



Synthetic Rubber Plant Reactivated—Workmen repair and clean tanks and pipes in "tank farm" section of government-owned \$7,000,000 Kentucky synthetic rubber plant in Louisville which is being reactivated and will begin operating early next year.

Pseudo Doctor Pinches Toes

Santa Barbara, Calif., Nov. 20 (AP)—A policewoman complaining that "he pinched my toes until I wined" brought about the arrest of James Martin on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Diagnosis of her feigned ailments, policewoman Dorene Meyer said, was based on squeezing of her pinkies. She said Martin explained that the little toe, for instance, was an indicator of heart ailments; the big toe communicated trouble from the kidneys, and so on.

Miss Meyer said that when she consulted Martin she pretended that she had cold feet, for one thing; also headache, heartburn, pains in her arm and side.

Special agent James Barry of the state board of medical examiners said Martin was arrested yesterday in his office, where equipment included a "miracle machine" which, Miss Meyer was told, would send electric waves through her body and cure her cold feet, etc.

Martin is also charged with using the title of doctor illegally in violation of the business and professional code.

Coy's Future Is Uncertain

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Two contradictory reports about the future plans of communications commission chairman Wayne Coy were circulated in Washington today.

One said that because of the current heated color television controversy Coy may shortly step out of government service.

The other said that, because of the current heated color television controversy, he will probably remain at his present post for an indefinite period.

Coy declined to comment to a reporter.

The FCC chairman told a congressional committee several months ago that he did not expect to "be available" for reappointment to the communications commission when his present term runs out in June, 1951.

The statements were associated with reports that Coy planned to return to the publishing field. He was formerly associated with the Washington Post. However, Coy himself has never elaborated on his statement before the committee.

Gardeners to Meet

Keizer—A meeting of the Keizer Garden club will be held Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at the fire hall. A turkey dinner will be served for the members at 6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ward will speak to the gathering on fuchsias. Anyone interested in flowers is invited.

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Elaborate Precautions Safeguard A-Bomb

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE (Associated Press Science Editor)

Richland, Wash., Nov. 21 (AP)—On the records, the safest working place in the world is the Hanford Atomic Reactor plants here making plutonium for bombs.

"Unprotected," the records read, "A man could not safely come within a quarter of a mile of such a nuclear chain reaction as takes place in a Hanford pile."

But no Hanford worker ever has been harmed by these radioactive rays. Only a few have gotten in an entire year as much radioactivity as having your chest x-rayed. X-rays are one form of radioactivity.

Thick concrete walls furnish most of the protection, but there are jobs in which workers walk right into the rays.

Here is a case, in a plant where fresh plutonium is separated from forty kinds of radioactive substances. Men with periscopes, magnifying lenses and powerful lights detected a piece of apparatus out of order. A remote control crane lifted it over a wall to an area free from rays. But the piece itself was emitting powerful gamma rays.

A crew taped paper on the floor where the piece was to rest, to save the floor from getting radioactive. The distance the rays would travel from the apparatus was calculated, and a safety fence set up at the limits of danger.

The piece had to be repaired. First a crew trained on an identical piece of apparatus, to save time when they came to the "hot" apparatus. As much as eight hours on a job of repairs has been saved by this foresight. Whether the rays hurt

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A timekeeper watched them, checking how much of the rays each worker got. Presently he signaled one to come away. That man left the job, because he had received all the rays permissible on one day. One of the reserves took his place. So it went until the job was done.

By that time every man's clothes were presumed to be covered with radioactive atoms. The crew went to a room where they stripped these clothes washed, and had their bare skin tested for radioactivity.

Some had radioactivity on their hands, the parts which had been closest to the "hot" apparatus. These had to scrub several times with special green soaps and other chemicals.

The amount of radioactivity permitted these workers is less than the natural radioactivity which everyone gets from the air at one mile altitude. Dust and air might get radioactive in the Hanford plants, and for this robot monitors detect the contamination long before it is dangerous. The robots blow whistles, ring bells and flash lights in warning.

To make absolutely sure, the United States atomic energy commission requires of the few thousand Hanford workers about two-and-a-half million separate measurements for radioactivity each year.

Camp Fire Girls Take Hike on Forestry Study

Salem Heights — The "Ehawe" Camp Fire group went for a hike Saturday along Croison creek. Each member took a picnic lunch and they gathered three leaves for their scrapbooks. Each will write an essay about the nature study. Mrs. Richard Amrine, Mrs. Leonard Strong and Mrs. Charles Hagemann accompanied the group. The group honored their mothers at a Mother's tea at the home of Mrs. Ed. A. Carleton on Monday. On the social committee were Carol Hagemann and Geraldine Wellard, and on

the refreshment committee Pat Marggi and Elsie Strong. The group have been making Thanksgiving turkey favors for the Old People's Home for their Thanksgiving table.

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