

State Attorney General Opposes Pinball Ruling

SALEM (AP)—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said Thursday the 1961 Legislature should ban free-play pinball machines in order to prevent "hoodlums from organizing a pinball racket in Oregon."

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that the free-play machines are legal. The decision applies only to those machines in which the only reward is a chance to play the game again. The games which give any tangible reward remain illegal.

Thornton said he backed a bill in 1957 to outlaw all pinball games, but it failed.

"The danger of free-play machines does not appear at first,"

On the surface they appear to be harmless, innocent amusement devices," he said.

"Investigation, however, will show under the counter payoffs to the players, thereby constituting a gambling evil of serious proportions.

"Gambling losses to a heavy player can run into hundreds of dollars per month, as the recent disbarment of a prominent attorney and former municipal judge who diverted several thousand dollars in public funds into pinball slots has proven.

"Where the pinball machines have recorded right of free play, and most of them do, the replay meter which records in the machine the number of free plays run off, permits the owner of the premises to pay off in cash to the player. The meter serves as a record of the owner's claim for payouts from the pinball service company.

"By feeding additional coins into the machine the player can raise the odds to fantastic amounts. The Kefauver and McLellan investigating committees found that in many eastern states, the activity is dominated by gangsters and hoodlums.

"Competition among racketeers for lucrative locations for their pinball machines often results in violence.

"Our investigation into the Portland situation disclosed that there has been an unsuccessful attempt by would-be racketeers to set up a pinball racket in Multnomah County, so it is something that can happen here."

Thornton said he already has submitted suggested legislation to outlaw all pinball games to the Legislature's interim committee on criminal law.

Mark Says 'Won't Run' Against Solon

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield said Thursday he has no intention of running against Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore) next year despite "encouragement from both sides of the political fence."

The Republican governor added he and Neuberger must work in harmony next year and "he and I should have no disruption of working relations."

Gov. Hatfield, who has been in office 11 months, said his major achievements have been government reorganization, cost cutting, and leadership in economic recovery.

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His condition is greatly improved and he will be in his office and available for appointments next week.

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CITY BRIEFS

Rebekah Social Club—and Past Noble Grand Club will have their annual Christmas party at noon Monday, December 14, at the JOOF Hall. There will be a gift exchange, not to exceed one dollar, with names on the gifts. Luncheon will be potluck with turkey furnished.

Catholic Daughters—of America will hold their annual Christmas party and gift exchange Monday, December 14, at 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Gifts should not exceed 75 cents. A special program is planned and all Catholic Daughters, especially new members, are reminded to attend. This will be the only meeting in December.

Job's Daughters—Bethel No. 6 will work tonight, Friday, December 11, on the float at the Oregon Water Company warehouse, 610 Market Street, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Members—of Bethel No. 61, International Order of Job's Daughters are asked to be at the Klamath Lutheran Church, Sunday, December 13, at 10:30 a.m. in front of the church.

Zion Lutheran—Ladies Aid will entertain at the group's annual Christmas party tonight (Friday) at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Harold Eberlein, 1769 W. 1st Street. Mrs. Thelma Fischer of Salem will show pictures of the Good Shepherd Home of the West.

Moose Lodge—crab feed Saturday, December 12, for members and guests at the lodge hall. Cocktail hour 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner at 7. Entertainment and dance.

The Gleaners—Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church will hold the annual class Christmas party in the social room of the church, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 15. There will be a program. Take gift for gift exchange. Hostesses will be Mrs. Jack Coleman, Mrs. Pat Harmons, Mrs. T. A. Shaver, Mrs. J. E. Sims, Mrs. Herman Mannon and Mrs. E. M. Causey.

Crater Lake—Lodge No. 211, AF & AM will install new officers Saturday, December 12, at 8 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Temple, 632

Civil War Vet Still Critical

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—The condition of Civil War veteran Walter Williams was termed critical Thursday by his doctor.

It was the first time the 117-year-old veteran's condition had been called critical.

Williams has been under an oxygen tent since Sunday when he became ill of pneumonia for the fourth time since June.

of God Church will conduct a rummage sale at Clyde and Art's Towing Service, 734 Klamath Avenue, Saturday, December 12, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Secret Pal—group of the Neighbors of Woodcraft will have its annual Christmas party Friday, December 11, at 8 p.m. at the home of Vivian Floetke, 234 Hillside Street.

Business Meeting—of Naomi Shrine No. 5, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 12, at the Masonic Temple, instead of the usual hour of 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Degree of Honor—will hold its Christmas party for junior members and children of adult members Monday, December 14, at 8 p.m. at the KC Hall.

Barracks No. 925—World War I Veterans and auxiliary will have their free Christmas turkey dinner at 1 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at the VFW Hall. Men are asked to be there by 12 o'clock for a short business meeting. All members are urged to come. Anyone needing transportation may phone TU 4-7153 or TU 2-3637.

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Mothers Club—Rainbow for Girls will meet and hold elections at 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, in the Scottish Rite Temple. Refreshments will be served.

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will hold its annual Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, at the Scottish Rite Temple.

Annual Christmas Party—of the Oregon State Nurses Association, District No. 8, will be held at the Yacht Club Thursday, December 17. Social hour will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Price will be \$2.50 each. For reservations call TU 4-4217 or TU 2-1689 by December 15. Bring a \$1 gift for the gift exchange. Bring a food item or toy, unwrapped, for the needy (optional).

Dance—with Oldtimers Saturday from 9 to 1 at the KC Hall. Music will be by the Smoothies. The public is invited.

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