

### Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.)—What's new in Washington:

The Smithsonian Institution has received a collection of mementoes of the administration of President James K. Polk. It came from the Polk Memorial Association of Nashville, Tenn. Among the items are white lace fan owned and used by Mrs. Polk and a pair of eye-glasses with pewter frames once worn by the 11th President of the United States.

The Pentagon is happy to report that at the Presidio in San Francisco it has a Wac on the payroll who is a great-grandma. She is Sgt. 1C Phoebe Rumley of Comers, Mont., who is still under 60. The sergeant was a grandmother when she was only 37.

The time came this week to go through the desk of the late Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators. The likeable old fellow who died recently collected souvenirs. Among the things he left behind was a rabbit's foot attached to a tiny gold chain. It contained a St. Christopher's medal. Mrs. John Doud, mother-in-law of President Eisenhower, had given it to him.

The Association of American Railroads reports that its carriers this year are expected to deliver more than 53,000,000 bags of packages, letters and greeting cards between Dec. 1 and Christmas Day. Nearly 1,500,000,000 pieces of mail will move by rail.

Mrs. Victoria Geaney, who supervises the nation's official guest house for visiting celebrities, Blair House, never gets a breather. Since the President of Guatemala left, she has been housecleaning, painting and seeing that the drapes and other trappings are in order. Some important people from Portugal are on the way.

### Perfect Circle Strike End Voted

New Castle, Ind.—(U.P.)—CIO United Auto Workers at the Perfect Circle Corp. foundry voted by a narrow margin yesterday to end their bloody four-month strike which brought National Guard troops and tanks to this city twice in seven weeks.

The vote was 86 to 72. It came on a secret ballot.

There was no indication immediately when the strikers would go back to their jobs. Emil Mazey, UAW international secretary, told newsmen after the meeting, which was called to ratify a two-year agreement reached in Chicago Monday, that the union would "do all we can to put the community back together again."

He referred to violence and bloodshed which occurred since the strike started last July 25 and brought a declaration of martial law after an Oct. 5 gun battle between strikers and non-strikers who kept the foundry operating during the walkout.

### Civil Service Exams Announced for Engineer

Examinations for career-conditional appointment of engineering draftsman to serve with the navy department at Kodiak and Adak, Alaska, have been announced by the federal civil service commission.

Salary ranges from \$3,670 to \$4,525 annually, and applicants must be at least 18 years old. Additional information may be obtained from the post office or the board of civil service examiners, headquarters, 13th naval district, Seattle, Wash.

Orville C. Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pitts, 1162 Court st., Medford, is scheduled to complete recruit training at the Marine Corps recruit depot at San Diego, Calif. Upon completion, Pitts will be assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for additional training.

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## Newport Group Argues For Decision Reversal On Yaquina Project

Washington — (U.P.)—A delegation from the Newport, Ore., area argued yesterday for a reversal of Army Engineers' decisions against building a "deep draft" channel at Yaquina Harbor on the Oregon coast.

They told the Army Rivers and Harbors Board that division and district engineers had recommended unfavorably on the project because of insufficient information on the traffic it would attract.

Retired Lt. Gen. Lewis Pick, former chief of engineers and now vice-president of the Board of Georgia Pacific Plywood Co., said facts had been gathered to show the new channel would carry an additional 840,000 tons of cargo a year, at savings of \$1,103,000 to shippers.

Maj. Gen. Charles G. Holle, Army board chairman, said further consideration would be given to the earlier unfavorable reports, probably at a further meeting here.

Pick said a subsidiary of Georgia Pacific is building a new plywood plant at Toledo, Ore., on Yaquina Bay, and also expects in two or three years to start shipments of Alaskan pulp for "blending" with pulp from a Toledo plant. He also argued that the port is the closest one to "the great agricultural area" of Oregon's Willamette valley.

John W. Hill, Port of Toledo attorney, and other Toledo and Newport witnesses, said a deeper channel would make possible added shipments of poles and pilings, wood chips, chemicals and oil products, as well as lumber.

The present channel has a 26-foot depth over the ocean bar, and 20 feet inside the bay. District Engineers considered several alternate depths but discarded each as not being justified economically. They did recommend extension of the turning basin.

Timber Not Considered  
A statement submitted for Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), said the district decision failed to take into account the increase being allowed in timber cuts in national forests and Interior Department forest lands.

The project was called "the key to unlocking vast development" in a statement submitted

by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, (D-Ore.).

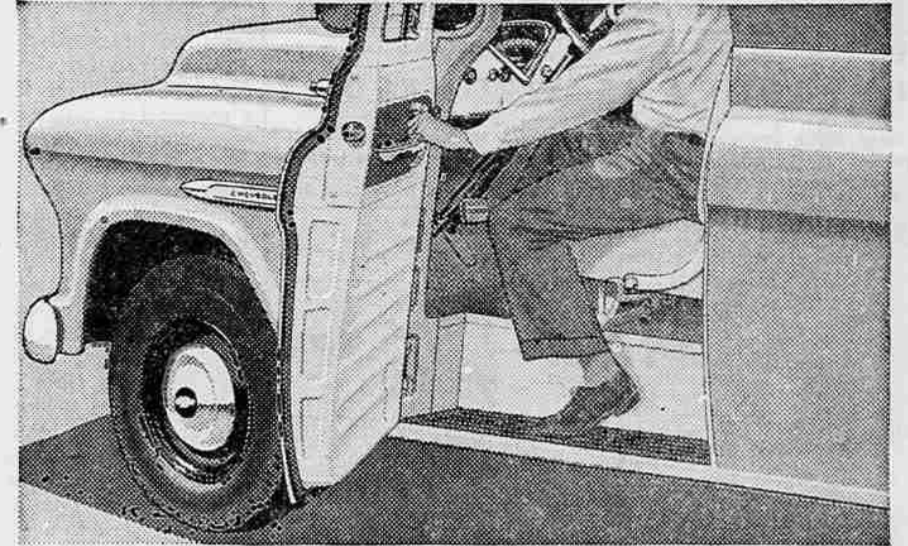
In separate action, the board confirmed unfavorable reports on a proposed improvement of Chetco Cove breakwater and dredging of the harbor to a 30-foot depth. The report said the improvement "is not justified at this time."

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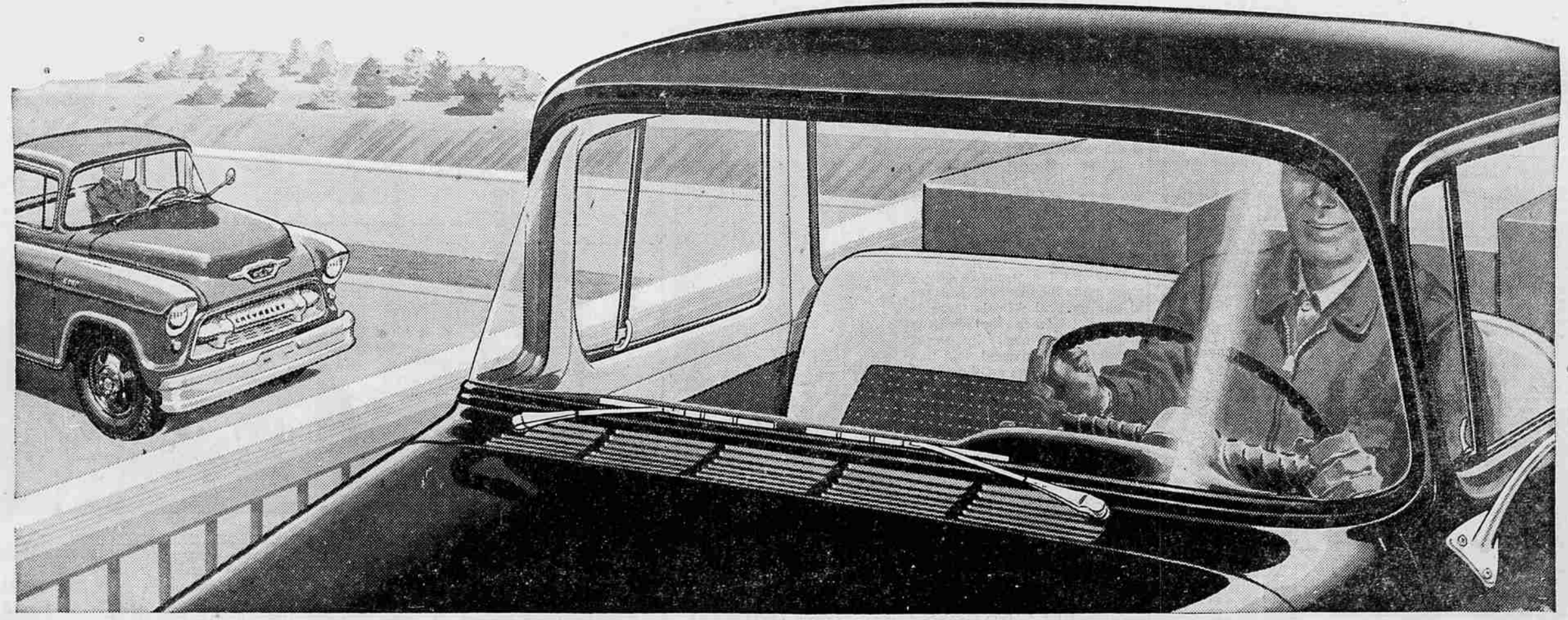
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