

Long-Bell Charged With Fraudulent Scheming To Eliminate Competition



A BOY AND A DOG — The envy of his San Francisco neighborhood is 10-year-old Larry Elam. He will raise this pure white 4-month-old German shepherd pup for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The pup is direct descendant of Rin Tin Tin, shown with them. Placing pups in foster homes for the first year produces a more responsive guide dog than those raised in kennels.

Lawsuit Asks \$85,000,000 To Cover Damages

Seattle—(U.P.)—An \$85,000,000 damage suit was filed late yesterday against Long-Bell Lumber Co., which was accused by Harbor Plywood Corp., of "fraudulent scheming to eliminate competition."

The Long-Bell firm is one of the nation's largest corporations, headquartered at Kansas City. It has huge timber holdings in Washington, Oregon and Northern California and holds the major stock interest in Harbor Plywood, which maintains its head office in Aberdeen, Wash.

The suit, filed in Federal Court here, asked \$75,000,000 treble judgment for actual damages, plus \$10,000,000 in exemplary damages.

Norton W. Simon, Los Angeles financier and chairman of the board of Harbor Plywood, accused Long-Bell of "unethical business practices" in relation to a contract signed by the two firms five years ago.

Strange Position
He accused Long-Bell of putting a vice president on the Harbor Plywood board of directors—thus placing that official in "a strange and indefensible case of corporate schizophrenia."

Specifically, the Harbor Plywood complaint charged:

1. Long-Bell entered into an "illegal, fraudulent and secret scheme to obtain control of Harbor Plywood and its timber resources" with the purpose being "to utilize such control . . . and to eliminate Harbor as a competitor in the plywood field and in the acquisition of sources of timber supply in the Pacific Northwest."

2. Long-Bell "usurped" corporate opportunities which became available to Harbor Plywood . . .

Built Competition
3. Long-Bell expanded its plywood operations from approximately 30,000,000 square feet a year in 1949 to 125,000,000 square feet in 1953, after entering into a contract with Harbor that there was to be no substantial competition between the two companies.

4. Long-Bell gained access to Harbor Plywood's "confidential manufacturing, sales and other trade information from its books, records and files, and utilized such confidential information for its own sole benefit."

5. Long-Bell attempted to monopolize the manufacture and sale of plywood and sources of timber supply in the Pacific Northwest . . .

Harbor Plywood asked the court to cancel a 50-year contract between the two companies, charging "non-performance on Long-Bell's part" and also maintaining that the document had become an "illegal contract in restraint of trade" by reason of Long-Bell's activities.

Tuberculosis Found In County Cattle

Most reactors to tuberculosis in Oregon cattle were found last year in Jackson county, according to a report from the state department of agriculture. The county had almost one per cent incidence, with 53 reactors in 5,326 cattle tested.

However, Jackson county agents said the reactors were all in one herd, and tests last month showed no cases of either tuberculosis or brucellosis.

A slight increase in tuberculosis was found in the state-wide federal-state testing program last year, the report showed, although the incidence is still a small fraction of one per cent. Jackson, Clackamas, Malheur and Union counties, which had none in 1954, all showed reactors in 1955.

Baker county had about one-half of one per cent, with 10 reactors in 2,128 cattle tested.

In five counties, Clackamas, Columbia, Lincoln, Marion and Union only one reactor was found per county.

Five reactors appeared in 16,136 tested in Lane county; seven in 16,158 in Washington; two in 7,504 in Josephine, and two in 1,410 in Malheur.

Tuberculosis reactors appeared in only 11 counties.

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Mysteries of Television Repair Said Natural for Would-Be Crooks

By WILLIAM EWALD

New York—(U.P.)—With the possible exception of your wife your TV set is the most complicated gadget in your home.

The average set contains more than 1000 components and several thousand connections. The chances are, like the workings of your frau's mind, it is a mystery to you.

For this reason, you're bait for the gyps of the crooked repairman.

According to the National Association of Better Business Bureaus, most TV repairmen are honest. But because of the mystery surrounding the mechanics of the TV set, the repair business is a natural for sidewinders bent on bilking the public.

Right now, according to the most conservative estimates, the American public is being swindled out of some \$15,000,000 each year for phony TV repairs. Last year, the 107 local Better Business Bureaus reported 107,732 inquiries and complaints from rankled set owners.

The abuses take various

guises. One of the most common is the "flat rate" repair deal. In this one, the repairman offers to fix a set for an absurd price—\$1 or \$2. Usually the customer winds up paying \$20, \$50, and \$100. The bureau likes to point out that it costs a qualified technician almost \$5 to visit your home in terms of time and overhead.

Another abuse is the "kidnap" gimmick in which the crooked repairman takes the set to his shop and holds it for ransom until the sucker shells out for an exorbitant charge. The bureau singles out one case in which a woman let some repairman carry her \$900 set out of her home and never saw it again. The bureau has discovered some instances in which crooked repairmen sell these sets.

There are all the obvious capers too, replacing tubes when they're not needed, overcharging for parts and replacing parts with second-hand materials.

How can you protect yourself? Well, the Better Business Bureau advises you to beware of

fantastic bargains. You can take it for granted that the wilder the offer, the more likely you are going to be gypped.

Another thing is to get all promises in writing. And don't sign anything unless you understand what you're signing.

You can protect yourself, too, by asking your friends about their repairman. A dealer with a good reputation doesn't want to ruin it.

When you buy a set or have one serviced, demand a detailed bill covering the facts. A reputable dealer will be glad to protect himself and you with such a statement.

And last, if you do want to save yourself some money, take some obvious steps before you even call in a repairman. Your set may need minor adjustments. Move your antenna around, make sure the antenna wire is firmly connected to the terminals, test your outlet by plugging in a lamp, and tune in to all the channels on your set to check on whether every station is affected.

MANY A SLIP

Newington, Conn. — (U.P.) — After driving 48 hours with a companion, Samuel Youlovsky had to swerve their truck to avoid two other vehicles. It overturned, only five minutes from home.

BUT NATURALLY!

Holland, Mich. — (U.P.) — City Councilman John Van Eerden, who recently voted for the purchase of a radar speed control device, was one of the first persons caught by the unit after it was installed.

TRADE-IN SALE Check These Prices

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Employment Clinic For Vets Scheduled

A veteran employment clinic will be held in Medford March 20 in the courthouse auditorium, with George A. Reid, regional veterans federal employment representative from Seattle, in charge, according to county service officer Charles D. Holbrook.

Reid will advise on job opportunities and examination qualifications, as well as rights and benefits of veterans' preference in federal employment.

Main purpose of the clinic is to familiarize veterans with job opportunities in federal service, preference in employment, and other benefits. Similar clinics are scheduled at Roseburg March 19; Eugene March 21; Portland March 22; and Pendleton March 23.

Representatives from the veterans administration, bureau of veterans reemployment rights,

veterans employment section of the department of labor, and other groups will participate.

NATO Not To Control British Air Force

Guilford, England — (U.P.) — Britons today had the assurances of Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther that there is no likelihood of the Royal Air Force being taken over by "persons who owe no allegiance" to Queen Elizabeth.

Replying to a question from a woman in his audience, the supreme commander of NATO said "there is no thought of NATO controlling the British air force against the wishes of the British people and you will not have any such arrangement rammed down their throats."



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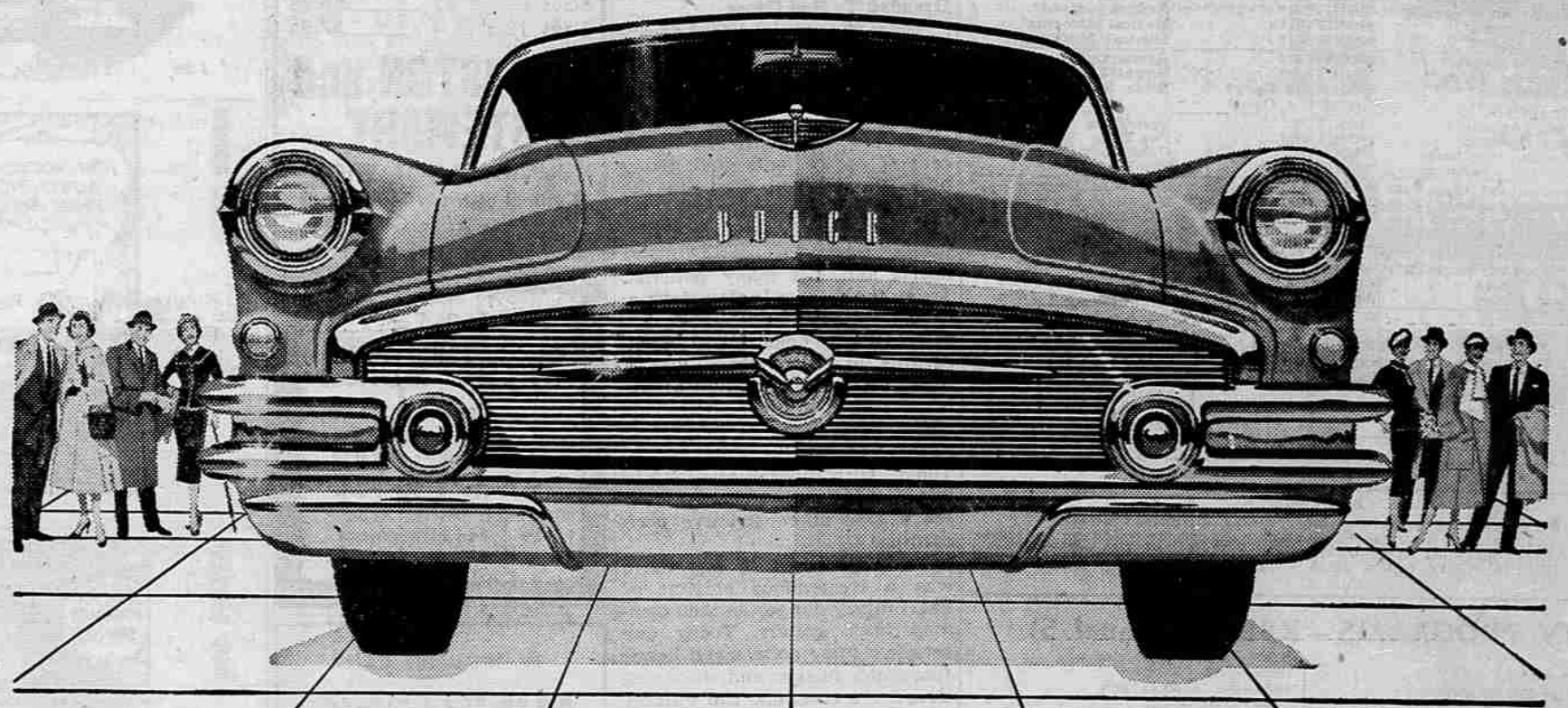
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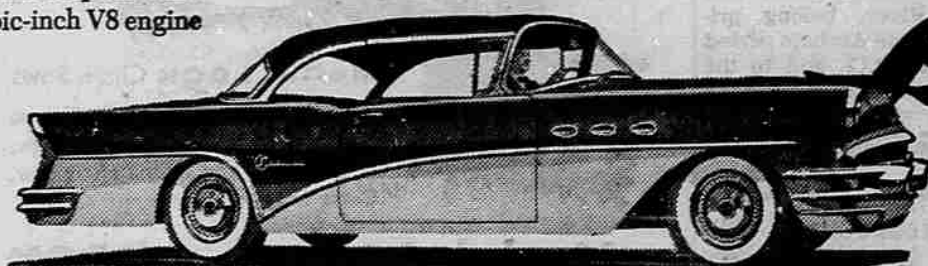
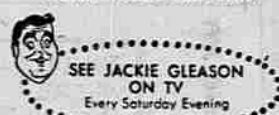
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