

Benton Tax Procedure Hit

Corvallis — (UP) — Benton County Judge E. E. Larkin said here Thursday he will file a protest with the State Tax Commission over disruption of county tax assessment procedures.

Judge Larkin said that for the third time in less than two weeks tax assessment work has been interrupted by changes in the valuation put on timber by the Tax Commission.

On Sept. 15 the Commission set the valuation on young growth trees at \$9.75 per 1000 feet. On Sept. 19 it boosted the figure to \$13 which Benton Assessor Richard Wegener, pointed out was above

the value of old growth trees, generally considered more valuable than young growth. Wednesday, the Commission changed the figure back to \$9.75.

The latest revision came as Wegener, for the third time, had completed county tax rolls and was prepared to turn them over to the sheriff for collection. He declined to estimate the cost of the repeated delays but said they had put him one month behind in his work.

The first mental hospital in North America was founded at Quebec in 1714 by Bishop St. Valier.

Department Head Is Criticized by State Assistant Secretary

Warne Nun, assistant secretary of state, criticized James F. Johnson, director of the department of motor vehicles, for "half-truths and misleading statements" made in a recent letter directed to Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

Johnson had written a letter concerning statements made by Hatfield during a Republican roundup in Medford in July. Hatfield, the Republican candidate for governor, had stated 11 career-type employees had been removed from the department of motor vehicles under political circumstances. This, he stated, had resulted in inefficiency in the department and resulted in many complaints from citizens.

"In his speech in Medford he (Hatfield) made reference to 11 such positions. Actually, he was being charitable toward you," Nun writes. "I have a list of 18 such employees (even this is not a complete list) who have been dismissed, forced to resign or

Iron Ore Production Declared Lacking

San Francisco — (UP) — The United States cannot now produce enough iron ore to keep the steel industry operating at full capacity for any substantial period, an executive of one of the nation's largest iron ore companies said Thursday.

demoted or have accepted other employment rather than be associated with your administration."

Abolish Positions

Some of those employees had 25 years of service. Those employees coming under civil service were let out by abolishing the positions they held, Nun charged.

The claim of biennial savings through such reduction of personnel is "just plain dishonest," Nun further charged.

"Reports submitted by your own department to the department of finance and administration show that from January, 1957, to July, 1958, the number of permanent and temporary employees on your

from 525 to 580," Nun stated. "The amount of your pay-

roll increased from \$143,799.96 to \$173,376.58, an in-

crease of 21 per cent."

Nun charged that the department of motor vehicles head had shrugged off complaints as being "the howls of individuals whose licenses have been suspended or whose privileges have been restricted by your traffic safety campaign."

"If you would check, you will find that countless numbers of automobile owners are

Missing Girl Urged To Return

Albuquerque, N. M. — (UP) — A 16-year-old girl who disappeared from here three weeks ago was urged today by her parents and physician to return because she may be seriously ill.

Susan V. Burleson was last seen Aug. 31 when her mother drove her to church. The mother, Mrs. G. M. Burleson, Albuquerque, said she returned after the services and could not find her daughter. No one saw her in church. She needs to be found, Mrs.

Burleson said, especially since she probably does not know she may be seriously ill.

The mother said her husband had scolded Susan the night before she disappeared, in an argument over a boy.

Mrs. Burleson said her attractive blonde daughter had visited the family physician the day before she left. The doctor told her parents she should be treated immediately. He reported that her illness, the exact nature of which was not disclosed, was not incurable nor contagious.

critical of the delays in transactions," Nun write. "Observation of your administration would indicate you consider your responsibility to be limited to extracting tax monies and fees from the public."

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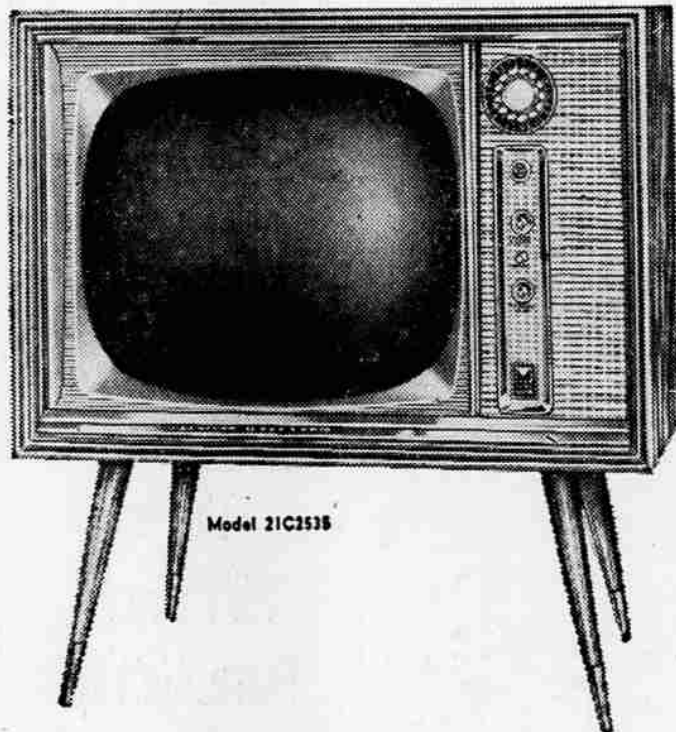


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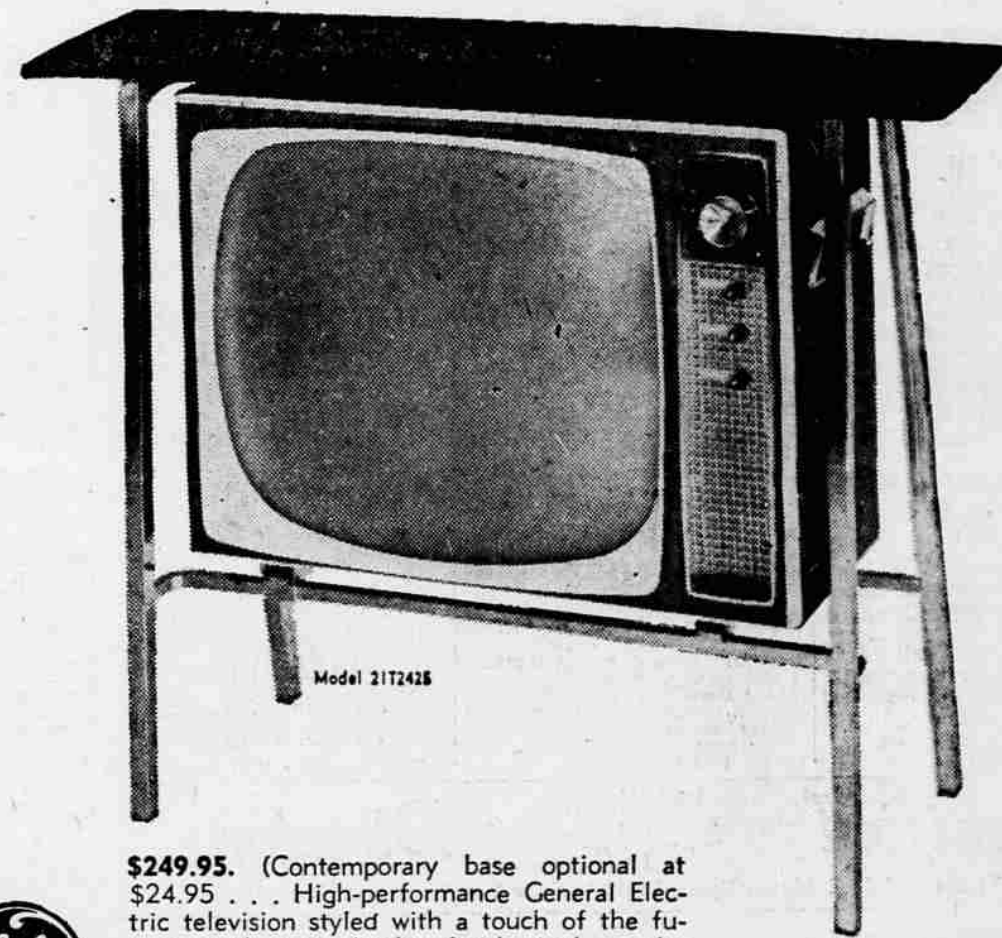
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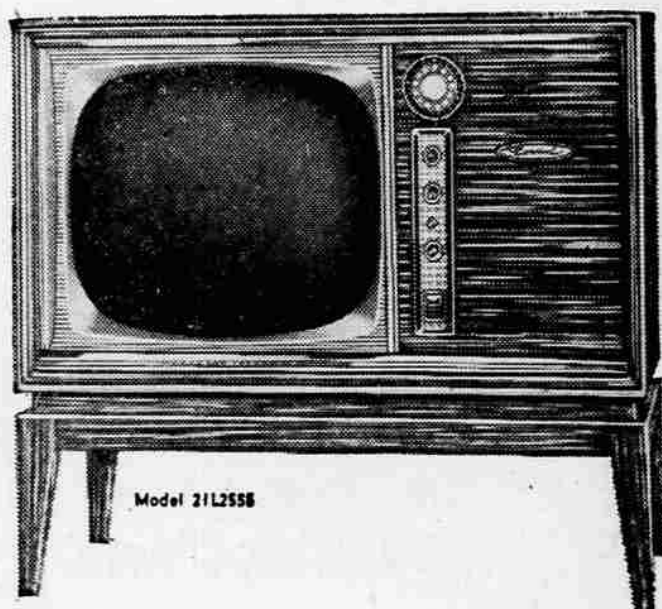
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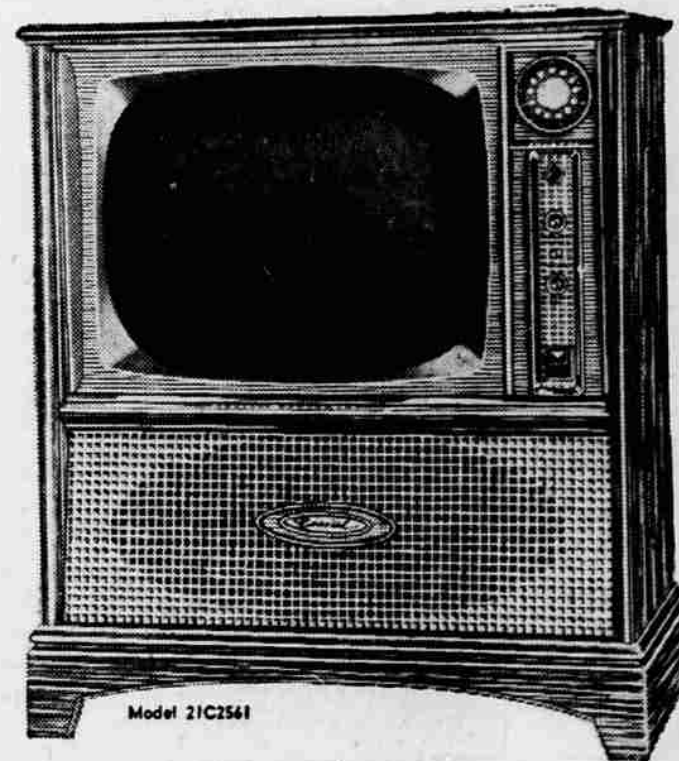
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