

Capitol Memo

**Rep. Grace O. Peck
Fierce Fighter for
Legislative Goals**

By DOUGLAS GRIPP

Salem — (UPI) — The trademarks of Rep. Grace O. Peck (D-Portland) are candy, flowers, tears and a crusade for the disabled of society — "legislation with a heart."

A powerful voice for welfare and social legislation, this is her fourth legislature. As usual, she is fiercely for her goals, which include:

—A state women's prison.

—An expanded program for aid to the blind.

—A \$592,000 cerebral palsy program at Fairview Home for the Mentally Retarded.

She has many other projects too, including a bill to block Gov. Mark Hatfield from moving the State Public Welfare Commission from Portland to Salem. She also opposes his government reorganization plan, especially transfer of the Commission for the Blind to a proposed social services department. This, she said, would water down the blind program.

Mrs. Peck's desk in the Oregon House is crammed

with 15 candy jars, pots of flowers, and correspondence. The chocolates, peppermints, jelly beans, lemon drops, peanuts and licorice are for anyone who comes along.

She was the first legislator to ask for a personal spittout this year. Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. gave her one trimmed in lace. She put pink chrysanthemums in it.

A real estate woman and public stenographer, she was born "around the turn of the century" in Portland, daughter of a Columbia river pilot. She first was elected to the legislature in 1948.

A widow with no children, she also served in the 1957 and 1959 sessions. She wrote the law making it illegal to refuse to give up a telephone party line in an emergency.

In 1957 she sponsored the amendment restoring the three-day waiting period for a marriage license in Oregon. She favors tougher marriage and divorce laws.

Heavy set with graying hair,

Reactor Hazards Shown by Explosion

Washington (Science Service) — The fatal atomic explosion near Idaho Falls, Idaho, Jan. 3, has emphasized the hazards of building nuclear reactors near large population centers.

This was underscored by Dr. Russell V. Morgan, dean of the new school of radiobiology at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and Walter P. Rother, president of the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, in statements made independently.

In releasing a study of 40 reactor accidents prepared by the AFL-CIO, the labor leader said the Idaho explosion had confirmed the "validity of the trade union opposition to the construction of

she puts everything into debating an issue and has been known to burst into tears on the House floor.

A lifelong Democrat, she gets a laugh out of the fact that her initials are G. O. P. She is proud of a charm bracelet given to her in 1957 by Republican House members in a show of nonpartisanship. It includes an elephant — symbol of the GOP — and a heart, symbol of her lawmaking efforts.

**Trained Hogs Have
Ready Market Value**

Cooper, Tex. (UPI) — One good thing about training a hog to do tricks, says trainer Tab Evans, is that when he retires he has a ready market value. Evans, whose hog Pork Chop won national attention through his tricks, was retired recently after he became old and was shipped off to the packing house.

Dedicated Postman

Dallas, Tex. (UPI) — A postman stepped onto an elevator at the Fidelity Union Life Building with his jacket wrapped around his waist, secured in front by knotted sleeves.

Not a fashion trend for postmen, he explained, but "I ripped my trousers a minute ago and this is just to cover up the tear. The mail must go through, you know."

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