

**ANOTHER NEW HOUSE:** F. R. McAbee, Seattle builder, enjoys a series of construction-news television shows produced by the Honig-Cooper Co. Mrs. McAbee is interested in building news and in her rock garden. Herbert, their son, admits he likes a little more action on the screen. Construction news is included with the "World Today" show, which appears in Seattle on television at 6:45 o'clock Monday evening.

## Oil-Drilling Scouts Active in State

By E. B. FUSSELL  
Those strangers fanning out over the back-country roads of Washington probably aren't tourists who have lost their way. It's more likely that they are "land men," looking for leases on property for possible drilling of oil wells.

Sheldon R. Glover, state supervisor of mines and geology, has watched recurrent cycles of leasing and drilling during his 18 years with the state agency.

"I don't believe the leasing ever has been as active as it is right now," Glover said today.

**Drillers Near Chehalis**  
Only one drilling operation is under way, to Glover's knowledge. This is the well of the Washington Oil Co., about eight miles from Chehalis.

I. W. Love is president. He is said to be backed by Canadian capital. The well is down about 3,500 feet.

"Wonderfully rapid progress," Glover commented. But no oil yet.

The biggest leasing program is in Southeastern Washington and nearby counties in Oregon, and

is "pretty much wildcat," in Glover's view.

J. D. Bodkin, Midland, Tex., responsible for this leasing, recently told the Associated Press that he had leases on more than 1,000,000 acres. Bodkin said he had no immediate plans to drill.

In several parts of Western Washington, however, the men getting land leases are reported to represent several major oil companies. The leasing program presumably foreshadows new drilling operations.

**Leases Unestimated**  
No one will know how much land has been leased, until one or another of the large companies completes its program and reports. But Glover, regarded in oil circles as the best-informed man on the general state picture, thinks the Western Washington acreage under lease may be greater than it was in 1947. In that year the Union Oil Co. of California reported 185,000 acres under lease.

Both Union and Standard of California had active drilling programs in the middle 1940's, principally individual operations. One

was carried out under a partnership arrangement.

These resulted in one well, a Union property at Ocean, City, which produced oil, but in less than commercial quantities. The deepest well in the state, a dry hole of more than 11,000 feet was drilled by Standard, near Martha Lake, north of Seattle.

**Lease Areas Listed**  
Leasing operations have been reported this year in four main Western Washington areas, according to Glover.

Two of these are in Southwestern Washington—one relatively close to the ocean, the other in the interior, somewhat to the east of Centralia, Chehalis and Castle Rock.

A third leasing area includes parts of Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. A fourth is on the Olympic Peninsula.

Leases, Glover says, usually are written for ten or 20 years. The lease holder, however, may cancel it whenever he chooses.

The land owner may get anything from 5 cents an acre upwards. The Eastern Washington leases reportedly were at the rate of 10 cents an acre.

The big lure for the land owner, however, is the royalty provision, which gives him 12 1/2 per cent of any oil or gas which may be produced from the property.

Something like 300 wells have been drilled in Washington in the search for oil. No well has yet proved a producer, on a commercial basis.

But "oil is where you find it and at least three of major companies, reportedly engaged in the leasing, apparently believe new explorations in this area will be worth the money.

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**Cattle Herds Larger**  
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The highest point in Florida's Everglades National Park is about 12 feet above sea level.

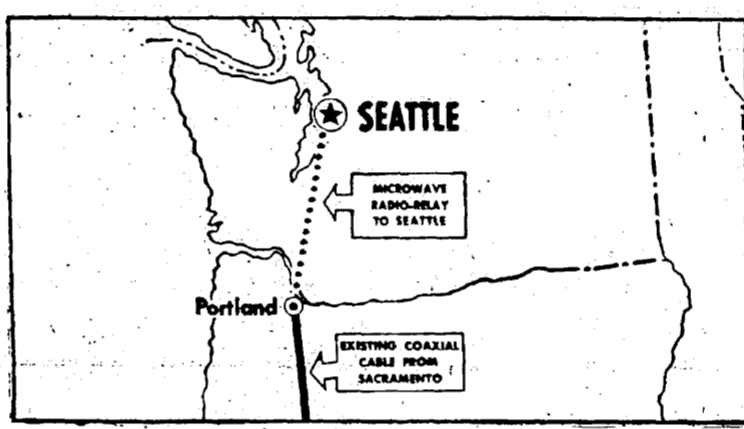
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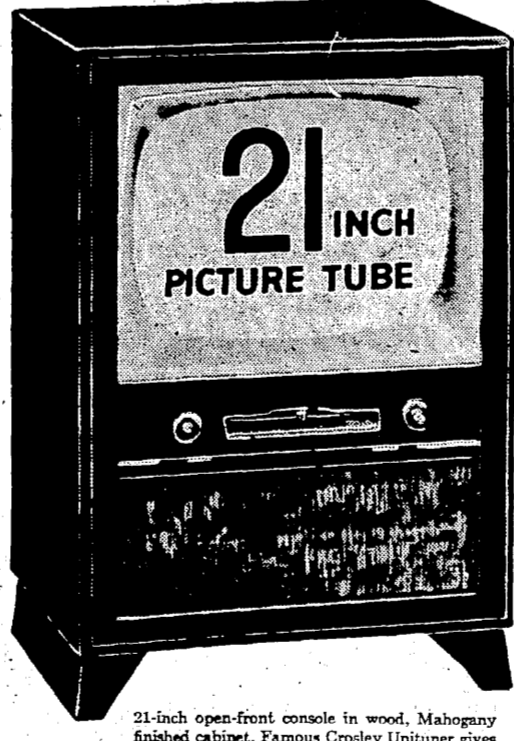


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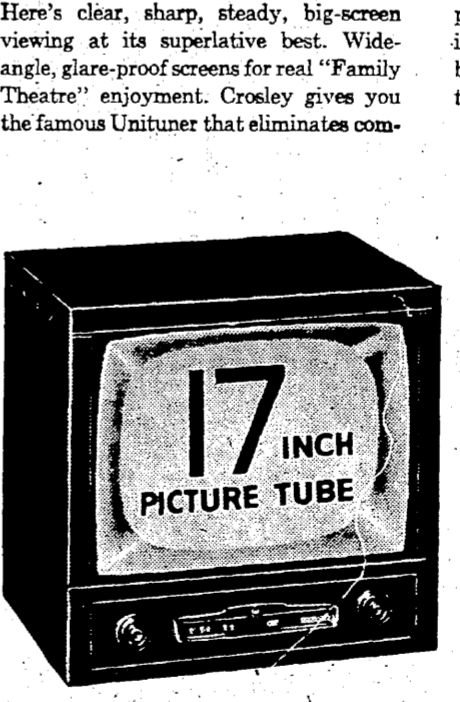


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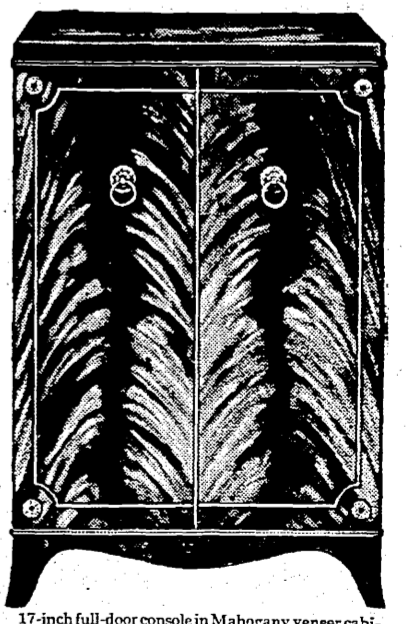
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## TV Hookup Expected To Boost Set Sales

Network television programs for Seattle, scheduled for next month, will be a milestone in entertainment, education and progress for the city, in the opinion of television industry leaders of this area.

"Seattle people will have a ringside seat, be among the crowd at the big events as they happen," said Emmanuel Zerega, president of the distributing firm for Motorola. "It's a big thing for the city and the whole area served by television."

George Crane, Seattle manager for Crosley Distributing Corp., reports a tremendous interest created by news of Seattle's hookup with the network and reports an increase in television receiver sales.

Some leaders feel that the full significance of the impact of direct telecasts will come after the public has had a chance to view one. Says Stewart Carter, president of Harper-Meggee, Inc., RCA-Victor distributors:

"In other cities that have been linked with the microwave relay system, a tremendous rise in sales of TV sets followed the first direct telecast program."

Michael Hersh, sales manager for Columbia Distributing Corp. for Admiral, states:

"It's difficult to grasp the drama and importance of direct telecast programs until you actually see one. We expect the biggest public reaction, both in renewed interest in television and in increased set sales after the first telecast from Chicago here July 7."

## Pacific T & T Completing TV Equipment

One-ton antennas are being mounted this month by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company atop the relay towers recently completed between Portland and Seattle in preparation for radio relay of "live" television by July 6, according to W. J. Billings, divisional manager. The company seeks to complete the system in time for direct coverage of the national political conventions in this area.

When the antennas are in place on the four towers erected at Orting, Tenino, Castle Rock and Kalama careful adjustments for line-of-sight transmission of programs will be necessary and Billings indicated this work would take most of the month.

Originally scheduled for completion next December for long-distance service, the work has been rushed to enable Seattle televisioners to receive "live" telecasts of the national political conventions. Permanent equipment for the relay system, to be installed later this year, will carry both television broadcasts and long-distance telephone calls.

**More Rice for India**  
CALCUTTA — India has increased its rice-import target for 1952 to 1,000,000 tons, 10 per cent higher than in 1951 and nearly 35 per cent above the 1950 figure. The increase was made because of rising demands for rice from several states.

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