

HEATED ELECTION CAMPAIGN - During student council elections at the Odana Elementary school in Madison, Wis., Suzanne Myers' campaign manager gave her a post-

er with real political punch. Suzanne is one of 30 grade schoolers running for the first student council organization in the school. (UPI)

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Order For Electric Typewriters Causes Stir In Salem

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Salem - (UPI) - Another electrical device was sending a shock through the legislature as the 1963 session Saturday ended its seventh week.

Last week it was a speaker system. This week, it was an electric typewriter - or rather 45 of them - ordered for use of house and senate employees at a cost of \$19,296.

Republican Shirley Field late Friday termed the order a "colossal blunder" on the part of the Democratic legislative leadership.

As she spoke, the Ways and Means committee already had moved earlier in the day to ward off blows expected over the typewriter order.

The committee ordered its fiscal officer to study the order and report back. The budget-cutting committee has been eliminating such modern equipment from state agency budget requests.

"We may be accused of acting at cross purposes," Rep. Stafford Hansell told other

committee members, "for the legislature using different equipment than we are allowing."

House Speaker Clarence Barton called the order an economy move. He said the old typewriters required a full time repair man. The new ones, he said, would go to state agencies after the session.

Miss Field said an excessive sum was paid for the machines. She said Barton exceeded his authority.

She added she has been told many of the secretaries do not even know how to use electric typewriters.

There was some progress on serious matters during the week.

Thoughts of Senate and House Tax committee members began to jell on how to meet the state's revenue problem. The informal outlines of their consensus indicated more income taxes, a cigarette tax, and some minor revenue measures, but nothing drastic.

Members of the two committees have been meeting together at times in an effort to avoid an impasse between the two houses later on. Barton and Senate President Ben Musa predicted their cooperation would shave weeks off the length of the session. Musa pegged it at 120 days for a mid-May adjournment.

The House and Senate committees on constitutional revision completed policy decisions on most of the first section of a proposed new constitution.

Slight Earthquake Felt In Portland

Portland - (UPI) - A slight earthquake was felt in the Portland area at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, but no damage was reported.

Dr. Peter Dehlinger, Oregon State university, said the tremor was "barely perceptible" on the university's seismograph. He said it probably centered near downtown Portland and was not felt over a wide area.

Lower Telephone Rates Within State Proposed

Salem - (UPI) - A plan for lower long distance rates on telephone calls made within Oregon between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. has been filed here.

Pacific Northwest Bell filed the plan with the Public Utility Commissioner Friday.

The Oregon plan corresponds to a national plan for lower rates on night calls recently requested of American Telephone and Telegraph Co. by the Federal Communications Commission.

Pacific Northwest Bell is a subsidiary of AT & T.

T. E. Bolger, general manager for the Oregon area, said the instate plan, to be effective about April 1, would mean reductions of from 5 to 45 cents on station calls. The lower rates would apply on station calls between points at least 91 air miles apart.

A night station call from Portland to Eugene would drop from 60 to 50 cents for three minutes. A call from Portland to Ontario would drop from \$1 to 70 cents.

The telephone company also filed minor revisions in day and night person-to-person long distance charges in Oregon.

The company said the adjustments would mean small decreases for some areas and increases for others.

Grenfell Found Guilty By Jury

Portland - (UPI) - William Grenfell, a former state senator whose political ambitions were dampened by a fatal traffic crash last year, was found guilty Friday of failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

A Circuit Court jury of eight women and four men returned the verdict only a little more than an hour after being given the case. The vote was 11-1.

"I think the jury made a terrible mistake," Grenfell calmly told newsmen after receiving the decision.

"I still claim my innocence," his attorneys said they would appeal.

Sentencing Set
Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry scheduled sentencing for next Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Grenfell, a 37-year-old Portland fireman, was a candidate for Multnomah county commissioner before the fatal two-car accident in North Portland in October. He was badly beaten in the November election.

Harold Jones, 61, Battle Ground, Wash., was killed in the crash. Grenfell was injured.

The conviction in the trial which began Monday carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine or both.

PP&L To Buy Power From Atomic Plant

Portland - (UPI) - Pacific Power & Light Co. Friday reported it has signed a 30-year purchase agreement for 60,000 kilowatts or more of the output of the atomic-power steam-electric generating plant slated for Hanford.

PP & L President Don R. McClung said the company will receive the 60,000 kilowatt output when steam is a by-product of the plutonium production at Hanford and an estimated 150,000 kilowatts when Hanford is only producing steam for electricity.

Terms of the contract provide for the initial energy to be delivered in September, 1966. PP & L is one of the five Northwest utilities that have been negotiating to purchase equal shares of the Hanford output.

More Than 30 Testify On Proposed Tougher Sex Offence Laws

By ZAN STARK
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Salem - (UPI) - Spectators sat breathlessly silent as two parents of children who had been molested pleaded for enactment of tougher sex offense laws.

The testimony came during the first public hearing Friday by the House Judiciary committee on a 5-bill package of sex offender laws. Five hundred people were on hand when the session began, and more than 100 remained five hours later when the session was recessed until March 12.

More than 30 witnesses appeared.

Mrs. John Gaugher, Portland, told the committee a man who molested her 6-year-old daughter and the 10-year-old daughter of a neighbor was still free. She said the attacker, 60, had admitted his crime, but was free on bail.

"Why?" she asked. James Montgomery, a member of the Portland YMCA board, told of his 10-year-old daughter being molested. He recited how he tried in vain for three years to get the man convicted.

Montgomery also told the shocked audience that he had been molested at the age of 12.

He explained he lived in a thinly populated rural area, and was afraid to mention the incident to his father, and "had no neighbors to talk to."

In a sometimes halting voice he related how the experience did not excite his emotions at the time, but as he grew older and his emotions matured he began to feel his normal urges were immoral.

"I had an unbalanced evaluation of sex," he said. "I

didn't know if I was wrong or that childhood experience was wrong."

He pleaded for enactment of the five sex bills, especially the controversial civil commitment measure.

Portland Attorney Jonathan Newman presented the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) argument against the civil commitment bill.

He said the measure, HB-1129, would allow civil commitment under a process not tolerated in criminal law. He said the bill was of doubtful constitutionality.

He stressed that a person is entitled to the safeguards provided by criminal statutes. He said the bill did not call for findings of fact before commitment could occur.

Multnomah County District Attorney George Van Hoomissen said he supported all

five bills, but warned they would not solve the problem. He termed the civil commitment bill "most modest," and recommended the wording of the proposal be simplified.

Van Hoomissen said "no other area of mental illness is less understood than the definition of what is a sex deviate."

He said non-violent molestation of children did not leave a lasting impression on the child, and advised there were known "treatment or cures" for the sex deviate.

He warned it is nearly impossible to clinically isolate a sex deviate, and said deviates are mostly under-sexed persons, with the exception of rapists.

Frustration of witnesses who complained at the lack of convictions under present laws was dumped on Van Hoomissen's shoulders.

One after another mothers and representatives of church and social groups paraded to the witness table and urged the committee to adopt the bills.

The bills give jurisdiction in sex cases to circuit courts, raise penalties in specific cases, set penalties for "peeping toms," eliminate county court jurisdiction in judicial

matters, and provide for "civil commitment and treatment of persons adjudged to be sexually dangerous."

Committee Chairman Berkeley Lent (D-Portland) said he had received hundreds of requests to testify. At Friday's hearing petitions with nearly 5,000 names were submitted urging support of the bills.

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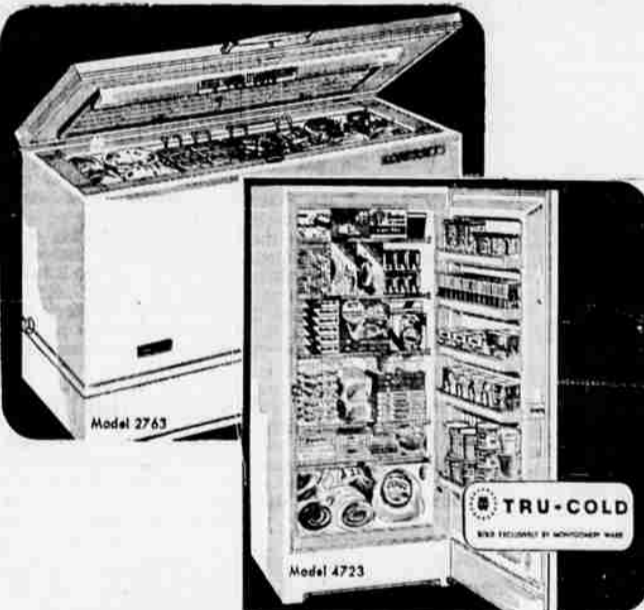
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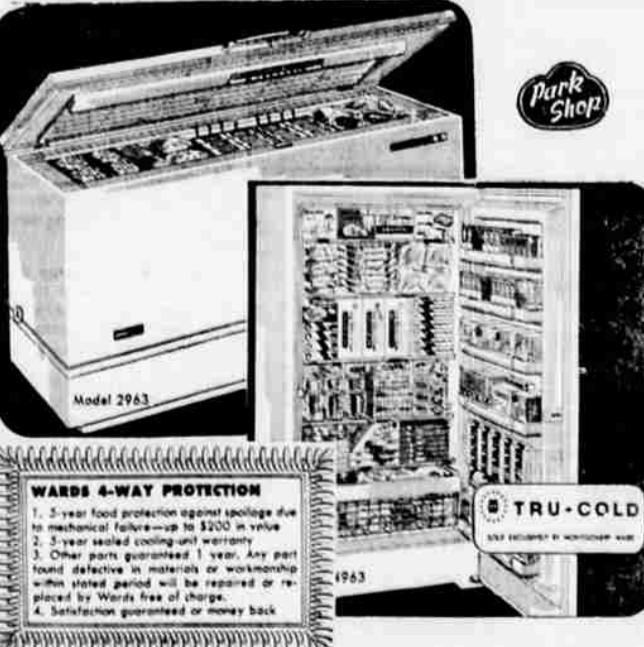
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