

Reeder's Statement on Phoenix-Talent School District Consolidation Election

Editor's note: The following statement, printed in full, was made by District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder Monday concerning the Phoenix-Talent school district consolidation election.

A number of citizens living in the Phoenix area have written complaints to this office regarding the conduct of some people during the recent Phoenix-Talent school consolidation election. I have caused an investigation to be made of the situation, and it does appear that some persons in their zeal to further their cause were guilty of improper conduct during the election. I would like to make it clear that no person has committed, nor has any investigation revealed any illegal conduct.

However, I feel it my duty as district attorney to make statement to the public concerning this affair to the end that in future elections, including school elections, that no irregularities or misconduct will occur. I believe that the school consolidation election was due to ignorance of the law rather than a knowledge of disregard for the same. It is of the utmost importance that the public confidence in the integrity of our elections be kept intact. Therefore, I wish to state for future guidance the laws of the State of Oregon provide:

Challengers and Watchers
ORS 250.430 Regulation of polling at or near polls, challenges and watchers permitted. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, no person shall approach or stand within 50 feet of the polls when open for the purpose of receiving votes, except peace officers appointed by the election board chairman to preserve order and electors actually voting and proceeding to vote. Only a reasonable number of electors shall be permitted to approach the polls within 50 feet at the same time.

(2) The election board shall, if requested, permit one person authorized by each political party to be at the polling place for the purpose of challenging voters, and shall, if requested, permit any candidate, or one person authorized by a candidate, several candidates or a political party, to be present to watch the receiving and counting of the votes. Such authorization shall be evidenced by a writing signed by the county chairman and secretary of the political party or by the candidate or candidates and filed with the election board. Persons permitted to be present to watch the counting of the votes shall not absent themselves until the polls are closed.

Mail Watcher Provisions
It should be noted that the above statute only provides for poll watchers in the case of any school election, including one involving school consolidation.

It should be further noted that ORS 331.040, which is set forth below, does specifically provide that a qualified elector may challenge any registered voter who offers to vote at a school election. This statute, of course, must be construed and reconciled to the statute heretofore quoted. It is my interpretation that a reasonable construction thereof would be that the elector choosing to make the challenge would have to remain more than 50 feet from the polls, except when and during the time of making the challenge. This statute reads as follows:

Who May Challenge
"331.040 Challenging voters. The chairman of any school meeting, judge of an election or any qualified elector may challenge any registered voter who offers to vote at such meeting or election. In case an elector has been challenged, the chairman or judge of the meeting or election shall administer to each person challenged an oath that he will answer truly all questions propounded to him touching on his qualifications as an elector at the meeting or election. Upon taking the oath, the chairman or judge shall interrogate him respecting his place of residence and length of residence in the district. If the elector so challenged swears that he is and has been a resident in the school district continuously for six months immediately prior to the meeting or election and if he is a registered voter, as provided in ORS 331.020, he shall be allowed to vote."

ORS 260.300 provides as follows:

Undue Influence
"Use of 'undue influence' to affect vote. (1) No person shall directly or indirectly, by himself or any other person in his behalf, make use of any physical force, coercion, violence, restraint or undue influence against any person in order to induce or compel him to vote or refrain from voting for any candidate, political party ticket or measure submitted to the people. No person, by abduction, duress or any fraudulent contrivance, shall induce or prevent the free exercise of the franchise by any voter at any election, or compel, induce or prevail upon any elector to give or to refrain from giving his vote at any election."

(2) Violators of this section shall be guilty of undue influence and shall be punished as for a corrupt practice."

This statute is self-explanatory.

Election Day Activities
ORS 260.250 provides: "Solicitation and persuasion on election day; penalty. (1) No person shall, at any place on the day of any election, ask, solicit or in any manner try to induce or persuade any voter on such election day to vote for or refrain from voting for any candidate, the candidates or ticket of any political party or organization or any measure submitted to the people."

(2) Violation of this section is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 for the first offense. The second and each subsequent offense occurring on the same

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themselves until the polls are closed."

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Good Freezer Plan Needed to Get Most Of Time, Money

In order to save the most time and money, and get the best meals from your freezer, you need a good freezer plan.

Plan your freezer space. Make a list of the different foods you will want to freeze during the year and plan to have room for them during the best buying season. Stock up on pre-frozen foods only when the bargain price (and your family's taste) warrants it.

If you are likely to need it, save space for game and fish in their seasons. Allow plenty of space for short-term storage of baked foods, leftovers, quantity - prepared dishes, lunch-box sandwiches, and special party foods.

Makings of Meals
Always have the makings for three or four complete meals in your freezer. You might need them when you least expect it.

After allowing space in your freezer for the things you will want to add later, stock it well with the foods you want now. Keep them rotating, and plan their use.

Fashion Changes Causing Problem

Ithaca, N. Y. (UPI) - Changes in fashion are causing a serious conservation problem in New York State.

Dr. W. J. Hamilton Jr., a zoologist at the state College of Agriculture, pointed out that because long furs are no longer chic, there has been a sharp decline in fur trapping.

He added that the animals thus left free to roam are inflicting heavy damage on timber, railroad rights-of-way, highways and tillable land.

to give the best variety to your meals.
Be sure to freeze only as much of any food as your family will use during the recommended storage time, and use first the food which has been stored the longest.

Here is a storage guide for frozen foods stored at 0 degrees Fahrenheit; ground meat, 1-3 months; ham and slab bacon, 1-3 months; pork, fish, and lamb, 3-6 months; beef, veal and poultry, 9-12 months; and fruits and vegetables, 12 months.

Pre-Cooked Foods
The storage life of most pre-cooked foods is much shorter than that of uncooked foods. Suggested storage periods are: pies, 2-4 months; baked breads and cakes, 4-6 months; meats, stews, etc., 3-6 months; and cookie dough, 4-6 months.

Buy and freeze foods in season. Quality and flavor are generally highest when prices are lowest. By purchasing in quantity at the peak of the season, you will always have the most flavorful foods and make maximum savings on your food budget.

Always freeze the best quality foods. Your freezer space is valuable and should be used only for foods high in flavor and nutrition. Foods should be frozen as soon as possible after you have purchased them. If you are growing your own produce, plan to freeze within 24 hours after harvest, even sooner if possible.

With a practical freezer plan, your family will enjoy full meals all year long, and interesting and healthful meals all year long, and your freezer will start to pay for itself within weeks of its purchase.



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Retired Man Plans To Show Foster Son

Turin, Italy - (UPI)—White-haired Paolo Bertino, a 68-year-old former bricklayer, is ready to attempt an unusual endurance test in the hope of lighting the spark of ambition in his 20-year-old foster son.

"I worked hard to give him a good education and also taught him to be an expert bricklayer," said Bertino, who lives on a pension. "But he doesn't want to work. I think if I show him up a little it might help."

THIEF KNOWS ANSWER

Memphis, Tenn. (UPI)—A finance company called off a contest to guess the amount of money in a horn of plenty display when a thief walked off with the window-displayed coins. The right answer, the company said, was about \$20.

BLUE-TINTED DELUGE

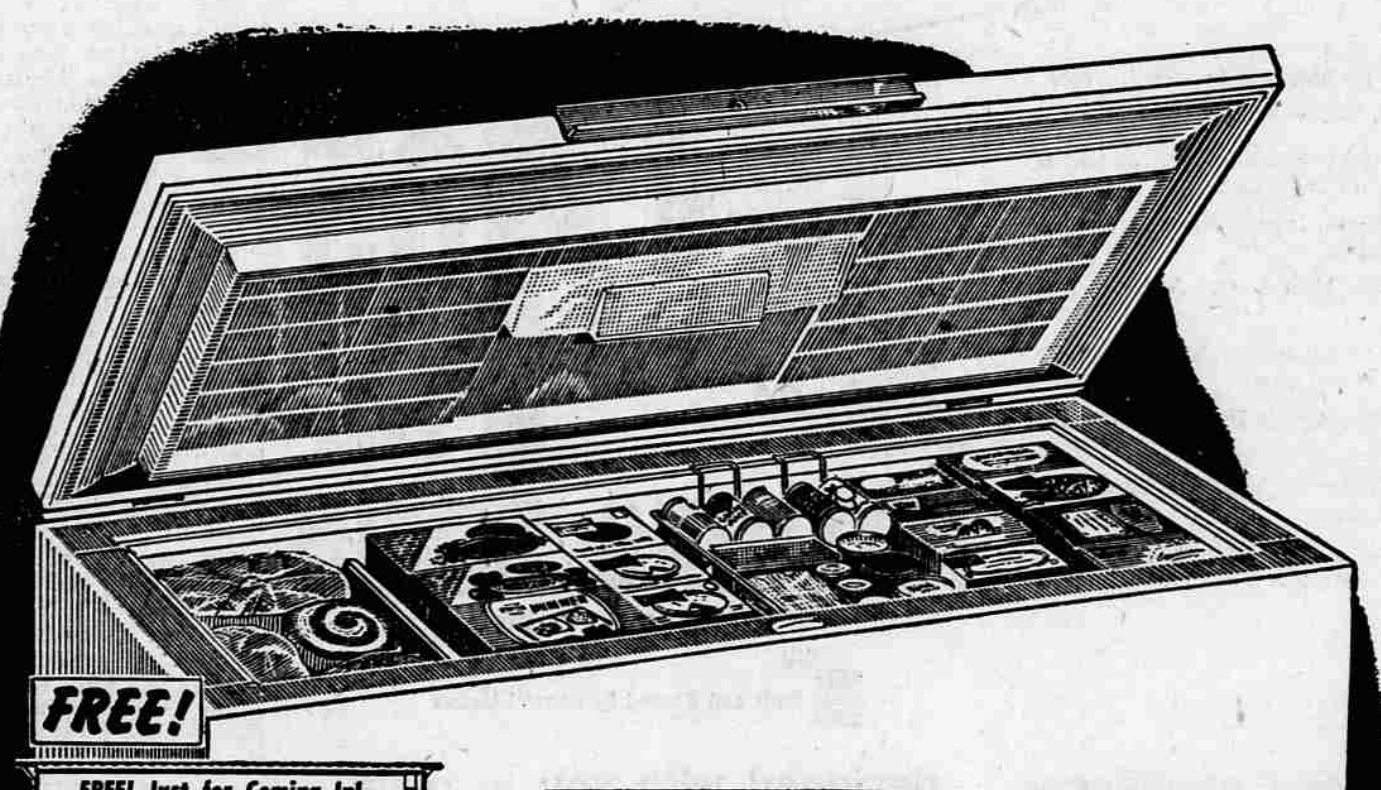
Luton, England (UPI)—It rained blue rain here Monday. The unnatural tint was attributed to dust in the air from the demolition of an old dye works.

SPORTS EDITOR DIES

Baltimore (UPI)—Rodger H. Phippen, 71, sports editor of the Baltimore News-Post and Sunday American for more than 30 years, died Monday.

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Sheriff Arrives To Bring Richard Hunt Back To Oregon

Thermopolis, Wyo. (UPI)—Sheriff George Miller of Linn county, Oregon, arrived here Monday to pick up Richard Allen Hunt, 27, one of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's 10 most wanted criminals.

Hunt waived extradition and seemed "pleased" to return to Oregon where he's wanted for shooting a police officer, authorities said.

Identity Admitted
Hunt, who was working as a ranch hand near here, was captured last Tuesday by Sheriff Eddie Todorovich and admitted his identity after a few minutes of questioning.

Sheriff Todorovich said he received a letter of commendation from FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover for his part in the capture.

"A good worker and a clean cut kid" was the description tacked on Hunt by a Wyoming rancher.

Hunt faces charges of kidnapping and assault with intent to kill.

Police officers would argue with the description of the young, mild looking bandit. Some of his former employers would stand behind it. The FBI, which placed Hunt on its 10 most wanted list, labeled him as "having a violent temper and suicidal tendencies."

Charges Faced
Hunt faces charges of kidnapping Harrisburg, Ore., Police Chief E. G. McPhee and shooting and wounding Police Chief Robert Kemnow of Brownsville, Ore., on March 24.

Former employers of Hunt have regarded him as a diligent worker until something

upsets him.

Todd Shangle, foreman of a Nevada ranch, said Hunt was well liked until one night the ranch crew returned from a movie to find a car and \$1000 worth of saddles, guns and riding gear missing.

In 1958, Hunt left a ranch job with a car owned by the daughter of a Wyoming rancher. He served time in 1952 for stealing several items from a Fresno, Calif., ranch where he was employed.

Three months later, he robbed the Children's Farm Home near here and served six months in jail. It was at the Farm Home that Hunt learned the dairy trade.

Was AWOL Once
In 1952 military authorities wanted Hunt for being AWOL from the Army. Military Police found him on a cold, January day when he ran into the icy Santiam river in an attempt to escape. He stayed there for three hours before the cold drove him out. He came out throwing rocks at the MPs.

He was sentenced to Montana state prison in 1954 for grand larceny. He escaped a year later, was caught the next day and served an additional 18 months.

"He was a very nice kid and a good worker," said Mrs. Don Bayne, wife of a dairy farmer for whom Hunt worked when he shot Kemnow.

Sheriff Ed Todorovich who captured Hunt last week quoted the young man as saying:

"It's a good thing you caught me now. I planned to go into town and buy a gun in a couple of days."