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Long Distance Phone Rates Drop Again

Annual savings on long distance calls will be boosted to an estimated \$150,740 for customers of West Coast Telephone Company and its subsidiary, Beaver State Telephone, with the filing of new toll tariffs on Jan. 11, a company official said today.

According to L. E. Cross, West Coast's Oregon Division manager, the new toll rate changes filed with the Public Utility Commissioner correspond to those changes announced earlier by the Federal Communications Commission for interstate calls, and are scheduled to become effective Feb. 1. Included in the savings, Cross said, will be approximately \$13,700 in excise taxes which are still applicable to long distance telephone calls. The savings estimate is based on the number of calls placed by telephone customers in the past; however, savings could be larger if calling volume is increased.

The lower rates will apply only to calls placed on a station-to-station basis and not on person-to-person messages. Of particular interest are proposed changes in time periods when the lower rates apply.

The special night rate, a maximum of \$1.00 for a three-minute station-to-station call to any point in the 48 adjacent states, will begin at 8 p.m., instead of 9 p.m., as it now does, and will also apply all day on Sunday. A lower evening rate will go into effect between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays, as well as all day Saturday. The regular day rate, applicable on calls made between 4:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, will not change.

Long distance savings as a result of the time changes will be supplemented by actual cost reductions on certain classes of

intrastate and interstate messages.

Three Curry OTI Students On Rolls

Three Curry county Oregon Technical Institute students were named to honor for the fall term.

Jerry Thomas, Gold Beach, with a GPA in Auto Mechanics of 4.0 and Charles Suggs, Brookings, with a score of 3.833 in Diesel, were both named to the President's List.

On the Dean's List was George Hale, Brookings, a mechanical student with a GPA of 3.277.

Curry Council Told of Special School Classes

The Curry County Council of PTA was held Thursday night, Jan. 14, at the Ophir grade school, Mrs. Clarence Whittaker presided at the meeting.

Members were reminded that the state convention of PTA would be held at Coos Bay on April 27, 28 and 29.

An interesting report was given by Mrs. W. E. Wilson who attended the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth Nov. 19, 20 and 21 in Salem. She gave an account of their group studies and recommendations given to the Governor's Committee.

Mr. Ray Neugart reported on legislation on education and gave a resume on employment of youth in our county and state.

Mr. Al Johnson, program chairman, turned the program over to Mr. Ray Neugart, County Superintendent of schools, who spoke on the special education program being carried on in Curry county with classes in Gold Beach, Port Orford and Langlois.

Those attending the meeting were: Mrs. Clarence Whittaker, Mrs. Bill Ward and Mrs. Gene Relling, all of Brookings; Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Herndon and Mr. Ray Neugart of Gold Beach; Rev. and Mrs. A. L. (Roy) Hall, Mr. Tom Hawkins, Mrs. Jim Ruckler and Mrs. Calvin Davis of Ophir; Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson, Mr. Donald Stole and Mrs. Kenneth Werner of Port Orford.

The next meeting will be held March 11, at 8 p.m. in Gold Beach. Mrs. Al Johnson, chairman of Health and Mental Health will plan the program on health for that meeting.

County Agents To Give Data on Economic Act

County extension agents have been asked to provide information to local communities on procedures to follow in establishing community action programs under the Economic Opportunity Act, reports Dwight E. Haugen, special assistant to the Governor.

Extension agents in each county are being provided information on how to establish a representative community action group, the procedures to follow in obtaining a grant and possible activities that can be covered under the Economic Opportunity Act.

Community action programs will provide technical and financial assistance for urban and rural communities to fight poverty. Individual communities will decide how to do the job with private and public resources that will be augmented by federal assistance.

Specific local community action programs may include remedial reading, literacy courses, job training, employment counseling, homemaker services, job development and training, vocational rehabilitation and health services.

"A program that addresses all of these difficulties in a systematic fashion will truly help a child and his family to remove the shackles of poverty. This is the intent of community action," Haugen said.

Bales Condition Is Still Critical

No change in the condition of Cliff Bales has been reported and he remains on the critical list at Sacred Heart Hospital in Medford.

Bales was found in a coma last Wednesday morning and was flown by Mercy Flight to Medford for an emergency operation because of an internal hemorrhage of the skull.

It was at first believed that Bales may have suffered the injury from an altercation. Further information, however, has disclosed that Bales had slipped while getting wood at his home the previous Thursday and struck the back of his head on a wooden step.

County Suffers More Accidents In 1964 Than in 1963

Oregon's record highway death toll of 576 was reflected in the number of traffic fatalities in most Southern Oregon counties. Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties all suffered more highway casualties in 1964 than during 1963. Klamath County, however, reduced the 1963 traffic toll.

Many of the 19 Coos county traffic fatalities occurred in the Coos Bay-North Bend area. Four people died in one accident in the county, helping to push the 1964 death count two over the previous year when 17 people were killed in traffic accidents.

Five people died in Curry county mishaps in 1964 compared to four fatalities in 1963.

Grants Pass area accidents accounted for most of the 17 Josephine county traffic fatalities. 1964 deaths increased two over the 1963 total of 15 traffic fatalities.

Despite three accidents each killing three people, Klamath County finished 1964 with 25 traffic fatalities compared to 27 for 1963.

Multnomah County recorded the most traffic deaths with 85; then followed by Lane County with 53; Washington, 40; Douglas, 34; Linn, 30 and Klamath, 25.

New Dog Catcher

Toby Wallace, Gold Beach, has replaced Jack Evans as county dog catcher as of Tuesday, Jan. 12. Enforcement of new dog ordinance will be strictly followed according to Wallace. All dogs off premises without proper care according to law, will be picked up, held for five days and disposed of if not called for or identified.

Farm Losses May Be Deducted On Income Tax Return

Specialty prepared information on claiming Federal income tax casualty losses on farm property because of recent floods has been published by the Internal Revenue Service and is available at the County Extension Office in Coquille.

Farmers, home owners and other persons suffering personal property or farm and business losses because of natural disaster may deduct certain of these losses on their Federal Income Tax return. These special information sheets prepared by the Portland District office of the Internal Revenue Service cover the types of damage and losses that are deductible, notes Fred Hagelstein, county extension agent.

The Internal Revenue Service advises taxpayers claiming losses that they should be able to substantiate the nature and extent of their losses. Photographs taken after the casualty and before the damage is restored will be helpful in showing this.

Persons having flood losses may obtain copies of these information sheets by calling or contacting the county extension office in the courthouse in Coquille or the Internal Revenue Service in Coos Bay.

Trespassing Brings Fine

George Anderson was fined \$50 in Recorder's Court Jan. 6, after pleading guilty to a charge of trespassing. Anderson was charged on a complaint filed by Adolph Windmaiser, Judge Lorraine Haines suspended \$25 of the fine for a period of one year.

Engineers Make Flood Surveys

Rivers and harbors in Oregon are being surveyed by the Portland U. S. Army Engineer District to determine changes in the navigation channels and find areas that require dredging as a result of the Christmas week floods.

Colonel William J. Talbot, Portland district engineer, said crews are now working in the Columbia, Willamette, Molalla and Clackamas Rivers and in the estuaries of the Rogue and Chetco Rivers on the coast.

COQUILLE TO BE SURVEYED

Also to be surveyed in the near future are the estuaries of the Coquille, Umpqua and Siuslaw Rivers and Coos Bay, all on the coast.

In the Columbia River the surveyboat Robert Gray is currently surveying bars upstream from Pillar Rock--about two miles downstream from Brookfield, Washington--to Portland. The surveyboat Norman Bray is working on the bars from Vancouver to Bonneville Dam.

Col. Talbot said very little shoaling has been found in the Columbia River so far, but some extra dredging may be required. After their present work, the surveyboats Robert Gray and Normal Bray will probably survey the Portland Harbor and the Columbia River bar and estuary.

Crews in the Willamette Valley are making surveys for flood restoration work on the Molalla, Clackamas and Willamette Rivers.

Col. Talbot said the survey crews are also marking high water marks and in the Columbia, Willamette and coastal rivers are making an inventory of survey beacons and dredging ranges lost in the flood.

He added that the surveys now being made are similar to those taken after the spring freshet, each year.

Swedish Schools Is PTA Subject

The regular meeting of Port Orford P. T. A. will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Port Orford grade school multipurpose room at 7:30 p.m.

The program of the evening will be about education in Sweden. Kenneth A. Stuart, superintendent of schools in Riddle, will be the guest speaker. He studied educational systems in Sweden a year ago as representative of the American Association of School Administrators in cooperation with the State Department. He will also bring a Swedish exchange student who attends high school in Riddle. His program will consist of a lecture and showing slides. A question and answer period will follow.

Morse Sponsors School Funds

Senator Wayne Morse said today that the Administration's education program which he is sponsoring in the Senate would bring about \$9,036,748 to Oregon schools per fiscal year. The nation-wide expenditure the first year will be \$1.295 billion.

Nearly \$7 million of this will go into schools faced with educating the children of very low income families in an effort to upgrade their education and lift them out of a recurring family pattern of poverty.

The remainder of the Oregon funds will provide \$1,069,776 for supplementary education centers and services, \$980,782 for school library materials, and \$133,013 to strengthen the State Department of Education.

CALENDAR

Thursday
Jaycees, 8 p. m.
Monday
Chamber of Com., 12 noon
Tuesday
Rotary Club, 12:10 p. m.
Wednesday
Quarterback, 7:30 p. m.



Co-op Members To Attend Annual Miami Beach meet

The Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., will send three of its members to Miami Beach, Florida, to participate in the 23rd Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Jan. 24-28.

They will be among the 8,000 rural electric members that are expected to attend the meeting from nearly every state in the country.

Attending the meeting from Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative will be Ivan C. Laird, vice-president, David R. Philpott, secretary-treasurer, and W. A. Cook, general manager.

Leaders from the Johnson administration, the Congress, and labor groups will take major roles in the Miami meeting.

The meeting will center on the theme "Rural Electrification--Today and Tomorrow". Featured speakers will include Senators A. S. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, Thomas J. Church of California, and Lee Metcalf of Montana; Asst. Secretary of Agriculture Dorothy Jacobson; Eric Sevareid, news correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System; and U. S. Representative John Moss of California and Leonard K. Sullivan of Missouri.

Others include Clyde T. Ellis, general manager NRECA, Norman H. Clapp, administrator of REA, Jack Conway, director of the Community Action Program of the Office of Economic Development (War on Poverty) and many other top experts in power, consumer and legislative fields, who will be featured in 16 panel discussions. One of the panel discussions will investigate the consumer aspects of new developments in power pooling and in proposed new developments in water and power resource development.

Delegates will deliberate and decide on a broad range of policy matters involving such topics as water and power resource development, rural area development, REA loan issues, AID's cooperative development program, the Federal Power Commission, and other consumer issues.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the nation service organization for nearly 1,000 rural electric systems. The systems serve nearly 20 million people in 46 states on a non-profit, cooperative basis.

"We are in firm agreement with Rep. Robert B. Duncan that there is far more reason to expand the scope of service rather than to curtail this operation."

The Domiciliary near Medford was activated in 1949 as a conversion of the Camp White hospital established by the Army in 1943 as a part of the training camp. It has 1,011 residents and 220 Civil Service employees.

"An on-the-site study of veterans' needs in Oregon would show that the White City facility should be converted into a 100-bed general medical and surgical hospital," the Legion's Commander of the Department of Oregon contended.

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Veteran's Loans Top 1963 By 8%

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs granted farm and home loans to 3,734 veterans last year in the amount of \$41,723,000, H. C. Saalfeld, director, reported today.

This was an 8% increase over 1963 when 3,552 veterans borrowed \$38,496,000. Last year's volume makes a total of 48,644 loans in the amount of some \$415,996,174 to Oregon's World War II and Korean War veterans since the program started in 1945.

In Coos County last year, loans were granted to 68 veterans in the amount of \$699,600 compared to 98 loans in 1963 for \$1,093,300. Since the start of the program, loans have gone to 1,314 veterans here in the amount of \$9,898,300.

In Curry County last year, loans were granted to 22 veterans in the amount of \$235,450, compared to 13 loans in 1963 for \$127,100. Since the start of the program, loans have gone to 251 veterans here in the amount of \$2,197,400.

Saalfeld said that of the some \$416 million borrowed, veterans have repaid \$254 million in principal and interest. They are repaying at the rate of about \$3.5 million a month, with interest payments alone averaging about \$875,000. Of the more than 48,000 loans granted, 29,116 were outstanding on Dec. 31 in the amount of \$268,175,232.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Birthday wishes go out this week to Herb Geer, Roger Hofstede, Mildred Russel, Joel Brooks, Rick Wright, Edith Shook, Joan Kruetner, David and Darrell Bjertg.

Do You Want TV? Be At Meet

Last Friday night at 8 p.m. in the city hall, North Curry Recreation tried to hold its annual meeting. There was a total of 15 people present, including the board of directors. This hardly seemed to represent a membership of 90, N. C. R. said. The election of a new board of directors was postponed until Jan. 29, at the city hall, 8 p.m.

A new nominating committee consisting of Donald Dewey, Marie Gerhardt and Delbert Neal was appointed since none of the members of the other nominating committee or any of the people nominated attended the meeting.

Last year 500 form letters were mailed to non-members but no one paid their \$10 to support television.

If you want television in Port Orford be at the city hall at 8 p.m. Jan. 29, the organization said.

Charter Day Set Sunday



TO APPEAR AT CHARTER DAY
The Christian Church of Port Orford, has scheduled Charter Day Services Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Legion hall. A potluck dinner will begin at 1 p.m. Signing of the charter will be at 2:30 p.m. The speaker, Dean of Academic of Northwest Christian College William Siefke, D. D., Eugene, will precede the Crusader Quartet, Northwest Christian College.

Date	Max	Min	Rain
Jan. 12	55	53	.01
Jan. 13	56	51	.00
Jan. 14	61	52	.00
Jan. 15	53	44	.00
Jan. 16	45	43	.00
Jan. 17	55	53	.00
Jan. 18	58	51	.00