



VISIT REFINERY—Eight Medford men recently were guests of General Petroleum on a tour of the big new refinery at Ferndale, near Bellingham, Wash. They were among 1,500 Mobilgas dealers and company employees who have been taken to view the refinery, which has a capacity of 35,000 barrels or more per day. Crude supplies come from Canada via a new 740-mile pipeline, and from tankers. Shown above during their

trip, with the refinery in the background, are (front, left to right) Leo B. Williams, M. M. Huggins, Dale Carr and Richard Pruitt, Medford, and Harry L. Hurst, Portland. In the rear, left to right, are C. F. Risse, Earl Yoakley and Earl Read, all of the Medford area, F. W. Gilbreath, Tangent, and Robert Collins, Medford.

House and Senate Committee Make Effort To Reach Suggested Date for Adjournment

Salem — (U.P.) — House and Senate committees attempted today to get up a full head of steam to bury or bring out for floor action the measures still before them, in an effort to strike somewhere near the target date of April 16 to complete the 1955 legislative session.

Very few if any believe the session actually can be completed by the target date—only a week from next Saturday.

But many expressed belief that Senate President Elmo E. Smith and House Speaker Edward A. Geary announced the target date yesterday as a sort of psychological goal to get the committees out of argument and into action.

If so, the psychological effect was not too heavily in evidence at committee meetings held after the announcement.

In the Senate Education Committee headed by Sen. John C. F. Merrifield (R-Portland), for instance, there was a two-hour discussion. But there was no action to bring out or bury the bills before them. The really big ones, dealing with basic school support are yet to get the treatment, one way or another.

The Senate Highway Committee headed by Sen. Warren McMinnee held a two and a half hour session late yesterday and passed out two bills, including one to permit volunteer firemen to have flashing orange lights but no red ones on their cars.

On the House side, Geary said, most of the committees are on a current basis, which means they have cleared their desks of all the bills except those just recently put before them.

Many Near Finish

The Military Affairs Committee has cleared its desk. The Commerce and Utilities Committee is down to five bills; elections and reapportionment down to four; alcoholic control, down to four; and fish and game down to five.

The committee on livestock has passed out 12 bills, tabled four, referred one—on meat inspection—to ways and means, and has a clear desk.

The committee on financial institutions is down to six bills. The Judiciary Committee has a

lot of bills yet to decide and the education committee has 20 to go.

The House had 14 measures up for final passage today and the Senate 15.

Public hearings were scheduled for both houses tonight. The House Education Committee will hear testimony on need for financial assistance to areas where population increases have outgrown bonding capacities.

The Senate Assessment and

Taxation Committee will hold its first hearing on the controversial state income tax increase passed by the House last week by a vote of 31 to 27.

Christian Scientist Says Healing Lifted Into True Status

Spiritual healing is today lifted out of the realm of blind faith into its true status of normal, demonstrable, divine Science, Jules Cern, New York city told a large audience here last night.

Appearances to the contrary, man is spiritual — not physical — and knowledge of this is healing the sick as well as the sinner by prayer alone, Mr. Cern declared.

On nationwide tour as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Mr. Cern spoke under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Medford, in the Medford high school auditorium.

He spoke on Christian Science: "The Understanding and Practice of God's Allness."

Physically Ruled Out
Worship of God as All — as infinite Spirit — rules out physicality as actually real, Mr. Cern said. He held that there is nothing novel or unreasonable about rejecting matter as a basis for healing.

Commenting on the fundamental Christian Science teaching that "Spirit is All — instead of Matter," he said: "This does not eliminate man and the universe; it illuminates man and the universe."

The Bible, he said, "supplies clear evidence that Christ Jesus, his disciples, the apostles, and the prophets before them, had healed others through spiritual means only . . . People were healed where matter indicated that they would die. And people whom matter indicated were already dead were restored to life."

He continued: "In his endeavor to awaken mankind, Jesus declared, 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.' Free of what? Free of the false thought that physicality is reality. He knew the Truth about Life — not about disease. He knew the truth about harmony — not about discord . . . He knew the truth about eternity — not about death."

'Mike' Elliott Given 90-Day Jail Sentence

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A former Portland, Ore., sheriff was given a 90-day county jail sentence and his wife was fined \$500 yesterday when they appeared for sentencing on a forgery charge.

Marion Leroy Elliott, 35, who said he wanted to "bring the name of Elliott before the public," was given a one-year suspended sentence and ordered to spend 90 days in county jail as a condition of three years probation.

Elliott's wife, Francis, 35, was given a 180-day suspended sentence, fined \$500 and also was placed on three years probation. Both had admitted forging a \$118 check. Elliott was arrested last Feb. 5 at a Van Nuys store.

FIRST ROBIN FAKE

Lansing, Mich. — (U.P.) — A Michigan game expert said today "the first robin of spring" is a fake. Donald W. Douglass said in an article in the Conservation department's magazine that robins stay north all winter and therefore there is no "first robin."

House GOP Want Poll Book Signatures

Salem — (U.P.) — House Republicans yesterday demanded a call of the House to round up every

available vote for passage of a bill that would require voters to sign a poll book before they cast their ballots.

Patterson Will Oppose High Dam At Hells Canyon

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson said today he would oppose the Hells Canyon bill authorizing a high federal dam on the Snake river when he appears at a hearing in Portland tomorrow.

The governor said he thought two provisions of the bill would work to strip Oregon of its share of the high dam's production.

First, he said, Idaho would be reserved 500,000 kilowatts, a major share of the dam's production, and Oregon would be reserved power for only a small section of the state bordering the river in Baker and Malheur counties.

The second reason Patterson gave was a provision of the bill calling for the remainder of the dam's power to be marketed through the Bonneville Power Administration with the result it would go to Washington state public power utilities.

Gov. Patterson said he could see "very little benefit" to Oregon power users from the arrangement.

The governor also objected to the tying in of Mountain Home project in the Hells Canyon bill which would divert some of the dam's power revenues to financing the reclamation project. "I don't believe power users of Oregon and the Northwest should be called upon to subsidize this project in this manner," he said.

Question Up To FPC
As to the engineering side of the low dam-high dam controversy, the governor said: "I will not concern myself with the engineering problem of whether a high dam or three low dams will better serve the public interest." He said that question should be determined "by the best qualified and most impartial agency—the Federal Power Commission."

A ligature dispenser fitting into the palm of the hand makes it possible for surgeons to close incisions better and faster than they can through the use of sutures wound on sponges, glass or rubber tubes.

Corbett said the bill would make it possible for voters to be trapped into a violation of the law. Republicans contended that it was simply a safeguard against fraud.

Reps. Jean Lewis (D-Portland) and Robert Klemm (D-St. Helens) said there had been no evidence of fraud in past elections and that the GOP had failed to show the need for such legislation.

Mrs. Lewis declared the result would be to slow the election process and discourage the votes of working people who did not have time to stand in long lines waiting for people to sign their names in a book.

The bill would require voters to sign the poll books, certifying the accuracy of the address listed after their names in the books. Willful misrepresentation would be punished as a crime of false swearing.

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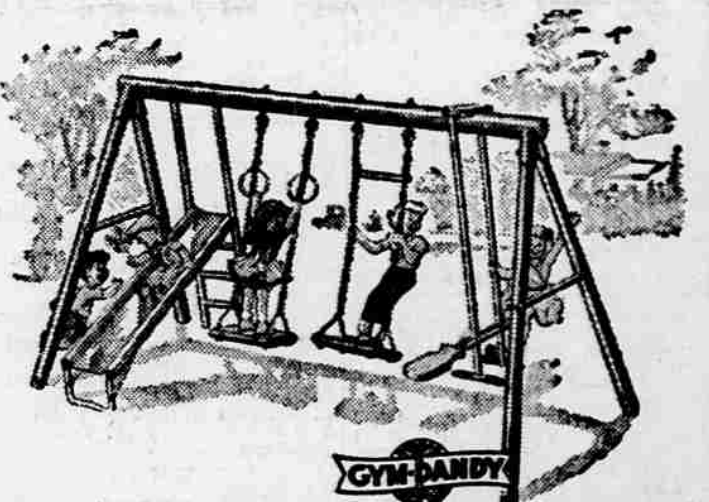
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