

## Methods Studied To Speed Up Counting Of Votes in Oregon

Salem — (UPI) — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. says that Oregon's voting methods, particularly in counting of votes, is "archaic and must be changed."

He revealed that for the past year, studies have been made on possible methods of tallying votes in Oregon electronically. At present the counting is done manually by the counties.

He said this does not mean

voting machines, which are mechanical-type devices.

### Days Went By

An example of Oregon's out-moded vote-counting procedure, he said, is the 1950 Oregon primary, when days went by before results of some contests were known. Appling said if it were not for various news media making spot counting, although unofficial, the outcome of voting would take "much longer" to be revealed.

Two systems that Oregon is taking a look at are being tested in Los Angeles county and in Ohio.

The Los Angeles method involves marking ballots with graphite pencils. The ballots are fed through a machine and electronically computed.

The system in Ohio is more radical. It involves "shrinking" the ballot to the size of a card. When the voter goes to the polls, he looks through a magnifying glass which brings the print to readable size and he then votes by punching holes in the card. The cards are run through an electronic device and compilation of votes is "almost immediate."

**Systems Expensive**

Appling said both systems are expensive but that possibly one could be leased for just the period of an election. He emphasized that these two systems are not the only possibilities.

All avenues of improvement must be aggressively investigated," Appling said. "We have tolerated the status quo in voting procedure too long."

## Toe Joints May Restore Grasping Function of Hand

Milwaukee, Wis. — (Science Service) — Transplanting a patient's toe joints and amputate fingers to his hand can restore the hand's vital grasping function.

Dr. Martin A. Entin of the Royal Victoria hospital in Montreal, Canada, told the American Association of Plastic Surgeons here today that three years after these operations, the joints are functioning.

Describing the transplants in six patients ranging in age from eight to 68, Dr. Entin said the joints were taken from the patient's little toe in some cases. In others the joints were salvaged from fingers previously amputated from the patient.

**No Pain Noted**

There was no pain or discomfort during observation periods varying from six to 36 months, during which the joints were seen to be functioning satisfactorily.

X-ray showed some loss of normal shape but all the bones healed well. The reconstructed joints had a useful range of motion, between ten and 30 degrees.

Dr. Entin said that although permanent "survival of the bone and joint component as an entity does not always take place," this is a practical procedure because of the painless aspects and the fact that some motion remains.

## Policeman Displays Unladylike Behavior

Camden, N.J. — A pert blonde went tripping down a deserted street at 3 a.m. Out of the shadows came a burly man carrying a claw hammer. He made advances.

The blonde whirled about and displayed a business-like .38 calibre pistol.

"Don't move!"

The blonde turned out to be a tough, wiry policeman named Donald McGlensey. He was decked out in disguise to trap a masher who had been causing disturbances in the neighborhood.

## Pups' Bodies Keep Lost Owner Alive

Shelby, N.C. — Mrs. Dovie Black, 60, took a walk in the heavily wooded area behind her home and got lost.

Searchers went after her the same day and hunted in vain until midnight.

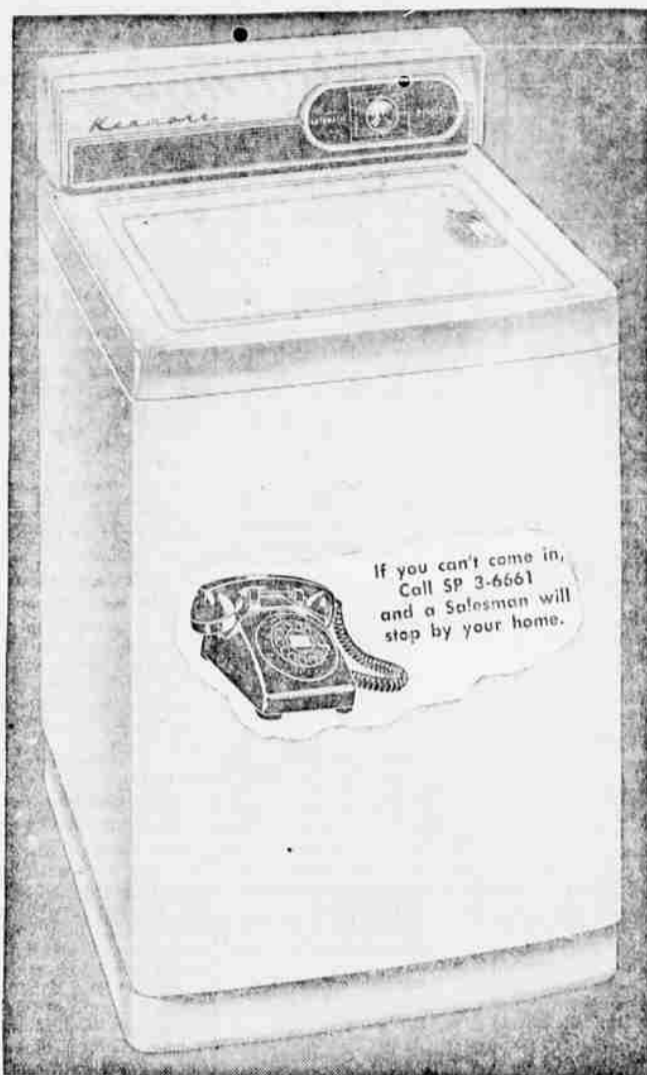
The next morning they went out again and found Mrs. Black asleep with her four pet puppies cuddled against her. Doctors said the warmth of the dogs bodies probably save Mrs. Black in the near freezing temperature.

## OLDER WORKERS OUTPUT

New York — (UPI) — Older workers' output not only rivals that of younger people in quantity but also in quality, according to a study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Moreover, workers in the older age groups have a steeper production rate — with considerably less variation from week-to-week — than younger workers. The study showed that some 45 per cent of office workers aged 45 or over produce at a higher rate than the average of workers in the 35-44 age group. Workers 65 or over generally average as high as any other group.

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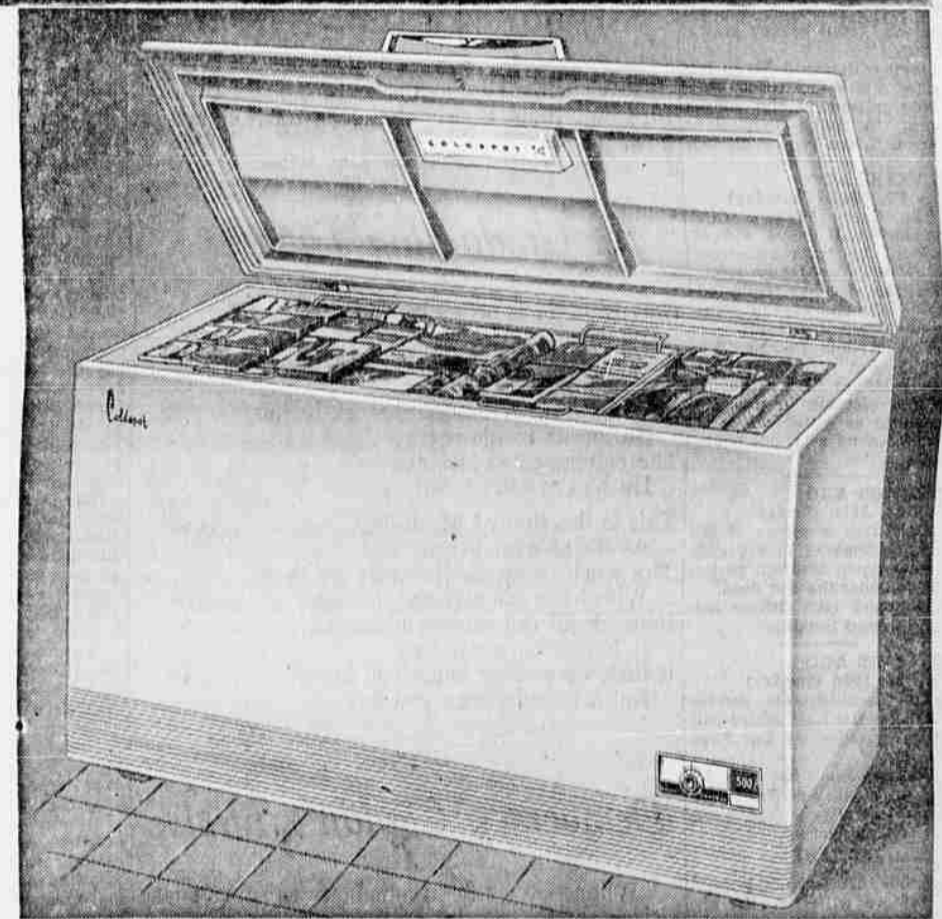
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