

Jeannace Formally Asks Commutation

Salem — UPB — Convicted child slayer Jeannace June Freeman, 21, formally requested Gov. Mark Hatfield Saturday to commute her death sentence to life imprisonment.

Miss Freeman is scheduled to die in the gas chamber Jan. 29 for throwing a boy to his death in the Crooked River gorge last year.

Hatfield is in southern California, and is not scheduled to return to Oregon until Sunday evening, his office said.

This is the first time Miss Freeman has requested her sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

Miss Freeman listed six reasons in her request for the commutation:

1. Her age of 19 and lack of education at the time of the crime.
2. Her personal childhood and adolescent history.
3. Inability to obtain psychiatric treatment because of lack of funds.
4. Unequal application of justice as it relates to Mrs. Gertrude Nunez Jackson.
5. Lack of counsel for 14 days, and
6. Even though imprisoned for life, a firm belief she could make some worthwhile contribution in the years ahead to the betterment of humanity.

The governor's office said Saturday 158 letters have been received opposing Miss Freeman's execution, and 65 favoring her death in the gas chamber.

Miss Freeman was slated to be executed Dec. 6, but won a stay until Jan. 29 when her attorneys asked time to decide if they wanted to appeal.

Miss Freeman was convicted of killing Mrs. Jackson's six-year-old son Larry.

Holmer Replies To Eymann's Charges

Salem — UPB — State Finance Director Freeman Holmer Saturday denied charges leveled Friday by State Rep. Richard Eymann (D-Mohawk), that Gov. Mark Hatfield had produced a "phony budget."

Holmer returned early yesterday from Chicago where he attended a meeting of the Council of State Governments.

When asked how long he had worked to draft the two-page answer, Holmer replied "most of the morning and part of the afternoon."

Hatfield has been in California since Thursday evening and has not been available for comment on Eymann's charges.

Holmer's statement, he said, was issued "to allay any concern that the revenue and expenditure estimates contained in Governor Hatfield's 1963-65 budget are not substantiated."

"They are intended to answer criticisms leveled against the budget this past week," Holmer explained.

Holmer said return of \$5.5 million to the general fund from the Veterans' loan program "is reasonable and is based on the precedent established by the 1961 legislature. The attorney general's opinion of 1963 is not convincing."

He said the issue could go

KF Gas Service Partially Restored

Klamath Falls — UPB — Natural gas service was expected to be restored completely in Klamath Falls sometime yesterday following the rupture of the main line into the city Friday.

Service was restored to the city's two hospitals and to many restaurants Friday afternoon, but 30 repairs from northern California and southern Oregon worked through the night turning on meters and re-lighting pilot lights.

A piece of earth-moving equipment broke the line near the city Friday morning, cutting off gas service to 2,000 California Pacific Utilities Co. customers. The Ponderosa Elementary school, within 200 yards of the break, sent its 72 pupils home as a precaution.

Four Dead In Klamath, Siskiyou County Accidents

Klamath Falls — UPB — Icy roads claimed two brothers in a two-car accident on Highway 97 just north of here early Saturday.

The victims were identified as Hubert LeRoy Ellison, 43, and James H. Ellison, 51, both of Springfield.

Another brother, Bennie W. Ellison, 39, was hospitalized. Also hurt in the collision was Mrs. Alice M. Kutch, 68, Portland. She was listed in fair condition.

State police said a car driven by Bennie Ellison slid on ice and crossed the highway into the path of a car driven by Robert Dale Kutch, 40, Portland.

Weed, Calif. — UPB — An Oregon youth was killed and four others were injured Saturday in the crash of their auto on U. S. Highway 97.

The dead youth was Colin Ray Finley, 18, of Coquille. Highway patrol officers said the car, driven by Danny Paul Baker, 18, of Klamath Falls, went out of control, off the highway into an embankment, then back across the highway. It rolled over several times.

Baker suffered minor injuries, but the others were seriously hurt. Finley died about six hours after the accident.

The other passengers were Finley Burnett Couch, 18, of Coquille; Daniel Vernon Bagley, 20, of Astoria; and Edwin Carlson, 18, of Portland.

Mt. Shasta, Calif. — UPB — Velma F. Anderson, 63, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was killed Saturday when her car went out of control on a curve and overturned.

California highway patrol officers said two other Coeur d'Alene women were passengers in the car. They were Florence Hooper, 53, who sustained minor injuries, and Matilda Brainard, 62, whose injuries were classified as major. They were treated at Mt. Shasta hospital.

2 Admit Putting Debris On Tracks

Albany — UPB — Investigation by an FBI agent, a Southern Pacific agent, and state police led to apprehension Thursday afternoon of two teen-age Tangent boys who have admitted placing objects in the path of the Southern Pacific Shasta Daylight train Wednesday night.

The boys, 12 and 13, confessed to investigators that they placed a large metal sign, a sign post, and some lumber on SP tracks at the Tangent-Lebanon road crossing.

The northbound Shasta Daylight crashed through the obstruction without derailing.

According to state police here, the boys further admitted to placing railroad ties on Highway 99E Wednesday night and several other times during the past week.

The matter has been turned over to juvenile court here for further action.

Police Look Into 4,314 Offenses

A grand total of 4,314 offenses against the law were investigated by Medford city police during November, according to a report released by Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin.

Of the number checked, some 4,250 of the cases were closed, amounting to a 97.2 percentage, the report showed.

Some 84 major offenses were investigated, a decrease from 115 in 1960 and 86 last year. Of the number reported, 47 of the cases involved larcenies or thefts of under \$50.

Of the 4,314 minor offenses investigated, some 4,250 were closed for a total percentage of 98.5 cleared cases.

The report revealed a steady increase in traffic violations in the city during November of the past three years. Some 187 citations were issued last month, as compared with 149 last year and 135 two years ago.

Some 31 persons were injured in 71 traffic accidents in the city last month. There were no fatalities.

Flemming Elected To Church Council Post

Beaverton — UPB — Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, has been elected a vice president of the Oregon Council of Churches.

He was chosen at the council's general assembly here Dr. A. J. Butrey of Portland was re-elected president of the organization.

Salem, Gold Beach And Ontario Taking Action To Get Federal Funds

By United Press International
County and city officials have moved rapidly to take advantage of Friday's Department of Labor designation of the Salem, Gold Beach and Ontario areas as surplus labor markets.

Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz declared those three areas eligible for federal funds under the accelerated public works program because of substantial unemployment.

The Salem city council immediately voted to apply for more than \$2 million in federal aid to help finance a \$6 million sewage treatment plant project recently approved by the voters.

Marion county officials were considering the possibility of asking for federal matching funds for the South Salem Sanitary Sewer district collector system, while Polk county reportedly was considering an application to assist in construction of a proposed \$350,000 annex on the

courthouse at Dallas.

The city of Gold Beach has prepared two applications, one for \$116,000 and one for \$81,000, to assist in building a sewer extension and improving its sewage treatment plant.

Malheur County Judge Ellis White said that county will seek \$103,000 to pay half the cost of a new jail which will include juvenile facilities and a mental ward.

Missing Editor May Be Amnesia Victim
Milwaukie — UPB — R. Dale Johnson, 37, editor of the Milwaukie Review, was missing for the third day today and was feared a possible victim of amnesia.

Johnson was last seen leaving his office Thursday morning. He had been treated for a nervous condition, and his doctor said amnesia could arise.

Thornton Rules Hatfield's Proposed 'Transfer' Would Violate Constitution

Salem — UPB — Transfer of \$5.5 million from the veterans' bond sinking fund to bail out a predicted general fund deficit would violate Oregon's constitution, according to Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton.

Thornton told United Press International the governor lacks authority to make such a transfer, and said any enabling legislation adopted by the legislature would be in violation of the constitution.

In his budget revealed last Saturday, Gov. Mark Hatfield called for return of the \$5.5 million as one of the measures necessary to keep the general fund in the black for the balance of the biennium.

Thornton cited an opinion handed down by his office Feb. 26, 1953, relating to the Oregon War Veterans' bond sinking fund.

In that opinion, Thornton said: "The legislative assembly does not have the power to transfer or appropriate moneys from either the Oregon War Veterans' fund or the Oregon War Veterans' bond sinking fund to purposes other than those enumerated."

Recount Confirms Monaghan Election
Oregon City — UPB — A recount has confirmed the election of Democrat Thomas Monaghan of Milwaukie to the state senate from Clackamas county.

Monaghan defeated Democratic incumbent Richard Groener by 38 votes, 22,337 to 22,299. Groener had demanded the recount after initial figures showed him losing by 37 votes. He gained 19 in the recount.

Republican John J. Inskeep led the ticket with 23,345 votes and won the other Clackamas county seat. Monaghan was a state representative in the 1961 legislature.

Salem — UPB — State workers' salaries are below those paid by private and other public employers in 84 per cent of the classes surveyed by the Oregon Civil Service Commission. The commission made public its annual salary survey Friday.

The constitutional amendment which created the veterans' fund included provision for a two-mill tax to raise the money. However, no tax was ever levied. The state had surplus funds and over a period of years the legislature gave \$8,017,905 to the fund.

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