

**Dead at 53**



Preston Tucker, 53, who rose to brief fame with his post-war rear engine Torpedo automobile, died yesterday in a hospital at Ypsilanti, Mich. (AP Wirephoto)

**Auto Promoter Tucker Dies at 53 in Michigan**

**Hospitalized 3 Weeks With Cancer; Firm Went Bankrupt**

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP)—Preston Tucker, 53, whose plans to revolutionize auto making raised hopes and heartaches, died at a hospital here yesterday.

A native of Capac, Mich., Tucker entered the hospital about three weeks ago suffering from cancer. He was stricken with pneumonia shortly before his death.

With him perished the fading hope that his Tucker Torpedo might yet be seen in the nation's garages.

After World War II, Tucker's plans for a rear-engined car gained widespread publicity.

In February 1946, he revealed that the Torpedo would be of tear-drop design with a 150-horsepower engine capable of speeds up to 150 m.p.h.

Revolutionary features included front fenders which turned with the wheels. The aluminum-and-plastic car was to sell for about \$3700.

A model was unveiled in 1947 but it never went into production at the former defense plant in Chicago which Tucker had leased from the government.

Despite assets totaling 28 million dollars at one time, the corporation's troubles multiplied soon after the Securities and Exchange Commission called the Torpedo an "engineering monstrosity" and cautioned prospective stock purchasers about investing in it.

Tucker and his associates were indicted in 1949 on federal charges of mail fraud and violation of the SEC law. They were found innocent in federal court Jan. 22, 1950. But Tucker was never able to revive the bankrupt company. He returned to Ypsilanti to manage the Ypsilanti Machine and Tool Co., owned by his mother, Mrs. Lucille Holmes.

Survivors include his mother, his widow, and three sons and two daughters.

**Gold Dealings Bring Arrest**

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Joseph J. Boyle of New York City was held here today under \$10,000 bond after being arrested on a New York warrant charging illegal gold dealings.

Boyle, 52, is charged with conspiracy to defraud the federal government of its function in fixing and regulating the importing and exporting of gold coin or secret bullion.

Secret Service agents said Boyle was indicted in New York Aug. 27, 1952. They said Boyle said he had been in Mexico a year before being deported.

The agents said the indictment alleged six million dollars in gold was diverted to the black market.

**Youths Suffer Leg Fractures In Gorge Fall**

REDMOND (UP)—Two youthful Malheur duck hunters fell 100 feet to the depths of Crooked river gorge yesterday, then managed to make their own way out of the chasm.

John McClaskey, 17, and Raymond Barnett, 18, were both believed to have suffered leg fractures and possible internal injuries from their fall.

They told officers they had climbed to the bottom of the gorge to retrieve two ducks they had shot. About 100 feet up the steep walls of the gorge, they stopped to rest. A rock on which they were sitting gave way, plunging both to the river bed.

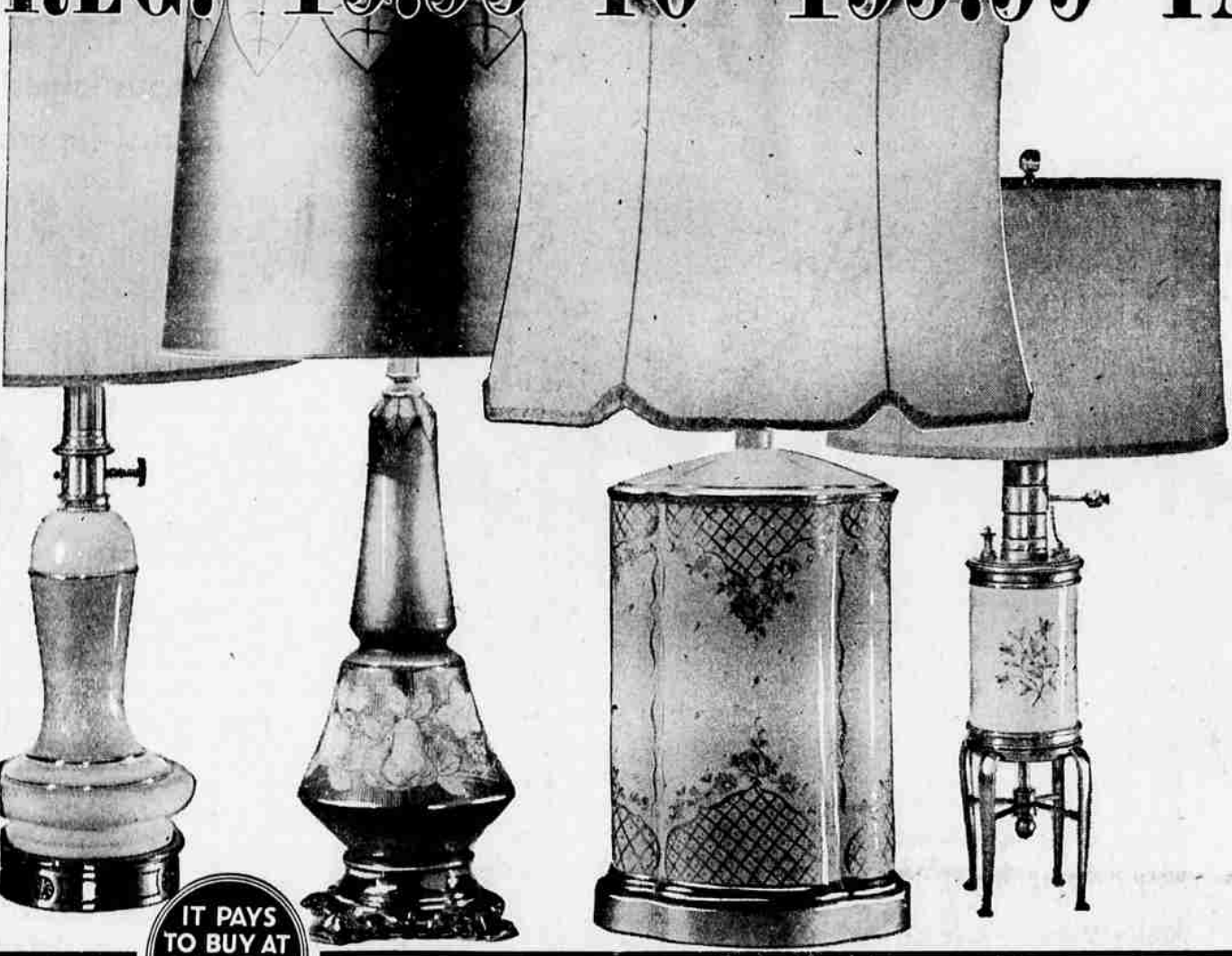
After climbing out of the gorge they made their way unassisted to the nearby home of a relative of one of the youths and were brought to a hospital here.

**LIGHT FIRES HOUSE**  
PORTLAND (AP)—John D. Dauthiers stepped out for a sandwich Wednesday night and when he returned he found his house afire. Firemen blamed a light bulb, turned on all day, dangling like close to a rafter. \$100,000 was lost.

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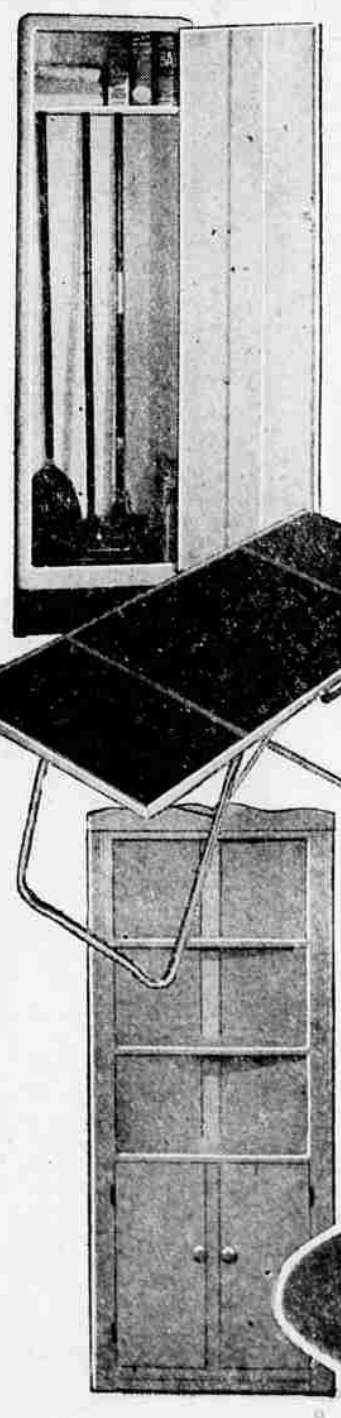
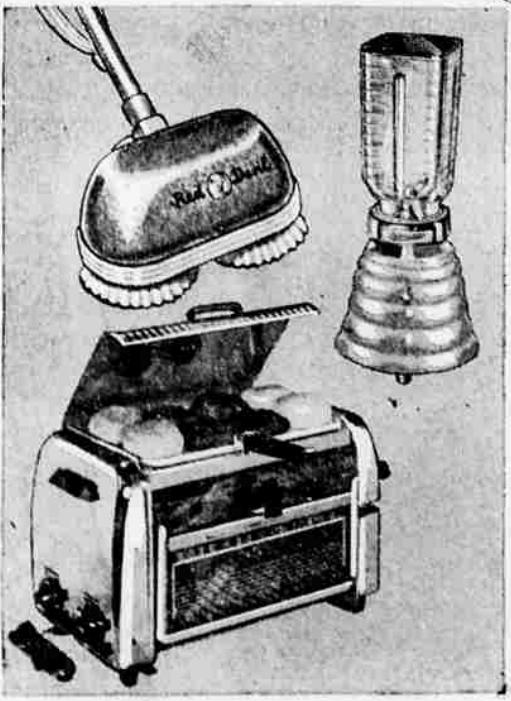
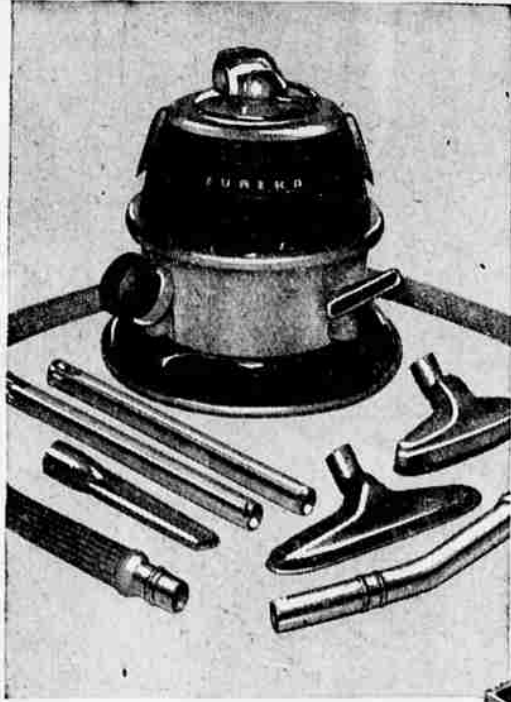
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