



**TRANSMISSION LINE COMPLETED TO TOKETEE**—The high tension transmission line, which will carry energy from Copco's Toketee Falls power project to the Dixonville substation at Roseburg, was "heated" Monday. Crews assembled at the Toketee end of the 49-mile line to celebrate erection of the last pole by

the traditional ceremony in which each workman's hat is nailed to the last tower. Pictures show the assembled crew, a section of the line looking toward Eagle rock, and the last tower with its ceremonial decorations, which include the foreman's pants.

## TOKETEE TO DIXONVILLE

### Crew's Hats, Foreman's Trousers Adorn Towers As Copco Line Is Energized

By CHARLES V. STANTON  
If anyone saw Marvin Cooley trudging around in his underwear, think nothing of it.

Marvin Cooley is foreman of the construction crew building Copco's transmission line between Toketee Falls power projects and the Dixonville substation.

Cooley was forcibly removed from his trousers recently and the pants were nailed to a high pole. But that is in line with tradition.

Some years ago there developed a curious ceremony among power company line construction crews.

Celebrating the setting of the last pole, as a line is finished, all crew member's hats are nailed to the pole, or poles—and woe betide the man who hasn't a hat! That's why Cooley's pants adorn a tall pole at the end of the new Copco line.

After placing 659 poles and stringing 147 miles of copper conductor, the transmission line construction crew completed the line into Toketee, with a successful test last Monday, when the line was energized from Dixonville.

As the three poles were erected to form the final tower at the Toketee end of the line, crew members assembled and, one by one, came forward with their hats to complete the ceremony.

Foreman Cooley was all prepared. He had brought a hat for the occasion. But he had never been seen to wear a hat on the job, and a hat not connected with the project was unacceptable. Someone suggested the foreman's pants, which explains why Cooley went home in his underwear, if any neighbors are concerned. A few other devotees of the bare head escaped more easily. They only lost their shirts.

**Big Task Performed**  
To be known as Line 39, the transmission system between Toketee and Dixonville has been finished considerably ahead of schedule.

It traverses 48.9 miles in virtually a direct line. The road distance is approximately 80 miles. Between eight and nine million board feet of timber were cleared from the right of way. Logs were sold to a company still engaged in removing them from the right-of-way and hauling them to mills in the Roseburg area.

The crews, averaging from 60 to 125 men, erected 305 towers,

which included 659 poles and 380 anchor holes. Twelve different types of towers were built to meet topography, angles, stress, etc. Workmen strung 616,000 pounds of 19-strand copper conductor—wire about as big around as the average thumb. Towers were placed on an average of 852 feet apart, 6.2 to the mile, but some spans were of greater length, the longest being approximately 3,000 feet.

Preliminary survey and engineering started June 10, 1947. That portion of the line from Dixonville to the boundary of the Umpqua National forest, a distance of 24 miles, was built last year. The remaining portion was constructed this year.

Switches are located at Dixonville, Rock Creek, Boundary, Steamboat, Perry Wright road, and Ringtail mountain.

C. C. Archibald, former Copco manager at Roseburg, was construction superintendent, and "Christy" Christiansen was first assistant.

## Oregon Historical Literature Gift To County's Schools

As a gift to the county school system, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Rice have presented copies of National Geographic magazine, dating from 1925 through 1941, and copies of the Junior Historical Journal from 1941 through 1946.

County Superintendent Kenneth Barneburg announced that the magazines have just been returned to his office, after he had them bound in attractive volumes. The National Geographic makes up more than 25 volumes.

These will be made available to the county schools for study by the students.

The Junior Historical Journal, no longer being published, was edited by Alfred Powers, Portland. A great amount of prehistoric Oregon data, as well as the early history of the Oregon country development, is told in a manner especially suitable for children, said Barneburg.

Antarctic icebergs are often a mile or more in length, and a few have been found to measure 20 to 30 miles.

## Registration Dates Set At City Schools

### Students Requested To Come Prepared To Pay Stated Or Optional Fees

Senior high school students will start thinking in earnest of the annual "back-to-school" movement Friday when high school seniors begin registration procedures for the coming school year.

The registration schedule calls for seniors to report Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 noon and 1-4 p.m. Juniors will register Aug. 29 and sophomores Aug. 30 during the same hours.

Registration for junior high school begins Monday, Aug. 29, with ninth graders getting the first call. Eighth graders will register Aug. 30 and seventh graders are to sign Aug. 31.

Both George Erickson, senior high principal, and R. R. Brand, junior high principal, urged students to come prepared to pay their fees on the dates specified for registration.

**Required Fees Listed**  
Compulsory fees for students at both schools include a lock deposit of \$7.75 for the use of the

district-owned combination locks and a \$2 towel fee for the year. A fee of \$1.25 for the year will be charged all students wishing to participate in the student insurance plan. This covers all accidents connected in any way with school or school activities.

A final fee, also optional, will be charged students wishing to purchase student body membership tickets. Cost to junior high school students is \$.75 for the year, entitling them to reduced admission rates to all junior and high school athletic events.

**Admission Liberalized**  
Student body tickets will be on sale for senior high school students at a cost of \$4 for the year. The cards will entitle students to free admission to all home athletic events, including five football games and all the home basketball games. In addition, Principal Erickson announced that minor sports events will be open to student body ticket holders and will include such activities as boxing, wrestling, baseball, track and tennis. This is the first year these sports have been offered free to ticket holders. They will also receive copies of the high school newspaper. The \$4 fee was established by last year's student council.

Both the junior and senior high schools require student body membership before students may participate in any athletic events, earn awards, vote, or participate in other activities.

About 37 percent of U. S. farms now have telephones.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### If They're Wild, They Belong To Tik!

Saw Tik Anderson last week and was reminded of the first time I ever spoke to him. The missus had sent me out one Saturday afternoon to hunt for some blackberries.

I took a long hike and couldn't find any. Finally, I came to Tik's house along that low stretch east of the fork on River Road. "Hi there," I says, "any blackberries around here?"

Tik says, "There used to be—but I don't know much about things that grow wild." Later, I found how Tik supports his family by picking berries. Ever since, I've

been like the rest of folks in town—respectful of his right not to tell where "his" berries grow.

From where I sit, respecting other folks' rights comes natural in our town... in America for that matter! Whether it's a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer or ale, or whether it's Tik Anderson's right to keep secret where his berries are, it's all a big part of a real democracy!

Joe Marsh

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## Living Happily In Midst Of Plenty Complex Problem For U. S., Secy. Brannan Says

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Brannan said here that living happily in the midst of abundance is a strangely complex problem for America.

For example, he referred to the problem of handling the mid-west's bumper corn crop. Brannan came here for a farmers' program sponsored by the Pantagraph newspaper of Bloomington. He said he found the corn belt's corn crop "a mighty fine sight" but one having "potentialities of an awful headache" in getting it stored, marketed and used wisely.

"Two and one-half billion bushels of corn used to be considered a good crop," he said in his prepared text. "But last year we had an all-time record corn crop of about three and two-third billion bushels. This year we anticipate a crop almost as large."

"Abundance of grain is here to stay," he added. "Let's be realistic about it. We simply cannot expect our normal corn crop in the future to drop back to a level of approximately two and one-half billion bushels."

"We have had an agricultural revolution in this country—a revolution of new varieties, new procedures and the advances of the machine. An agricultural revolution of this nature can no more be turned back than industry can return to the gas lamp and the 14 hour day."

Brannan said bumper crops have brought an 18 months decline in the purchasing power of agricultural products which, if allowed to continue, "might be a source of danger to the entire country."

He spoke out for his own farm aid plan and said it with the rest of the agricultural stabilization program could serve as a proper brake on this decline, helping

both city and farm dweller. Brannan has argued that his plan would aid the buyer of farm produce by allowing prices of perishable foods to find a natural level, and that federal subsidies would help keep up farm income at a fair level.

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