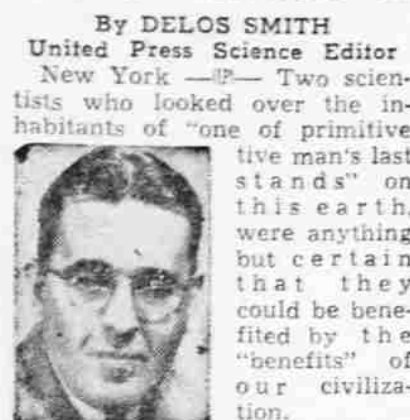


Scientists Doubt Civilization Could Benefit Island Inhabitants



By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor
New York — Two scientists who looked over the inhabitants of "one of primitive man's last stands" on this earth, were anything but certain that they could be benefited by the "benefits" of our civilization.

DeLos Smith "It must not be forgotten that although they have no doctor, neither do they have a policeman," the scientists reported.

"Though they have no hospital, neither do they have a jail. Though they have many deaths from unnecessary causes, they have no murders, and even though they may be hungry and die of malnutrition, still they

do not steal from each other. Something to Learn "Maybe we have as much to learn as to teach by trying to bring these people into our sphere of influence."

These people, numbering around 1500, inhabit Orchid Island which has about 18 square miles and is a dot in the Pacific 50 miles off the coast of Formosa. The scientists were Drs. James P. Ward and Hsu Shih-Chu, who reported to their alma mater, the Harvard School of public health.

Civilization has persistently passed Orchid Island. For one thing, ships can get not closer than several hundred yards from the coast. Primitive native canoes then remove passengers and cargo. For another, the island has no exploitable resources of any kind.

"The people are small, undernourished, illiterate and extremely friendly," the scientists reported. "Their total occupation seems to be to find food; this consists mostly of fish and taros," the latter being a plant cultivated for its edible, starchy roots.

No Property Owners "Property is not actually owned by anyone and there seems to be few disputes which cannot be settled privately. Whole families live in one-room thatched huts with plank flooring. Most cooking is done outdoors. In visiting several of these homes, we saw no evidence of furniture of any kind."

The clothing of these happy people is "whatever is given them." It used to be more or less non-existent but in the last few years it has been "much improved" by missionaries who supplied the women with dresses and the men with a few shirts.

"The men still have not adopted the western style of wearing pants," the scientists said, "though they will occasionally

Japanese Ports Clogged by Strike

Tokyo — Striking seamen clogged the nation's 60 major ports with close to 100 idle freighters and tankers Tuesday on the fourth day of the worst maritime strike in Japanese history.

At noon, the Federation of Shipowners Association announced that 93 ships totaling 700,000 gross tons were immobilized by the 84,000-member All-Japan Seamen's Union striking for wage raises.

Gambling Devices Found at Mill City

Albany, Ore. — Sheriff's officers called to investigate a suspected burglary at the Mill City American Legion club Monday night found two slot machines and a blackjack table as they were checking the building. They arrested Robert Pratt, manager of the club, on a charge of illegal possession of slot machines, and he was fined \$75 today in Linn county District Court here.

put on a shirt to come to the magistrate's office." As public health doctors, they could only deplore "health facilities and conditions." Why "there are not even partially trained midwives; child-birth is primitive and hazardous!"

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Family Council

Charlotte R.—I'll never be as happy with another boy.
Mrs. L. R.—I think we made a mistake.

Charlotte R.—I am 14 years old and I am miserably unhappy and it's all because of this propaganda against steady dating that my parents read in the newspapers and magazines.

I'm not pretty and I'm not popular, but one boy liked me. In fact he loved me and I loved him. If I were 19 or 20, people would take it seriously when I say that. Now I just get laughed at. But I know that I was never so happy in my life as when I was with Frank. I hated to be away from him for a minute. I wanted him always by my side. If that's not love, I don't know what it is.

Well, it was all broken up because my parents said it was not good to have a steady. Frank said he loved me so much, it was steady or nothing. I see him now going out with other girls and I could just die. I could never be as happy with another boy. We did nothing wrong. Why should it have to be this way?

Mrs. L. R.—My husband and I now are beginning to think we made a bad mistake in breaking up this friendship. Frank was a very nice boy and Charlotte just seemed to flower out in the months she knew him. He took her to lovely places and she had so much fun. Now she is terribly alone and seems to feel very left out of everything.

The trouble is that all the other girls do have steady boy friends. We made up our minds not to be influenced by that, but you can't ignore it. If Charlotte were more the type that attracts lots of boys, it would be okay. But she isn't.

We hate to see her so unhappy. She says she doesn't even want to go to school because she must see Frank with other girls. We did laugh at her at first, but now we see she is really suffering. I talked to Frank's mother about getting him to call Charlotte and take her out some time, but she says she can't do a thing with him. Once he makes up his mind about something he won't be changed.

The Council.—The L. R.'s only mistake was in taking a negative rather than a positive approach to this problem. "Do" is always a better word with teen-agers and everyone else than "don't." Instead of smashing this friendship, they should have helped Charlotte to use it as a stepping-stone toward broadening her social relationships.

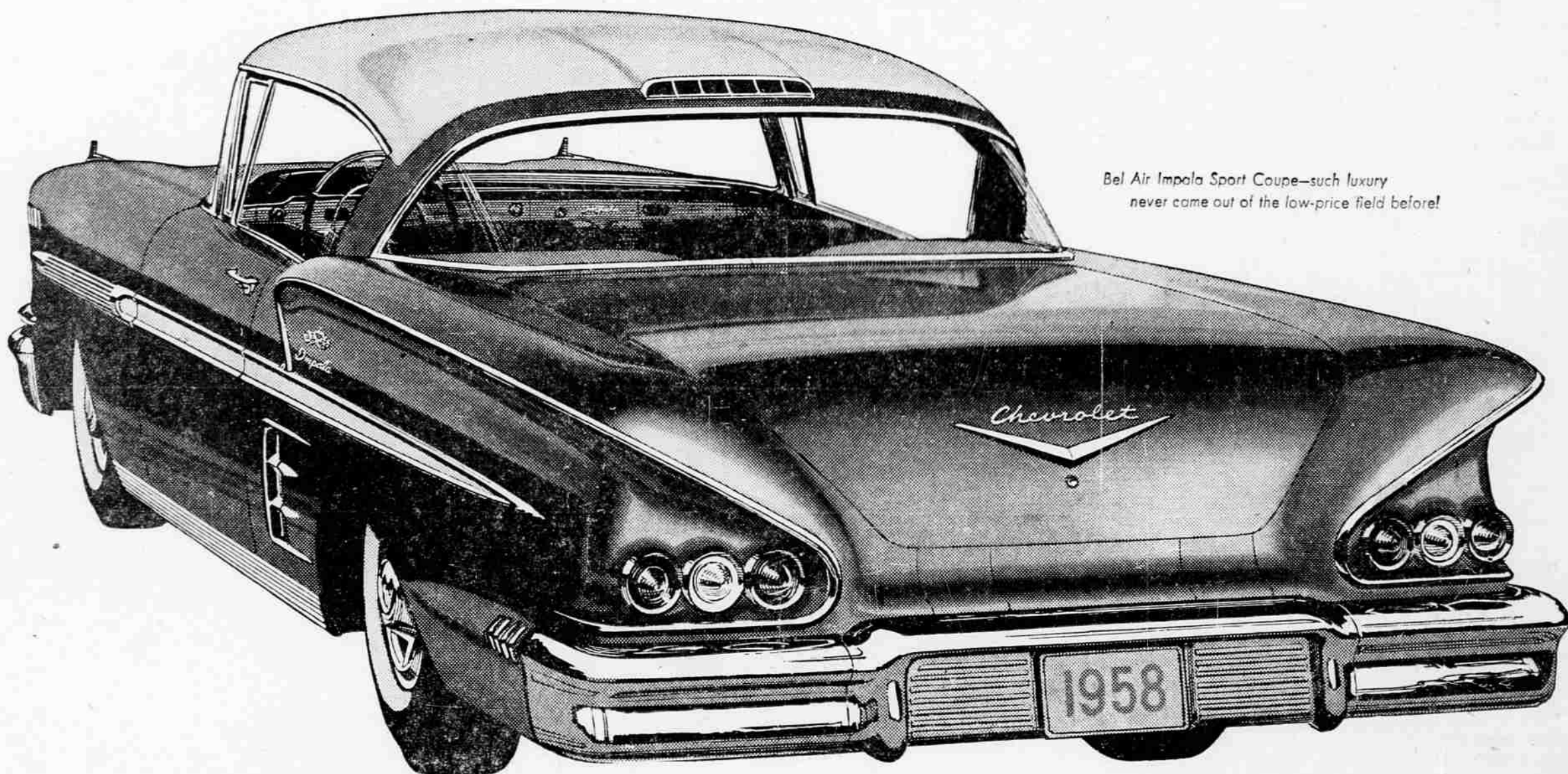
Granted, this is a very difficult thing to do, but it can be done if the cooperation of other parents is enlisted. The youngsters will tend to pair off, but if they are guided into social activities that bring large groups of them together, there will be more room for flexibility and change.

Parents should take the initiative in arranging small parties that include boys and girls—not all of whom are invited as couples. They should encourage their teenagers to join clubs that throw them into contact with groups of boys and girls. It would be best to concentrate on these things and try to slur the whole question of "steady dating."

Unfortunately, poor Charlotte was heading for a broken heart in any case. It sounds as though Frank was getting out of his depth in this friendship and welcomed an issue to break it up. The L. R.'s will have to be gentle and somehow give Charlotte the feeling that she will soon attract other boys and be at least equally happy with them.

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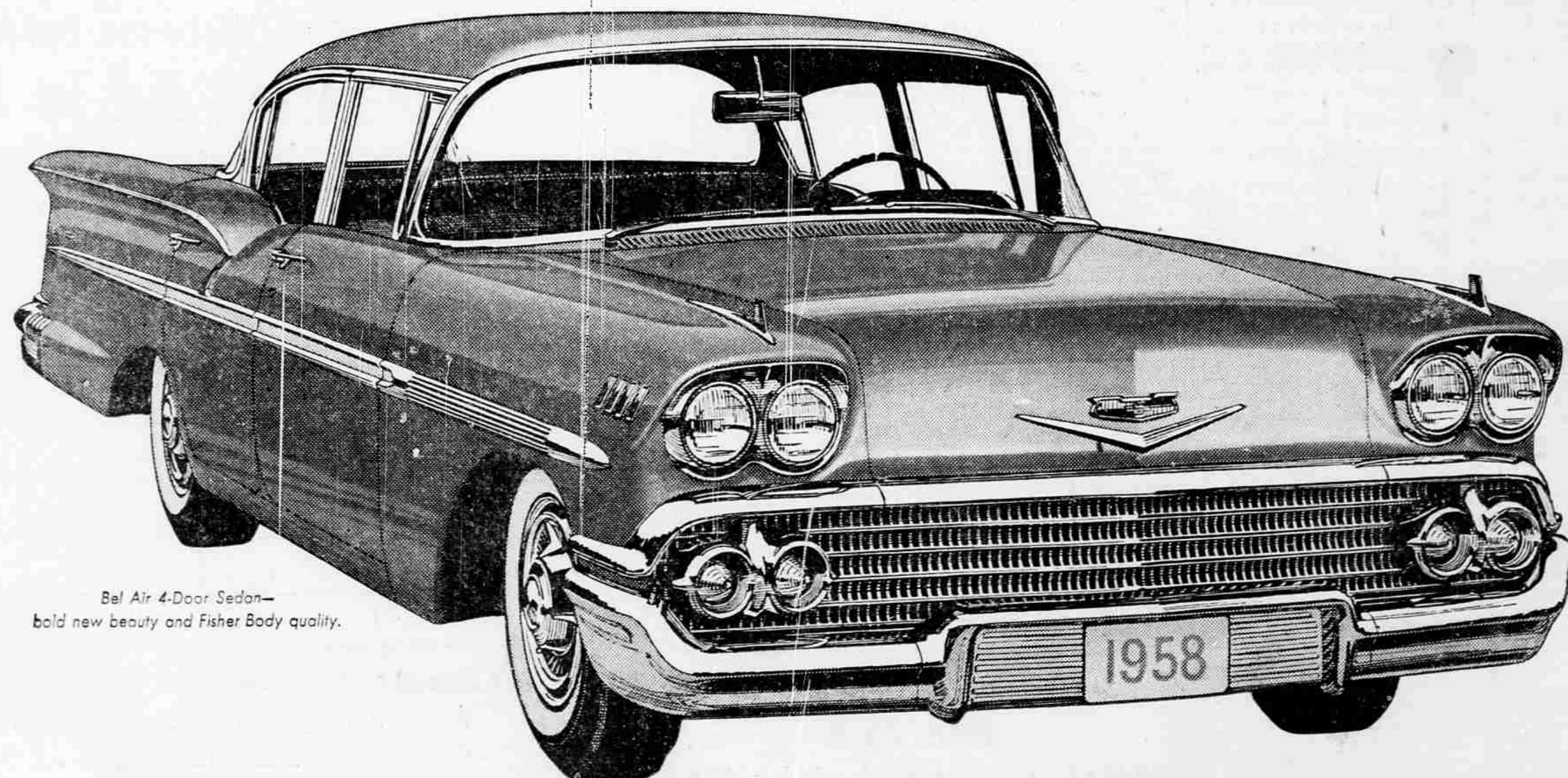
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