

# Proposal To Make Suicide A Crime Loses In House

Salem — UP — The House refused Saturday to make suicide a crime in Oregon in order to help officers prevent suicides.

The House objected to a feature carrying a possible penalty for attempted or threatened suicide.

Oregon now has no state law against suicide.

It would have taken 31 votes to pass the bill. The vote was 28-29, with three absent.

Rep. Berkeley Lent (D-Portland) said the intent of the bill was to give officers the authority to go into a home or hotel where a suicide is threatened and stop it.

He said officers now lack such authority, since suicide is not a crime, and some policemen who have tried to prevent suicides have been threatened with suits.

Rep. Robert Chappell (R-Portland) said "in addition to going in and turning off the gas, somebody has to restrain a person who wants to com-

# Police Note Fewer Crimes During March

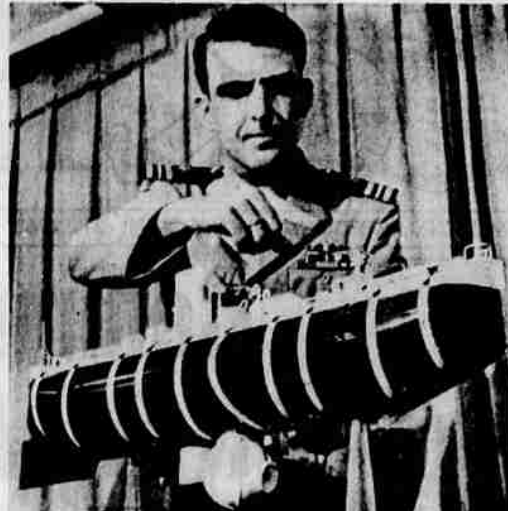
Medford city police investigated 86 major criminal offenses during March, a decrease of 28 from the same month last year, according to the monthly report released recently by Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin.

Of the major offenses, 12 were burglaries, 16 were larcenies of over \$50, and 48 were larcenies of less than \$50. Of the total cases reported, some 30 were cleared, for a percentage of 34.9.

Under miscellaneous offenses, there were 16 cases of embezzlement and fraud investigated last month. Of that number, seven were closed, for a percentage of 43.8.

Some 235 citations for driving violations were issued during March and 4,343 parking tickets were written.

Police investigated 61 motor vehicle accidents last month, a decrease of 14 from March 1962. Fourteen persons were injured in the accidents, but there were no fatalities.



**WON'T BE USED** — At a Pentagon news conference Friday Lt. Comdr. Donald L. Keach ruled out any possibility that his vessel, the deep-diving bathyscaphe Trieste, could aid in the search of the USS Thresher, nuclear powered submarine which went down in the Atlantic April 10 with 129 aboard. He said the Trieste (a model of which he is displaying in the above photo) would be sent down only if the hull of Thresher is located. (UPI)

# Industry Expansion In PP&L Service Area to Push Growth

Portland — Substantial expansions now under way by industries in areas served by Pacific Power and Light company will push ahead the growth of the western communities, the company reported at its annual meeting of stockholders Tuesday.

The principal plant additions are for manufacturing of pulp and paper and plywood and other products of the Northwest's primary industry, according to Veryl N. Hoover, PP&L vice president for sales and industrial development.

The PP&L official said the new production capacity will continue the trend toward greater diversity of products and the integration of operations that has contributed to the stability of the forest industries.

Processing of agriculture products for growing national markets also will show gains in the year, Hoover predicted.

The PP&L stockholders were told that use of electricity increased among all groups of customers during 1962, and that new industries now being served by the system had contributed substantially to the boost in business.

Among major new industries were the U. S. Steel Corporation's huge iron ore mining and milling development near Lander, Wyo., and St. Regis Paper company's plywood mill at Libby, Mont. Other large operations to be added this year include a plywood mill by Weyerhaeuser Timber company at North Bend, Ore., and a second papermaking machine at Western Kraft company in Albany, Ore.

Reports on progress of the company's business were made by President D. R. McClung and other officers.

Paul B. McKee, chairman of the board, reported 93 percent of the company's outstanding shares of stock were represented in person or by proxy at the meeting and was almost a record percentage of participation. The shares were voted unanimously for the election of 23 directors, most of whom are business leaders in western cities served by the company.

The company's stock are

# House Passes Anti-Pollution Law

By ANN H. PEARSON United Press International Salem — UP — The Oregon House passed and sent to the governor Saturday bills strengthening the anti-pollution law and retaining the railroad full crew law.

They were about the first major pieces of legislation to go to the governor for his signature since the legislative pay raise that passed early in the session.

The action on a total of 26 bills came at the first Saturday session of the House.

The pollution bill would make it possible for the state sanitary authority to shut down promptly a flagrant polluter, without going through the present lengthy hearing procedures.

It also authorizes local units to contract with each other for anti-pollution programs.

Rep. Richard Kennedy (D-Eugene) praised the bill but said he was disappointed it did not include new controls on agricultural burning.

He said in "critical" months the Eugene-Springfield area is "smogged-in" because fields are being burned off.

He said he hoped the next legislature would bring agriculture under the anti-pollution law as well as industry.

# City's Home Safety Inventory Analyzed

An analysis of Medford's Home Safety inventory for 1962 was presented to a group of area citizens Friday afternoon in city hall by a representative from the National Safety Council.

Phil Dykstra, manager of the home department for NSC, was introduced to the group by Clyde C. Fichtner, president of the Medford Safety Council.

The Home Safety inventory for last year was compiled from information supplied to the Chicago office of NSC by various local agencies, including the Jackson county health department, the Medford building department, St. Mary's and public schools in district 549C, and Rogue Valley and Sacred Heart hospitals.

In presenting his analysis of the data, Dykstra said that "Medford has met a number of the basic criteria of NSC."

"This report is above average for a community of this size," he stated.

Dykstra drew attention to the safety programs in the area schools.

"Your schools rank high," he said. "There is evidence of safety education being inte-

grated into the curriculum."

He noted further that 18 out of the 20 schools reporting indicated they had some kind of a student safety organization in existence.

As one method of strengthening the safety program in Medford, Dykstra urged that local civic groups undertake to sponsor at least one phase or aspect of the home safety program during the coming year as their particular project.

# Welfare Program Meeting Scheduled

Seven organizations working together for a coordinated youth and social welfare program will meet at the American Legion hall, 404 Walnut st., Medford, at 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 24.

Included will be representatives of the participating organizations. They are Earl Biglow, American Legion; Mrs. H. C. Goldsmith, American Legion auxiliary; Mrs. V. P. Nicoletti, American Red Cross; Mrs. William Barnum Jr., Junior Service League; Emerson Anderson, Kiwanians; Mrs. E. Kandler, Jackson county public health; and Mrs. A. C. Urdiel, Jackson county welfare.

Each representative will give a brief report on the services offered by the organizations. A question and answer period will follow.

Residents interested in the public services offered by the organizations are invited to attend.

# Grahams Leave for Business Trip East

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Graham, 175 Jeannette ave., Medford, plan to leave today for a six weeks' trip east with Washington, D.C., as their eventual destination.

They will stop in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Graham, past state commander of Disabled American Veterans, will transact some official business in the interests of disabled veterans.

In Washington, D.C., the Grahams will be guests of their son, Maj. Daniel O. Graham, now located in the Pentagon, and his family. The Washington Grahams have seven children. They also will visit members of the Oregon delegation in Congress, particularly Congressman Robert B. Duncan of Medford, and Senators Maurine Neuberger and Wayne L. Morse.

Returning west, the Grahams plan to visit their other children. Their eldest son, Patrick Graham, is a chief in the Navy at North Island Naval Air Base at San Diego.

Their son, M. Sgt. James Graham, is located at Ft. Hood, Tex., in the United States Army and his wife and children are at home in nearby Killen.

Their daughter, Mrs. J. V. Martinez, lives in San Bruno, Calif. The Grahams will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martinez and children before continuing to Medford about June 1.

# May 1 Observance Urged by Governor

Celebration of Law Day USA May 1, is urged in a statement issued by Gov. Mark Hatfield, who has asked Oregonians to "join wholeheartedly with the rest of their fellow Americans" in the observance.

On this day, while Russia pays homage to its machines of destruction, Americans pause to honor those institutions dedicated to preserving individual rights and freedoms, our constitution, our courts and the system of law under which we live, the governor noted. Thus may the rest of the world observe the contrast between force and freedom, might and right.

"Good men can always triumph when working and standing together under law," Governor Hatfield said, after recalling the theme of this year's Law Day, "the law is the rule of right, not might, and thus it is the rule of success and of progress."

# Gordon Of Medford Elected To OSU Post

Corvallis — UP — Grant Watkinson, a junior from Newport, was elected student body president of Oregon State university Friday.

George Blakely of Portland and Anne Taylor of Creswell were chosen first and second vice presidents, respectively.

Francis Kenyon of Klamath Falls was elected president of the Memorial Union.

Also chosen were William Manning, Klamath Falls, senior class president; Richard Gordon, Medford, junior class president, and Donald Reed, Halfway, sophomore class president.

# Donahoo To Head Service Officers

Portland — UP — Elmer Donahoo of Medford was elected president of the Oregon County Veterans Service Officers at the close of the group's three-day semi-annual convention here Friday.

He succeeds George Blomgren of Roseburg.

Austin Lord of Tillamook was elected vice president and Ridgeley Miller of Salem was reelected secretary-treasurer.

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# Eighth Graders To Finance Fountain

Central Point — Eighth grade students at the Central Point Junior High school will leave more than a class motto behind them when they go on to Crater High next year.

For the past several weeks they have sponsored movies during the lunch hour. Proceeds from the movies are being used to install a new water fountain with a ceramic tiled wall behind it in the main hall.

Students felt that they should do something for the school, and this was their idea, according to George Johns, principal.

# Department Takes Part in U. S. Study

The Medford police department is among those participating in a nationwide study of police functions in juvenile crime in cooperation with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

The study, involving many departments and thousands of individual officers in all sections of the nation, is being financed by the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime.

Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin said that ten local officers were asked to express their views about pertinent aspects of the juvenile crime problem based upon their first-hand, on-the-spot experience.

Champlin said the detectives in the local department and two or three officers from each of the three shifts participated. Statistics of the local department also were included in the department's report.

The findings will be analyzed at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the association. They are expected to assist in clarifying the police role in what has become an increasingly serious problem throughout the country.

# Balloon Purchase Trips Drug Peddler

New York — UP — "I want a balloon, man. I'm going to the circus."

So saying, narcotics detective Anthony Schiano bought three balloons from the bicycle-riding peddler, two yellow and one red. The price: \$6 each. The reason for the price: a tiny packet of heroin inside each balloon.

It took weeks of surveillance on Manhattan's lower East Side to discover who was selling the narcotics in broad daylight, and more days of eavesdropping to overhear the password.

But Thursday patience bore fruit, and William Yeugelwitz, 28, was taken into custody. Officers, who started looking for a "pusher" weeks ago, had seen Yeugelwitz many times, innocently peddling his bike around the streets.

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