



LOS ANGELES, April 2—The new 13-story General Petroleum building, dedicated Friday, is the largest office building in Southern California. It contains 504,000 square feet and was completed in March, 1949, at a cost of \$11,000,000. Eight floors are occupied by the home office of the General Petroleum Corporation. The remaining five floors are leased to 45 other companies.

Crawford to Present Claims For Indians

Salem Attorney Lee Crawford, representing four Oregon coastal Indian tribes, will appear before the Court of Claims in Washington, D. C., April 5 in another step in litigation involving Indian claims for land taken over by the government.

The U. S. supreme court already has decided the Indian tribes have a right to receive an amount of money equal to the value of the some 2,500,000 acres in the year 1855 plus interest since then.

The Court of Claims now is hearing arguments of Crawford and other attorneys for the Indians and of government attorneys over the amount of money to be paid the Indians. The amount determined by Commissioner Richard H. Akers is \$8,000,000 based on original value of 60 cents to \$1 per acre.

The government maintains the value should have been around 10 cents per acre and Crawford maintains the lowest possible value should be \$1.25, the price on public lands in 1855, with value up to \$3 in some parts of the territory due to heavy timber and mineral resources.

The lands figuring in claims stretch between the Pacific ocean and the Coast range summit, with one section extending from Cape Lookout south to Yachats and the other from north of Coquille to the California border. Tribes affected are the Chetco, Tillamook, Coquille and Too-too-to-ney (Rogue River) tribes.

Crawford, accompanied by his wife, will leave Salem by air April 4. They expect to return here on April 19.

Valley Briefs

Monmouth — The Polk County Home Extension committee is sending invitations to the Polk County Spring festival to be held at the IOOF hall in Monmouth Thursday, April 14. Each unit is arranging an exhibit. Speaker will be Esther Taskerud on "Together We Build."

Scotts Mills — Mrs. Theodore Lorenzen, Mrs. W. S. Herigstad and Mrs. James Nicholson are in charge of the Thomas home extension unit's project, dinner table setting, at the county home-makers festival in Salem, Friday, April 8.

Liberty — Mrs. Russell Mayer will conduct Bible study Monday at the home of Mrs. Henry Kamminga at 1:30 o'clock for friends and neighbors.

Turner — WSCS will hold a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Lou Small, Friday, April 8, at 2 p.m. Those attending will be asked to read or tell something of interest about Easter.

Orchard Heights — Ervin Grice, of near Peru, Ind., and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Grace Grice of Louisville, Ky., have been visiting cousins at Orchard Heights this week, including Ammon Grice, Nannie Cannoy, Mrs. Robert Adams and Mrs. James Best.

They left for Seattle Monday where Mrs. Grice will board ship for Tokyo to join her husband, Eugene Grice.

Amity — Senior class graduation averages were announced this week at Amity high school. Phyllis Meeker, who is valedictorian of the class, has a 1.16 average. Royal Tarter, class salutatorian, has an average of 1.21.

Swegle — The April meeting of Swegle Woman's club will be held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ralph Becker on Sunnyview avenue. The annual flower exchange will be made.

Solons Seek Final Say on Truman's Housecleaning

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—A bill giving President Truman broad powers to revamp the government, but also making it easier for congress to nullify his reorganization plans, was approved Friday by a senate committee.

If either branch of congress disapproved a reorganization proposal it would be dead, under the

measure approved by the senate executive expenditures committee.

The group re-wrote a bill passed by the house which would require dissent by both houses in order to kill any presidential proposal for streamlining the executive department.

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New Street Lights to Be Ready April 15

AMITY—New city street lights will be ready for the initial illumination April 15, according to Portland General Electric workmen who have begun installation of the new Mercury-vapor lights. Officials from Sheridan and Wilamina, neighboring cities which are considering installation of the lights, will be invited to view them.

Amity volunteer Fire department will sponsor a benefit dance April 9 at the Amity high school.

Amity high school basketball team were guests of the Lions club at their meeting last week. The Oregon State football line coach entertained with pictures of the Pineapple bowl game. Jim Dixon, Oregon State coach, was guest speaker.

A Sportsman's trophy was awarded Amity grade school by the Standard Oil company recently, for the school's sportsmanship of spectators and team at games.

Measles Cases At High Level

Cases of measles in Marion county, as in Oregon on the whole, are at a high level so far in 1949. Health Officer W. J. Stone said Saturday. He counted 239 cases reported this year, compared with six for the first three months of 1948.

The season is likely to continue through May, according to Dr. Stone, who reminded that the increase of cases over some past years is due largely to the area's great growth of population and high birth rate.

Incidence of measles for a full year in the county varied from 12 in 1925 to 885 in 1928 and 796 in 1933, down to 30 in 1934, up to 400 in 1936 and 435 in 1940. There were 18 cases in 1945 and 193 in 1946.

Legion Women Plan Meetings At Silverton

SILVERTON—Included in April meetings announced at last week's Legion auxiliary meeting were the Legion Auxiliary Sewing club at the Mrs. Ralph Francis home, 1128 South Water st., April 7, 2 p. m.; the annual past president's jifney supper, Monday night, April 25; the Marion County assembly at Woodburn, Friday night, April 29; the rummage sale at a date to be named later; and a Pan-American program, April 11, 8 p. m. with a speaker from Venezuela.

Mrs. C. E. Higinbotham, vice president, reported 175 members with the unit's quota being 130.

At the joint program which followed the unit and post meetings B. E. Owens, Salem, department commander of the American Legion, was guest speaker. The affair honored past post commanders, with 18 of the 30 past commanders present. A large decorated birthday cakes was presented the Legion commander, C. E. Higinbotham, by the women of the unit.

L. B. Loomis, Head Of Armored Car Service, Dies

SEATTLE, April 2 —(AP)— Word was received here Friday of the death of Lee B. Loomis, president of the Pacific Coast - Wide Loomis Armored Car service.

Loomis, 78 years old, was returning from the National Armored Car convention in Tampa, Fla., when stricken with a heart attack. He died today in Charleston, S. C. Survivors included a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lee Eby, of Salem.

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Construction of Detroit School Auditorium Starts

DETROIT, April 2 —(Special)— Construction of an auditorium just north of the new Detroit grade school was started Thursday by Rushlite Sprinkler company, under contract to the Army engineers. It is to be ready before school resumes in September.

Erection of the building was held up three months by bad weather, after the sections were dismantled and brought from the former Corvallis army air base. It is of frame construction, 88 by 124 feet in size and will be connected to the school by a covered walkway.

Elkhorn Folk Fish for Smelt

ELKHORN — Ray Sischo, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Myers and Mrs. Myers went to the Sandy river near Troutdale Tuesday to dip smelt, returning with their limit.

Mrs. Ike Myers entertained the Elkhorn women with a dinner at her home Wednesday in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Bill Bickett. Present were Mrs. Merwin Knox and children and Mrs. Helen McClurg, both of Lyons. Mrs. Bill Bickett, Mrs. Carl Longnecker, Mrs. Ray Sischo, Mrs. Lou Myers and Mrs. Ray Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reineohl, Dolores and Alan of Newport were recent visitors at the Ray Roberts home.

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