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REA Members 'Vote For The Sale

Next Friday night one of the most important meetings ever held in the Sandy-Estacada area will take place in the Masonic hall in Sandy.

At that meeting a decision will be made which will affect the property values, the economy—yes, even the future of the area.

The membership of the Sandy Electric Co-op is being asked to vote authorization to the board to start negotiations with a private utility for the sale of the cooperative plant and power network.

All of this has come to pass because a substantial number of the members of the cooperative have come to realize that their tiny power system is not only costing them more money than it should, but that also the cooperative is hopelessly in debt and there is no logical solution to the financial troubles which will have to be faced in the years to come. Although the cooperative has done the job it was supposed to do, and therefore has somewhat of a sentimental value to some of its customers, your editor believes sincerely there is no logical or ethical reason for prolonging the agony.

In our opinion and no one has yet come forward to dispute our logic, the cooperative is defunct—both financially and in purpose. We therefore strongly recommend to the 800 some odd members of the cooperative that they vote to open negotiations for the sale of the network.

Your editor became involved in this question some weeks ago when a survey of the membership was taken and we determined to our satisfaction that the rates being charged by the cooperative for household and farm power was exorbitant and the small farmers and suburban residents in the area were at a definite disadvantage in this competitive world—and all because the power rates were too high. We then discovered that the customers of the Portland General Electric company were in the habit of paying about half the price for power under essentially the same conditions as customers of the electric cooperative.

Not only that, but we found that the situation didn't have to continue. We received from Portland General Electric strong indications that PGE not only was willing to buy the cooperative properties but would guarantee to give cooperative customers much lower rates, better service and relieve the membership of its staggering indebtedness to the federal government. And any business man—or for that matter any fair-minded person could, by merely looking at the books of the cooperative, tell that PGE's tentative offer is extremely fair. If we were personally saddled with such a liability as the cooperative has proven to be we would unload it for a heck of a lot less.

Here's what we mean. In 18 years the cooperative has repaid about 8 per cent of the debt it owes the federal government. It has paid more interest than it has on the principal. At the present rate of repayment, theoretically it will take 180 years of high rates and low electrical consumption for the cooperative to get even with itself—that is everything else remained the same. However everything else won't remain the same. During those same 18 years, auditors for the co-op estimate the equipment and properties of the co-op have depreciated \$125,132. Which we hasten to point out is some \$35,000 more than the membership has paid on the debt it owes. In other words the system is wearing out faster than it can be paid for. And that fact coupled with high rates being paid for co-op power prompts our recommendation to the membership to start negotiations to sell the system immediately.

If you can't get to the meeting next Friday, January 13, in Sandy, for goodness sake use your membership privileges and vote by mail—and vote to authorize the cooperative board to start negotiations for the sale of the network.

For rate differential comparison see page 4

Troubles In Cherryville

Sometimes in the cold, factual tone of the news story a sensitive reader detects a callousness that isn't there—or at least was not intended by the writer of the story. Although we didn't face any irate subscribers ourselves we understand from Postmaster John Metzger that some people in the area served by the Cherryville post office were quite indignant after last week's Sandy Post hit the mails.

On page one there was a story about the Cherryville post office being absorbed by the Sandy office and that rural delivery would be instituted to Cherryville's patrons.

That essentially is the story and that's what our favorite newspaper said last week.

What we didn't say—and as a matter of fact, wouldn't for the world say—is that the change had anything to do with the efficiency or the capabilities of the postmistress of the Cherryville post office. We understand that the present head of the post office is not only highly efficient, but quite beloved by her patrons. And that we can well believe.

Certainly it is not her fault that the post office at Cherryville is being absorbed into the Sandy rural delivery setup. Rather, it is a nation wide trend to consolidate the facilities of the postal department.

There was a time when the people of the country could not be served regularly by rural carrier. But in these days of better automobiles and better roads, they can be served better by rural carrier to their homes.

That's all we meant—honest.

... And We Quote

Sign in a California mortuary window: "For sale — Cadillac hearse with 1952 body." — Chicago Daily Tribune.

Sometimes we wonder why the season isn't called simmer instead of summer. — Davenport Times.

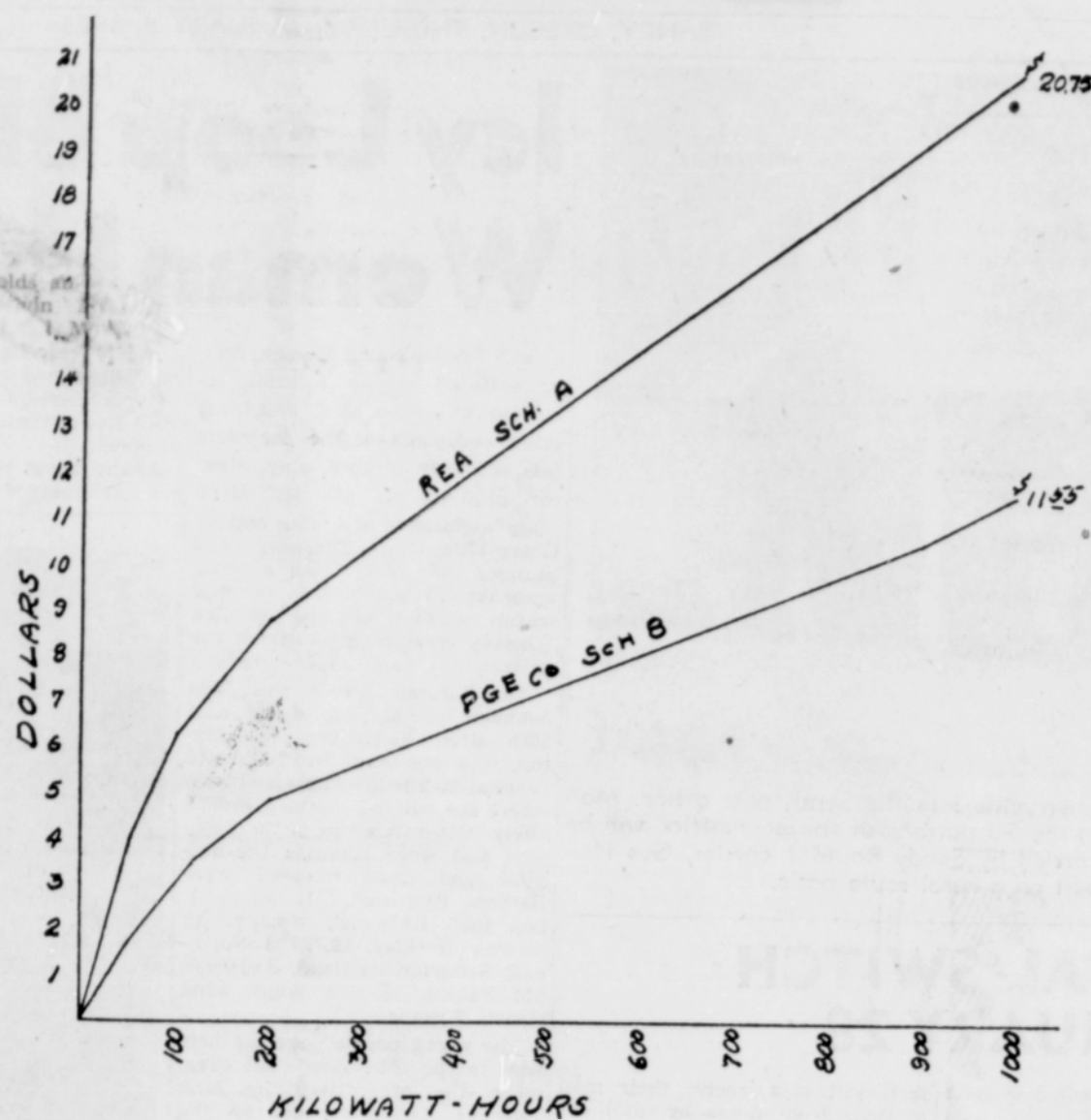
An expert is one who has previously made the same mistake. — Blakesburg, Iowa, Excelsior.

A wife ceases to be willing to listen to reason when she hears the same one too often. — Waterloo, Iowa, Courier.

RATE COMPARISONS

Residential and Farm Service

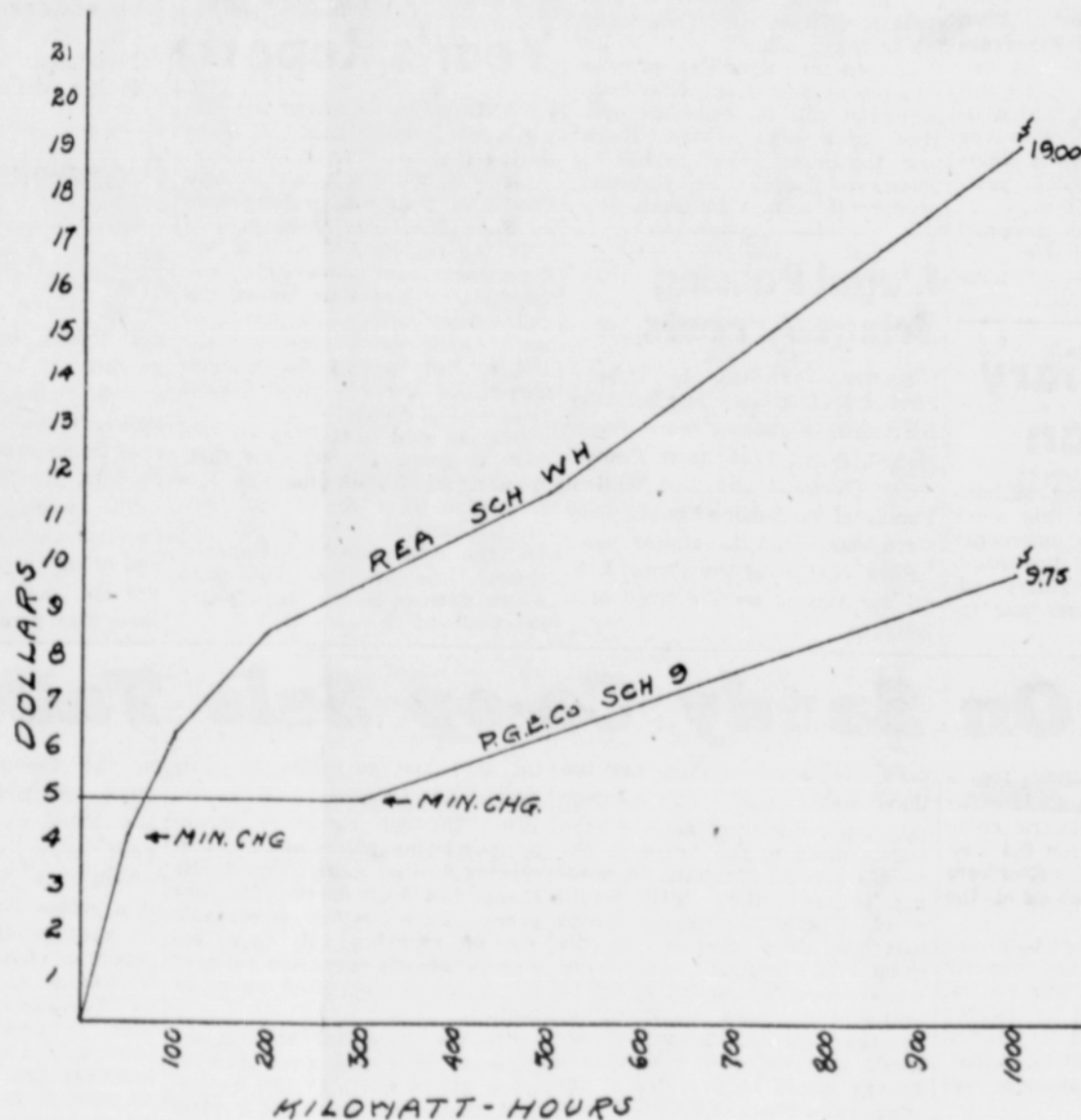
WITHOUT RANGE AND WATER HEATER



RATE COMPARISONS Without Range and Water Heater		
BASIC RATES		
Kilowatt - Hours	P.G.E. Co. (Schedule 8)	R.E.A. (Schedule A)
13	\$1.00	\$1.00
28	\$1.00 (Min. charge)	2.24
50	1.75	4.00
76	2.43	5.17
100	3.05	6.25
150	4.05	7.50
200	4.85	8.75
250	5.25	9.50
300	5.65	10.25
400	6.45	11.75
500	7.25	13.25
600	8.05	14.75
700	8.85	16.25
800	9.65	17.75
900	10.45	19.25
1000	11.55	20.75

RATE EXPRESSIONS Without Range and Water Heater		
Portland General Electric Co. Schedule 8		
First 50 KW hours @	3.5c	First 50 KW hours @ 8c
Next 70 KW hours @	2.6c	Next 50 KW hours @ 4.5c
Next 80 KW hours @	1.6c	Next 100 KW hours @ 2.5c
Next 700 KW hours @	0.8c	Over 200 KW hours @ 1.5c
Over 900 KW hours @	1.1c	

RANGE AND WATER HEATER



RATE EXPRESSIONS RANGE AND WATER HEATER		
Portland General Electric Co. Schedule 9		
(Optional at Request of Customer)		
First 300 KW hrs. or less	\$4.85	
Next 700 KW hrs. @	.007	
Over 1000 KW hrs. @	.01	

RATE EXPRESSIONS RANGE AND WATER HEATER		
Sandy Electric Co-op. Schedule WH		
First 50 KW hours @	8c	
Next 50 KW hours @	4.5c	
Next 100 KW hours @	2.5c	
Next 300 KW hours @	1.0c	
Over 500 KW hours @	1.5c	

The World This Week ...

Golden Anniversary

It is, indeed, a golden anniversary that is being celebrated at the National Geographic Society. Fifty years ago, when there were three persons on the Geographic's staff, John Oliver La Gorce took a job with the young scientific society. Now he is its president and the editor of its distinguished magazine. Instead of three employees there are 900 and instead of a few thousand subscribers the National Geographic Magazine goes to well over 2 million subscribers the world over. In recognition of his 50th year with the society, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, former president and editor and now chairman of the society's board of trustees, today will present Dr. La Gorce with the Grosvenor Medal for "outstanding service to the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge."

Like Dr. Grosvenor, Dr. La Gorce long has been recognized and honored as one of the architects of the society and as one of the distinguished men of this community. As a forceful leader whose interests have extended to every country, Dr. La Gorce has truly helped in the diffusion of geographic knowledge wherever the magazine has gone and particularly in Washington where the fruits of the society's work have been so prominently and generously displayed. We know that we speak for the people of Washington in congratulating the National Geographic Society and Dr. La Gorce on this golden anniversary and in wishing him many more useful years of service to the society and to this city.—Washington Post and Times Herald.

Spiritual Pioneering

By Clement D. Johnston
Chairman of the Board, Chamber of Commerce of the United States
(Excerpts from a speech before the Second National Conference on Spiritual Foundations, Washington, D.C.)

Business and religion are not separate worlds. Business is people, sixty-five million of them in our country alone—they take their religion to work with them and they frequently take their work to church with them.

Religion will not fulfill its function by stressing "thou-shalt-nots." True religion is the life we live, not the creed we profess, and some day it will be recognized by quality and quantity and not by brand.

A character standard is even more important to a stable world than an international gold standard.

Just as democracy is the most difficult to maintain of all political systems—so a program of individual expression of individual convictions is the most demanding of all religious systems.

But this is the challenge we face.

Do we want to stand by and wait for some new Moses with some modern counterpart of a pillar of cloud and pillar of fire to lead us at some yet-to-be-determined time to some as-yet-undetermined land of promise—taking the risk of being misled by innumerable false prophets before the true Moses appears?

We have an alternative! We can pull up our socks, re-read for ourselves the Golden Rule, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Ten Commandments, firm up our inward resolutions and start in to lead for ourselves, each in his own way, the fuller spiritual life that business and industrial progress, scientific progress, and educational and cultural advances have now made possible.

We can continue in our comfortable lethargy and invite disaster.

Or we can embrace the most difficult alternative—spiritual pioneering. Pioneering may be thrilling on occasion, but it also involves many uncomfortable or bitter experiences, mis-steps, tumbles, blisters, trials and hardships.

But through spiritual pioneering, one may gain a sense of fulfillment, a sense of participation in the creation of a far, far better world.

The future we plan for begins today.—Vital Speeches—CP

PURCHASE OF ALASKA

The region now known as Alaska was visited by Bering and Chirikou, Russian officers, in 1741. In March, 1867, the United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000 in gold; the formal transfer was made at Sitka in October of the same year.

Alaska derives its name from an English corruption of "al-ay-es-ka," which probably meant "The Great Land" or "Mainland."