

## Marines Reach Top of Whitney

Lone Pine, Calif. — (UPI) — A column of 201 Marines Thursday completed a 175-mile hike from blistering desert to 14,490-foot snow-capped Mt. Whitney.

The rugged Leathernecks planted the national colors and the flag of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., on the mountain crest.

The gruelling march took them from the lowest point in the continental United States, Death Valley, Calif., which is 252 feet below sea level, to the second highest point without a single man dropping by the wayside.

At times temperatures in the desert reached above the 100-degree mark. Their last day was troubled by bad weather and rugged terrain. It forced them to cancel a planned additional hike of 33 miles.

At least four-fifths of the battalion had blisters on their feet as they began the final ascent to the mountain peak, and one acting sergeant made it to the top with a dislocated shoulder.

## Gasoline Price War in Portland

Portland — (UPI) — Retail prices were as low as 23.8 cents per gallon for regular gasoline today.

Dealers said no end was in sight to the current price war. A dealer in the Sellwood district said a competing station posted a 24.8 cent price but was giving a 2-cent per gallon rebate.

Several stations were selling regular gasoline at 24.9 cents with premium down to 29.9.

Prices were reported higher in the Willamette valley with regular going at 31.9 cents in many places. But in other parts of Oregon regular sold up to 36.9 cents per gallon.

## Livestock Exposition Slated at Portland

Portland — (UPI) — The Centennial Exposition building here will be the scene of the first Pacific International livestock Exposition since 1932 this fall. The show will start Oct. 17, a month after close of the Centennial Exposition.



**SPEAKER** — Dr. Charles E. Rothwell, president of Mills College, Calif., will address the Northwest Conference on Higher Education, meeting at Southern Oregon college July 26-28. One of America's foremost educators, Rothwell will identify the "Ingredients of Excellence." The session is devoted to the study of the superior student. In addition to his years in education, Rothwell served 10 years in various capacities with the State Department and the Foreign Policy Commission of the United States Chamber of Commerce. He was the first Secretary General at the United Nations.

## Oregon Adventists Elect President

Portland — (UPI) — Elder Henry L. Rudy, a general vice president of the world General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, in Washington, D.C., was elected the new president of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists at the conference business session here Thursday.

## Guilty Verdict In Strangulations

San Diego — (UPI) — The same jury of six men and six women which Thursday night found an Illinois couple guilty of the first degree murder of two small boys because they were "a bother," reconvened today to determine whether the couple should die in the gas chamber or spend their lives in prison.

Mrs. Wanda Brogdon, 33, mother of the slain boys, and Kenneth Merriam, her lover, showed no sign of emotion when the jury, after 10 hours of deliberation, found them guilty of two counts of first degree murder.

Each of the counts carries a mandatory sentence in California of life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber. Under state law the same jury which tries a capital punishment case must meet in a separate hearing to determine the sentence.

The couple attempted throughout the eight-day trial to blame each other for the strangulation of Virgil Jr., 5, and David Brogdon, 3, last May 2. Both previously were found sane in a separate sanity hearing.

## 15 Years Meted For Manslaughter

Vale, Ore. — (UPI) — Edward O'Conner, 38, of Giltner, Neb., today faced a maximum sentence of 15 years in the Oregon state prison for the bludgeoning death last May of a San Francisco man.

O'Conner entered a plea of guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter in Circuit Court here. He had been scheduled to go on trial next Monday.

He was charged in connection with the death of Eugene Potter, 62 whose body was found last May 16 in a motel at Reno, in eastern Oregon. O'Conner was arrested later at Reno, Nev., and returned here.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

DECIDING HE NEEDED a new rash of publicity, that old favorite, Vincent Lopez, hired a young Broadway character who swore he could plant items in every column in town.



Lopez awaited results in vain for a fortnight. Then the young man burst in and cried elatedly, "Well, Boss, we've got the lead-off item in the hottest column in the business tonight!" Graciously, Lopez turned to the column indicated. The first item read, "What ever became of Vincent Lopez?"

Dorothy Parker, witty authoress who claims to remember New York from the days "when that city was scarcely safe from buffaloes," admits it takes her half a year to write a short short story. "I can't write five words," she sighs, "but what I cross out seven."

Heard what the cannibal chief's wife said to her best friend? "Be sure to drop in Friday night. We're having the Joneses for dinner."

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## Missing New Jersey Socialite Found on Street in Chicago

Chicago — (UPI) — Missing New Jersey society girl Jacqueline Gay Hart, 21, was found wandering hysterical and incoherent on a downtown street early today. She said she had been kidnaped.

The beautiful blonde socialite told of being abducted by two men after she saw her fiance, Stanley E. Gaines, 25, Fayetteville, W. Va., off at the Newark Airport Tuesday night.

Her father, Ralph A. Hart, executive vice president of Colgate Palmolive Co., and Gaines left New York for Chicago on a special plane chartered by a New York newspaper.

"Daddy, I'm scared," she told him on the telephone. "Come and get me."

Deputy Chief of Chicago Detectives Howard Pierson said, however, that police have not discounted the possibility that Miss Hart may have had a recurrence of amnesia which affected her memory briefly after an automobile accident two years ago.

He said no immediate attempt was being made to find her alleged kidnapers because: "We're unable to talk to her. She's hysterical, but calming down a bit now."

**Flags Down Officer**  
Miss Hart was first seen by patrolman Jack Blakeslee who was driving a squad car down Columbus dr., near Lake Michigan. He said the girl flagged him down, opened the car door and jumped in.

Weeping, she said, "I'm Gay Hart. I'm from New Jersey," according to Blakeslee.

Blakeslee radioed for help and another squad car in the neighborhood, driven by patrolman James Miskell, joined him.

They took her to the Central police station. At the station, Lt. Charles Pierson, Howard Pierson's brother, said the girl was still hysterical but refused medical attention. Officers gave her some aspirin in water and wrapped her in a blanket.

She bore two bruises on her arm, which Miskell said indicated she was held forcibly. She also had a swollen lip and her hair, while not disheveled, was not in "good condition," according to Pierson.

Howard Pierson said the girl was wearing the same clothes she had on when she left Newark and she was still carrying her purse. "The clothes don't look too bad to me," Howard Pierson said, "and they weren't wet from the rain we had today."

Miskell said her clothes "were in darn good condition" considering the circumstances.

Short Hills, N.J., home, that she had been seized at the brightly-lighted exit to the terminal, forced into a car and bound with rope.

Her diamond engagement ring, valued at about \$5,000, was missing when she was found, as was a gold flower pin she was believed to have been wearing.

Hart said she recalled hearing her kidnapers plan to make a demand for ransom during the first several hours of her captivity, but had no recollection of events from that time until she was pushed out of a car in Chicago today.

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## Oregon Wagons Due at Huntington

Huntington, Ore. — (UPI) — The Oregon Centennial wagon train was to camp here tonight after crossing the eastern Oregon desert between U. S. Highways 26 and 30.

The camp site is on the Huntington school grounds. The members of the train were to be given dinner by the citizens of the small town. No special program was to be followed.

Word was received by the wagon train officials on the trail that the arrival of the train at Independence has been set ahead to Aug. 14, instead of Aug. 15 as previously planned.

The caravan left Vale early Thursday after a night of festivities provided by the people of that town.

## Roosevelt Memorial Approved by House

Washington — (UPI) — The House passed by voice vote Thursday a resolution setting aside a 27-acre site along the Potomac river here for a memorial to late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The measure, which now goes to the Senate, also would authorize the spending of \$150,000 to finance a competition for a design for the memorial.

## NOT SATISFIED

Oilham, England — (UPI) — Thieves stole a television set, hair drier, pressure cooker, electric toaster, vacuum cleaner and some luggage from Mrs. Joyce Willerton last month. But apparently the thieves weren't satisfied with them. Thursday, the appliances mysteriously reappeared in her back yard, neatly stacked against a wall.

## Seafarers Union Members Jailed

Vancouver, B. C. — (UPI) — Five members of the Seafarers International Union were sentenced Thursday to two months in jail for possessing weapons. Three others were fined \$100 each, and five others were dismissed.

The seamen were found in possession of baseball bats, a shotgun, knives and chains during a series of beer-parlor brawls with the Longshoremen's Union.

MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Or. Friday, July 24, 1959

Ossining, N.Y. — (UPI) — John J. Sheehy, 78, former principal keeper at Sing Sing Prison, died Thursday of a stroke in a hospital at North Tarrytown, N.Y.

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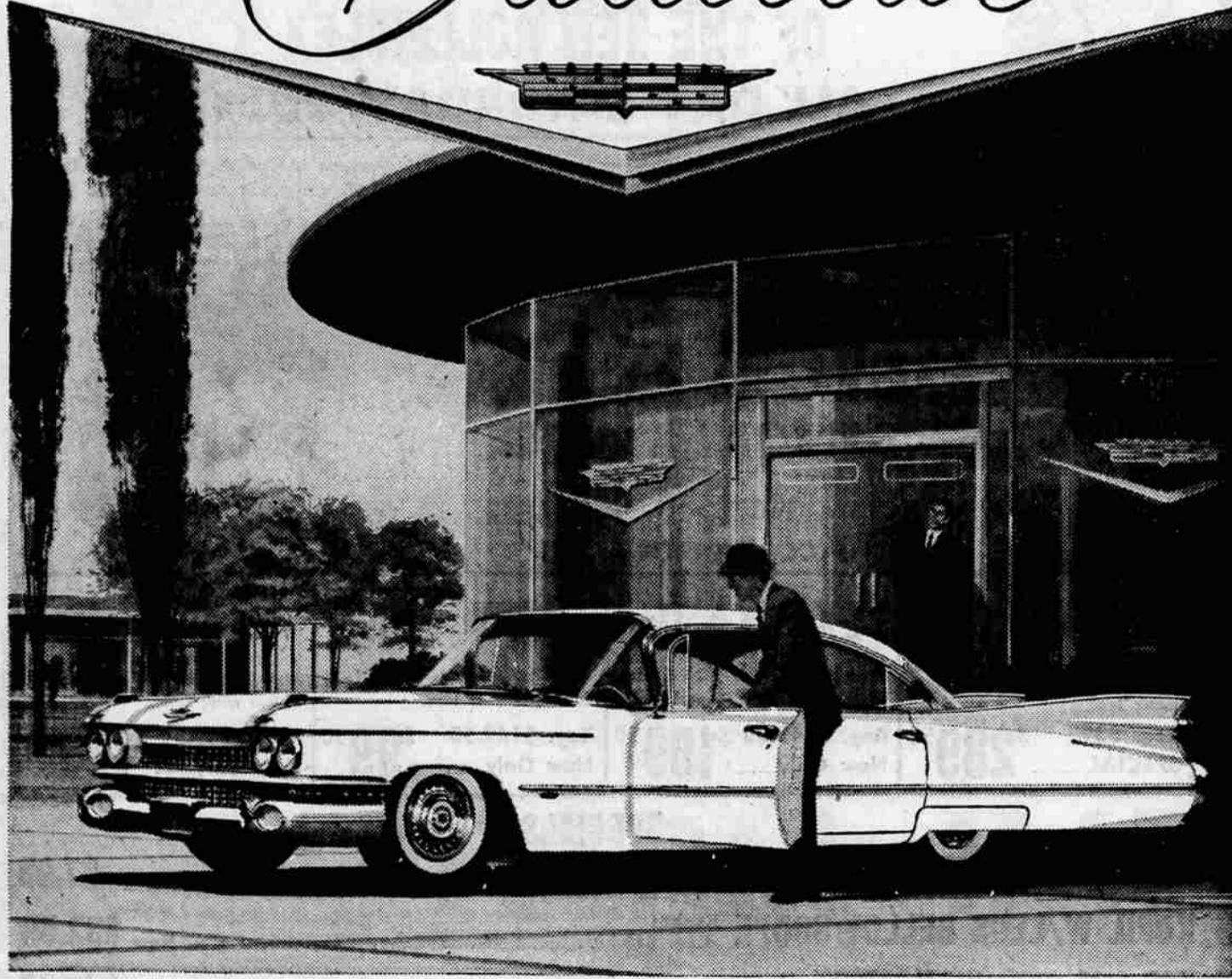
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## Geysers May Become Tourist Attraction

Lakeview — (UPI) — A hot springs geyser which erupted near here on the Charles Crump ranch may become a tourist attraction if the Lake County Chamber of Commerce has its way.

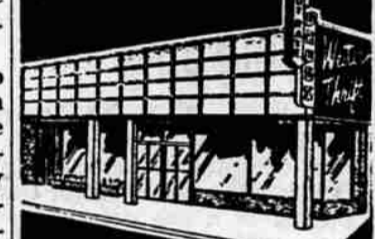
The geyser is thought to be the only continuous one in the world.

State engineer Lewis A. Stanley wants the geyser capped because he said it is wasting water.

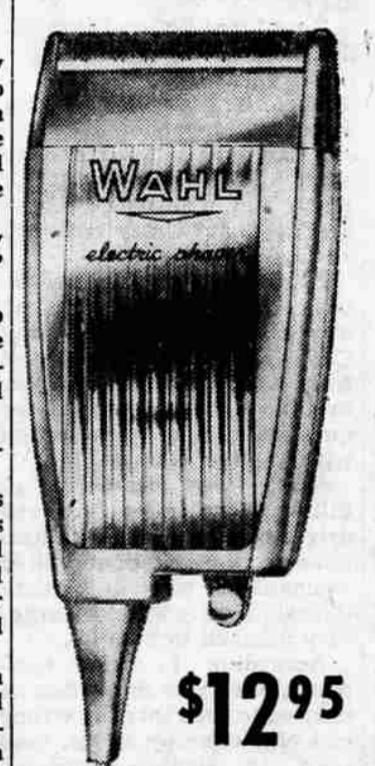
Secretary of state Howell Appling has recommended that the geyser be made into a tourist attraction.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton earlier asked the Nevada Power Co. of Nevada to cap it because of a dispute regarding permits to drill the well in the first place.

Charles Crump said he would give the land to the county for a park if the county court and Chamber of Commerce are interested. The Chamber said it is interested.



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