

Scribe Extolls Various Virtues Of Handy, Tiny Austin Car

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WASHINGTON —(UP)—Mama, if you pull the lever up and back and I left the Ford at home, hopped down to the Austin and went down to the Shoreham Hotel to have a look at the new Nash.

The doorman wrinkled his snout when he saw the midsize car and said all the stalls were full. So we parked our job under a Cadillac.

That's the way it has been ever since I lend-leased an Austin from a local dealer. Big people in big cars are jealous—that's the only way I can figure it out. You give a fast, big job a 10-yard head start and beat him to the next traffic light. In the rear-view you can just see the guy fuming.

In-Between
Then you come up between a couple of trucks and grease the little one in between. The cop on the beat starts to blow his whistle—and his top—and then thinks better. Nothing he can do about it, because you are within the law.

There is no statute against turning around on a dime. And with a wheel base of 92 1/2 inches a man ought to get a little change back.

You go into a parking lot. The boy says leave the keys in case he has to move the thing for something more important. And you have to explain that, with the up-from-the-floor gear shift,



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Jet Transport Held Likely

SEATTLE —(UP)—A jet-propelled commercial transport plane could be turned out within two years although scheduled service jet-ships are five to 10 years away according to Robert Hage, Boeing Airplane Company engineer.

Hage, who is one of the top jet power authorities in the nation, thinks rapid development of high speed transports is necessary for the U.S. to hold its lead in aviation development.

Hage's mental picture of the futuristic jet transport looks something like this:

A 30-to-40 passenger conventional fuselage will be topped by thin, sharply swept-back wings. The two or more jet engines will be underlaid as they require a through-air passage.

The 31-year-old engineer said the transport would travel at 35,000 feet altitude using pressurized cabins. He visualizes a 3500 mile range at 500 to 550 miles per hour speeds. It would operate as economically as present-day ships, Hage said.

Historian Asks Why Is Portland Popular

PORTLAND —(P)—The Oregon Historical Society had a project outlined by a visiting historian who addressed the annual banquet meeting Saturday night.

Dr. Herbert A. Kellar, director of the McCormick Historical Association, Chicago, said he would like to know why one third of the Oregon population is concentrated in and near Portland.

Record Study Asked by AFL

WASHINGTON —(UP)—A new union appeal for employers to "open your books" came Monday as a proposal to help curb inflation.

The AFL said joint union-employer study of an employer's business records could lead to greater production efficiency—and thus better wages and profits without higher prices.

The AFL's view was outlined in its economic publication, Labor's Monthly Survey, which added:

"If cooperation between management and unions can cut costs and bring wage increases without continuing the price spiral, workers can recoup their postwar losses and management will gain by better labor relations and a better market for their products."

New Rulings
Meanwhile, the National Labor Relations Board announced a set of important new Taft-Hartley law rulings on illegal strike activities and broadened union responsibility.

In a three-to-two decision, the NLRB said a union has a general legal responsibility for actions of its authorized representatives. This is a significant departure from past NLRB findings under the Wagner act. Up to now, the board has said a union must have specifically authorized an illegal act of its agent for the union to be held responsible.

Swearing Okay
Although splitting on this issue, the five-man board agreed unanimously that (A) mass picketing which blocks plant entrances, and (B) pursuing non-strikers in automobiles away from a struck plant, are illegal practices.

Also unanimous was a board ruling that swearing on a picket line by strikers against non-strikers is protected by free speech clauses of the Taft-Hartley act so long as there is no threat of bodily harm.

Ambitious Program Given for Basin

BOISE, Idaho —(P)—A multi-purpose Columbia Basin program that would take decades to complete and cost an estimated \$5,598,498,000 is outlined in a booklet issued by the Reclamation Bureau.

The bureau said the proposals include 238 projects in four states to provide 50,000 to 70,000 new farms, irrigate 5,360,000 acres and generate 10,000,000 kilowatts of power.

Flood control and navigation development is also included.

The plan calls for 47 new dams in Oregon, 24 in Washington, 64 in Idaho and 13 in Montana.

A breakdown of the proposal for Oregon indicated 1,001,475 more acres of land would be supplied water. An additional 195,000 acres now suffering periodic shortages would receive a supplemental supply.

Poor Man, He Carries Weight Of World on Primitive Shoulders

NEW YORK —(UP)—The men who design blow-out proof tires and dishes that bounce came up Friday with a blueprint for a two-way stretch man.

He's going to have radar for ears, built-in hooks for straphanging in subways, and maybe even jet propulsion, if the society of

industrial engineers has its way. Members of the society suddenly discovered that they had improved on almost everything under the sun but man. They decided that humans are carrying the weight of the modern world around on primitive shoulders, so they staged a contest to see who could design the man most suited to bear the brunt of ulcers, machines and gadgets.

All the delegates to the society's convention here were locked in a room for one hour, and left to their own devices with paper, scissors, aspirin and cigarettes. An hour later they emerged with designs for a composite functional man who would have a hinged skull for blowing his top, a throat equipped to accommodate a double martini in one swallow and skin an atom bomb could touch without leaving a mark.

Live Chicken

Chief Judge Rube Goldberg, a cartoonist who has done some improving artistically on the human race himself, awarded the first prize, a live chicken, to Tom Currie, an industrial designer of Southport, Conn. Currie's Mr. Utopia was built along the lines of a flying saucer. He was equipped with an aspirin for an eye, a built-in cigaret and no stomach—therefore, no ulcers.

Police Chief Waits To Tell His Tale

LOS ANGELES —(UP)—Beverly Hills Police Chief C. H. Anderson was still waiting Monday for an invitation to tell the county grand jury what he knows about who killed Bugsy Siegel.

Anderson said he has not yet been invited to testify before the hearing, although the jurors announced they would ask him.

The investigation was reopened after Anderson announced he knows who killed the gangster 18 months ago in the Beverly Hills home of a girl friend.

A new stamp commemorating the five civilized Indian tribes of the Oklahoma territory will go on sale Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the postoffice in Eugene. Postmaster Ethan Newman has announced.

Winchester Bay Fisherman Drowns

The body of Finley Beard, 47, Winchester Bay, was found Sunday morning near the shore of the bay, Deputy Coroner J. A. Unger, Jr. reported. Beard had taken a boat from the dock about 5 p.m. Saturday to fish in the bay. The coroner reported the accident death by drowning.

Born March 28, 1901 at Little Rock, Ark., he lived in the Winchester Bay area the past four years. Survivors include his widow, Virtuel Beard, and a son, Robert Finley Beard, both of Winchester Bay; and a brother, Robert P. Beard, Eugene.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Mills Mortuary, Coos Bay. Interment will be in Sunset Cemetery.

Building Permit Let For Memorial Union

A \$1,700,000 building permit was issued Monday to the University of Oregon for erection of its new student union building on University St. between Thirteenth and Fifteenth Aves.

Listing the building as 200 by 300 feet, the permit showed Tucker and Wallman, Portland, as architects and Ross B. Hammond, Portland, as general contractor for the project.

TIMBER LOST TO BLIGHT

PORTLAND —(P)—An estimated 10,000 acres of Ponderosa pine in the Whitman and Ochopee National Forests have been destroyed by needle cast or blight, the U. S. forest service said Saturday. Foresters blamed wet

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