

Twist in Judicial Process Noted in Court Case Here

A king-size youth put a king-size twist in the judicial process Friday in a curious case in district court that saw the prosecution asking for leniency and the defense asking for a jail sentence.

Judge Roy Bashaw, understandably, held off imposing a sentence until Monday morning.

The defendant in the case is Donald Clifford Gustafson, a strapping 20-year-old from Phoenix, Ariz., who stands somewhere between six and seven feet high and weighs a few dozen pounds more than 200.

He was returned from Arizona last week end by Chief Sheriff's Deputy Paul Bettiol — no half-pint himself — on a charge of grand larceny. The charge was in connection with property taken from the Rogue Valley Country club last month.

Because of mitigating circumstances uncovered during the week, the charge against Gustafson was reduced to petty larceny — a misdemeanor — and in court Friday District Attorney Thomas Reeder asked the court, in view of Gustafson's non-felonious record, to extend leniency.

Reeder recommended a sentence of one year's probation. Medford Attorney Alan Holmes, representing Gustafson, then stood up and asked the court to impose a jail sentence.

Holmes said that the case had given him a number of surprises, not the least of which was Gustafson's apparently sincere desire to spend some time in jail.

Holmes explained that Gustafson can write, but is unable to read. He said that the youth feels that the county jail is "the best place for him to learn to read" at the present time.

Holmes said that the youth hopes to be made a trusty if he is given a jail sentence.

He said that Gustafson has a wife and child in Arizona and that Gustafson hopes for a three-month sentence, so he can get home by Christmas, but that he would prefer a six-month sentence to a year's probation.

Carol Meier, 82, of route 2, box 423C, Medford, shot and killed a 19-pound lynx near his house early this month.

Meier, who shot the animal with a .22 rifle, explained that it came within 200 feet of his house, which is on Old Military rd., six miles from Medford.

The man, who has lived in the area more than 30 years, said it was the first lynx he has seen there. He has lived in southern Oregon since 1911. Meier said that he is having the hide tanned.

Some Demos Think Hatfield May Run Against Neuberger

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Washington — (Special) — A number of highly placed Oregon Democrats think Gov. Mark Hatfield may run for the Senate next year against Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

Neuberger, himself, is wondering privately whether this isn't a strong possibility. In Portland where Democrats from all over the state had gathered last week end to pay homage to Dave Epps and listen to Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) several top Democrats expressed the theory to this reporter that Hatfield is going to make a bid for the Senate next year.

The evidence, they conceded, is purely circumstantial, but nonetheless somewhat persuasive.

The theory goes like this: Hatfield is young, attractive, fairly unblemished as yet in the state's highest office. The longer he remains in office the more people he may make sore. He is the most likely Republican to try to regain one of Oregon's two Senate seats for the Republicans.

While many detached observers have thought it a natural grudge fight for Hatfield to take on Sen. Wayne Morse in 1962, this would involve a substantial risk. For if Hatfield lost to Morse, he would be out of office because his first term as governor would have expired that year. His career would be hurt badly, if not fatally.

Running against Neuberger would offer Hatfield what the politicians call a "free

Improvement Group Plans Fund Party

The Union Street Park Improvement Group will sponsor a fund-raising party at the new Union Street park Thursday, Aug. 13, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The party is being planned to raise funds to complete the neighborhood playground area. Most of the work done at the park has been through voluntary help from the neighborhood.

Included in the evening's events are a hot dog feed, for which a small fee will be charged; games and prizes; and entertainment by Caesar Muzzioli and Colleen Hope students. A special event for the fund raising will be a cakewalk. Some cake for the walk have been donated by the Groceteria.

Prizes and food have been donated by local merchants. The Medford parks and recreation department is cooperating with the games.

The new park is located in the Washington school area between Hamilton and Plum sts. at the end of Union st.

ride." He could remain in the governor's seat midway through his first term and, should he lose to Neuberger, go on as governor for another two years and have ample opportunity to recover his political fortunes to run either against Morse or for reelection.

When Hatfield was in Washington in the spring he told me he thought Neuberger would draw only nominal opposition from the Republicans, because he was too strong politically to be defeated.

But since then, one big factor has changed. Morse has made it plain to Oregonians that he does not favor Neuberger's re-election. Whether he will actually campaign against Neuberger is still up in the air, depending on who files against Neuberger.

But Democrats, realizing that the party in Oregon is now more sharply split down through the ranks than ever, think Morse could hurt Neuberger by getting his loyalists to stay away from the polls. Hatfield, then, might de-

feat Neuberger by taking advantage of this situation. Assuming he won most of the Republican vote and that Neuberger got only part of the Democratic vote, while some Democrat is stayed home, Hatfield could win.

Some Democrats think that even Rudie Wilhelm might lick Neuberger because of these same circumstances.

is now touring the state blasting Neuberger. They point out that Gunnar was Hatfield's choice for this job.

No one gives Hatfield much chance to capture the Republican vice presidential nomination next year, even if Gov. Nelson Rockefeller is nominated for president and looks westward for a running mate. Most observers think he would have to please the more conservative GOP wing, probably with someone from the midwest, but that liberal Hatfield along with liberal Rockefeller — two men who got

elected last fall partly by not mentioning the name of their party — would be too much for the old Taft crowd at the convention.

But all this national publicity is not hurting Hatfield's fortunes. It might even afford the kind of momentary crest that would make a shot at Neuberger's seat seem more worth trying than otherwise.

Neuberger is not unprepared for Hatfield. He has let it be known that he has safely stowed away taped recordings of Hatfield's election cam-

pagin radio appeals made in last fall's gubernatorial contest. He has indicated to his friends that he will bring them out to slam barg com-

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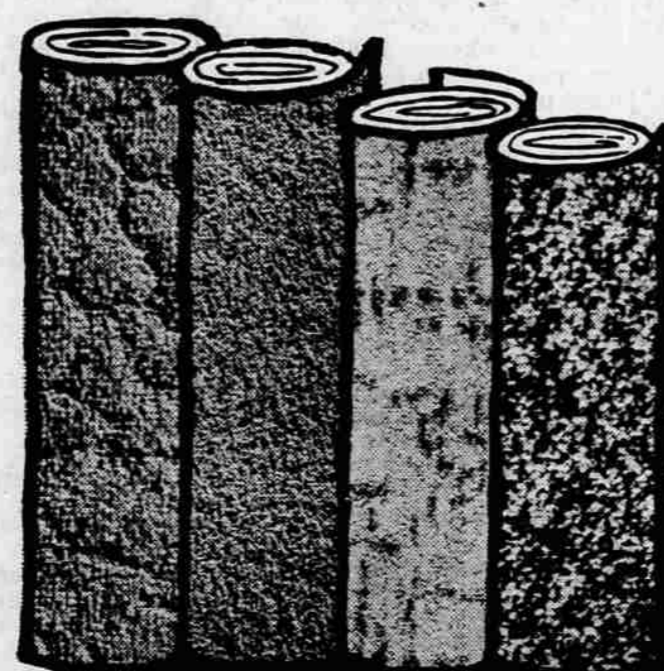
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