



THE FIRST of a series of business group meetings in conjunction with the "Keep Pace With Tomorrow" program being conducted by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce began with the agriculture group, whose chairman is Dorman Turner, left. The meetings continue through the week. Discussing objectives with Turner is R. Frank Tucker, chamber manager.

Demo Probes Land Trade

Senator Clair Engle (D-Calif.) announced recently that he has written Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton concerning the exchange of government lands in the Klamath Straits Unit of the Klamath Reclamation Project.

It is understood that the Department of the Interior proposes to exchange these lands with private lands owned by the Tulana Farms Corporation in both California and Oregon. Senator Engle has expressed his concern over negotiations.

The lands in question are presently under lease to veterans. Thus, the senator believes this to be a matter of community interest that should not be settled on a secret basis. He wrote Seaton, "I hope, Mr. Secretary, that you will continue to withhold action on any such exchange until a full investigation can be made of the circumstances and a public hearing can be held in the area on the interests of local veterans and present leaseholders."

SETTLEMENT APPROVED
OAKLAND (UPI) — Federal Judge Albert C. Wollenberg approved an \$85,000 out of court settlement Monday for the widow and six children of a longshoreman crushed to death by a 1,500-pound roll of newspaper.

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Young Radio Disc Jockey Nears 200 Waking Hours

NEW YORK (AP) — A young and comparatively unknown disc jockey stands today on the threshold of an unmatched medical achievement—200 sleepless hours under constant scientific watch.

Doctors and psychiatrists who have been watching him, and helping him fight off collapse, think Peter Tripp, 32, is a medical rarity. They also admire him for his driving determination. Without it, they say, nothing could have kept his eyes open so long.

Tripp's personality has changed what seemed like another publicity stunt into an interesting scientific experiment.

"There has never been such a study made before," says Dr. Louis Jolyon West, director of psychiatry for the University of Oklahoma Medical School. "This man has been under 24-hour psychiatric observation for over a week. Every utterance, every attitude during this great stress has been noted down. There is nothing we haven't measured. We know him through and through. And I'll tell you something, he's a man."

Tripp, who plays records nightly for three hours over radio station WMGM, started it all by saying he would stay awake 200 hours to draw attention to the March of Dimes campaign for funds. Furthermore, he would spend his time in a glass-enclosed recruiting booth in the heart of the Times Square.

Doctors drew back when asked to supervise the stunt. West, who has studied the strange effects of sleep deprivation, was interested but wary. He came to New York and spent two days talking to Tripp before deciding the information he might gain would be worth the "uncomfortable public spotlight."

West's endorsement brought in the Air Force's surgeon general, represented by a noted psychologist from Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Maj. Harold Williams. The Cornell Medical School and the Albert Einstein Institute asked, and got permission to make some tests too.

Tripp's 200 hours—8½ days—will be up at 7:14 p.m. EST tonight. Even if he falls short of this goal, West and Williams know of no one else who has gone as long as Tripp without sleep under minute-by-minute supervision.

What does it matter? What do you gain from watching a man stay awake?

"Medically, there is great interest in sleep deprivation," West says. "It induces a kind of mental disturbance which can be reversed. Mental health research is handicapped by the difficulty of trying to produce the disease in a laboratory for study."

He said no doctor is willing to produce a real mental illness in

a person so as to study the disease. Sleep loss, however, can imitate some effects of mental illness.

There are numerous other scientific aspects of the study, most of them having to do with the brain and the central nervous system. Williams presides over an instrument-packed room in the Hotel Astor to which Tripp is steered every few hours. A doctor and a psychiatric nurse are at his elbow night and day.

Tripp, who is married, is a curly-haired, well-built man. He has a slight blur in his speech from his ordeal which he fights off when he is broadcasting. He walks with a slightly shuffling gait, his head lowered and his dark eyes staring suspiciously from under

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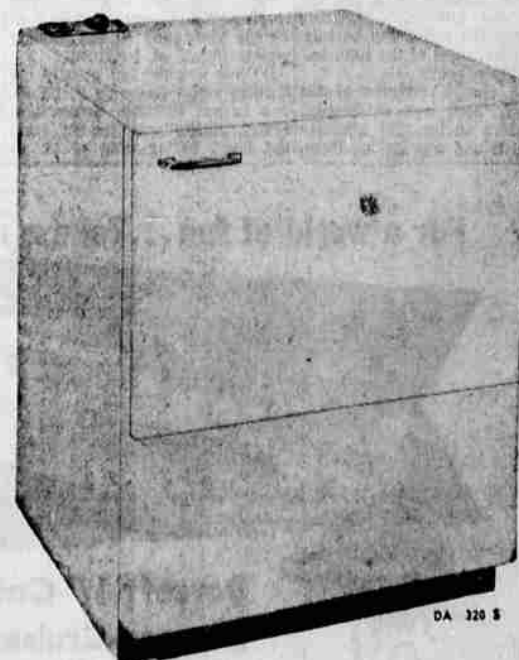
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