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Through The KEYHOLE

What local school official had a tug-of-war with a Ford tractor the other night? His car stuck in the ditch—burning rubber in reverse—with the tractor on the end of a chain hooked to the front of the school man's car pulling in the other direction. Needless to say, the tractor won!

Who was the young man parked in an alley blocking traffic last Saturday night. His best girl was with him too! That big Buick Convertible really takes up a lot of room Gene and Marilyn.

Sombody we know ran out of gas on the way back from Lebanon recently. We won't mention any names, but he went up to look at a street sweeper and was so anxious to get back to Central Point to patronize local gasoline dealers and had to call friends for a "tin of petrol". Bit of a rough go eh, old chap!

Overheard on Pine Street—"There's sure a lot of pretty girls in this town." "Yeh, says the other sage, "and all of us darn fools had to get married before we got here." We ain't about to tell who said that.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham

"Be My Valentine"

There are various theories about how the name Valentine came to be connected with the day on which lovers send tokens to one another. One is based on the belief throughout Europe during the Middle Ages that birds began to mate on February 14th. Some suggest that the association grew out of the similarity between the Norman "galatin", meaning a lover of women, and the name Valentine. The fact that the initial "g" was frequently pronounced as "v" was supposed to have led to the confusion.

"The American Book of Days" lists another possibility. "Another theory is that the lover's custom is a survival and a Christianized form of a practice in the Roman feast of the Lupercalia occurring in February. The names of young men and women were put in a box from which they were drawn



of saints for the names of the young people; each young person was to try to emulate the saint drawn for him or her during the next twelve months. As this drawing occurred on February 14, the day of the saint, the association with Valentine was established."

A comment on this idea quoted from the "Curiosities of Popular Custom" "Wanton youth was not satisfied to imitate these holy fathers and ballot for a ghostly partner in heaven. It longed for tangible flesh and blood here on earth—flesh and blood of that delightful variety which has a spice of the devil in it, and is known as woman. (I'm quoting a mere man, remember!) So it went back to something like the pagan custom." Pagan or not, it's a really nice idea, and I hope my Valentine doesn't forget.

Keith Lawton Buys Myers Dairy Ranch

The dairy ranch of James F. Myers on Route 1, Old Stage road, was recently sold to Mr. and Mrs. Keith B. Lawton.

They will take possession about May 1. The Myers plan to make a trip south before settling again. Sale of the property was handled through the M & M Agency.

STILL WITH SISTER

Mrs. Florence Bailey, 607 W.

Second street in Medford is still at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chester Ashton, at 245 N. Second street, recuperating from a long siege of illness.

PRESENTED SWEATER

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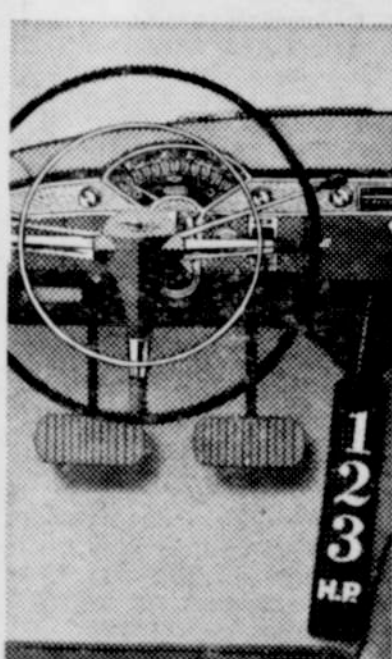
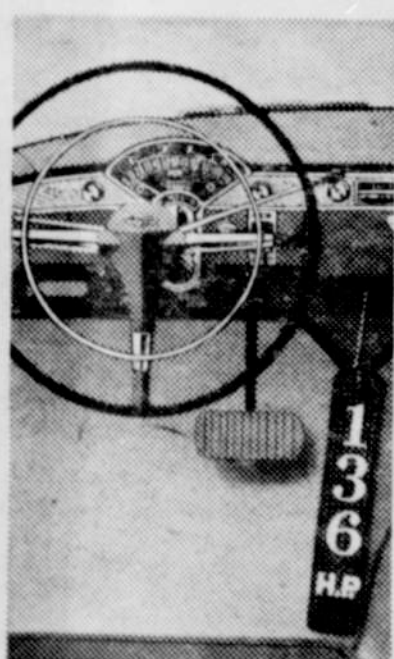
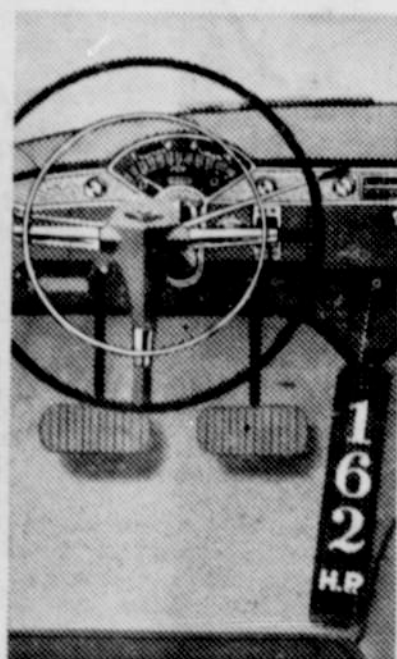
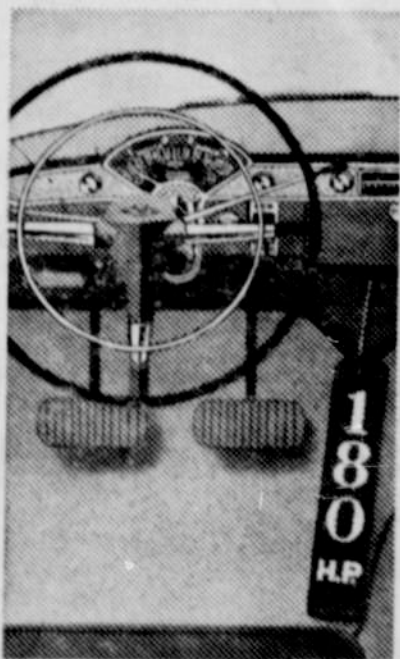
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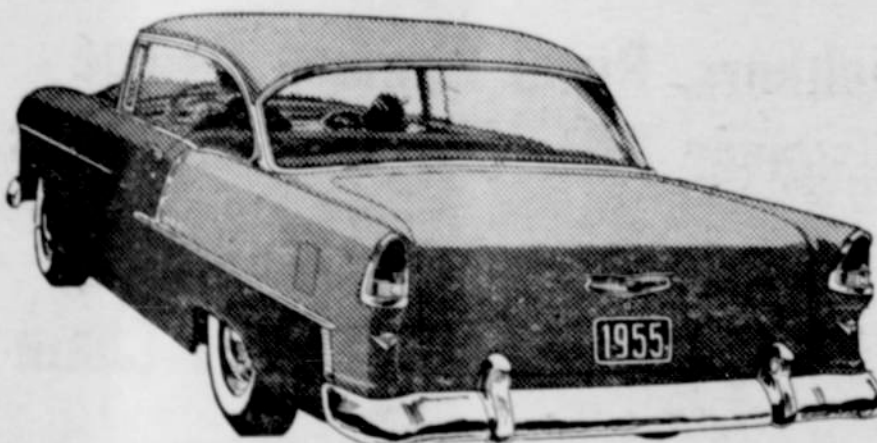
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