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Portable Television Set Electrocutes Boy; Declared Defective

Chicago—A group of electrical experts has decided that a portable television set was deadly enough to electrocute a 5-year-old boy who died when he touched it.

The panel, headed by Prof. Eric T. Gross of the Illinois Institute of Technology, also discovered the set had been dropped after the youngster suffered the fatal shock at his suburban Skokie home.

However, they agreed the set appeared to be defective. They said a minute laboratory examination of every part would be required to determine the cause of the high voltage electrical leaks.

McCarroll said he would ask an impartial engineering group to undertake the detailed examination, and demand that at least "15 or 20 exactly similar sets by the same manufacturer (General Electric) be checked."

'Rhyming Conductor' Quits After 38 Years

Chicago—Dave Sax, who has retired at the age of 65, became known as the Chicago Transit Authority's "ambassador of good will" and proved it during his 38 years of service with his philosophy, wit and poetry.

Sax discussed philosophy with college professors with the same ease with which he brought smiles to the faces of passengers with his genial greetings and humorous comments.

Now, he prides himself on being completely self-educated. He is also proud of his record as a transit employee. In all his 38 years of service he never had a chargeable accident.

Swifts, the most aerial of all birds, never alight on the ground unless hurt. They gather all their food and nesting material while flying, drink skimming over water and mate in mid-air.

Erwin H. Greenberg, attorney for the victim's parents, said the coroner ordered the set impounded after the accident "so there could be no question of its having been tampered with or changed in any way."

Mert Jones, a Syracuse, N.Y., engineer for the General Electric Co., sat in on the preliminary examination of the 1958 model TV set, but did not take part in the discussion.

Dentist Finds Long Life in South Dakota

Hot Springs, S.D.—Dr. Patrick Hedges came to South Dakota in the 1880's because he won \$100,000 in a poker game in New York, but instead of finding more money he found long life.

Hedges invested his bonanza in a herd of cattle, but the blizzard of 1886 wiped it out.

He resumed his dental practice, often treating teeth in his "pie wagon" as he traveled from ranch to ranch.

He celebrated his 100th birthday on May 15.

Hedges retired in 1931 and has been in the Veterans hospital at Hot Springs for several years.

Drivers Advised on Bees Entering Autos

Madison, Wis.—Bees, wasps and hornets that fly into cars won't attack, the University of Wisconsin department of entomology department reminds drivers.

Many accidents caused by fear of stings can be avoided if motorists remember the insects won't sting unless they are set upon, swung at or get under clothing.

The best remedy is to stop the car and let them out or destroy them.

New Raspberry May Revitalize Growing

Brant, N.Y.—A new purple-type raspberry developed here may revitalize raspberry growing in New York.

Three brothers who propagated and patented the "Burgundy" raspberry — Joseph, Conio and Leonard Loretto who operate a fruit and nursery farm in this western New York village—have high hopes for it.

They say the berry's characteristics include superior flavor, hardness and high productivity. The patent received by the brothers recently from Washington termed the new variety "of very good flavor, being sweet and sub-acid and of excellent eating quality."

The brothers said their Burgundy grows on land where other raspberry varieties die off, is easy to pick because of upright, exposed position and few thorns, does not drop from the bush and out-produces most other types by a 2-to-1 margin.

'Court' Offers To Test 'Confessed' Sheppard Killer

DeLand, Fla.—Mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner's "court of last resort" today offered to conduct a lie detector test for a newly "confessed" but skeptically regarded "suspect" in the Sheppard murder case.

Authorities in Cleveland, where Marilyn Sheppard was bludgeoned to death in 1954, discounted its "25th confessor" to turn up since Dr. Samuel Sheppard was convicted of murdering his wife.

Donald Joseph Wedler, 23, a convicted robber, signed a confession that he killed a Cleveland housewife in a manner similar to that of Mrs. Sheppard's death on July 4, 1954.

But Coroner Samuel B. Gerber in Cleveland pointed out discrepancies between Wedler's account and the trial evidence on which Sheppard, a young osteopath, was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Sheriff Sidney B. Thursby said that if Wedler consents he will accept the offer of Gardner's "court of last resort" to investigate the purported confession.

Criminologists of the unofficial "court" wired Thursby an offer to fly Alex Gregory, polygraph expert from Detroit to give Wedler a lie detector test.

Hitch-Hiker Believed Able To Throw Light on Sheppard Case

Columbus, Ohio—Lt. Gov. Paul M. Herbert today identified the "mysterious" hitch-hiker who he feels can throw some light on the Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard murder case as Ernest James Kolofolias, Inglewood, Calif.

Herbert said that Kolofolias claims he caught a ride near the Sheppard home the night Mrs. Sheppard was killed with a motorist whose hands were bruised and bloodstained.

Herbert revealed the hitch-hiker's identification as Florida and Ohio authorities investigated the story of Donald Wedler, 23, who told DeLand, Fla., authorities he killed a woman in the Cleveland area the night Marilyn Sheppard was killed.

Herbert said Kolofolias was a chief boatswain's mate in the Merchant Marine.

Dr. Sam was convicted for the bludgeon-slaying of his wife in their Bay Village home near Cleveland July 4, 1954. Sheppard was sentenced to prison for life and is now a clerk in the inmate

personnel section in Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus. Sheppard has maintained he was innocent of the crime.

Herbert, one of the state's top trial lawyers, joined the Sheppard defense after his trial and handled the osteopath's appeals to the state and U. S. supreme courts.

Story Doubted Florida and Ohio authorities

JUDGE DONS BERMUDAS Hamilton, Bermuda.—A judge, clad in traditional long robe and wig, broke sharply with tradition here Tuesday. Acting Chief Justice Sir Allan Smith decreed that Bermuda shorts are all right for Bermuda jurors.

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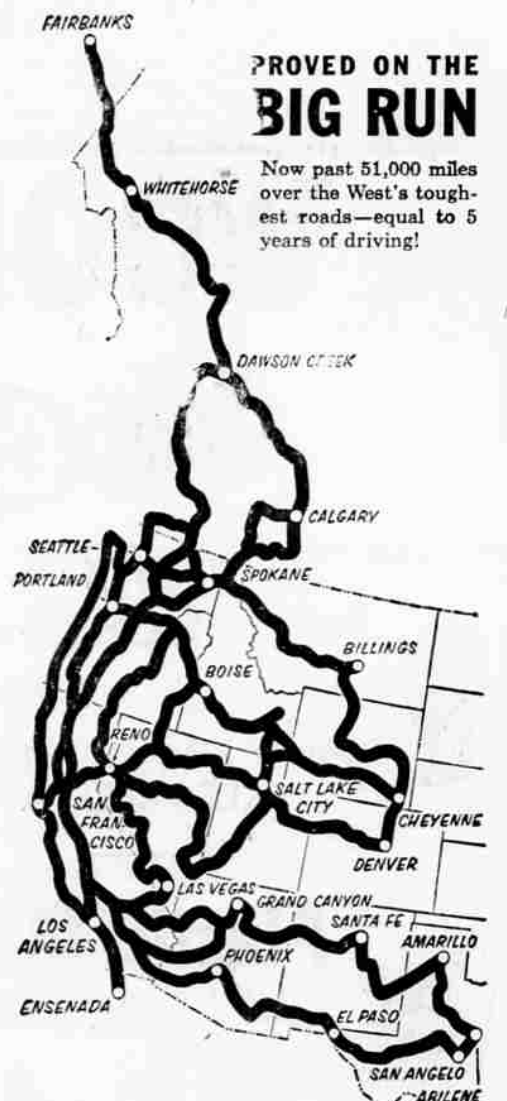
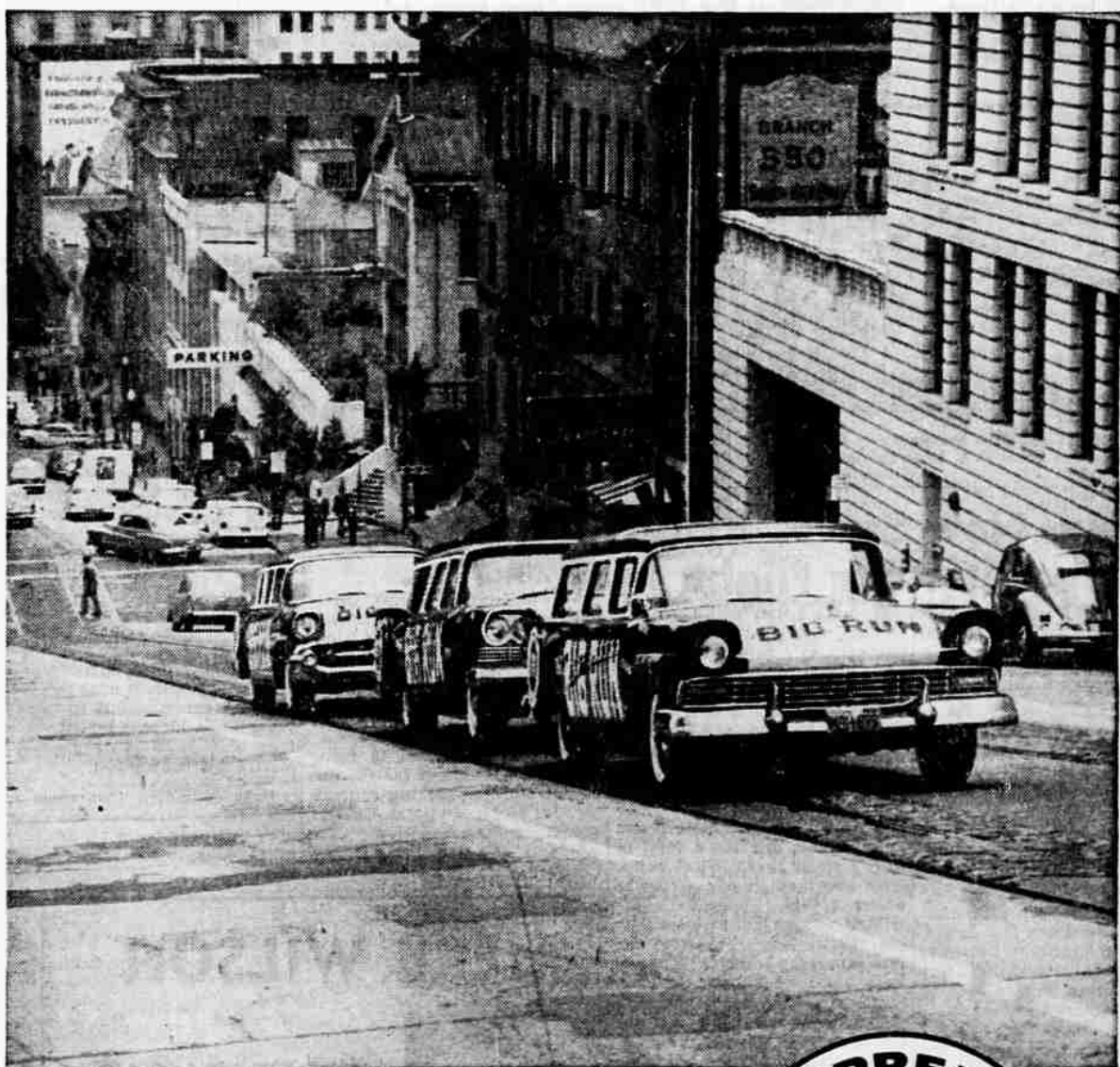
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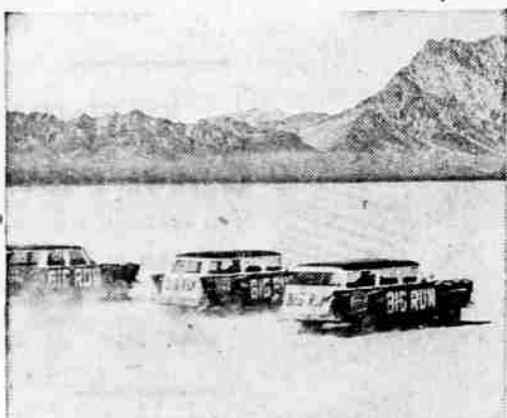
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