

## P. S. Magruder Given High Post With Mobil Oil Co.

P. S. Magruder has been named assistant to the president of Mobil Oil Co.

Magruder, executive vice president of General Petroleum Corp. until the merger of that company with Mobil, will serve as the personal representative of Mobil's president, Herbert Willetts. He will reside in Los Angeles and will be principally concerned with the Pacific Coast area.



P. S. MAGRUDER Promoted by Mobil Oil

MAGRUDER WILL be proposed by Mobil to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of Western Oil and Gas Assn. created by the retirement of Robert L. Minckler, senior vice president of Mobil. He will also represent Mobil on the board of governors of the Pacific Oil Institute and other business and industry groups in the West.

A native of Texas, Magruder joined General Petroleum in 1925. He was named manager of manufacturing and elected a director in 1945. He became a vice president in 1946 and executive vice president in 1948.

ACTIVE IN the petroleum industry, Magruder is one of the founders, a past president and a director of the California Natural Gasoline Assn., a member of the board of councilors of the American Petroleum Institute.

Since 1955 he has been president of the Kettleman North Dome Assn. He is a former chairman of the Air Pollution Control Committee of Western Oil and Gas Assn.

MAGRUDER IS a member of the Los Angeles Chamber of

Commerce, the California State Chamber of Commerce, a director and vice president of the California Manufacturers Assn. and a member of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council.

Magruder also is active in youth welfare work and is a former president of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts. In 1956 he was presented the Silver Beaver, scouting's highest adult award. In 1957 a Torrance elementary school was named in his honor.

A MEMBER of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, Magruder is a member and past president of the Los Angeles Petroleum Club, a member of the California Club, the Los Angeles Country Club and Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine.

## GOP Candidate Outlines Steps To Ease 'Unbearable Tax Load'

Speaking to Republican groups in Rolling Hills this week, GOP Congressional nominee Tom Coffee came up with some specific recommendations on what he termed "this country's unbearable tax load."

The endorsed Republican candidate, Coffee set forth "specific steps that I will propose enacted into law to help the present situation." "First among these is a return to tax sources to the states."

The Westchester businessman emphasized that "The states are reduced to the role of poor relations in the tax situation by the various raids on the tax payers' pocket by the federal government. In little ways, the federal government has forced the states to tax where it hurts the poorest taxpayer most, on sales and medicines and through a series of license fees and nuisance taxes."

COFFEE'S PLANS include return of such items as the cigarette tax to state control. "Last year the federal government collected over ten billion dollars in excise taxes. At least half of this money comes from sources pirated from the states, and should be returned to the states," Coffee declared.

"At the rate of a nickel a pack tax return, the states

would get enough money to pay the major share of state old-age assistance programs. Similar refunds on other items would enable the states to stop looking for aid from Washington, and would also enable the states to spend the money more efficiently at the local level," he added.

"IN THIS WAY," Coffee concluded, "we can maintain the true idea of the American Federal system, with equal states joined in a union for mutual benefit, and with the Federal government as an equal partner in taxation and representation, not the rich uncle consenting to give the states back sixty cents out of the tax dollar that it has already extracted from them."

Among the places he appeared were the homes of Mrs. Ross Rasmussen and Mrs. James Crane, both of Rolling Hills.

### \$474,100 Coming From Motor Taxes

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