

## Judge Solomon's Wisdom May Lead To Banishment; Overtime Parkers Freed

New York — (U.P.) — The "wisdom" of a judge named Solomon seemed likely today to lead to his banishment from vehicle accident court.

Magistrate Charles Solomon came up with his words of wisdom on Tuesday — and eight cases were dismissed in quick succession.

Wednesday, just as quickly, the word leaked out that Solomon would probably never again be assigned to traffic court after his regular weekly stint there ends Friday.

"I can't help that, can I?" Solomon asked when reporters went to him with the news that he was having his last assignment in traffic court and asked for more words of wisdom.

Solomon, who claims no relationship to the original wise king, endeared himself to jar-

ried New York motorists with the decision:

"You can't prosecute a car."

Driver Pleads Innocent

He made the ruling after a motorist pleaded innocent to overparking. The patrolman who issued the ticket admitted he could not prove the motorist owned the ticketed automobile or even that he was responsible for it being illegally parked.

Solomon advised the motorist he had the constitutional privilege of refusing to say whether he was the owner or not.

"You have the right to remain mute," Solomon told the motorist.

"I remain mute, your honor," the motorist said catching on quickly.

"Case dismissed," said Solomon. "You can't prosecute a car."

Seven other motorists on the

docket for similar offenses followed the pattern laid down by the judge. They too were dismissed.

City Hall became alarmed. Officials calculated parking fines produced more than \$6,000,000 in revenue last year and even more than that so far this year.

The next day, Wednesday, Sgt. Lawrence Lucey of the police legal bureau advised patrolmen to ask for adjournment if defendants refused to admit ownership of vehicles. The adjournment was to provide time to subpoena records of the state motor vehicle bureau and establish identity of the car owners.

Word leaked out from sources close to Chief Magistrate John M. Murtagh that Solomon would get no further assignments to traffic court because of his "unrealistic attitude."

## Remains of Woman Found Near Bandon

Bandon — (U.P.) — The three-week-old mystery of a 74-year-old Nebraska woman's disappearance was cleared up here yesterday.

The body of Mrs. Lillie Dowley, of North Platte, Neb., was found in a field south of here by a bulldozer operator. Deputy Coroner Ira Hudson said she apparently died of exposure and exhaustion.

Mrs. Downey had been missing since Nov. 27, after coming here by bus from Portland to visit relatives. She was last seen by a woman from whom she asked directions before starting to walk down the highway.

Mrs. Downey's body, found lying face down in a small stream, was only 150 yards off the road. Police said she apparently wandered off the road and was unable to find her way back.

## Rubber Worker Turns To Cactus Plant Care

Dayton, O. — (U.P.) — From rubber plant to cactus plant is the daily transition made by Bessie Hipes.

When she finishes work at Dayton Rubber Co., she hurries home to care for her "pets"—a collection of several hundred cacti.

She has specimens from the United States and Mexico, plus some rare African varieties. The plants vary widely in size, shape and color and provide a brilliant indoor garden. Miss Hipes traveled more than 4,000 miles last year in search of new plants.

## AUTO CRASH FATAL

Hermiston — (U.P.) — Hubert McCullough, 66, a local farmer, died in a local hospital Tuesday night following a two-car collision five miles east of here. His wife, Laura, was hospitalized with shock. James H. Smith, Hermiston, driver of the other car, was not injured.

## Tualitan Dragged For Bodies of Two

Portland — (U.P.) — Grappling for the bodies of two duck hunters believed drowned in a backwash of the Tualitan river resumed today a quarter of a mile from Midway in Washington county.

The hunters, Johnny Mason, 27, Beaverton and Ray Blohm, 40, Portland, started out about 10 a.m. yesterday. They were reported missing about 3 p.m.

Washington county sheriff's officers and the Cedar Mills fire department dragged the backwash to no avail until late last night.

Charles Bowman, a contractor for whom the men worked, gave the alarm when the pair failed to show up at their jobs. He discovered their swamped eight-foot boat with decoy ducks floating nearby.

## How To Build Athletic Track Told in Book

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — There have been do-it-yourself books on everything from furniture to sailboats, but Thomas E. Jones has topped them all with a book on how to build an athletic track.

Jones, former University of Wisconsin track coach, has published a book with diagrams and descriptions of track construction and maintenance, including allowances for soil, temperatures and rainfall.

He also has included sections on track care, site selection and track meet administration and diagrams and specifications of leading Olympic, university, college, high school, indoor and portable tracks.

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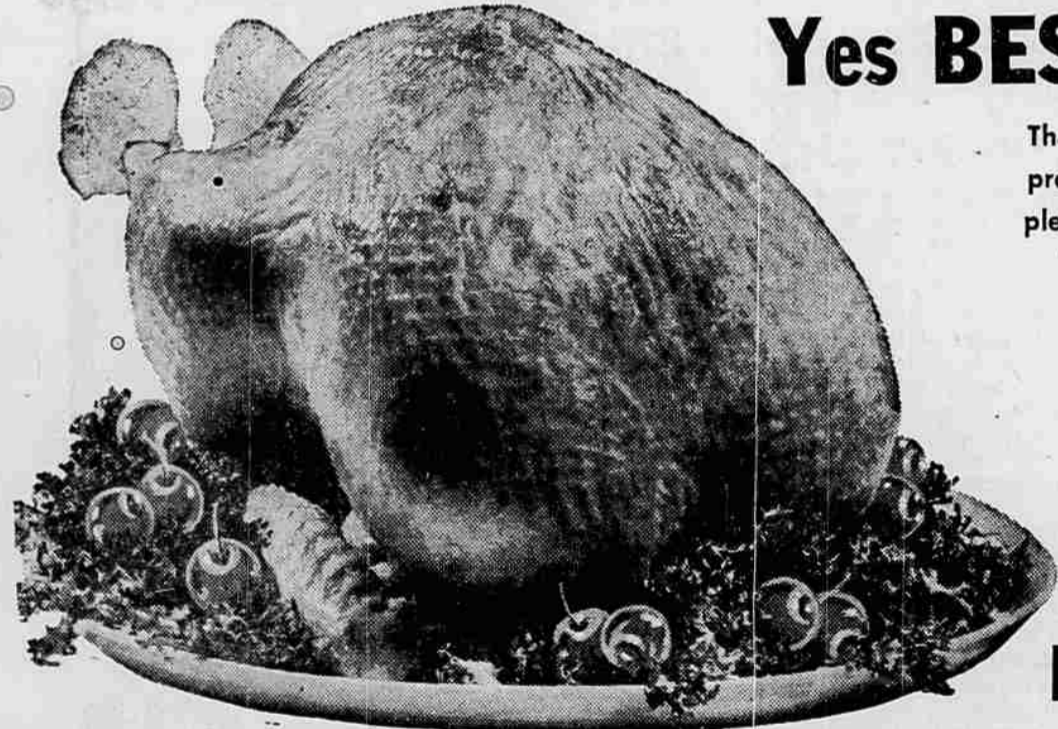
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