

### New Machine To Aid Blind

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Administration announced today development of a machine it said can read printed material to blind persons.

The sounds the device gives out are not the words of ordinary speech, but patterns of musical tones similar to the chords of an organ. The blind person must learn to interpret these sounds into letters and words.

Based on tests during the last year, the VA said a trained user ultimately should reach a reading speed of 15 to 20 words a minute. But it cautioned that both the device itself and training methods for using it must be developed further before quantity production of the machine can be started.

Only five prototype models have been thus far.

Its advantage over the Braille system is that the blind person can read ordinary printed material, including books, magazines and typewritten correspondence.

The entire machine is about the size and shape of a portable radio. A scanning unit, which is held in the hand and moved along a line of printed matter, throws a pattern of light on photoelectric cells. These in turn set up sound patterns which vary with the black and white of the printed words and letters.

The machine was designed and is being evaluated by the Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio, under VA contract.

### GOP Slates All-Out Drive Against Wisconsin Demo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican strategists apparently have decided their best chance of defeating a Democratic senator lies in an all-out effort against Sen. William Proxmire in Wisconsin.

Field reports to the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee have pictured Proxmire as the most vulnerable of 13 Democratic senators whose seats are at stake in November. Proxmire was elected last year after GOP Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy died.

Although the Republicans are reluctant to talk about it, their surveys are said to show no other contest giving their party what they regard as an even chance of picking up a seat from the Democrats.

Since they already have lost one seat in Maine the GOP campaigners would have to hold the remaining 29 they have at stake and gain two others to be in a position to control the new Senate. In such circumstances they could do this with Vice President Nixon's tie-breaking vote.

Democrats outnumbered Republicans 49-47 before GOP Sen. Frederick G. Payne was beaten in Maine.

Republican hopes of defeating Proxmire rest in uniting party strength behind Roland J. Steinle, their nominee, in a state that ordinarily is counted in the GOP column.

The Republicans have been

perked up somewhat by canvasses elsewhere. These indicate to them that some of the seats they now hold may not be in as much danger as they believed after Payne went down in Maine.

Privately Republican lieutenants say they regard only six GOP seats as certainly safe—those in Nebraska, Ohio, North Dakota, Delaware, Wyoming and Vermont. They are only a little less certain, however, about Utah and Nevada. They are frankly worried about Indiana.

Reports from field workers indicate that GOP prospects have been looking up recently in Arizona, California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and in West Virginia, where two GOP places are being contested.

There has been no such cheering news, however, from Michi-

### 75-Man Posse Finds Girl, 6

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Twelve-year-old Sharon Miller, who loves horses, cowboys and Western films, played the starring role yesterday in her own epic.

She kept hop, skip and jump ahead of a 75-man posse, easily outmaneuvering her heavier footed pursuers.

The lithe girl left home early in the morning with a sleeping bag and high-powered rifle. Before she was corralled eight hours later, she fired two shots — one into the ground, one into the air.

The chase through the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains just east of here was watched by hundreds of residents.

Officials said the youngster apparently left home because she became despondent when her brother was sent to a Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) church mission.

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### NATURALLY

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Frieda the giraffe has a boyfriend now and Lincoln Park Zoo officials feel certain they'll get along just fine. Roger II, a \$3,500 11-footer, arrived from East Africa to be greeted with a downtown parade and a none-to-shy Frieda. "But after all," one official remarked to a newswoman, "if you hadn't seen a man for more than a year, you'd be excited too."

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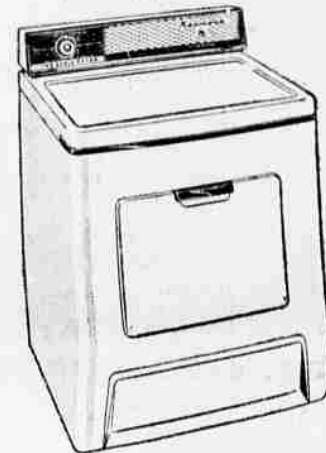
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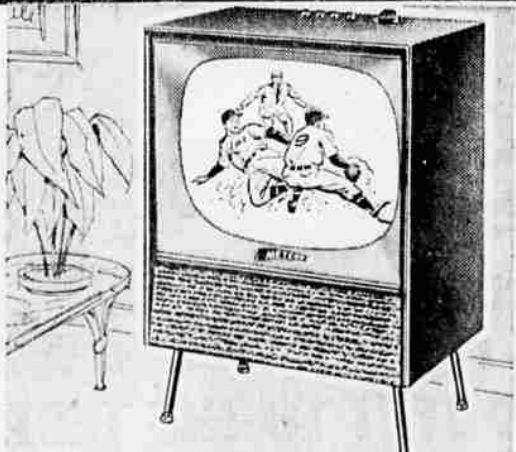


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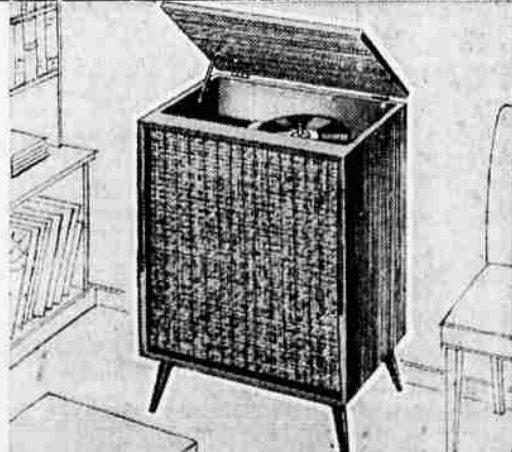
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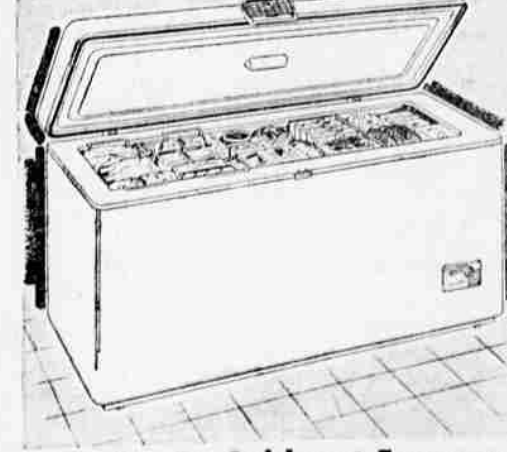
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