

## Air Pollution Experts to Confer Here 3 Days Starting Wednesday

The first Government-sponsored conference on air pollution will be held at the Wardman Park Hotel from Wednesday through Friday, Secretary of the Interior Chapman announced yesterday.

It will bring together 500 leading authorities from all sections to discuss health hazards and other problems of atmospheric contamination, such as the threat of smog disasters in industrial centers.

Officially, the gathering is known as the United States Technical Conference on Air Pollution. It was organized by an interdepartmental Government committee at the request of President Truman.

A message from Mr. Truman will be read at the opening session Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The tragedy at Donora, Pa. in

October, 1948, when a five-day smog over the town resulted in 20 deaths and the illness of nearly half of the population, emphasized the hazards of polluted air.

A banquet will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m., with Director James Boyd of the Bureau of Mines as the toastmaster. Secretary Chapman will be a speaker. Other speakers include Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service and Dr. E. Barstow, vice president, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Mich.

Seven panel session groups will meet simultaneously in various rooms of the hotel the first two days of the conference. There will be a general over-all session the last day. The panels will cover health, meteorology, instrumenta-

tion, equipment, analytical methods and properties, legislation and agriculture. About 80 papers will be presented.

Dr. Louis C. McCabe, chief of the Bureau of Mines Office of Air and Stream Pollution, is the chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee appointed by Secretary Chapman to sponsor the conference.

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## Play at Coolidge High

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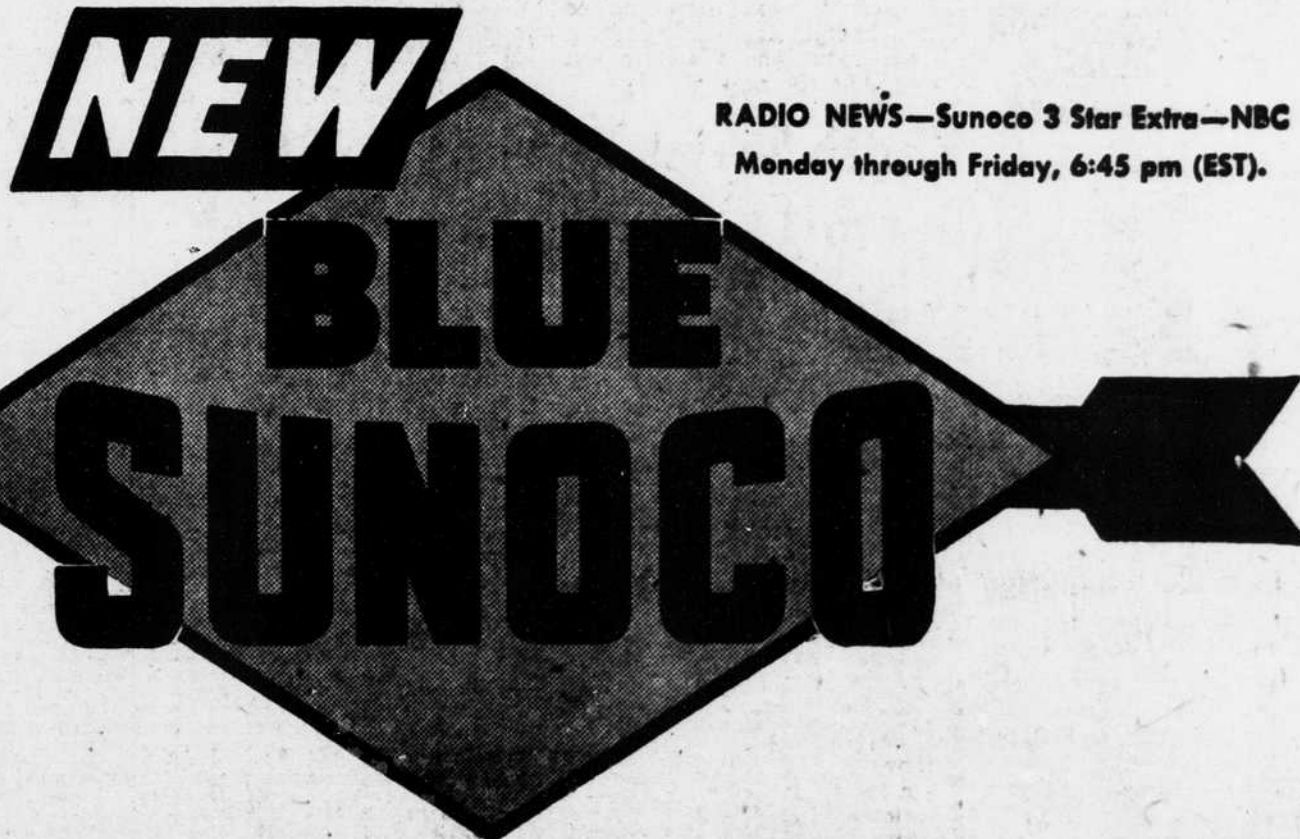
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