

Prairieland Talk . . .

# Movie Crowd Keeps Courts Busy

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LOS ANGELES—The movie bunch keeps the court and lawyers occupied, stardom is anything but conducive to happy home life, which is the real bulwark of this, our nation's third largest city—as the home has ever been and ever will be the world over.

Heavy rains, high winds and snow up in the foothills inundated with mud and water the communities up that way, many being driven from their homes and streets of villages being covered with mud from landslides.

Young America, to the number of 12,007, is scheduled to graduate from junior and senior high schools in Los Angeles at the end of January. Not all kids of the great army of youth are going the way of "juvenile delinquents."



Romain Saunders

The sky is overcast today. A drizzle rain keeps us in and families can thus become acquainted. Radios are turned on and we hear the wise ones solving the world problems, experts on everything from the best way to sharpen a pencil to the latest in scientific discoveries.

Thus, the hours of the day pass and before evening shadows gather we all get into the family car and start for "up the valley," where are orange and walnut (English) and olive groves in spots not yet taken over by filling stations, food markets and the abodes of men, women and kids. California is a land of deserts, mountains, fruitful valleys, great and small cities. With its one-thousand-mile coastline extending from Oregon to Mexico, the state lies within three time zones, the southeast section being in the central time zone. Where I have parked for the winter, it is two hours behind O'Neill time.

President Eisenhower is popular out this way, with a feeling prevailing that his program for proposed legislation is something that will be of great benefit to the entire country. Even organized labor is warming up to it.

Dr. H. M. S. Richards, a prominent churchman and director of the "Voice of Prophecy" program, located in a suburb of Los Angeles, is just back from several months spent in Africa and India. Doctor Richards reports finding in the cities of India he visited "a marked anti-American bias," the newspapers giving "only sketchy coverage of American attitudes and events and almost complete distortion of what is printed." In Africa, Doctor Richards found a friendly spirit prevailing, quoting an official as saying they "owe everything" to American missions.

Mexico has hung up an "iron curtain" at California's southern border. Hundreds of Mexicans desire to cross the line and take on jobs harvesting the crops in Imperial Valley, this state's principal agricultural section. It is not altogether clear this side of the border what has prompted Mexico's official action in this matter. Troops were ordered to patrol south of the national boundary line and a crowd of hundreds of Mexicans demanded "the right to work."

Smog, otherwise defined as polluted air, is a large concern of the Los Angeles community and a city department of government has the problem to worry over. Rabies among the canine population is another worry, and shall patriots be licensed to carry a six-gun to flash into the face of a bandit you may meet up with most anywhere. But it is not that bad.

Officials who keep a check on the community growth in population say Los Angeles county has the largest population of any county in America, the total population figure being placed at 4,875,000 for the entire county. A large territory is included in the boundary lines.

Latest figures give the population of California as 11 million six hundred and some thousand. Too many people for a prairie dweller who wants elbow room. Sidewalks are an unbroken broadway of concrete everywhere, a marked contrast to O'Neill and Lincoln sidewalks. Neither sidewalks nor highways can take care of the flow of the "many running to and fro" and ships of the air on high roar overhead in a hurry to get there.

Two guys, one of whom was a printer, the other an engraver, developed a big idea. Southern California was to be flooded with \$500,000 counterfeit money. Passed a few thousand and then were returned to a federal prison from which they had been just recently released. Anyway, you hand it to the crooks out this way because they are after something bigger than robbing hen-roosts.

The city papers have some shocking tales. An automobile pulled up to the side of the lonely street. Three men got out and assailed a passerby walking toward his home. The three fiends in human form beat up the poor guy, left him bruised and bleeding and lying unconscious. He came to and crawled home some hours later. Another was found dead by a filling station with marks and broken body from a beating.

Mexico has put a ban on their people coming across the border to get jobs and this is causing concern in agriculture circles as Mexicans are depended upon largely to do the farm work.

It is well to make friends with those blue-clad huskies on the police force. I met up with Walter Brown some days ago as he kept a weather eye on the intersection and escorted children safely across. He is a former Wyoming rancher from the Big Horn country but has been here the past few years. We enjoy a little visit from time to time as I pass his way.

Los Angeles has many distinguished visitors. Among recent notables to visit the community was Celal Bayar, president of Turkey. His government was the first to join in furnishing military forces under the United Nations setup. Whether President Bayar's American visit is anything more or less than a diplomatic salute we may never know.

Another generation of outlaws is in the making. Groups of boys at play, but recently out of the diaper stage, armed with toy guns, enact mock-believe holdups among themselves. Better not arm your boy with a toy gun.

After an attempt to comprehend a government expert's 150 pages of child care advice, the oldtimer wondered how he made it for more than four score years.

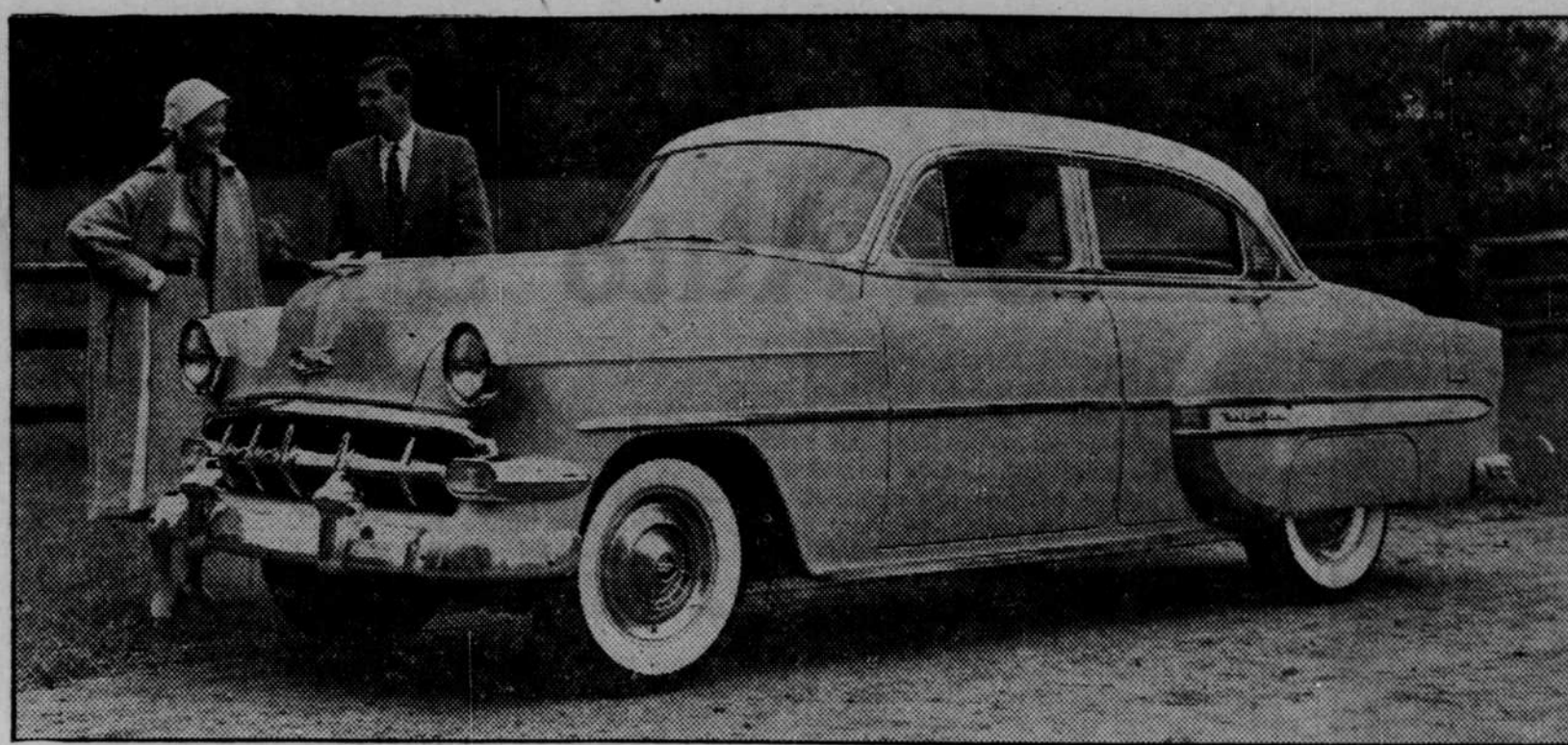
The California Press association group will gather in Los Angeles early in February for its 66th annual gathering. Governor Knight and other state officials are invited as guests.

Los Angeles has a park named in honor of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. January 26 ground was broken for the erection of a statue of the general.

I received a copy of *The Frontier* yesterday. When you are far away and get your home paper you read everything, including the want ads.

Twenty-one Yankees and one Briton have elected to stay with the Chinese Reds. Reasons given indicate they have absorbed the communists' fables about the United States in large doses.

The Big Four beat the air over in Europe, while there is a lull at UN headquarters.



Three body series in Chevrolet for '54.

## More Power, Design Changes for Chevrolet

More power, an extension of the automatic transmission option to all cars, and design revisions to accentuate the low, flowing beauty of the three body series highlights the 1954 Chevrolets.

A latest model will be on display at the O'Neill Auto Show this year through the courtesy of the Lew White Motor Co., of O'Neill.

The latest models benefit as well from re-styled interiors, a wider choice of rich colors and color harmonies and chassis advances to assure quieter operation with increased performance.

Power brakes, adding safety and driving control, become optional for the first time in the low-price field with the introduction. As still another "first" in Chevrolet's market, electric front seat and window lifts are also available. This convenience provides passenger car comfort through push-button control.

Given special prominence in 1954 models is the Bel Air series, which Chevrolet pioneered so successfully a year ago. An eight-

passenger station wagon brings to five the number of Bel Air body types. The company has also announced that convertibles will be hereafter concentrated in this series.

Another departure in the line-up of 13 passenger car models is the introduction of a utility sedan in the "One-Fifty" or lowest priced series. This body, replacing the former business coupe, offers an amazing 54 cubic feet of storage space.

Again in 1954 Chevrolets are powered by a choice of two engines, each more powerful and responsive than its 1953 counterpart. The 115-horsepower "Blue Flame" engine is used in gearshift models. An engine of 125-horsepower couples with the Powerglide automatic shift, now available on all cars, including the sedan delivery.

Other chassis advances cover improvements in the clutch of gearshift models, a longer, deeper-tuned and sound deadening muffler, and nylon rear spring inserts to eliminate the necessity for lubrication.

In appearance the 1954 Chevrolets have a longer, more rugged look. Designed for a broader, lower effect, the front bumper has been curved farther around the fender. The grille, bumper guards, parking lamps and hood

ornamentation have been modified to conform with the new motif. Although the brightwork of the individual series profiles remains much the same, design touches at the rear re-emphasize the distinction of the line.

### Visitors Here—

Mr. and Mrs. George Beatty and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beatty of Madison were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. McIntosh and family.

Mrs. John Pray left for her home in Ft. Dodge, Ia., Sunday, after having visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grady, and family.

### March 10 Is New Deadline for Plates

The state motor vehicle division is issuing orders to call enforcement officers to recognize 1953 license plates on Nebraska vehicles up to midnight, March 10.

By law the official expiration date for 1953 plates is February 15.

But Douglas county in particular is far behind in its job of getting out the 1954 plates, so Motor Vehicle Division Chief Owen J. Boyles decided to "give the car owners a break" and ordered the date set back to midnight,

March 10. By that time, he said, Douglas county should be able to complete its big job.

Marh 1 had first been talked about as an extension date, but Boyles said he didn't want to set one date and then have to have another extension. So he settled on the March 10 date.

This is the first time in several years that the state bureau has had to issue an extension, although in Douglas county last year city police recognized 1952 plates beyond the deadline.

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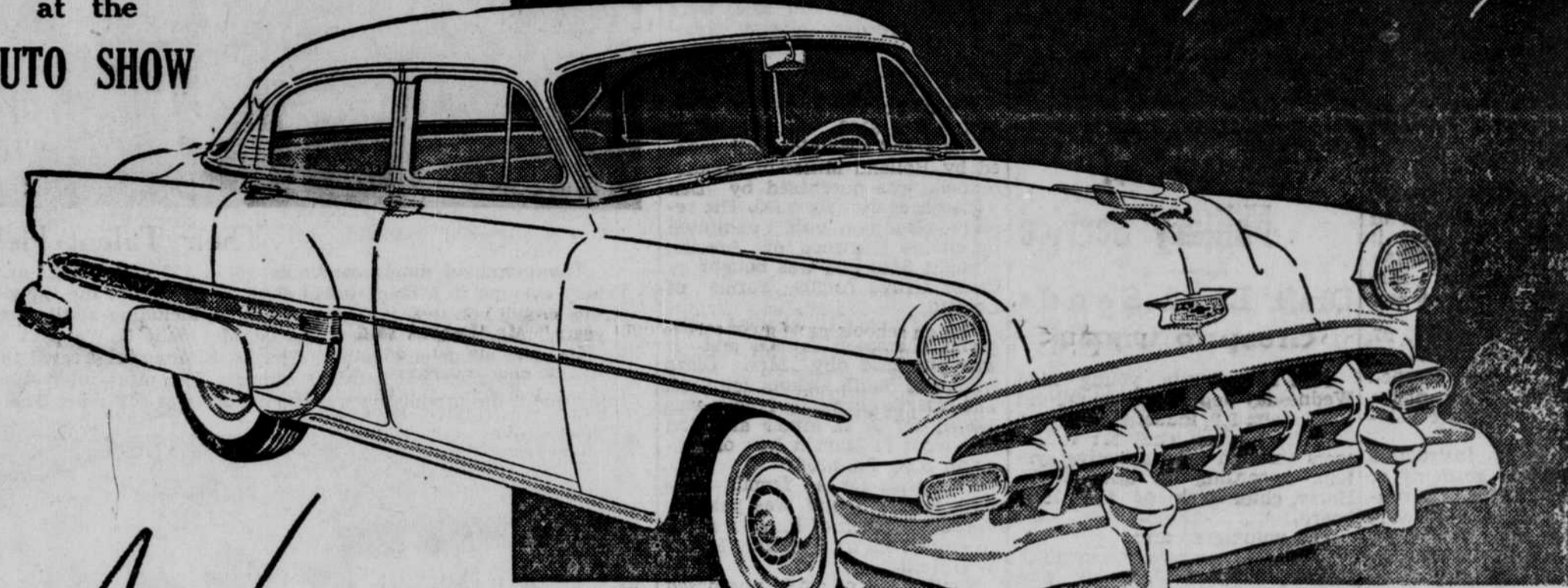
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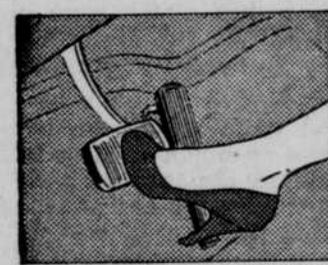
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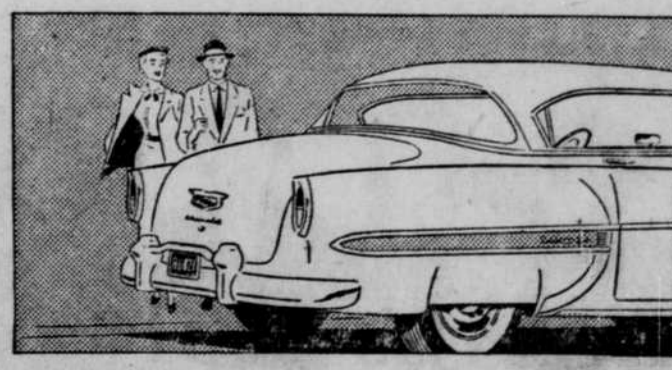
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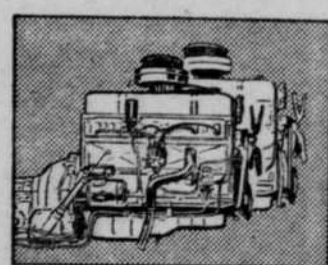


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There's a new, lower, smarter look about this new Chevrolet. All around the car, you'll see new styling that brings you Fisher Body at its beautiful best.

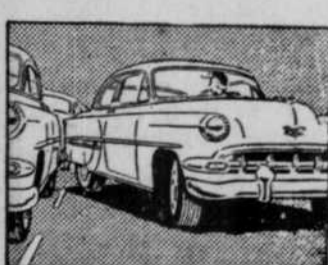
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Editorial . . .

## It Matters Which Board

Dear Editor: CHAMBERS—Why did the university sign a 10-year contract with any man? Didn't they know that under such conditions there would be no incentive for him to make good? He knows he has a job. After his great showing in the Oregon game, why didn't Rex Fisher get to play more?

If our coach is OK, why is it that so many boys dislike him? He should resign, but with that 10-year contract he won't.

If the athletic board thinks enough of its word that it won't break it, then they should turn it over to the board of educational lands and funds. It would cancel it inside 24 hours and put his job up at auction besides.

FLOYD WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker takes an interesting view of the recent Coach Bill Glassford affair at the University of Nebraska. This is a subject which already has been discussed in these columns.

It is true the metropolitan press in Nebraska abhorred breaking Glassford's contract, which was informally suggested by the athletic board and board of regents. Not many months ago the same editorial writers gleefully noted the voiding of contracts between the state board of educational lands and funds and school land lessees throughout the state.

Of course, in the latter affair, the state supreme court handed down an opinion that obliged the state board to cancel contracts and issue new ones under competitive bidding. The stickler, of course, is in making subsequent allowances with lessees.

Mr. Whitaker's above letter is not without point.

### 'Please Don't Print'

(Guest editorial from The Wayne Herald) This newspaper, like all others, frequently is asked not to print certain information.

A parent will come to the office and implore us to ignore the fact that his son was hailed into court on a traffic charge.

Or someone will ask that we gloss over the unsavory details in an accident story. Occasionally, persons who should be wholly disinterested will ask that we omit a story that would cause some embarrassment.

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