

# Highway Interim Committee To Probe Charges Against Coos Weightmaster

Salem—(U.P.)—Charges of "barbaric conduct" against a weighmaster in Coos county will be investigated further by the Legislative Highway Interim Committee next month, with accusers and accused appearing to testify under oath.

Harry Huber of Milwaukie, representing the United Log Truckers Association, Inc., presented a statement by Lynne W. McNutt, Coos Bay attorney, that Eugene Cramer of Myrtle Point was stopped at the coaled scales south of Coos Bay last July 12 and he had a 4900 pound group axle overload. He was ordered to legalize by the weighmaster. McNutt said Cramer drove his truck into an area near the scales, broke the binder chains and logs rolled off the load onto him.

### Knocked Unconscious

McNutt's statement said: "My information is that the trucker was knocked unconscious and pinned under the log. Cramer's wife was in the truck and happened to be expecting a baby shortly thereafter. She and another trucker were refused the assistance of a radio to call for a doctor or an ambulance, by the weighmasters, although there was a radio in the truck sitting adjacent to the weigh shack. This caused the trucker to have to drive to the nearest telephone to place a call."

But Ralph B. Sipprell, of the State Highway Department under which the weighmasters operate, said his information was that the weighmaster on duty and the driver of another truck being weighed rushed to Cramer's side when they heard the crash of the logs, and immediately sought assistance, the truck driver going to the nearest house and telephoning for an ambulance, and the weighmaster calling for aid from state police. The United Log Truckers group wants the weighmasters transferred from the highway department to state police.

Charles Ogle of the Associated Forest Industries of Oregon stressed that his group was satisfied with the present setup, under the highway department, having only a difference occasionally about the accuracy of the scales, and these differences, he said, are straightened out.

Robert Kripe, representing Oregon Motor Carriers, and Gene Laird, representing Greyhound buses, said they also had no quarrel with the present setup under the highway department.

### Present Setup Satisfies

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.)—Marie A. Kautz, 89, was hospitalized here Saturday when a homemade steam heater exploded.

### Vancouver Woman Hurt When Heater Explodes

Mrs. Kautz, who was sitting about four feet away from the heater, was treated for a fractured arm and other injuries. Her husband, Delav Kautz, escaped injury.

The blast demolished the couple's apartment and damaged the building's foundation.

Sen. Warren McMinimee of Tillamook decided to request Cramer, his wife, the weighmaster and the state policeman called to appear to testify under oath.



GOING TO OFFICE for first time since heart attack, President Eisenhower confers with Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks in Gettysburg, Pa., post office. (International)

## Joyita Passengers, Crew Disappear; Investigation Launched By Government

Suva, Fiji Islands — (U.P.)—The ghost ship Joyita was towed into port Saturday and the government officially denied newspaper reports that its 25 passengers and crewmen were murdered by Japanese fishermen.

The ship was to undergo a detailed examination under strictest secrecy in an effort to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of its cargo and passengers.

The ship, missing for five weeks in the South Pacific, was found drifting and deserted far off its course. Speculation immediately started as to what had happened. Two Fijian newspapers, the Times and the Herald, quoted an "irreproachable source" as saying the missing persons had been murdered by crewmen of a Japanese fishing boat.

### Natural Cause

But Colonial Secretary A. F. R. Stoddard, in a radio broadcast to the island, declared that the disaster was due to a natural cause. He suggested that the

## In Argentina Press Censorship Ends

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — An end to censorship with restoration to freedom of the press and public opinion has been guaranteed the people of Argentina by President Pedro E. Aramburu.

Aramburu moved Friday to destroy the propaganda machine created by ousted Argentine Dictator Juan D. Peron during his 10 years of "iron rule" over this South American republic.

Aramburu ordered the Secretariat for Press and Cultural Activities, established by Peron in 1948, abolished. He named Adolfo Lanus, a former editorial writer for the newspaper La Prensa, to supervise the liquidation of the propaganda machine which maintained a hold on the nation's press, radio and movies under Peron.

Lanus also was named press secretary for the presidency of the republic, a post of limited power in contrast to the Peronist secretariat.

"Freedom of the press and access to the sources of information is an essential requisite in

the life of the Argentine people as it is in the lives of all free peoples," Aramburu said.

Joyita may have been caught in a freak storm with its engines dead.

The Joyita was towed to the docks for a minute examination by marine experts of the Fijian government. Extra guards were placed around the air base to insure secrecy.

The Times and the Herald, in dispatches published yesterday, said the Joyita wandered into the midst of a Japanese fishing fleet and "the Joyita's people saw something the Japanese did not want them to see."

The newspapers said an armed party of Japanese sailors boarded the trading vessel at night and murdered all aboard.

## \$20 Theft Reported To Medford Police

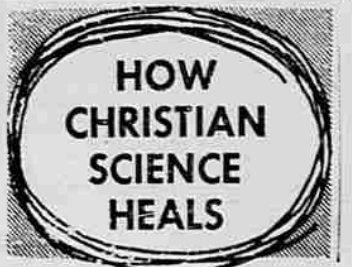
About \$20 was stolen from a cash box at Ace Roofing company, 1150 Court st., sometime between 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

Entrance to the building was apparently gained through a rear door, according to city police.

The Columbia river, the boundary between Washington and Oregon, is believed to carry more water to the sea than all the other American streams on the Pacific coast combined.

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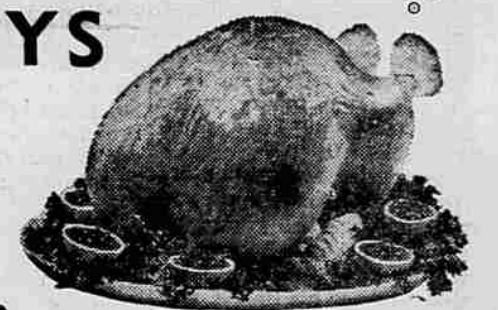
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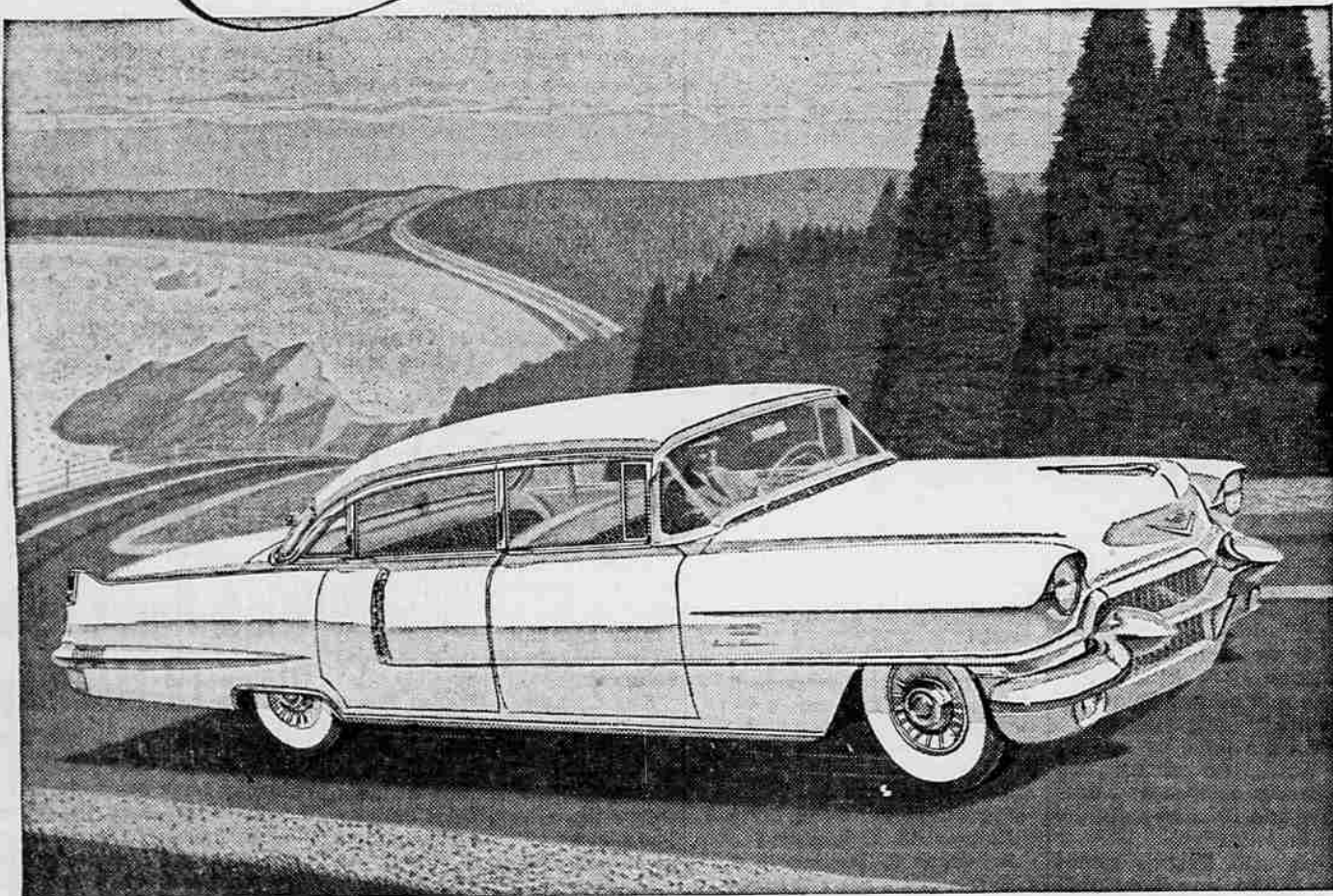
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