

For What It's Worth

By Clifford P. Rowe

The three-ring circus featuring corruption in the fair city of Portland has moved out of its home quarters and is playing to a much larger audience in our nation's capital. Needless to say, as the performers move through their various acts and mouth their well practised lines, the citizens of the

nation must be wondering if the roses for which the city is famous may not be giving off an odor far different from that normally expected.

Certainly our state's queenly city must be proud of the notoriety coming its way. There was a time when Chicago was the city of crime and corruption. The gangsters, the hoodlum, and the racketeer came into their own there; and the rowdy city became the Mecca for criminals. For those who liked stories of sordid crime,

Chicago was the city most qualified to keep the supply flowing.

But now a newcomer is chiseling its way into the headlines and bids fair to take away the spotlight from the Illinois metropolis of crime. Portland is proving to all who are interested that she is not a backwoods village, dominated by a bunch of mossbacks who haven't had a new idea in half a century. For who ever heard of a backward city which could boast of vice lords, bawdy-house madams, and labor racket-

eers which it could send as ambassadors to the national capital?

Naturally, much of the credit for the current situation must go to the good citizens of the sprawling metropolis which straddles the Willamette. They were the ones who were well aware that their home town would be just another American city unless they did something to make it conspicuously different.

True, they almost got started on the wrong track once when they elected a woman mayor who promised to clean up the town and then fooled them all by doing so: This error was speedily rectified, however, and then heeding the siren call of those who fed them the propoganda that a clean town could never hope to get ahead, the voters sent Dorothy packing and proceeded to make the bed in which they now lie. They can be rightfully proud of their handiwork, for Portland is definitely going places. Chicago—move over!

Chetco River Scene of Experiment

It's often an open question as to what extent artificial stocking of salmon and steelhead contributes to the angling resource. It was thought at one time that by merely dumping millions of fry and small fingerlings into salmon and steelhead waters all would be solved and anglers would have a heyday reaping the rewards.

It was soon learned that such stocking contributed little in the way of returns to the angler's creel. The millions of small fish looked good on paper, and such stocking continued because of public demand. Through constant research, however, much has been learned about stocking anadromous fish—steelhead and salmon—which has been to the angler's favor. The angling Shangri-La is far from discovered, but strides have been made by fishery technicians in what is hoped the right direction.

Experimentation for several years by the Oregon Game Commission has resulted in some astounding information. On the Chetco river, experiments with silver salmon by Henry Mastin, game commission fishery technician, disclose that size at release

plays an important role in the returns of hatchery reared fish. The experiments are far from complete, and some of the findings at a later date may refute or change the entire picture. The 1956 findings are still under study and incomplete.

Since few returns were being realized from fry releases, the game commission instigated an experimental program of releasing marked groups of silver salmon in varying size lengths in the yearling classification. The returns, although small, immediately became apparent.

Of 119 marked silver salmon examined in one experiment, it was found that 105 or 88 per cent were of the 2-year age class or fish commonly referred to as jacks. The foregoing return of jacks was just the opposite from that expected in a normal return of wild fish.

Upon analyzing the returns further it was found that fish which were 8 inches or more in length at the time of release matured at two years of age. The fish that were 6 to 7 inches in length at the time of release returned with the normal wild 3-year group. The average size of this experimental group at the time of release was 9 inches.

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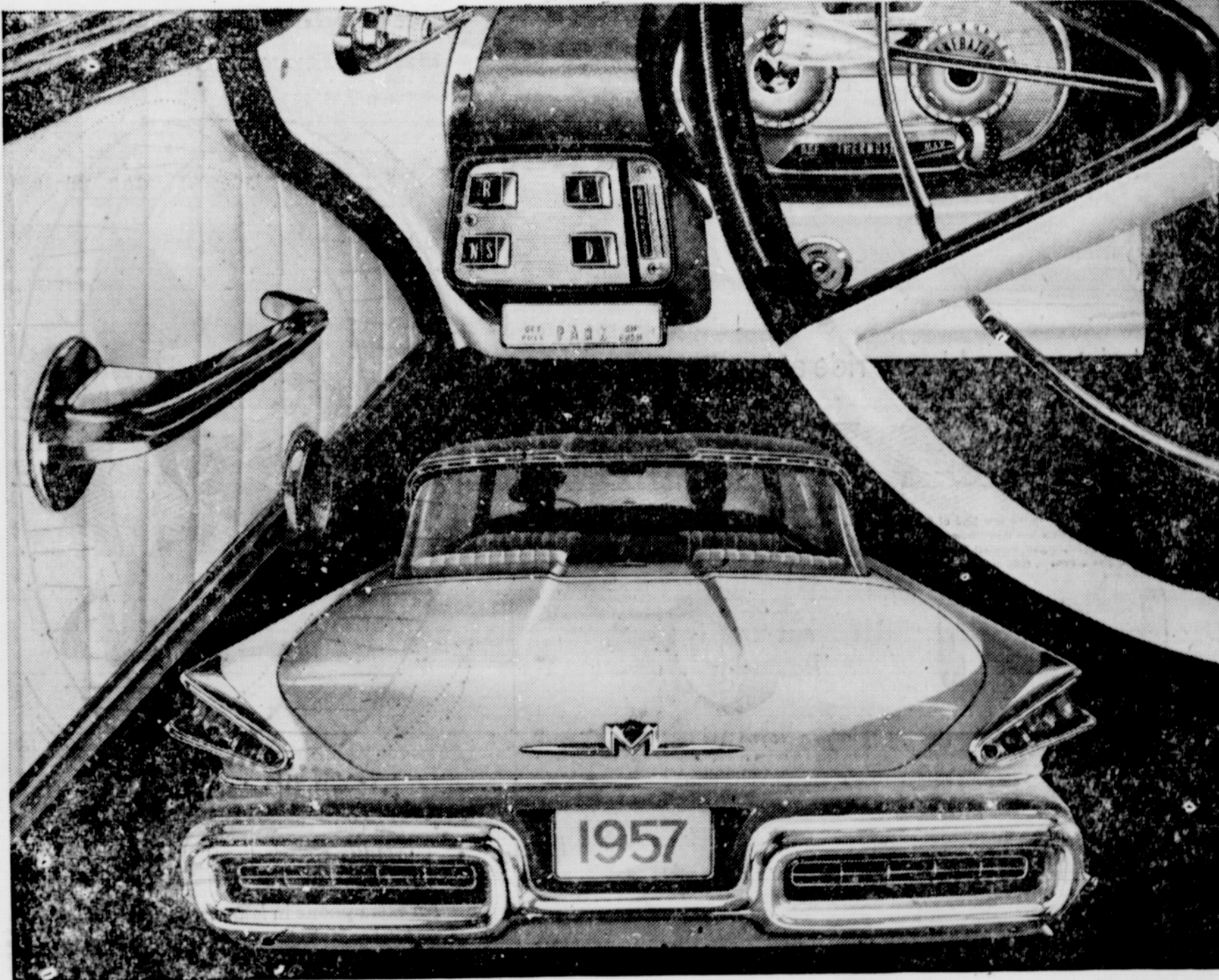
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Marlene Olson, Harbor, recently became a member of the College Peop club at Lewis and Clark College, Portlano. She is a freshman nursing major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Olson of Harbor.

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A Slight Rise is Noted in Lumber

A slight improvement has been noted in the lumber market the past few weeks, according to Random Lengths, Eugene weekly lumber market letter, but demand is still spotty and the slight flurry of two weeks ago has subsided.

Whatever small price increases that were allowed to creep into the green fir market appear to be holding, but buying continues to be highly selective and curtailed production barely keeps in balance with low demand.

Thus far, there are no signs of the traditional Spring buying upsurge, so characteristic of post-war markets up to now. Present demand would not absorb a return to full capacity production so long as there is downward price pressure on marketable mill inventories.

Mills catering to mixed-car shipments of green and kiln-dried lumber show a slight but noticeable increase in business over the preceding week. Although the market tempo is much slower than during the past few years, the last two weeks have been the most active so far this year.

Retail yard buying has picked up slightly but requirements are highly specified to fill gaps in inventories.

The Pine market continues at the same pace with top grade selects and commons moving well. However, these items in the lower grades along with shop and moulding show little life.

It will be another week or ten days before the full effect of production curtailment by a number of plywood plants will be felt. This week reduced production has resulted in the \$72 basing price for quarter-inch AD stock holding to a very firm position.

Elks Contribute \$1900 in Charity

The Brookings Elks Lodge, No. 1934, has contributed \$1900 to various charities, and other worthwhile civic and area projects during the past year, according to Exalted Ruler Merle Hanscam.

Hanscam reported the following gifts and donations:

Scholarships, \$50; Boy Scout Building Fund, \$445; Boy Scout trips to camp, \$30; Boy Scout hall rent \$80; charity needy families, \$81.50; Red Cross, \$25;

Visual Handicap, \$250. school basketball (2 courts), \$320.75 trash container (for city) \$32.80; leg braces, \$96.20; glasses, \$11.80; medical examination, \$10; Christmas baskets, \$178.18; and Christmas baskets, \$178.18; Christmas party, \$84.80.

American Legion Plans Dinner Party

The American Legion Auxiliary met on March 4. The ladies decided to give a party for the men of the Legion on March 16, beginning at 7 p.m. There is to be dancing, and games and a pot luck supper.

Each member of the American Legion is urged to bring one or two prospective members to the party.

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