

Is That So?

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Ranger-Naturalist

Approaching Japan, with Japan Air Lines—Before rolling into my berth for the night, I asked Purser Asao Iwamatsu to wake me before dawn to witness that recurring miracle of sunrise which never fails to make a man humble.

The sun, rising behind us, lifted quickly out of the silvered horizon, the eastern sky open-

always in mornings and very late afternoons, just before sunset.

As we swept over the mainland, the captain veered north, taking us over the mountainous Japanese mainland. (San Francisco to Tokyo, 24 hours flying time; 29 hours elapsed time, with dining stops in Honolulu and Wake Island.)



ling like a great rose, petal by petal while in the west a few hard stars still sparkled.

With that memory still vivid, I was scarcely prepared for the next view: "Captain Sowell asks if you'd like to come forward to get the first glimpse of Mr. Fuji." Looking at my half-drained coffee cup, the purser added: "Don't wait. I'll bring you a hot cup in a minute. Fuji-san, you know, is best early in the morning."

Sure enough, there was Fuji-ama, far in the distance, the only land visible. The well-nigh perfect cone was still pinked with the morning sun's glow. (Fuji comes from the Ainu word meaning 'fire'; and 'yama,' or 'san,' meaning mountain.) A fresh snowfall had dropped the snow below timberline.

Looking at the glorious peak, the captain (Quinn N. Sowell of Houston and Ontario, Calif.) observed: "Of the thousands of volcanoes circling the Pacific basin, Fuji must be the most beautiful." (Some travelers would say there is a second, equally beautiful certainly, Mt. Cotopaxi, Ecuador.)

As we neared the mainland, the mountain's perfect conical peak seemed to rise in majestic splendor. Although I could not distinguish the flora, I knew that from the mountain's flaired skirt to the ever-snow-covered 12,395-foot peak, there was a changing variety of trees: From flowering cherries and azaleas in the lowlands, to the rhododendron in the high lands, topped with a twisted timberline stand of gnarled stunted mountain ash, silver fir and northern hemlock; and beyond that, the inevitable mosses and lichens.

Always Beautiful
I turned to the navigator, Ki-yoshi Yamada, "When is the mountain most beautiful?"

He looked embarrassed. "Fuji-san is always beautiful, I think. In spring, cherries and azaleas; in summer, reflected in serene lake; in fall, autumn colors; but I think it is most clear in the blue-sky of winter. Maybe best

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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To love is to believe. To hope, to know. 'Tis a taste of Heaven below! 'Tis that delightful transport we can feel. Which painters cannot paint nor words reveal. Nor any art we know of can conceal.

What is the highest price ever paid for a dog? Can \$30,000 be topped? That was offered for a British owned Pekingese named Carversham KU-KU of Yam or "KU-KU" for short. KU-KU is, of course, a champion show dog. However, to its owner KU-KU is still a much beloved pet. The offer was refused.

Familiarity

The interlocutor of that air-wake huddle, the \$64,000 question has an irritating habit of immediately addressing guests by their first names. This is not in keeping with the occasion. Instead of creating a friendly atmosphere, it inspires one of cheap familiarity. The practice is especially annoying when the guest is an elderly person. As in the case of that competitor who was an expert on Dickens. The interlocutor started calling her "Mabel" right away. If she had been on a couple of more times he probably would have ended up calling her "Babe."

So They Say

Women born under Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) should be the recipients of much affectionate treatment and be frequently praised in order to build up their self-confidence. Piscean females are inclined to get very moody and low in morale. Their appetite should be controlled or they will end up in the stylish stout class and have many terrific and tiring struggles trying to get a girdle on. Because of their sweet and trusting nature, the Pisceans should be warned early in life to beware of deceitful males. Or, so say the stargazers.

Please Note

The book titled "Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill is claimed to include "Andrew Carnegie's secret method of making money." I don't know how much Carnegie made, altogether. But he gave away \$350,000,000.

Love Letters

Something every young man should know is that if he writes a young woman an ardent love letter she will not be the only one to read it. The great majority of females show such communications to their friends. Not one girl in a thousand keeps her love letters to herself.

Insurance

Am asked to name an organization specializing in dog insurance. Don't know of any. However, there are companies offering insurance protection against legal action in case your dog bites somebody. This same policy also protects you in certain cases in which your wife, son or daughter or yourself cause injury to somebody else. As for example, it protects you if you slice a drive on a golf course and your ball hits another player on the head and seriously injures him.

Asides

The nicknames of the gayer girls of the Old West were truly picturesque. "Calamity Jane" had a couple of friends known as "Kitty The Schemer" and Rowdy

Mamie Not Going To Monaco Wedding

Monte Carlo, Monaco (U.P.) The White House in Washington has blasted hopes of sources close to Prince Rainier III that Mrs. Eisenhower might attend the wedding of the prince and actress Grace Kelly.

The sources said President Eisenhower's wife might pinch hit for him at next month's nuptials. But in Washington, the White House said there was "no truth" to the report.

Although no woman on record has ever visited the Antarctic, many of the regions around the South pole are named for women.

Unemployment in Oregon Increases During February

Salem (U.P.)—Unemployment in Oregon increased slightly during February for the first time since 1949, the State Unemployment Compensation commission has reported. Those unable to find jobs March 1 were estimated at 51,900, a few hundred more than a month or a year ago.

Payments to insured workers also increased, hitting \$3,265,220, most since 1953 and third highest in the 19-year history of the commission. The number of checks dropped, partly because of elimination of low-paid workers from eligibility, but the average weekly benefit rose from \$22 to over \$29 under the new schedule approved by the 1955 legislature.

Weather Blamed

Continued wet and cold weather was blamed in most areas for the increase in the number of job seekers. Nearly 43 per cent of those drawing compensation were from lumber and logging, compared with 35 per cent a year ago. An additional 26 per cent came from other seasonal lines, food processing and construction.

In the four-county Portland metropolitan area unemployment changed but little, holding at levels about 12 per cent under a year ago.

Seventeen of the 26 local employment offices reported more workers actively seeking jobs than at any time since early last winter. Largest increases came from Hillsboro, Astoria, Baker, Bend, La Grande, Lebanon, Ontario and Pendleton. Logging shutdowns also kept unemployment around Eugene about 1,600 higher than a year ago.

COPS EMBARRASSED

Detroit (U.P.)—Two embarrassed suburban Highland Park patrolmen reported the theft of their two-day-old patrol car from police headquarters early today.

State Hospital Escapees Apprehended in Eugene

Eugene (U.P.)—Two men who escaped from Oregon State hospital at Salem over the weekend have been apprehended in Eugene.

Robert James Van Landingham, 22, San Jose, was picked up yesterday in a restaurant and Jack Gordon, 35, Klamath

county, was arrested Tuesday. The two were being held at the hospital for examination.



Gold Hill VFW Post Schedules Meeting

Gold Hill—The Gold Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the auxiliary will meet at 9 p.m. Friday, March 9, at a new location, in the hall beneath the Odd Fellows meeting place, it was announced this week.

All members and their wives, and men eligible to join and their wives, are invited.

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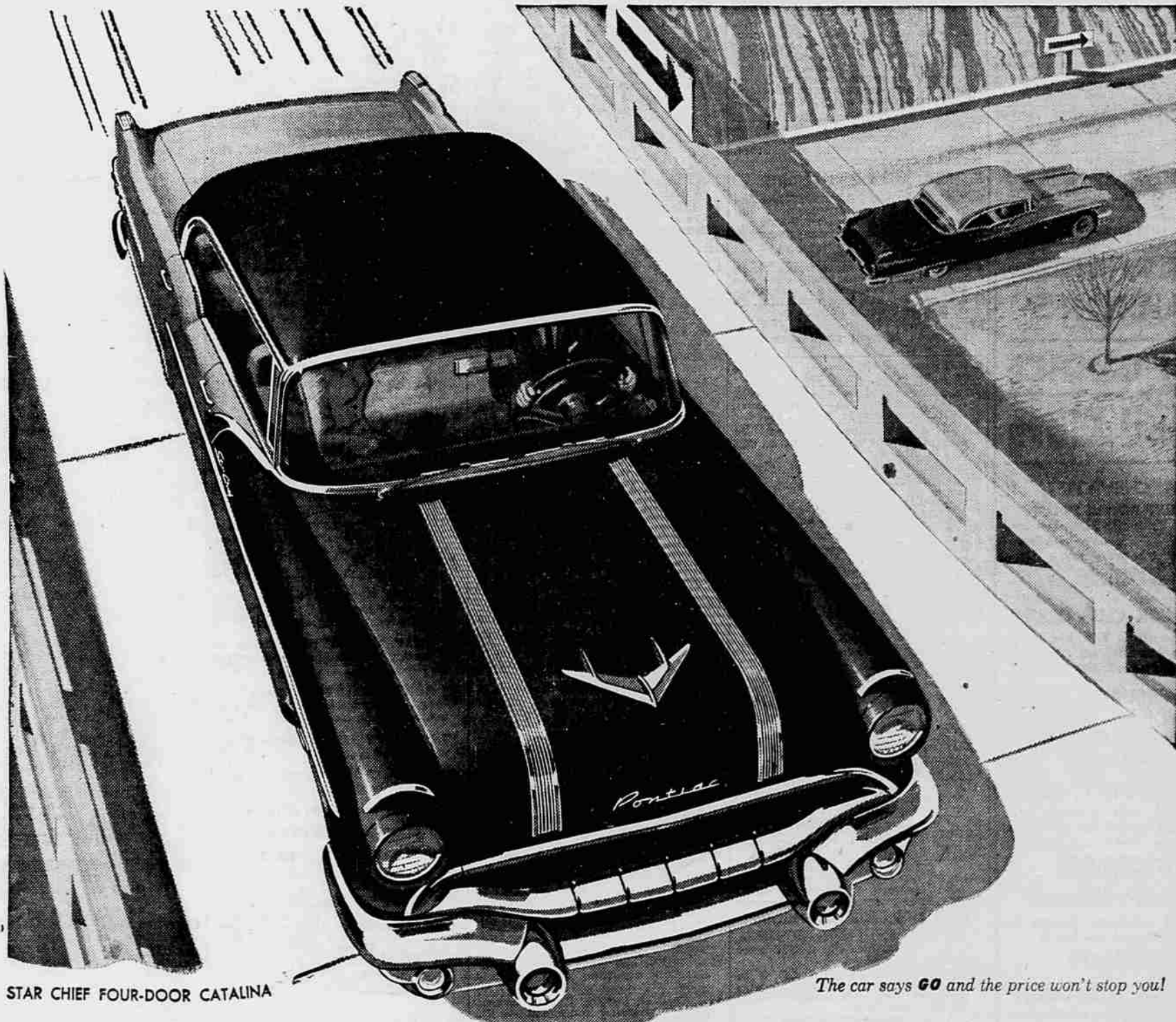
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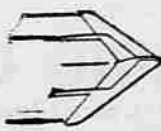
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