

### Helser Charges May Be Dropped By Modification

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman has indicated he may dismiss the Securities & Exchange Commission action against the J. Henry Helser company if the Portland, Ore., investment firm adjusts its practices.

The SEC seeks a permanent injunction against the company for fraudulent and misleading practices, but Goodman said he felt an injunction was far too strong an action.

#### Should Be Supervisory

He said that the restraint placed on the Helser company should be "supervisory rather than punitive." He offered a five point program by which Helser could modify its operations and suggested that opposing counsel work out an agreement for presentation in court today.

#### The program included:

1. A complete disclosure of the type of service Helser rendered to its clients.
2. Full explanation to clients of the nature of the firm's operations, especially its use of credit in dealing with securities on the stock exchange.

#### Avoid Overinvestment

3. Amplification of the company's system of monthly checks to its clients.
4. Direct avoidance of encouraging clients to overinvest with the company.
5. Amplification of the periodic statements of the status of the clients' accounts.

"It is my view that the court would accept the undertaking of the defendant and continue the case for a reasonable period—six to eight months," Goodman said. "If there is complete compliance the action then could be dismissed."

### Grange

#### Live Oak Grange

With all officers present, Live Oak Grange met in regular session April 14. The degree team with Howard Miller as master and Cassie and Joe Golding as stewards, conferred first and second degrees on Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Whitacker, C. D. and Ray Blaine.

The agricultural committee reported that poultry prices were down; hogs were up 75c to \$1; cattle market steady. Canneries are paying more per ton for produce than last year, and very little activity noted in the wool market.

The legislative committee cautioned members to study the current measures in the state senate, particularly those on taxation.

Frank Zuleger, past master of Leedy Grange in Washington county, was a welcome visitor and spoke briefly.

H.E.C. will hold its annual Mother's day breakfast on May 8. Cemetery clean up day will be May 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ganthier and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks served delicious pie and coffee during the social hour.

The tapering wing covering of a modern jet aircraft is 10 times thicker than the aluminum sheets used in World War II fighter planes.



THE 1955 Clipper Constellation hardtop in Packard's medium priced line has a new 245-horsepower V-8 engine and revolutionary torsion bar suspension. The new type of suspension which eliminates conventional coil and leaf springs to provide a smooth, level, bump-free ride is introduced for the first time in a production car.

## Studebaker-Packard Meets With Success in 1955 Lines of Autos

Studebaker-Packard Corporation, one of the automobile industry's four full-line producers of passenger cars and trucks, has launched its 1955 lines with outstanding success and President James J. Nance is confident that the company will greatly increase its share of the business over that done by Studebaker and Packard separately in the 1954 model year.

Nance, former Packard president who became head of the new corporation when Packard

and Studebaker were combined, has reported that more than 20,000 advance orders for the 1955 Packard and Clipper models were received up to the first part of January prior to any public announcement or showing of the new models. The Packard agency in Medford is Cooksey Motor Co., 134 South Riverside ave.

Studebaker's 1955 lines were introduced in October and immediately won such enthusiastic acceptance that the company's South Bend and Los Angeles plants were put on overtime schedules in order to keep up with demand.

"These votes of confidence for both the Packard and Studebaker lines," James J. Nance, president, said, "strengthen our belief that the public will always manifest a desire for cars that are distinctively styled and engineered."

"We are confident," he declared, "that our new cars will continue to capture substantially greater shares of their respective markets. Manufacturing economics already realized, and anticipated, from a major facilities modernization program

have enabled us to reduce Studebaker prices and to hold the line on our Packard pricing policy, but still put more performance and luxury features into these cars than in any previous model year."

Nance said all economic barometers point to a greater volume of new car sales for the industry in 1955 than in 1954, and that Packard and Studebaker dealers are in a stronger position to compete in every price class.

### First Quarter Auto Output Told

With the end of the first quarter, interesting production figures have been announced by Automotive News.

Chrysler Corporation's total 1955 output was 412,533 compared with 182,641 for the same period last year.

Ford's output this year totaled 556,712. Last year, for the same three months, the total was 468,229.

General Motor's first quarter total was 1,044,398. In 1954 it was 706,319.

American Motors total for this first quarter was 49,002; last year it was 26,761.

Kaiser's total was 4,345. A year ago at the end of this period it was 5,278.

Studebaker-Packard's first quarter total for this year was 62,518; last year it was 36,772.

Total cars for the first quarter of 1955 was 2,129,508. Last year the first quarter ended with a total of 1,426,000 cars produced.

#### WRONG NUMBER

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — A wrong number cost Charles Evans \$35. Evans pulled his wallet out to get a number while making a call from a pay telephone booth. He placed the wallet on a shelf and dialed. It was the wrong number. Evans stepped outside to check the telephone book and in the moment he turned his back someone grabbed the wallet.

Automotive engineers report that an oil filter will remove a pound or more of dirt and sludge from the oil in a car during 5,000 miles of driving.

### Americans Must Stay in Charity Work

La Crosse, Wis. — (U.P.) — A University of Wisconsin sociologist has warned that Americans must not drop private charity work in the advent of increasing governmental activity in the field.

Prof. Arthur Miles told the Family Welfare Association at its annual meeting here that "critics want to know why we need to support private agencies when public welfare has become one of the three largest services of government in America."

The answer, he said, is that voluntary philanthropy performs an important pioneering function in our social and economic system. Miles pointed out that "any civilized community aware of its religious heritage will continue to pioneer."

"Simply because there is little poverty in our midst we should not abolish" such private services as relief for the needy, assistance for the disabled, nursery schools and playgrounds, he said.

Miles, who heads the University of Wisconsin's department of social work, said that "with less than three per cent of our national income going for all types of private philanthropy, we should increase the amount of our expenditures for these services."

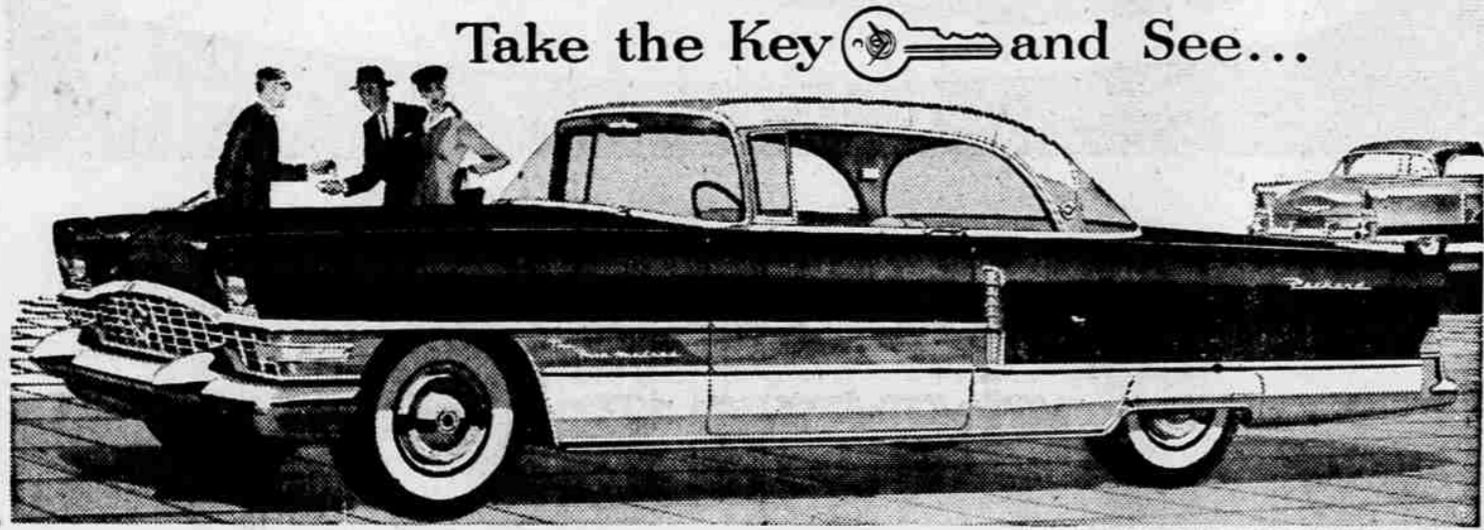
#### PERSONAL SERVICE

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Police man Reginald J. Violette drove his patrol car straight home when the police radio dispatcher told him to answer a maternity call. His wife was having a baby. The Violette's beat the stork to the hospital.

### Halley's Comet Again Heading Toward Sun

Washington—Halley's Comet, one of history's notable sky spectacles, is again heading toward the sun, says the National Geographic Society. The comet was named after Edmund Halley, a British astronomer who believed the comets of 1531, 1607 and 1682 were the same. He predicted the comet would return about 1758. It did.

Halley's Comet appeared in 240 B.C. and has returned 27 times since then at average intervals of 76 years, nine months. The most recent trip near the sun was in 1910. The comet thus is due back in the mid-1980s. Invisible at present, it has recently been riding the outer portion of its elliptical course, farther away than the planet Neptune. Halley's holds particular interest because it is the only known, easily-seen comet that returns in less than 100-year periods.



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