

Ninety Miles Of New Electric Lines Will Be Laid Next Year To Serve Lower Umpqua Areas

Douglas Cooperative Will Supply Bonneville Power Via Reedsport; Substation Near Oakland Erected

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Ninety miles of new lines will be constructed by the Douglas Electric cooperative in the coming year, to tap virgin territory in the Smith River valley, Loon lake, and lower Umpqua areas, which have never before been served with electric power.

Harold Backen, manager of the Douglas Electric cooperative, said today that this new construction in the rugged western portion of Douglas county will be the major project of the organization in 1950.

The Smith River valley is a rich dairy country, Backen pointed out. Farms and ranches there as well as around Loon lake, which may have electricity now, obtain it from home power plants, he said.

Power for this area will be obtained from the new Bonneville Power administration substation to be built at Reedsport. The project has been waiting completion of this new substation.

The City of Reedsport is served by the Central Lincoln P. U. D., which has a line along the coast, Backen explained. The Central Lincoln P. U. D. has no extension, however, into the area to be served by the Douglas Electric cooperative.

In the past year, Backen said, the Douglas Electric cooperative has constructed 52 miles of new lines in the form of short extensions throughout the system.

The cooperative has had an increase of 440 consumers in the past year and now serves a total of 2,350 consumers, including farms, homes and industrial plants. The average consumer has used 383 kilowatt hours per month.

The amount of power distributed has increased 38 per cent in the past year, Backen said.

Substation Completed
Construction has been completed on a new 2,000 kva substation for the cooperative, two miles west of Oakland and serving the rural areas around Sutherlin, Oakland, Umpqua, Millwood and Kellogg, Backen reported.

Next major project for the cooperative, he announced, will be the construction of the new office building on the Pacific highway, north of Roseburg. Contractor for the job is Settergren Construction Company, Portland, which submitted the low bid of \$61,358.

Backen said the new office building will be completed by the end of the year.

In the Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS

THE news spotlight shifts back to China for a change. . . . communist troops have just completed control of the China coastline from Canton clear to the north. . . . remnants of the nationalist government have retreated again to Chungking.

IN Chungking, Nationalist President Li Tsung-Jon calls desperately for political reforms to spark new life in the dying government. . . . "We can turn the tide against the communists," he says, "if we renovate the government and renovate it without delay. . . . If we don't our position will be hopeless."

He charges that the communists, under Soviet direction and leadership, intend to turn China into a Russian vassal state.

NOW for the cap sheaf: Rumors have cropped up already in China that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is planning to leave the country.

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The Weather
Fair and continued cold to night and Friday.
Sunset today 5:23 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:33 a. m.

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Annexation's Advantages Told Suburbs

City Manager Slankard Details Information In Advance Of Election

Roseburg is the "largest small city in Oregon," states City Manager M. W. Slankard in a circular being distributed to residents of West Roseburg, Millers addition and Sleepy Hollow tract.

These are the areas which will vote Nov. 1 on a proposal to become part of the City of Roseburg. The city manager's statement has been issued to clarify the issues involved. The statement follows:

"In 1947 the tax rate within the city was 20 mills, the assessed valuation was \$5,107,975. The operating budget that year was 'just enough to get by on' to do the things that were absolutely necessary. There was no money for improvements. The annual budget for that year was \$162,000. It was discouraging to note the improvements needed with no funds to do them with. The personnel was unable to cope with the problems at hand."

"Roseburg was booming! The areas outside the limits of the city were growing without thought of future planning. Plans were being developed by everyone who had acreage in the areas adjacent to the city limits. There was no planning commission to regulate plans or demand that widths of proposed streets be laid out to meet the future needs of the area. Septic tanks were installed, due to the lack of sewers."

These areas grew overnight, so to speak.

Why Election Failed
"Through the presentation of petitions an annexation election was held by the city. This was done by request of the citizens of the areas. Through adverse publicity the areas voted the proposal down. There were two reasons why the election failed:

1—The publicity by persons living in the area that was given was not fair. Numerous stories were circulated regarding the financial condition of the city and the additional amount of taxation that these added areas would be required to pay. The proposed areas were too large. People with large acreage did not want to be annexed."

2—"The city in 1947 was in no financial shape to offer any improvements or maintenance. The budget was low and the few dollars were needed to maintain the city itself, which it was unable to do. Roseburg had been let run down, due to the war years and its sudden growth. The citizens and personnel were 'far behind'."

"The 1949 operating budget has been estimated at \$200,000."

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Recaptured Jail Breaker Will Go Back To Prison

District Attorney Robert G. Davis and Deputy Ira Byrd of the sheriff's department made a trip by air to Stockton, Calif., leaving Monday and returning Tuesday, to confer with authorities relative to Chester William Clark and Larry Leslie Kierstine, recaptured fugitives from the Douglas county jail.

They stated that Clark is to be returned to Folsom prison, from which he had been paroled for a life term. It is not certain as to the disposition of Kierstine. He was arrested with Clark on charges of grand theft, involving an automobile and conspiracy to commit armed robbery, according to Davis and Byrd.

They reported the two men had allegedly stolen the car in which they were arrested, after the woman who owned the auto had spotted it across the street from a restaurant that Clark had once before held up near Stockton. They had in their possession, said the officers, a sawed-off shotgun, which they reportedly acquired after working two days in a grape yard.

A hold order will be placed against both men by Douglas county, in case charges are not pressed in California.

Gullible Trio Yields \$6,000 To Gypsy Woman

Local authorities are on the lookout for a Gypsy woman who reportedly absconded from this vicinity Wednesday with more than \$6,000.

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell said the Gypsy, whose name was given as Mary Williams, set up a stand at 1945 N. Stephens street, outside the city limits.

She termed herself a phrenologist, or palm reader, who gave advice on love and marriage, as well as all matters of past, present and future, said the officer.

Her tactics, said Harrell, was to get people to leave large sums of money with her overnight, with the story that she could best tell their fortunes in this manner.

Three persons, who filed complaints, claimed they were fleeced of over \$6,000. When they returned to learn their fortunes and to recover their money, they found the Gypsy gone, they told the officers.

The woman reportedly was accompanied by a man and four children.

Poultry Plants, Groceries Struck

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Members of two AFL unions were scheduled to picket three poultry plants—two of them upstate—and six wholesale grocery warehouses here in wage dispute strikes.

The walkouts followed a breakdown of negotiations yesterday after previous strike postponements.

S. W. Barker, secretary of the AFL Egg and Poultry Workers, said pickets were to be assigned at the Columbia Produce Co., Portland; Marion Creamery and Poultry plant, Salem; and the Junction City Produce plant, Junction City. He said the union offer to arbitrate was rejected by the Oregon Egg and Poultry dealers association and the Oregon Turkey Growers.

Federal mediator Leo Kottin said an estimated 100 AFL office workers were involved in the wholesale grocery dispute. The union had asked a five-cent-an-hour wage increase.

Youthful Bandit Loses \$2 In Gift Shop Swap

SEATTLE, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Crime doesn't pay note: A youth walked into a women's gift shop late yesterday, bought a box of stationery and a gift card, and professed a \$5 bill in payment.

Then he told Mrs. Bessie A. Freeman, the proprietress, to "stick 'em up"—I'm sorry, but I need the money."

He took \$1 from the till and \$2 from her purse, then fled. Mrs. Freeman still had his \$5 bill. Net loss: \$2.

Azalea Child Dies After Drinking Dad's Medicine

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Venita Irene Worley, year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Worley of Azalea, died early Wednesday in Josephine general hospital from swallowing medicine intended for treatment of her father's heart condition, Coroner Virgil Hull announced.

Community Chest Drive Plans Made

Committees Appointed, Beneficiaries Listed; Goal Above 1948 Figure

Groundwork for the 1949-50 Community Chest campaign was laid last night with the ratification of committee appointments by members of the Roseburg chest planning group.

Attending the ratification meeting were Harrison Winston, president of the Roseburg Community chest campaign, Rollie Quam, co-director of the campaign, Harold Hickerson, chairman of the campaign steering committee; Marlen Yoder, co-director of the Roseburg Chest campaign and S. J. Shoemaker, chairman of the Roseburg chest campaign, Rollie Quam, co-director with Yoder, was absent from the meeting.

The campaign starts Nov. 7 and will continue through Nov. 19. This year's goal is \$26,550. This amount is \$2,575 greater than last year's goal of \$23,975.

Advance gifts totaling \$200 have already been received, Shoemaker reports.

Beneficiaries of the Community Chest are the YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Salvation Army, and all 15 agencies participating in the Oregon Chest.

The latter include The Albertina Kerr homes, The Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Oregon, The Children's bureau of Catholic charities, Christie home for girls, Our Lady of Providence nursery, St. Mary's home for boys, St. Rose industrial school, the Children's Farm home, the Salvation Army White Shield home, The Volunteers of America mothers' and children's home, The Waverly baby home, the Mental Health Assn. of Oregon, the Oregon Prison Assn., youth and government.

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Roseburg Poultry Houses Affected By Wage Dispute

Threats to "close down the turkey industry" in Oregon have been made by employer representatives, in contract renewal negotiations with the AFL Poultry Workers union, said H. E. Smith, business representative for Local 231 in Roseburg today.

Smith said the union opened negotiations with the poultry employers group in July, at Portland, seeking to hold to the present wage scale of \$1.07 an hour minimum for workers in poultry houses.

Three poultry houses in Roseburg are involved in the industry-wide negotiations, said Smith. These include the Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products company, Oregon Turkey Growers, and Pacific Cooperative Producers association.

"The Pacific Cooperative gave us an offer of a seven-and-a-half cent an hour increase straight across the board, which we are willing to accept," Smith said.

"But the others have refused even to arbitrate and have threatened to close down the entire turkey industry," Smith declared.

Smith said a strike is in effect against the Columbia Produce company at Portland and that he did not know if this would spread to other cities, including Roseburg.

Smith said union contracts with the poultry houses were up in June and that negotiations have been carried on since July. He said the employers have sought a cut in the wage scale.

Homer Grow Is New Member On County Fair Board

The Douglas county court has announced the appointment of Homer Grow to the County fair board. Grow succeeds Roy E. Bellows, who resigned Aug. 23.

Other members of the board are J. D. Myers, chairman, and Cleo Tipton. Grow's appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Bellows, who resigned Aug. 25, 1948.

Grow, long interested in agricultural development in Douglas county, is agriculture instructor and Future Farmers of America advisor at Roseburg Senior high school.

Born in New York, he came to Roseburg 21 years ago, after teaching agriculture previously at Independence, Ore.

He is a member of the Kiwanis club, and chairman of the club's agriculture committee. He has directed FFA participation in county exhibits and community fairs, and was active in the promotion of the recent county fair, Roseburg's first in many years.

He has long been an advocate of a county fair, in the interest of promoting agricultural development through a competitive spirit. Some of the youths he has directed in FFA work have made very substantial showings in their efforts to learn produce raising, and have built up considerable farm holdings of their own while students.

Two Boys Arrested On Bicycle Theft Charges

Arrest of two Roseburg youths on charges of stealing bicycles was reported Wednesday by Police Chief Calvin H. Baird.

One of the boys, a 15-year-old former inmate of the Boys' State Training school at Woodburn, was returned to Woodburn for violation of parole. The other juvenile, also 15, is being held by city police.

Chief Baird said arrest of the two juveniles climaxed a lengthy investigation, following several reports of stolen bikes. Accompanied by officers, the two boys Tuesday showed officers where two of the vehicles had been disposed of at Temmie.

BALER HURLED DEATH ROCK

THE DALLES, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—A rock thrown out by a hay baler caused the death yesterday of Isaac Lane Johnson, 28. He suffered a skull fracture and died three hours later.

Truman Will Renew Urge For Tax Boost

No Other Way To Meet Government Deficit, He Tells Press Conference

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—President Truman made it clear today he will ask for an increase in taxes at the next session of Congress.

He told a news conference, under questioning, that if anybody can tell him any way to avoid tax increases to meet the deficit, he'd like to be told.

Congress went home last night but will come back in January. Mr. Truman last January asked for \$4,000,000,000 more taxes, but did not get them. He dropped the demand during the summer because of the business turn-down that had set in.

The statement of new plans to seek a tax increase at the next session grew out of questioning about the \$5,000,000,000 deficit which Mr. Truman said he had no plans to meet.

Blames Republicans
He blamed the deficit on the Republican-controlled 80th Congress which he said passed a rich man's tax reduction bill.

Told that Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, resigning chairman of the Economic Advisory council, had said he was unhappy over deficit financing, the president said he was just as unhappy, as who isn't.

The president said he doesn't believe in deficit financing. But he continued that there is a flat charge of \$35,000,000 against the government and he has no recourse but to meet it the best way he can.

Then someone asked if he had any remedy which would involve a request for a revision of the tax structure.

He said it may require a raise

Monthly Building Permits Reported

City Inspector C. H. Bonifas report on building permits submitted to the city council showed construction amounting to \$53,730 for September. In addition the permits included \$3,140 for electrical work and \$1,240 for plumbing.

Broken down, 10 commercial repairs totaled \$24,100; two new dwelling permits were issued for a value of \$27,500, and two dwelling repair permits totaled \$1,050, and one garage for \$700.

The major permits included the Hansen Motor Co., building improvements at Stephens and Oak streets, at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Permit was granted to B. C. Elliott for a new dwelling at 1314 Madison street for \$12,500 and to Clifford Aten for a residence on Harvard avenue to cost \$15,000.

Fire Claims Lives Of Two Sleeping Children

BREMERTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Two sleeping children died last night when fire destroyed their small home in which they slept alone.

The victims were identified by police as Raymond and Nancy Kelly, ages 7 and 8. Firemen said they believed the children were overcome by smoke in their sleep.

The mother, Mrs. D. J. Kelly, arrived at the home after the children were taken to a hospital. They were pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

Mrs. Kelly said her husband lives in Los Angeles.

Session Ends Amid Joy Of Both Parties

Next Session, Slated In January, Faces Huge Carry-Over Of Issues

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—With a 75-day breather ahead, members of Congress went home today to listen to the voters' ideas about how to run the country.

Behind them left, along with their accomplishments, an imposing array of issues settled only temporarily—or not at all—in a 289-day session of the democratic-controlled Congress.

But it had been a busy, if sometimes an acrimonious, session, and the lawmakers greeted adjournment joyfully on both sides of Capitol Hill.

There were some horseplay; there were a few notes of criticism. And there was a congratulatory message from President Truman to send the legislators on their way.

The President noted in letters to House Speaker Rayburn and Vice President Barkley, the Senate's presiding officer, that it had been a long, hard session. Then he added:

"I am confident that the American people will agree that the results have been well worth while."

Heavy Carry-Over Awaits
The lawmakers face a heavy schedule when they return in January. Awaiting them will be such war-time problems as that of extending the European recovery and foreign arm assistance programs, as well as such recurring domestic issues as rent control, extension of the low-rent housing program and repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

But some of these may have to yield the spotlight to more controversial measures. Among those certain to be re-submitted by Mr. Truman are proposals for compulsory health insurance and enactment of civil rights legislation.

He also might ask for an extension of the military draft, which has not operated for several months. In addition to a test of the Brannan farm subsidy payments plan.

Here's a score sheet on what the first session of the 81st Congress did with President Truman "fair deal" program:

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS
Taxes—Plea for \$4,000,000,000 tax hike ignored. Repeal of federal levies on oleomargarine approved by House, but no action in Senate.

Housing—Approved long range program to spur construction of low-rent public housing units and provide slum clearance aids.

Labor Laws—Repeal of Taft-Hartley act and substitution of revised Wagner act sidetracked by House. Raise in minimum wage standard from 40 cents to 75 cents an hour approved, but unratified number of workers removed from wage-hour act coverage.

Anti-inflation—Request for standby wage and price controls, plus allocation authority refused. Congress also let federal curbs

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Two Wives Have Unusual Peeves Against Spouses

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Leona Schuessel, 23, told police that her husband went "deer" hunting instead of deer hunting and then married a teen-ager in a shirt Mrs. Schuessel had made for him.

Bus-driver Francis Schuessel, 25, was booked on suspicion of bigamy yesterday on his wife's complaint. She said that he left home Oct. 7 to go hunting but instead wed 16-year-old Carol White in Las Vegas, Nev., the next day.

"What makes me the maddest," Mrs. Schuessel told officers, "is that he not only wore a new white shirt I made for him to marry this girl in but also had the nerve to ask me to finish a pair of slacks for him too."

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Marion Jane Renner, 20-year-old housewife, said her husband so egged her on that she was forced to scramble their marriage.

"If I'd break a yolk while cooking eggs for my husband he'd make me eat the egg," she told the court yesterday.

"I had to eat five eggs one morning."

"When I fixed his eggs sunny side up perfectly, he would only cut them up and eat them anyway."

Superior Judge Charles C. Johnson thought that was carrying a yolk too far and granted her an unconstrained divorce from William Renner, 22.



COMMUNITY CHEST HEADS MEET—Five members of the Roseburg Community Chest planning group met last night to ratify committee appointments in preparation of the forthcoming Chest drive, to start Nov. 7. Above left to right are Harrison Winston, president of the Roseburg Community Chest; Art Lamka, secretary, Roseburg Chest; Harold Hickerson, chairman of the campaign's steering committee; Marlen Yoder, co-director of the Community Chest campaign; and S. J. Shoemaker, chairman of the Roseburg Community Chest campaign. Absent from last night's meeting was Rollie Quam, co-director with Yoder.—(Staff photo).

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Portland water data attests that more of her citizens are taking baths and taking them often. Commissioner Bowes declares. This upsurge in cleansing spirit augurs ill for Sheriff Mike Elliott's chances in tomorrow's recall election.