

# They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

**HOWCUM?** THE GUYS WHO DON'T HAVE TWO DINES TO RUB TOGETHER MAKE BIG TALK...

VAS... I PUT OVER A REAL SWEET DEAL TODAY... MAKE AT LEAST TWO GRAND COMMISH... BUSINESS IS BOOMING...



**AND THE REAL BIG TYCOONS**—ALL THEY DO IS MOAN HOW TOUGH THINGS ARE WITH THEM....

I TELL YOU I'M JUST ABOUT BANKRUPT!! I ONLY MADE HALF A MILLION LAST YEAR...



## Driveaways Face Near Extinction In Auto Business

Detroit — (UPI) — The sometimes bitter fight between the railroads and the trucking industry for the new car shipping business has all but squeezed out a third competitor — the driveaway companies.

For years the driveaways were known as the "meal ticket" for vacationers who liked to take cross-country jaunts and get free transportation. But now the firms are having a run of hard luck.

No longer do the companies make a prosperous living by picking up new cars from De-

troit factories and delivering them to distant points by means of vacation drivers who get free transportation.

### Business Declines

Of the two dozen driveaway firms that did a thriving business in Detroit seven years ago less than half now remain. And these report that business is down at least 30 per cent over a year ago.

The driveaway owners attribute their troubles mainly to auto freight reductions.

But another factor cited frequently was the industry's decision to decentralize. With more assembly plants around the country, there is less need for new cars shipped from Detroit.

The combination of factors has meant that the driveaway companies do almost no business these days with the Detroit car factories. Most of their business is limited to arranging for shipment of used cars bought in Detroit for sale in distant cities.

### Look for Upturn

"Most of our business is in used cars and it's slow at the present time," Dick Newton of AAA Nationwide Driveaway said. "Although business in the last month is down

40 to 50 per cent, we look for an upturn this summer." Newton said his firm seldom handles new cars any more. "Every so often we get a brand new Lincoln or Cadillac, but none of the other makes which have plants scattered all about."

The used car business has been slowly drying up too, however. The reason is that Detroit used-car prices gradually are being equalized with those in far-away points.

### Difference Now Less

Howard Holmebeck, owner of the Detroit Drive-Away Service, said used cars on the west coast used to cost about \$400 more than in Detroit. "But now the difference is only about \$140 or \$150," Holmebeck said. "Some dealers feel this is not enough to warrant the risk."

Ray Orleman, of All-State Auto Drive-A-Way Co., said "The trouble is, the car companies now have assembly plants all over the country. Detroit isn't the automobile center of the world anymore."

## Portland Delivery Men Accept Offer

Portland — (UPI) — About 700 Portland milk plant and delivery men accepted a final employer offer of a wage increase Wednesday night, averting a strike.

Members of Teamsters Local 305 of Dairy, Ice and Ice Cream Workers accepted the offer following day-long negotiations.

An employer spokesman said the pact included a 12½ cent hike over a period of May 1, 1961, to May 1, 1962. The local had threatened to strike this morning unless an agreement was reached.

### FOR MEN ONLY

Exeter, England — (UPI) — The Devon county show which opens here today plans a bacon and egg frying contest everyday. It's for men only.

## TV's Dick Clark To Obtain Divorce

Philadelphia — (UPI) — Friends of television's teen-age idol Dick Clark and the former high school sweetheart he married eight years ago were shocked today by the couple's sudden announcement they would seek a divorce.

The 31-year-old entertainer, who rose to national fame as master of ceremonies of a televised afternoon dance for teen-agers, refused to expand on the announcement that he and his wife, Barbara, 30, "have consulted our attorneys and the divorce papers will be filed in the near future."

## Oregon Said To Have Milk Surplus

Corvallis — (UPI) — Oregon State University economist Stephen Marks says there is an apparent milk surplus in Oregon because of importations from Washington and Idaho.

He said milk production in Oregon is down and the number of cows has decreased. But production per cow has increased.

The recent price drop stemmed from a surplus resulting from imports. Milk production in Washington and Idaho has gone up, Marks said.

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