

Atomic Radiation May Be Used To Keep Meat Fresh

Richmond, Calif. — (U.P.) — Within the next two or three years the food industry will be using atomic energy radiation to keep meat and vegetables fresh and unspoiled for months without refrigeration.

Morris R. Jeppson, president of the Applied Radiation Corp. of Walnut Creek, Calif., told guests at the "Atoms For Peace" show here yesterday that the Army Quartermaster Corps is currently sponsoring research on the use of radiation for food sterilization at more than 40 institutions throughout the country.

"The most immediately promising use for radiation is the treatment of potatoes and onions to prevent sprouting in storage," Jeppson said.

"It is estimated that 30 percent of the potato harvest is discarded because of sprouting and other forms of spoilage, and this represents an annual loss of approximately \$600,000,000 at the retail level."

Jeppson said complete sterilization, using 2,000,000 units of radiation, allows certain foods to remain fresh for months. Partial sterilization keeps food five to 10 times longer in storage, and low dosage applications controls parasites in pork, insects in grain and cereals and prevents sprouting of onions and potatoes.

New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — A woman who found what appeared to be a paste diamond ring on a train in 1948 thought it was too big to be real. But recently she had it appraised "just for the fun of it" and learned it was worth \$5,000.

TV Crew Relaxes; Copperhead Shot

Asheville, N.C. — (U.P.) — Chief engineer John Randolph and a relaxed station WISE-TV crew reported to work today without the assorted rakes, hoes, pistols and rifles they have been carrying for the past two days.

Randolph shot a 27-inch copperhead in the control room Monday.

The snake had disappeared into a cable housing two days ago when Randolph frightened it with a TV floodlight.

Jess Barker Ordered To Make Payments

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor Jess Barker, who claimed his relations with actress Yvonne Doughty were "strictly on a friendship basis" long before her child was conceived, must make paternity payments until his relationship to the child is definitely established.

Superior Judge Elmer D. Doyle ruled yesterday after three days of testimony in a preliminary hearing on the actress' paternity suit that there was sufficient evidence to require Barker to make the payments pending trial of the suit.

The 25-year-old actress-model accused Barker, 41, of fathering the baby she expects in November. She said she began being intimate with Barker in March, 1954, and their romance continued through May of this year.

Doyle ordered Barker to pay the actress \$50 monthly support beginning Nov. 1, \$250 in attorney fees and \$50 court costs as well as doctor and hospital bills.

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Medford Yearbook Wins Top Rating

The 1954-55 edition of "The Crater," yearbook published by Medford High School, won the top "All-American" rating of the National Scholastic Press association, it was reported today.

All-American ratings are given to a limited number of high school yearbooks throughout the country, and represent the highest achievement possible in the field.

Barbara Roach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Roach, 3350 Delta Waters rd., now a student at Willamette university, was editor of last year's yearbook. Some of the points of the book which received "excellent" ratings included photography, business management and copy writing. Frank Bash Jr. was business manager, and Don Robinson was copy editor.

Indictment Voted In Marcus Kidnaping

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The San Francisco County Grand Jury has voted a felony kidnaping indictment against Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto, 28-year-old blonde who confessed taking baby Robert Marcus from his crib at Mount Zion Hospital Sept. 19.

The jury heard four witnesses at a 40-minute session last night. Mrs. Benedicto herself did not appear. She remained under observation at the psychiatric ward at San Francisco Hospital, where she was taken last week after she swallowed four small spring clips prior to her prison cot.

Conviction of felony kidnaping, which involves no harm to the victim or ransom demands, carries a possible term of from one to 25 years of imprisonment.

Southern Pacific Announces Mergers

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Southern Pacific company announced yesterday it has merged five of its principal subsidiaries into the parent company in a move designed to "simplify financial and administrative procedures."

Involved are the railroad lines of Southern Pacific Railroad Company, Dawson Railway Company, El Paso and Rock Island Railway Company, and El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Company.

President D. J. Russell of Southern Pacific said the lines of the five subsidiaries extend for some 5,800 miles in California, Arizona and New Mexico.

Prior to the merger, Russell said, the lines were owned by the subsidiaries but were operated by Southern Pacific Company under lease. The parent company assumes all debts of the subsidiaries as part of the merger.

Court Case Expected To Prove Duck Soup

Fairlawn, N.J. — (U.P.) — Atty. Samuel Black has been appointed "Ambassador of Good Will" in a court case that may prove to be duck soup.

Irving Leibowitz complained Monday that a pet duck owned by his neighbor Clarence Hartwick went "quack-quack" around the neighborhood all the time.

Hartwick countered that because Leibowitz didn't like the duck he stood outside his house at mealtime and "quack-quack" himself.

Juvenile Officials In Favor of Series

New York — (U.P.) — Juvenile Court officials in New York are all in favor of the World Series. Atty. John A. McAviney noting the small number of juvenile cases on the usually heavy court calendar said "the World Series must have them nailed to radios and television sets."

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Oregon Fire Loss Said 20,946 Acres

Salem — (U.P.) — State Forester Dwight Phipps said today that Oregon forest fire loss was 20,946 acres this year, the highest since 1951.

He said some 588 fires, 400 of them man caused, burned private and state land. Losses on national forest land were not included.

Phipps congratulated Oregonians for their cooperation in helping prevent more fires, especially during the dry periods in August and early September.

He said while cigarettes caused 124 blazes, 95 percent of the damage was done by lightning induced blazes.

Debris burning started 56 fires, logging, 51, camp fires, 20, incendiary 20 and railroads 15.

Oscar-Winning Film Director Fined \$200

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Michael Curtiz, Academy Award-winning motion picture director, was fined \$200 yesterday after pleading guilty to a disturbing the peace charge in connection with his arrest in a skid row hotel.

Police officers R. R. Fusilier and D. O. Eggleston said they arrested Curtiz, 68, on Friday, after they saw him in the hotel room watching a married couple engage in a sexual act. Robert Streety, 23, and his wife, Mary, 22, the couple, were fined \$100 each.

Curtiz won an Academy award in 1943 for his work on "Casablanca."

Police said Mrs. Streety has a record for prostitution.

Soldier Now Private; Breakfast Too Late

Borden, Eng. — (U.P.) — James Casey, 24-year-old British soldier, was a private today because of a late breakfast.

Witnesses at his court martial Monday said Casey was angered at Pvt. Derek Daley, an army cook because his egg was not ready and pushed a plate of porridge into Daley's face.

Ford Man To Speak Despite Protests

Moscow, Ida. — (U.P.) — The president of the University of Idaho today refused to cancel a scheduled talk by Dr. Robert H. Hutchins despite an American Legion request that the Ford Foundation official be banned from the campus.

Dr. D. R. Theophilus said he could find no justification for cancelling Hutchins' talk, scheduled for sometime in January.

District one of the Idaho American Legion passed a resolution Saturday in Coeur d'Alene asking that Hutchins' talk be cancelled because "his record has rendered him unsuitable for such appearances before our students."

Conscience Bothers; Woman Asks Ticket

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Chloe Lewis, 66, Council Bluffs, Ia., walked up to policeman Harold Hug Monday and asked him to write out a traffic ticket for her.

"I went through a red light a week ago and my conscience has been bothering me," she said.

Planners Turn Down Zone Change Request

A request for change of zone was denied at a meeting of the City Planning commission last night.

The request was made by Frank R. and Katherine Hiatt to change the zone of property located at 819 South Peach st., from Class One B, two family, to Class Two, multiple family.

The commission also made a recommendation that the east and west alley in block three of the Crowell division be vacated. Crowell division is located west of Quince st. and south of West 4th st.

The hearing for change of setback on property on the corner of West Eighth and Laurel sts., owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clabby, was continued until the next regular meeting.

Phil Harris May Undergo Surgery

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Comedian Phil Harris may have to undergo surgery for a knee injury he suffered two weeks ago when he bumped the knee getting out of a car.

The injured knee was placed in a cast yesterday. Dr. Walter Scott said if the knee did not respond to treatment in three weeks surgery would be necessary.

Harris hurt the knee while working in Georgia on a picture, "Goodbye My Lady." He rehearsed for an NBC-TV spectacular, "Show Biz." The injury forced the comedian to cancel his appearance on the program.

Milk Producers To Meet in Reno

Milk producer organizations of six western states will meet Oct. 15 in Reno, Nev., according to Richard Westerberg, Valley View, president of Oregon Milk Producers.

The groups will consider common problems facing dairy farmers and will seek to consolidate efforts in negotiating with distributors.

"A concerted effort of producer groups seems imperative in view of the many problems in-

volved in the milk business and the fact that the western states are getting to be more and more concentrated in the hands of the same distributor groups," Westerberg said.

Represented at the Reno conference will be groups from California, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington and Oregon.

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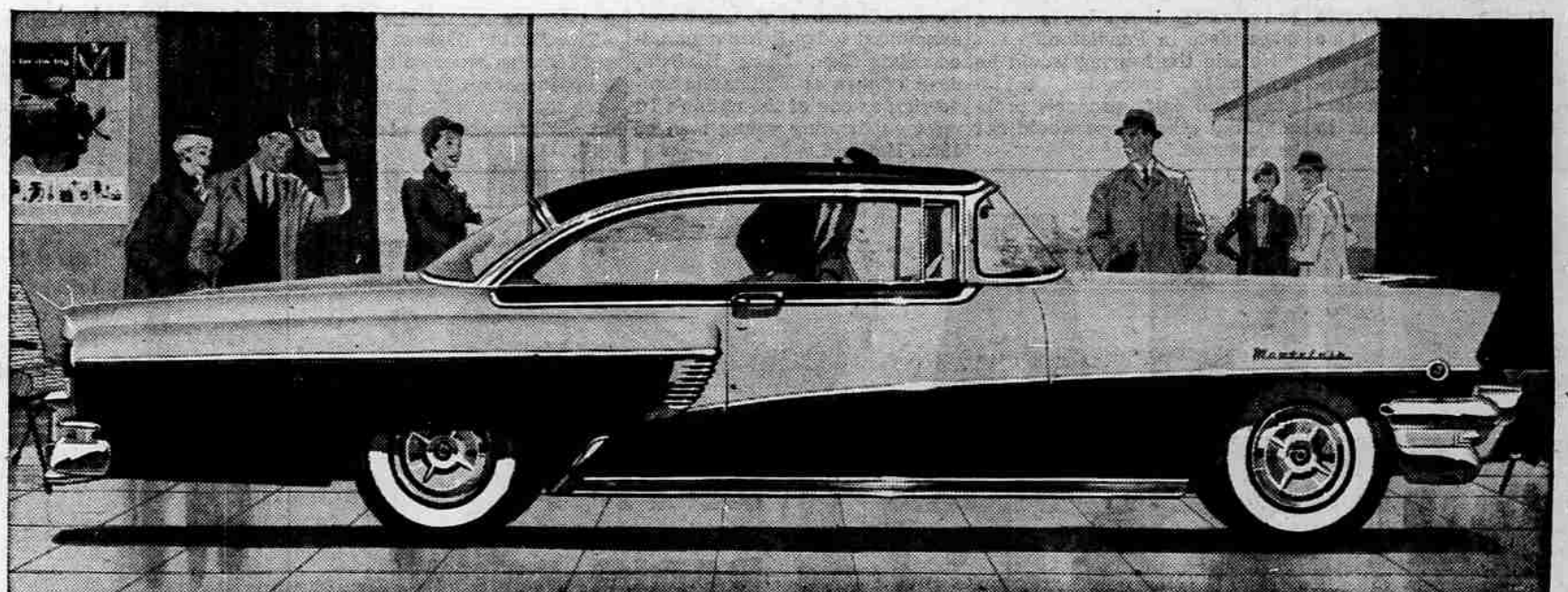


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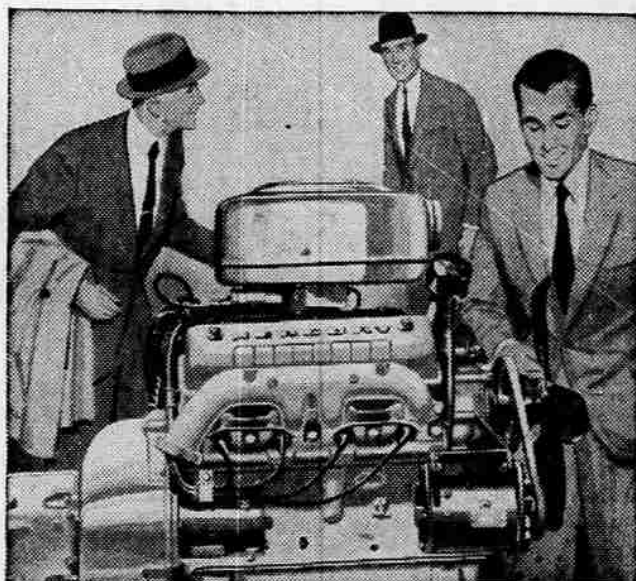
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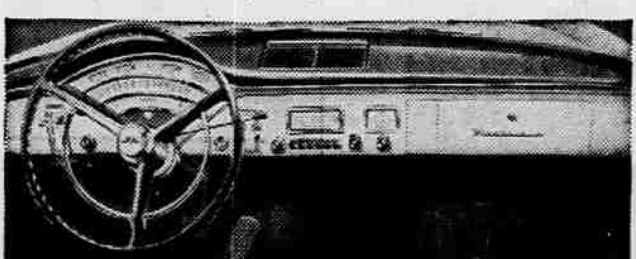
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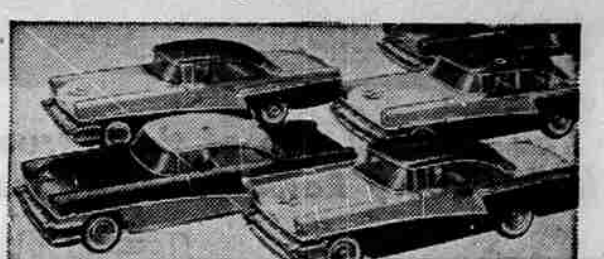
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