

'Eating Like Hogs' Said To Be Slander Against Hogs

Richland, Wash.—Dr. Leo K. Bustad, a self-styled "pig psychologist," feels that it is the porkers who are slandered when enghished mothers complain that their children "eat like hogs."

Pigs, contends Bustad, are more careful about their eating habits than humans and many other animals.

Hogs, really, have simply suffered from a bad press. Bustad insisted, "They are very intelligent. At the trough, they are actually temperate—they will eat just what they need to take care of themselves."

Horses, cows and humans, the veterinarian medical expert contended, "will by contrast eat themselves to death sometimes by continuing to stuff themselves as long as there's food in front of them."

Bustad is the director of the experimental animal farm at the plutonium-making Hanford Works of the Atomic Energy Commission in southeastern Washington.

The farm is an important laboratory for studies that form a part of the radiation safety program at the works, designed to prevent radioactive by-products from causing harm at the plant or in the neighborhood.

The facility includes pens, pastures and cages where dozens of sheep, dogs and mice, as well as pigs, are kept. Sheep are used extensively because they are the predominant animal on the farms in the Hanford area.

However, Bustad favors hogs for most of his latest tests. Data obtained from experiments on them, he said, is more pertinent to man—"embarrassingly so."

A typical experiment involves tapping a sample specimen of radioactive material to the skin of a pig or on a shaved spot on the side of a sheep.

Frequent examinations are made—using a "pig counter" or a "sheep counter"—to determine the effects on the animal of the exposure both on the skin itself and on his metabolism, eating and sleeping. Some of the pigs used are special "miniature" varieties one-sixth the size of normal porkers.

The farm has one device that exposes mice, contained in plastic cages, to air containing radioactive materials, similar to those discharged from the waste stacks of the Hanford reactors and chemical separation plants.

Fishing Assignment

After exposure, the mice are released to run at will in cages except for twice daily examinations by "mousekeepers" who operate the "mouse counter" and determine what course the material has taken in the rodents' vital organs.

Adjacent to the animal farm is an aquatic biology laboratory where continuing studies are made on effects of the discharge of the Hanford Works' carefully regulated wastes into the nearby Columbia river, whose waters are used to cool the reactors.

When newsmen were recently permitted to tour the installation

for the first time, they found that two men are employed as fishermen—executives admitted it was, in the summer, a coveted assignment—to bring in specimens of fishlife for examination.

Officials said that in the more than 13 years of operation, they have yet to find any harm caused to the Columbia's finny population by the plutonium factory that makes the prime ingredient of America's atomic weapons.

One technician, D. G. Watson, was patiently engaged in teaching trout to respond to hand feeding. He estimated it would take three to four weeks to train the yearling trout to jump from the water at feeding time and take worm-like pieces of red gelatin from his fingers.

Once the trout have learned their lessons, the gelatin is doctored with such test materials as radioactive phosphorus to determine just how this reacts on the fish as they live out their lives in the aquarium tanks of the laboratory.



TAKING charge of Haiti in bloodless coup is General Antonio Kibreau, army chief of staff. He deposed President Fignole. (International)

Salem — Sagel Nishioka of Salem has been elected commander of the Oregon Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Japanese Premier In San Francisco

San Francisco — Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi rested today before resuming his flight to Washington for discussions with President Eisenhower "on matters of vital interest and concern" to Japan and the United States.

Kishi and his party were to leave at 8 o'clock tonight for Washington aboard the President's own plane, Columbine III. The 60-year-old Japanese leader will also visit New York and Los Angeles on his trip to this country.

San Francisco gave Kishi a hearty welcome when he arrived Monday from Tokyo. Headed by Mayor George Christopher, a group of dignitaries went to San Francisco International Airport to extend official greetings.

Besides the officials, a crowd of several hundred reporters, newsreel cameramen and on-lookers was on hand to watch Kishi step off his DC6B, "City of Kyoto." The crowd was remarkable in that the temperature was 90 degrees — the hottest of the year here.

Ava Gardner Home for Wedding of Brother

Smithfield, N.C. — Ava Gardner, her marriage to Frank Sinatra on the rocks and her newest flame on her arm, blew into her old hometown Monday night to wish her brother well on the road of matrimony.

Beauteous Ava, making her first trip in five years to this little Carolina town known best for its country ham and Ava Gardner, was accompanied by dark-haired handsome Italian comedian Walter Chiari.

They refused to discuss romance—their own. Chiari, wearing an open-throated informal sports shirt with the sleeves rolled up, clasped the hands of Miss Gardner's sisters and pumped the hand of her only brother, Jack Gardner.

Gardner, an oil dealer here, will be wed next month to Miss Rose Darby of Vidalia, Ga. They will be honored at a party Thursday at the nearby Selma Country Club.

Salem — Gov and Mrs. Robert D. Holmes will leave Wednesday by plane for the annual governors' conference in Williamsburg, Va.

EAGLE POINT Moves Into New Home

By PEARL L. HENDERSON
Eagle Point — During a two week vacation of the manager, Mrs. Ruth Shama, Miss Jackie

Smith will be in charge of the Oasis Beauty shop in Eagle Point. Starting Monday June 17 she will be an assistant operator during the summer season.

Mrs. Augusta Perry has moved into the home on North E st. she recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barrows.

Mrs. Gertrude Stanley returned home last Tuesday from Prineville, where she attended the Cattlemen's convention.

Mrs. Dale Burns and son and daughter returned home last Thursday after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Savory of Grants Pass visited Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Henderson, Friday, June 14.

GUILTY BIRD

Porter, Ind. — A bird was blamed for the death of Glenn L. Adams, 52. Adams died of gas fumes while taking a bath. A coroner reported that a bird's nest clogged a ventilator flue from a water heater and kept the fumes from escaping.



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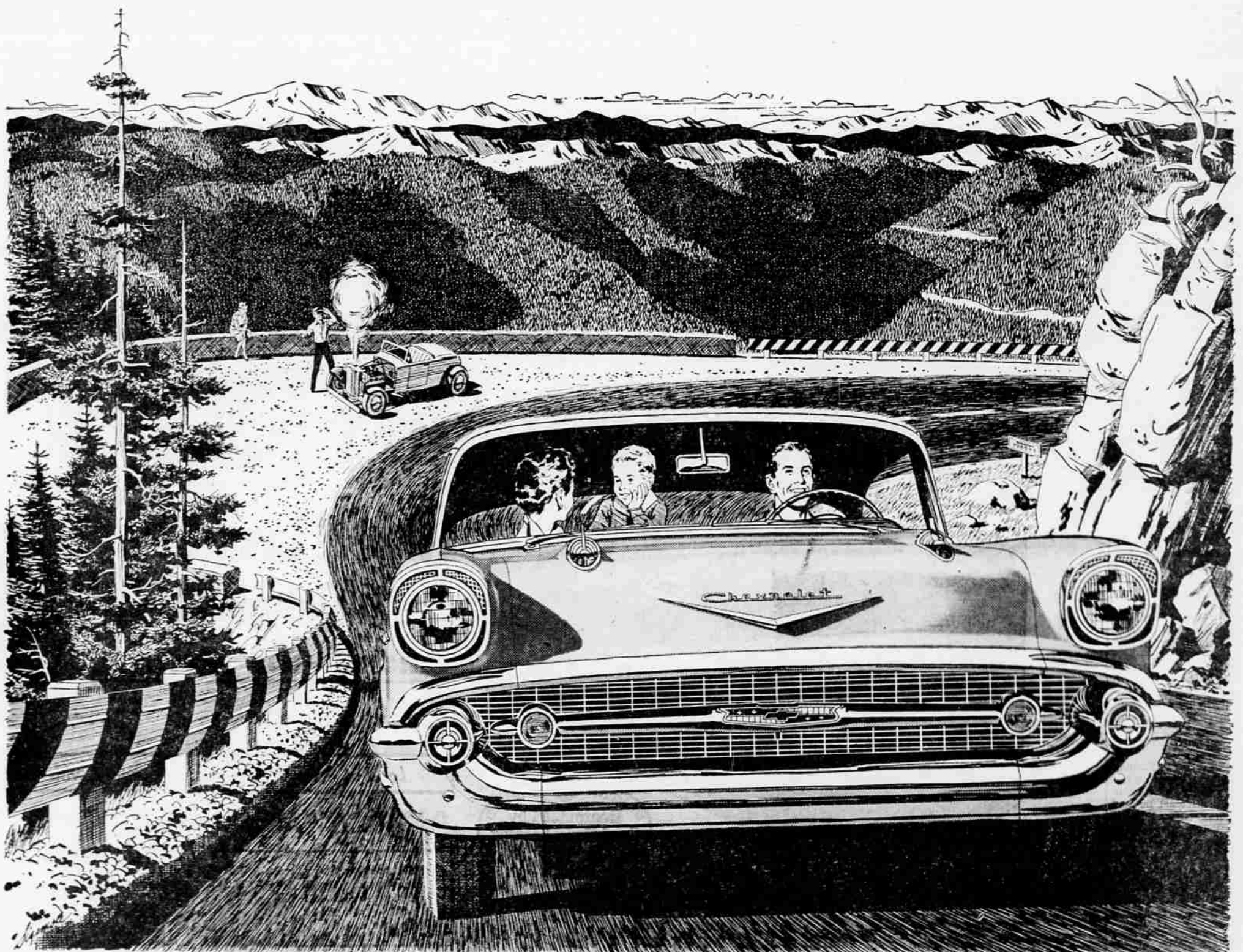
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Problem Solved For Paper Mills

Rochester, N. Y.—The ingenuity of a Rochester inventor has provided paper mill operators with the solution to an age-old problem.

John J. Cannan, a foreman in a paper mill control laboratory at the Eastman Kodak Co., has come up with an idea by which samples can be snatched from a swiftly moving web of paper on a paper-making machine without breaking the web. The invention works like a mouse-trap snapping up a sample of paper on the run.

Paper mill operators long have found it difficult to study the capacity of large drums which dry the wet, newly-formed sheets as they move through the equipment. The chief problem has been how to get samples on the fly. Usual attempts to tear out a sample invariably tore the entire web and stopped the operation.

Cannan's sampler is a spring-powered mechanical device with razor-sharp jaws that snap and bite out about a two and one-half inch oval of the moving paper. In less than four seconds the paper samples can be sealed in weighing bottles ready for laboratory work. This speed, never before possible, is highly important to accuracy of the moisture check.

Cannan received a \$600 suggestion award from Eastman Kodak for the idea.

100 Acres Burned In Area West of Vale

Vale — Fire destroyed more than 100 acres of grass, brush and a few fences Monday afternoon 10 miles west of here on Bully Creek.

Ironically, a class in firefighting techniques was being conducted here when the blaze got started.

The rancher-students turned out to extinguish the fire, and they had it under control in two-and-one-half hours.