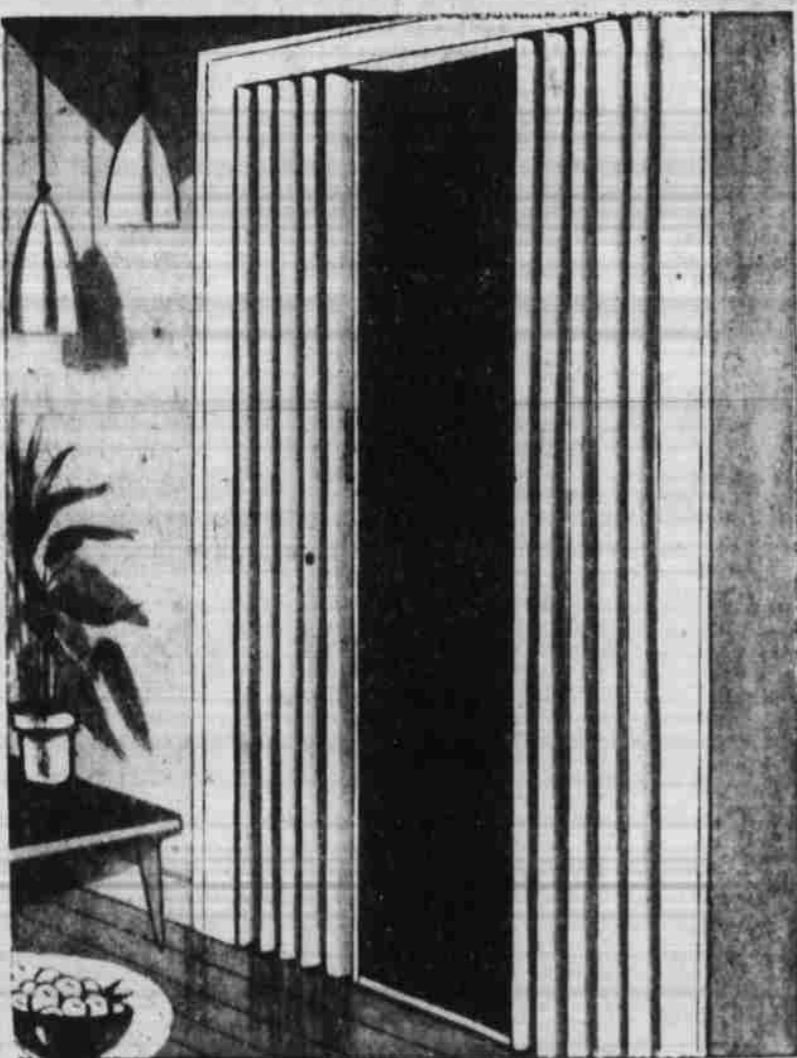


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