



THE PLUNGERS of Eugene, who sang in Klamath Falls at the first SPBSQSA parade will sing, April 10, during the parade and Minstrel-Ade at the Pelican Theater. This group has also sung at the Blue Sky Hotel, Hart Mountain, during the annual retreat of tired men. Left to right, R. E. Hirt, bass; Ted Wood, baritone; J. H. Leabo, tenor; Frank Graham, lead. Some tickets for the big musical treat are still available at Derby's Music Store.

Radiation Treatment Gives Hope to Leukemia Victims

By **RENNIE TAYLOR**
Associated Press Science Reporter
PORTLAND (AP)—A method of almost doubling the survival time of people with chronic leukemia was reported Tuesday by a physician widely known for his research on blood.

The procedure for staying death and giving added months of comfortable existence for victims of this form of malignancy involves the use of constant small doses of radiation over the entire body.

Usually leukemia patients are treated only as long as they are outwardly ailing, then sent home. The new way is to keep on treating them even though they don't appear sick.

This method was described to science writers by Dr. E. E. Osgood of the University of Oregon medical school. The science writers are touring research centers under the sponsorship of the American Cancer Society, which supports the work of Dr. Osgood and many other medical scientists.

For chronic leukemias the average survival time—between the onset of disease and death—has been listed in medical statistics as 36 to 42 months.

Dr. Osgood reported on 163 patients who have been treated as a group since 1941. At the end of 1953, 48 of these patients still were alive. The average survival time as of that date was 57 months. Since 48 still are living, the calculated survival time for all 163 will be 4 years and 9 months.

Since treatment methods are improved from time to time, Dr. Osgood figured that by the time these remaining 48 are dead, the average survival period will be between seven and eight years.

Since leukemia is a disease of the blood and extends to all parts of the body, the entire system is irradiated. This is done with small doses of X-rays and radioactive phosphorus, which is injected into the blood stream. The phosphorus gives off rays which attack the malignant white blood cells in much the same way as X-rays.

Another research project which gives hope for added life to victims of breast and prostate cancer was reported by two other researchers of the school, Dr. Clarence V. Hodges and Dr. Clare G. Peterson.

Removal of the adrenal glands is one type of treatment used. This has prolonged life and banished pain for some patients but Hodges and Peterson said they were getting away from adrenal surgery and using sex hormones instead.

By varying the use of cortisone and sex hormones it is possible in many cases to ease pain and prolong life.

Dr. Peterson cited the case of a woman 30 years old who in 1952 appeared to be near death from breast cancer. Malignancy had spread widely in her body. The doctors sent her home to die but gave her cortisone. In a few months she was on her feet and doing housework. She is still alive, after having been described repeatedly as a "terminal case."

Among Dr. Hodges' patients are 27 women who have lived 10 to 20 years after having had cancerous breasts removed.

Cold Weather Lingers On

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**
Wintery weather lingered on into April over wide areas from the Rockies to New England Thursday. Sides were clear over nearly two thirds of the country and temperatures were below freezing over snow-covered sections of the Midwest and Northeast. More snow fell in New England and parts of Montana and snow was forecast for North Central regions. Rainy spots were along the East Coast and in the far Northwest.

Temperatures were in the teens across the Northern Plains and the Northern Lakes region while the freezing line extended south over the Ohio Valley and Central Plains. Mild weather continued in Florida and the Gulf Coast.

The coldest spot early Thursday was Cutbank, Mont., with a low of 9 above. At the same time Key West, Fla., reported a mild 76 degrees.

ANTI-RED DRIVE
ROME (AP)—Premier Mario Scelba has launched his announced anti-Communist drive with orders for a loyalty check of government employees. The order went to members of his cabinet Wednesday.

Excise Tax Reduction Sale now in progress on Kenmore electric ranges, Coldspot refrigerators and freezers, plus all other excise taxed items. Additional savings up to \$24.00. Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Experts Opinions Vary On State Of Nations Business

By **SAM DAWSON**
HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—April promises to give more clues to the course of business—jobs, take-home pay, retail sales, production, building—than did March.

The big debate still goes on today after March's inconclusive performance:

Is the nation having only an inventory adjustment? If so, after a little more paring of stocks, and the belated Easter shopping season, merchants should start ordering again and the industrial trend will be back to higher ground.

Or is the nation settling back from the peak of a boom—back to a replacement level? If so, industry will be replacing old goods with new and supplying a growing population. But it will be definitely out of the era of the huge postwar demand, when everyone seemed to want another gadget—and to be ready to buy it, if only on time.

Even in Texas, where confidence in its future is almost universal, there are doubts that spring will see the end of the recession.

Dr. Watrous H. Irons, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, foresees the decline continuing for a few months more, but with no sharp drop ahead.

WARNING
The Business Research Bureau at Austin, however, says, "It's rapidly becoming clear that the level of business activity for the nation is showing a serious decline" and warns Texans against hope that "any serious decline in the U. S. economy would not be felt in this area."

A Houston bank president thinks a "gentle slide back to normal times" will continue into the summer. A New Orleans bank chief sees September as a more likely turnabout month than April. A Boston banker says there's still a chance of a chain-reaction recession.

On the national scene, April moves in to the tune of both good and bad reports and predictions.

The official line: President Eisenhower sees no need yet for slam-bang antirecession measures.

Treasury Secretary Humphrey thinks May will be time enough to decide if a real business drop is threatening. Commerce

Secretary Weeks looks for lower excise tax rates to stimulate business sometime this month and sees a chance that the three just ended will be the low point for the year.

GUESSING
The business guessing: Purchasing agents for manufacturers are betting on more business activity in the three-month period just starting. The National Assn. of Purchasing Agents glimpses the first faint signs of the slump's abatement, with employment steadier than in the early part of the year, and with production and new orders up slightly, but perhaps reflecting only seasonal trends.

The Federal Reserve Board, however, tells businessmen that consumers say they plan to buy

fewer cars, houses, furniture and appliances this year than last. The total of personal incomes is down a little from the peak. And some consumers whose jobs haven't been affected yet are a bit nervous lest they might be.

That other big prop of prosperity—spending by business—may be off about one billion dollars this year, according to the Commerce Department and the Securities and

Exchange Commission. Even so, spending for plants and equipment is expected to top a spanking \$7 billion.

The three or four million out of work are bitterly affected by the business dip, and resent the word adjustment. Everywhere you run into worry lest a recession start snowballing of its own weight.

But most places you find that many folk, perhaps the majority,

believe the economy is only settling back from a booming peak to a lower but still mighty high level. Their attitude toward the long-term future is a blend of calm, caution and confidence.

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