

PROTESTING AGAINST oil-drilling permits under lands of two Los Angeles country clubs, Attorney Hal Hughes (right) notifies City Council president J. S. Gibson he filed suits to halt action. (International Soundphoto)

Chances Said Small For Another Large Auto Firm to Start

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Detroit — From the looks of things in this automobile city, the chances are small for another big automobile company getting started in the near future.

It just costs too much to do the trick. The experts estimate it could well cost a billion dollars or more to get into action, and there just isn't that kind of money venturing into a field already well filled, it is held.

The situation is illustrated by the introduction of the Ford Motor Company's new Edsel, a car of 18 models designed to capture a place in the medium priced field.

It is estimated the cost of this venture will run around a quarter of a billion dollars. The job of producing the series started nearly 10 years ago and has gone through a series of grueling tests long before it made an appearance on the drawing board.

And this job was done with a giant organization with assets of more than two billion dollars, plant and equipment of the latest type, and men trained in all forms of the automobile business.

Ten-Ton Buoy Replacing Tillamook Lighthouse

Tillamook — The Coast Guard buoy tender Mallow Tuesday installed a ten-ton buoy off the Oregon coast to take over the ship protection duties of the 76-year-old Tillamook rock lighthouse.

The historic lighthouse is being abandoned Sunday by the government as too costly. Instead, a flashing 80,000-candlepower light in the buoy will warn shipping away from the rugged coastline. A crew of four has maintained the lighthouse on 90-foot Tillamook rock. It can be reached only by breeches buoy.

America's Schools Expected to Be About the Same This Year As Last

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Washington — When Johnny trudges home from his first day at school next month, his mother will ask, "How were things at school today?" and Johnny will reply, "oh, about the same as last year."

However frustrating Johnny's answer may be to a mother's curiosity, it will be a fairly accurate summary of the situation in America's public and parochial schools as they begin the new fall term.

The shortages of qualified teachers and classroom space which hampered the schools last year will be "just as bad and probably worse" this year, according to Dr. William G. Carr, executive secretary of the National Education Association.

Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, commissioner of education, said elementary school enrollment is expected to reach an all-time peak of 30,670,000 children, an increase of 959,000 over last year. High school enrollment will be 8,424,000, up 604,000 from last year.

The increased enrollment will more than offset the progress achieved during the past year in building new classrooms and training new teachers, according to Dr. Ray Maul, assistant research director of the NEA.

"There is every indication that we will have more overcrowding this year, and a much larger number of children attending half-day sessions," said Maul.

About 245,000 children were on half-day sessions in the 1956-57 school year. Maul thinks the figure will be close to 400,000 this fall.

Other thousands of children will get a full day's schooling but in classes that are swollen far beyond the limit of 35 students which educators consider a maximum for effective teaching.

Derthick said preliminary figures indicate that public and private schools have signed up 1,262,100 fully qualified teachers for the coming year. He said schools estimated their actual need for teachers at 1,397,100.

10-Year-Old Boy Killed Near Salem

Salem — A 10-year-old boy was killed and three persons were injured, one critically, at Aurora Tuesday night when the boy's bicycle veered into the path of an automobile, state police reported.

Killed was Tommy E. Wiederhold, Aurora.

Injured when the car overturned after the collision were Raymond S. Wilson, 53, Portland; his wife, Elsie, 38, and a girl, Jackie Mullins.

Wilson was taken to Good Samaritan hospital in Portland and was in critical condition. His wife and the girl were hospitalized at Oregon City. Their condition was reported "good" today.

The Dalles Youth Confesses Slaying

The Dalles — Larry Zink, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Zink, The Dalles, confessed Tuesday night that he struck the blow which resulted in the death of 9-year-old Mary Matthew here early Friday morning, Aug. 16.

The youth was arrested on a charge of first degree murder, District Attorney Harry Hogan said.

Jack Bears, a polygraph expert, said that the Zink boy had agreed to a lie detector test after signing the confession, and that the test bore out his statements.

Police indicated the clue that broke the case involved a note that was found in a pickup truck several days after the girl's death.

Authorities sent several hundred copies of handwriting samples from The Dalles high school to the Oregon state crime laboratory in Portland and comparisons connected young Zink with the note.

Mary had been spending the night with a girl friend, Barbara Heldt, 10, in the yard of the Heldt home. Both girls were in sleeping bags. The Zink boy entered the fenced-in yard and struck both girls on the head, and fled when Barbara's screams brought her father to the yard. Mary died in a Portland hospital several days later.

Central Point Light Reactivated For Fall

Central Point — The traffic light at the intersection of East Pine and Ninth sts., Central Point, is now in operation. Central Point police officials report. The light controls traffic at the school crossing.

Salem — John J. Tyner, Portland, has been appointed assistant attorney general for the state Bureau of Labor, it was announced Wednesday.

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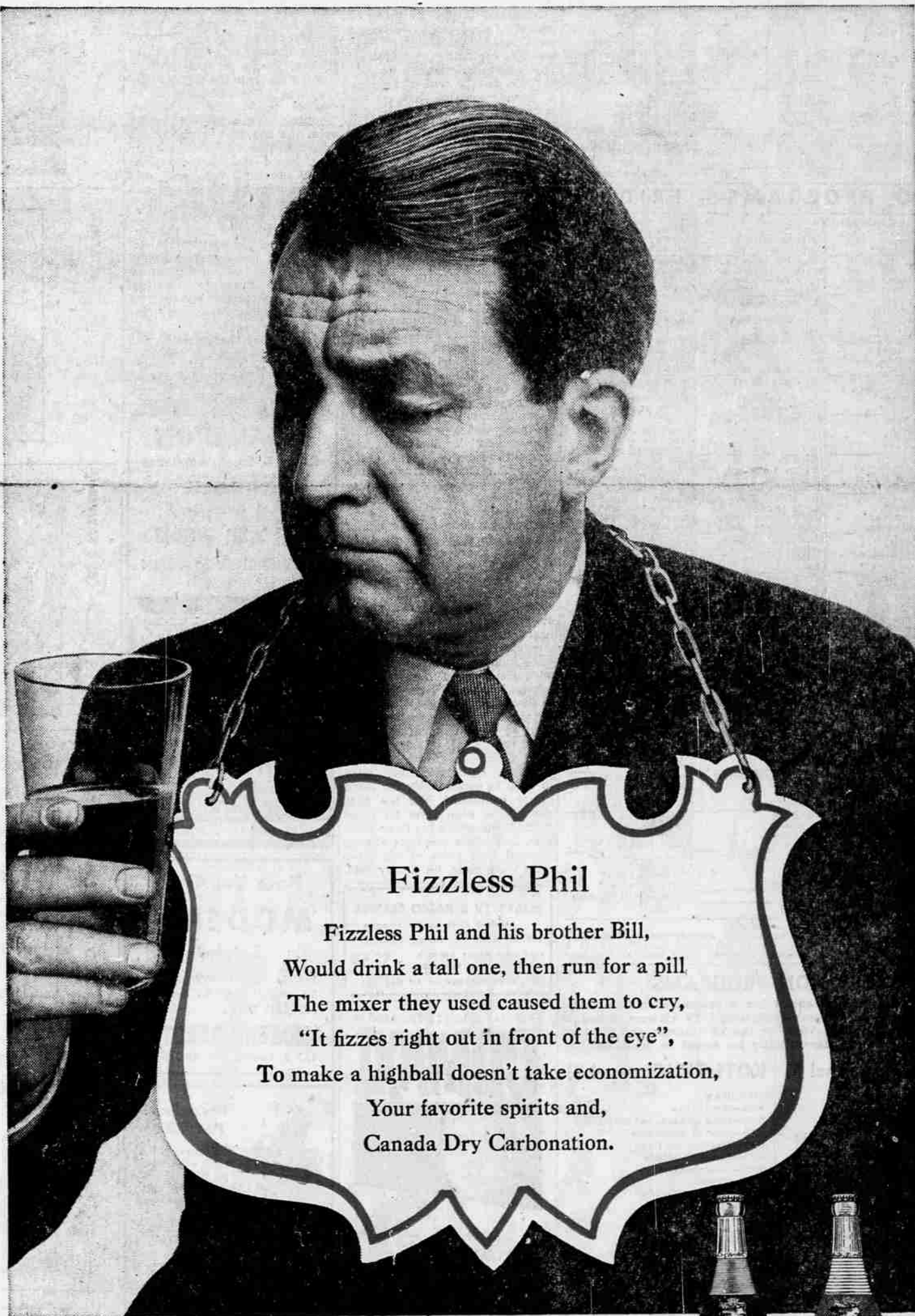
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