

RULING BY COURT MAGNIFIES PROBE OF PATENT USES

Job Tossed to Congress by Supreme Justices' Stand Limit May Be Placed On Patented Articles Sold

By Preston Grover.
WASHINGTON—The supreme court today tossed the monopoly investigators a job into the hands of congress before the inquiry into big business could get started. Just as the joint congressional-antitrust inquiry into patent monopolies and other monopolies was to begin, the court upheld the right of a patent owner to limit the use of his patented articles even after selling them. Specifically the decision applied to patented vacuum tube amplifiers used in radio receiving sets and talking picture machines. The court held that Western Electric company, owner of the patents, could license a company to sell tubes only for use in some set radio stations. It would be illegal to sell the tubes to somebody else who wanted to make a talking picture machine.

Liable to Triple Damages
General Talking Pictures corporation bought some of the tubes and in defiance of the license used them in talking picture machines. Now, under the decision, the company is liable to triple damages. Not only did the company protest at the decision but the department of justice argued that such a ruling would "put

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'Frisco Latest Addition to Tribe



Pridefully gazing upon the newest addition to their family are the 11 other children of Dr. and Mrs. St. Louis Estes, veteran campaigner for raw foods and light clothing. Like the other boys, the newcomer was named St. Louis Estes, but to keep him separate he'll be known as "Frisco." He was born December 15 in San Francisco. Top row, left to right: Suzanne Fanchon, Honeyuckle, Chickadee, Dimples, General, Natacha Moraine and Sugar. Front row (left to right): Howie, Dixie Lou Medora, Mrs. Estes holding Frisco, Sonny, Patty, and Papa Estes. Mrs. Estes got up two and one-half hours after Frisco was born. (A. P. photo.)

the administration of the anti-trust acts in serious jeopardy." It was a split decision. Justices Black and Reed holding that when the company sold radio tubes, the buyer could use them in any manner he chose. To give the patent owner the right to restrict use of his patents, the two justices argued, would be to broaden the patent privilege out of all reason. Patent monopolies have been a favorite subject for congressional inquiries and threats of inquiries for years and now comes along a case right down the alley of the anti-monopolists, with the department of justice backing up a demand for a restriction of patent monopoly rights.

Anti-Monopoly "Big Show"
All in all, this pillared city of public drama is simply outdoing itself with a three ring antimoney circus. First and foremost is the monopoly investigation conducted jointly by congress and several departments, including the department of justice. After a few chosen economists, including Leon Henderson and Isadore Lubin from new deal ranks, have outlined the theme song, the big inquiry expects to find out as a first effort what effect automobile patents have had in encouraging or discouraging monopoly in that industry. Committee advisors expect the industry to come through the examination with something near an "A" grade. But there are two other investigations in operation. One is the suit and dragging inquiry by the federal communications commission to determine whether the big radio chains have a monopoly on broadcasting.

Chance to Reform.
Another is the anti-trust shake-down drive conducted by the department of justice under Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general. Already he has turned the lights on automobile financing and on an alleged milk monopoly in the Chicago district. His is a special type of investigation under the 40-year-old anti-trust laws brightened by a new wrinkle. Investigators work secretly

on a suspected company until suddenly indictments are brought out alleging violation of the anti-trust laws. The accused company then can face joint criminal and civil prosecution or come forward with written promises not only to stop the suspected bad practices but promises even further reforms in the interest of the public good. When such promises are satisfactory to the department and the federal courts, the indictments are washed out. All in all it promises to be a very exciting winter for big business.

HALT PICKETING IRON FOR JAPAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Potential war material bound for Japan went aboard the Greek freighter Spyros and the British ship Beckenham today, under an agreement whereby Chinese withdrew their picket lines in favor of a national campaign for a Japanese embargo. Two thousand tons of iron will be added to the cargo of nearly 7000 tons which had been loaded on the Spyros prior to the tieup last Friday when longshoremen declined to go through Chinese pickets. About 500 tons of iron rails will be placed aboard the Beckenham. Possibility of a port shutdown and consequent spread to other Pacific coast cities faded yesterday when Chinese leaders ordered withdrawal of pickets, thanked longshoremen for their cooperation and led a mass demonstration in San Francisco's Chinatown.

First Junior Citizen.
PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(P)—Robert L. Eaton, 30, city passenger agent for the Great Northern Railway company, was selected last night as Portland's first junior citizen for 1938. The award is made annually by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and represents recognition for outstanding civic service.

FORD TO WIDEN FARM PROJECT FOR IDLE BOYS

Experiment On Tract of 400 Acres Nets \$6000 Gain—70 Youths Aided —Receive Daily Wages

By Robert La Bloude
United Press Staff Correspondent
DEARBORN, Mich.—(UP)—Henry Ford is more convinced than ever that the soil will pay dividends.

Seventy youths he started this year on a back-to-the-farm movement came through the experiment so financially successful Ford plans to expand the idea next year.

Throughout the lean years since 1929, the automobile magnate had insisted that the key to returning prosperity was in the soil. He led the way to the use of farm products in heavy industry by making door handles, steering wheels and paint from the soy bean.

Last spring he conceived an idea that would help jobless youths from needy families keep themselves busy and possibly earn some money in agriculture. He turned over a 400-acre tract near his old homestead to 70 boys, provided them with farm machinery, army tents and a mess hall. The boys called it Camp Legion because many of them were from veterans' families whose wage earners were disabled or dead.

Net Profit \$6,000
After a bountiful harvest this fall, the camp showed a profit of \$6,000 from its agricultural products after costs of the camp and \$2 daily wages to the boys had been deducted. Only 11 of the original camp enrollees failed to work out the full six months in the net results he told Al Brown, camp director, that more camps of the same type would be started next year.

Youths Notice Farmers
The youths in Camp Legion were given a free reign when they started the project. Brown remained only in an advisory capacity. Although "differ" farmers were strictly their own bosses, they appointed their own farmers from among their number.

At the end of the harvest they had produced 6,000 bushels of field corn, 5,300 ears of sweet corn, 2,000 pounds of soy beans, 1,100 bushels of tomatoes, 1,150 bushels of potatoes, 500 pumpkins, 6,000 pounds of squash and a wide variety of garden vegetables which were sold at a roadside market.

After the payoff, when most of the camp members were prepared to go out and seek jobs, Ford called them together and gave them jobs for the winter in his automobile plants. Those under 18 were placed in the Ford trade school.

JACKSON COUNTY FIFTH U. OF O. ENROLLMENT

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21.—(UP)—Dr. Earl M. Pallett, registrar of the University of Oregon, said every Oregon county is represented in the enrollment of 3334 students. Multnomah, with 880, leads Lane is second with 864, Marion third with 114, Clackamas fourth with 88, Jackson fifth with 81, and Klamath sixth with 77.

GOLD HILL IRRIGATION JOB HAS WPA SANCTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Sen. Charles McNary (R.-Ore.) today announced presidential approval of WPA expenditures for the following Oregon projects:
Construction of flumes and other facilities on the Lacombe Irrigation

DR. DIVINE SPEAKS AT LIONS DINNER

The Lions club received its annual Christmas message last night from Dr. Sherman L. Divine, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The message was delivered at the club's weekly dinner-meeting in the Hotel Holladay.

In his message Dr. Divine emphasized the humble circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ and contrasted conditions then with those prevailing in the world today.

A trio of senior high school girls entertained the club with Christmas anthems. The singers were Mary E. Shreve, Nola Harwood and Dorothy Gaddis. They were accompanied by Natalie Tengwald.

Other guests of the club were the automobile dealers who displayed cars at the recent Lions auto show. The dealers gave their views of the show.

MRS. HURLBERT PASSES, AGED 74

Drucilla Hurlbert, beloved resident of Jacksonville where she has resided and endeared herself to all those with whom she has come in contact during her last 11 years spent there, passed away at her home at 7:40 a.m. today at the age of 74.

She was born in Wisconsin, October 30, 1864. For 20 years before coming to Jacksonville, she resided at Kelso, Wash., and is the last one of her family to answer the final call.

She is survived by her husband, Henry D. Hurlbert and two sons by a former marriage, Lawrence Perry of Kelso, Wash., and Alvin F. Perry of Jacksonville.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel at 2:00 p.m. Friday with Rev. D. E. Millard officiating.

SHINGLE MILL FIRE UNDER INVESTIGATION

EUGENE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Officers were investigating the burning of the Roy Swenson shingle mill at Horton, small community west of here, today after reports were circulated that the fire was of incendiary origin. The mill was completely consumed by flames. No estimate of the damage was made.

Captain Sam Malehorn, special investigator for the state police and the state fire marshal's office, and Deputy Sheriff Nelson Whippus were checking on the rumors.

Tallest man in the British army is R. C. Bateman, 21, who stands six feet, nine inches.

JOHN NAGLEY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LOCAL ACTIVE CLUB CHAPTER

John Nagley was elected president of the local Active International chapter last night at the regular weekly dinner-meeting in the Hotel Medford.

He succeeds Paul Meyers, and will serve a six-month term. Elected to the vice-presidency, also for six months, was Homer Marx, and Simeri Jarvi was elected sergeant-at-arms for six months. Ray Martin, secretary-treasurer, still has six months of his one-year term to serve.

Retiring vice-president was John Nagley; retiring sergeant-at-arms, Gerald Latham.

Paul Meyers was elected a director for one year, and Ben Newman and Gerald Latham were named six-month directors. Retiring directors were Aubrey Norris, Simeri Jarvi and Ron DeVore.

Installation of the newly-elected officers will be held the night of January 10, at a special meeting in the Hotel Medford to which wives and lady friends of the Active members will be invited. John Neidormer is in charge of arrangements. There will be no more meetings until then.

New York state has 10,838 churches with a total membership of 6,799,146, according to a 1928 survey.

AUTO OWNERS SLOW IN GETTING PLATES

Applications for 1939 auto license plates are coming in slowly, the sheriff's office reported today, and the number of applicants is below that of last year. Next week, a wave of motorists seeking plates is predicted. An extra clerk is on duty to handle the business.

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Olives, Calif. ripe No. 1 tins, 2 for	25c	Heinz or Tea Garden Mince Meat 2 lb. tins or jars	39c
Peas, Del Monte Fancy Garden. No. 2. 2 for	25c	None Such Mince Meat, 2 pkgs.	23c
Corn, Del Monte cream style No. 2 tins	10c	Bulk Mince Meat 2 lbs.	19c
Cranberry Sauce No. 1 tall tins 2 for	27c	Pumpkin, big 2 1/2 size tins	10c
Dates, Fancy Monogram 1 1/2 lb. pkg.	21c	Butter—Grade A, lb.	32c
Cocoanut lb. pkg.	23c	Chocolate, Hershey Baking 1/2 lb. cakes	11c
Karo Syrup white, 1 1/2 lb. tin 5 lb. tins 35c	13c	Guittard's Sweet lb. cakes	15c
Brown Sugar 2 lbs.	13c	Hershey Cocoa lb. tins	12c
Powdered Sugar. 2 lbs.	15c	Wesson Oil quarts	39c
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		6 lb. pail	95c

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