

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

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Those who have read Zane Gray's Rogue river story may recall the masterful description with which he starts the book, giving the clue for the naming of this twisting, tumbling, racing stream.

There is an aura attaching to the Rogue river which invites mystery and a spirit of the wild. Few have sought to discover how this name, which invites so many lovers of the outdoors to the Rogue valley, really originated.

It is necessary to turn to another landmark to find out how the river actually got its name. Mt. McLaughlin, as most people who live here know, is named for the famous French Canadian doctor, who was the factor of the Hudson Bay company, with fur trading posts in the Oregon country in early days.

The fur trappers who worked with him spoke French, and because they had so much trouble with the Indians living along the river, they called it "La Riviere Aux Coquins" which in English is Rogue river. The U.S. forest service is authority for this explanation.

And in the literature which they distribute, it is stated:

"Each year thousands of people come to the Rogue River National Forest for pleasure. Camping, fishing, hunting, picnicking, hiking and skiing are some of the activities enjoyed by the visitors. The river for which the forest is named is world famous for steelhead and salmon."

All of which is a reminder that the fishing season is starting and, according to reports, the salmon are running strong. For those who do not care to venture too far, it is understood that the portion of the river which crosses the reservation is well stocked this year. Two is the limit on salmon if they are 20 inches in length. April 27 is the opening day on trout.

Special services are announced that the regular schedule of fishing expeditions will be resumed every other week during the season. Buses will be available for all fishermen who desire to take the trips to the best spots along the river. Also, a supply of flies and tackle is available for those who do not have their own equipment.

Members of the Fishing club as well as the host of others who participate in recreation activities, regret the departure of Jim Rea, whose versatility as the piano and organ, as a movie projectionist, master of ceremonies and as a fisherman, has kept things humming.

And it is the arrival of the fishing season which calls him to Shady Cove where he will spend the summer, according to plans, in a trailer he has just acquired.

"I will be able to cast my line from the trailer into the Rogue river and pull in a fish for breakfast," he says. "The only trouble is that I will have to cook the fish."

Jim Rea is perhaps the best and most enthusiastic fisherman who ever came to Camp White, although he concedes that Oscar Collins, who has had to take a sabbatical from the Rogue valley in the hospital at Sawtelle, knew more about the art of angling than any other fisherman here. And it is likely that Catfish Clayton more enthusiasm, but he didn't catch many fish, in spite of the assortment of flies he wore in his hat.

It is always easy to start an argument on the proclivities of fishermen and so it will have to be stated that Domiciliary Officer R. H. Ruffin rates tops in both knowledge and skill, while in the medical department, Dr. Arthur Schoenberg is as expert in extracting fish from the waters of Oregon, as in extracting teeth.

One thing in which they all can agree is the reason the river is called the Rogue. It was named after the fish, which have to fight their way upstream.

Bob Pruitt, of Grants Pass, has navigated the Rogue as well as other rivers of Oregon and Idaho. With a specially built boat, he shoots the rapids with the greatest of ease. Color movies of the trips he has made were shown in the DAV Auxiliary theatre program recently.

Joe McDonald, of Portland, state adjutant of the American Legion, will accompany Glenn Howell and Ken Douglass, state service officers, on a visit to the domiciliary Saturday and will be available at the headquarters of the Legion during the day to meet and discuss claims with members.

They plan to remain here over the week end and will witness the wheel chair parade of decorated floats to be held here Sunday afternoon, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, in connection with the Pear Blossom Festival.

NURSING DIRECTOR DIES

San Francisco (U.P.)—Elnora E. Thomson, director of the department of nursing at the University of Oregon Medical School from 1920 to 1944, died here Wednesday at the age of 82.



ARMY CHIEF QUILTS—The Amman, Jordan radio announced that King Hussein's army Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Ali El Hiyarj (above) has quit. He arrived in Damascus, Syria and is said to have asked for political asylum. Hussein, who appointed Hiyarj to top army post during Jordan's recent political shakeup, called for an urgent conference immediately after the General's resignation.

Voice Recognized Maloney Declares

Portland (U.P.)—Thomas E. Maloney testified in the wiretap trial of racketeer James B. Elkins Wednesday that he recognized his own voice on tape recordings Elkins is accused of making.

Maloney, a Seattle race track figure who is under indictment by the Multnomah county grand jury, testified as a government witness at the federal trial of Elkins and Raymond Clark.

Excerpts from a series of tape recordings were played back while Maloney was on the stand. In reply to questions from James W. Morrell, assistant U. S.

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attorney, Maloney denied that he ever had authorized recording of any of his telephone conversations.

Maloney identified his voice in 17 conversations and said they were telephone conversations. He also identified District Attorney William Langley's voice in five conversations.

One conversation was about the then-coming grand jury investigation of the Oregon Liquor Control commission. The voice identified as Langley's spoke of it as a "whitewash" and complained that Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton was troublesome. "That Thornton," the voice said, "he's going to make a lot of wild charges . . ."

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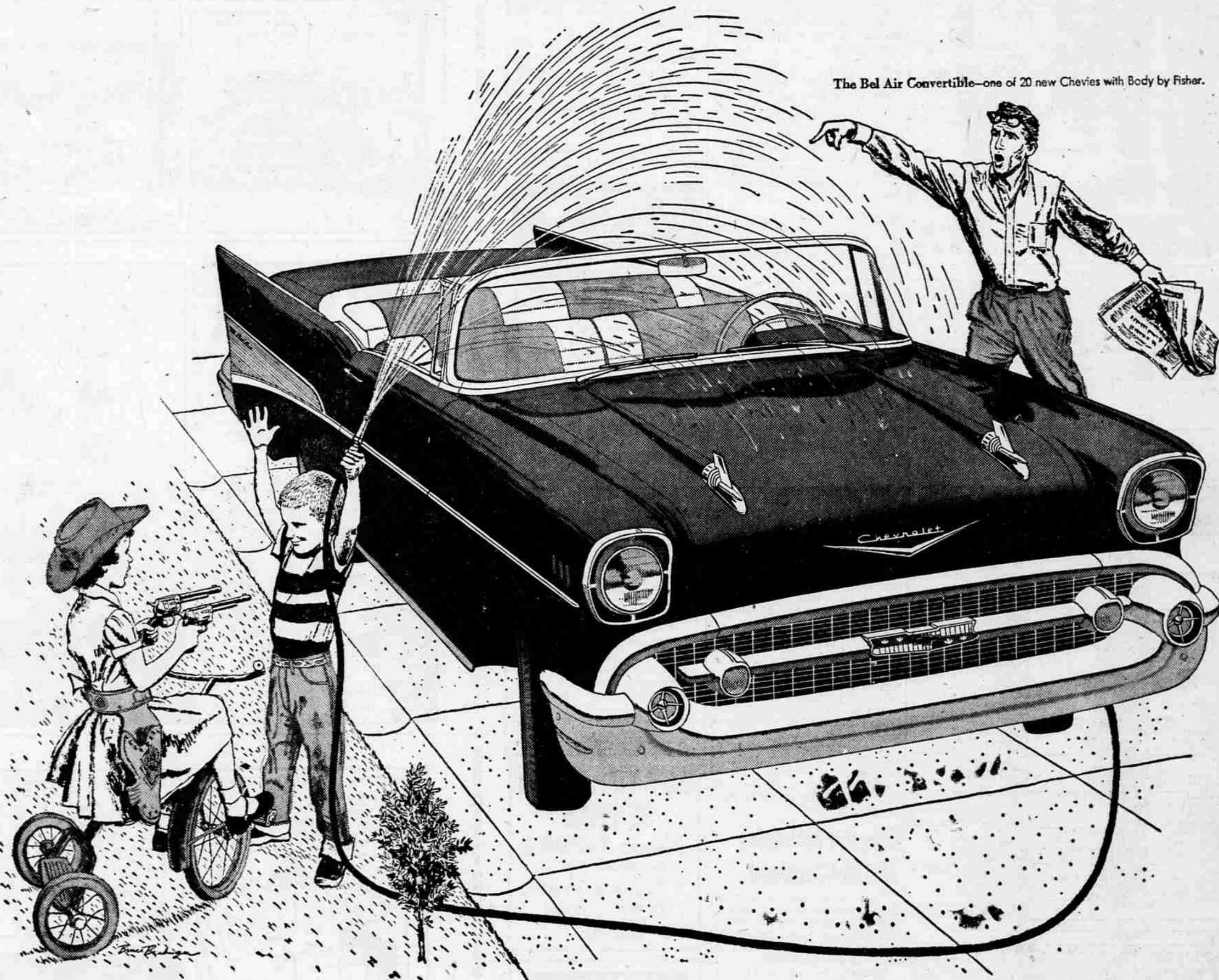
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