

PGE Holds Line-Crew Rivalry

Portland General Electric company linemen, the men who have been battling storms for the past few weeks to keep electricity flowing to Clackamas county residents, are now due for more enjoyable action.

PGE has announced that on Saturday, February 4, it will conduct competition among all of its line crews to determine which is the most proficient. Each member of the winning crew will receive \$100 and the foreman will be crowned "King Kilowatt." PGE's symbol of National Electrical Week, February 5-11.

Each of PGE's seven major divisions, by intra-division competition will select its outstanding crew. The winners will then go to Portland to vie for the "outstanding crew" honors.

Purpose of the "King Kilowatt" contest is to focus attention on National Electrical Week by giving recognition to the alert, well-trained line crews who often work around the clock under hazardous conditions to maintain dependable electrical service for PGE customers.

Competition will be based on a mock line problem and the voltage will be "hot," linemen's vernacular for dangerous. All work will be conducted with hot-line tools.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

One might say that we are undergoing a dynamic agriculture revolution with progress in the forefront. Progress might be defined as a movement toward increased efficiency and lowering production costs. It is an unfortunate fact that adjustment to new circumstances lags far behind progress. Adjustment is often a rough experience. This is the present picture and it is undergoing constant change.

Any way one looks at the picture, including the influence of inflation, the change of dollar income here from less than \$4 million in 1940 to nearly \$31 million last year, is dramatic. Nor should the importance of the farmers' contribution of this huge amount to the economy of the county be underestimated. It is figured that a good 80 per cent of the farm dollar goes immediately back into the channels of trade for such items as: interest on investment, taxes, labor, fuel, electric power, fertilizers, insecticides, depreciation of equipment and the like. These items of expense must be paid if the operator is to stay in business.

Our present situation did not arrive by accident. Responsibility for this progress must be shared by many. Included is the progressive and capable farm population ever on the alert to absorb new techniques. We find also a solid organized foundation of planning over the years by farm outlook committees. Teamwork is evident on every

hand, teamwork by representatives of processors, forestry organizations, feed companies, machinery dealers, seed companies, fertilizers and insecticides distributors. The press has been helpful at times.

COUNTY HELPS

Cooperation by our County Commissioners has provided a good climate for agriculture advancement. All agricultural progress is dependent upon adequate research and cooperative extension programs. We have two good branch experiment stations in the county in which growers take a very active interest. The Red Soils Experimental Area is located on county owned land. During the past two years the Commissioners purchased a farm north of Aurora where the North Willamette Branch Experiment Station has a horizontal program well underway. Projects on this station include studies of the problems incident to production of vegetables, nursery products and small fruits. Growers are clamoring for county located tree fruit and forestry research programs. The Commissioners have also given financial support to a top county fair with attendant corn & livestock shows which are in reality demonstrating crop variety and quality control in livestock production.

Interest of the Commissioners has also centered on forestry problems. To this end they have leased a 60 acre tract of cut over land near Colton to the State Board of Higher Education. Research and demonstrations are well underway on this tract which is self-supporting. This movement has been motivated by the Clackamas County Forestry Association. Other co-operating agencies include the State Board of Forestry, U. S. Forest Service, Extension Agents and Extension Specialists.

PROCESS COST

Farm products of this county assume further value when processing and marketing costs are added. A recent industrial study of the Portland Metropolitan area including portions of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, Oregon, and Clark County, Washington, provides further information on this subject. Food processing industries including meat products, dairy products, canning and preserving, grain mill products, bakery products, beverage industries and miscellaneous food products represents the manufacturing category having the largest number of firms and employment in the area mentioned. This industry employs 10,187 persons greater than any other in the metropolitan area. Retailers of food products and restaurants are excluded from the study. Since the producer gets only a third of the consumer dollar, the \$30 million Clackamas County farm income becomes \$90 million before it reaches the consumer. Much of this added value represents labor and packaging in the food processing plants.

A good example of what has transpired on the farm recently is found in the dairy industry. We now have a population of 9,000 dairy cows which are producing as much milk as 12,000 head did five years ago. We also have fewer dairymen but most of them have more cows. The fewer dairymen left are more prosperous. The ones crowded out have had their financial problems. Our tremendous poultry industry presents pretty much the same picture.

Zesty Seafood Salad



Serve this tasty main course salad with a hearty soup and hot rolls for a change in winter menus. And, since it has eye as well as appetite appeal, it is also ideal for a company buffet.

Green Goddess Seafood Mold

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| 1 package lemon-flavored gelatin | 1 package lime-flavored gelatin |
| 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic salt | 1-1/2 teaspoons garlic salt |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | Dash of pepper |
| Dash of pepper | 1 cup hot water |
| 1 cup hot water | 3/4 cup sour cream |
| 1 cup cold water | 1/4 cup mayonnaise |
| 2 tablespoons wine vinegar | 1 tablespoon wine vinegar |
| 1 teaspoon chopped parsley | 1 can (2 ounces) anchovies, finely chopped |
| 1/2 cup diced celery | |
| 1 cup (6 ounces) crab flakes | |
| 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) diced lobster | |

Combine lemon gelatin, garlic salt, salt, and pepper. Dissolve in hot water. Add cold water, vinegar, and parsley. Chill until slightly thickened. Then fold in celery, crab flakes, and lobster. Pour into a 2 quart mold. Chill until almost firm.

Meanwhile, combine lime gelatin, garlic salt, and pepper. Dissolve in hot water. Add sour cream, mayonnaise, vinegar, and anchovies. Whip until well blended. Spoon mixture over layer in mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp salad greens; garnish with tomato or egg quarters. Makes 6 or 8 servings.

First Hand BY Beulah Hand State Rep.

The first day of Legislature is always a hectic one. There is a great milling of Legislators, secretaries, pages, door-men, lobbyists, people sight-seeing and others looking for jobs.

You will be interested to know that Father Cathal Brennan from the St. John's Catholic Church in Milwaukie gave the invocation at the morning session. After Robert Duncan of Medford was unanimously elected Speaker, the rules committee appointed and other necessary business transacted, we adjourned until 1:30 for the Governor's message.

Extra chairs were placed in the front of the House of Representatives for the Senators and others at the sides and in between the desks for special guests, until it was almost impossible to get through the aisles. The ceremony with which the dignitaries are brought into the Chamber never fails to be impressive. Members are appointed by the Speaker to usher in, first the Senators, then the President of the Senate, the state officers, the Supreme Court and finally the Governor himself. The context of the Governor's speech you doubtless read in the papers.

Engagement Is Announced Here

The engagement of Donna Burdick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Burdick of Boring, to Karl McKerned of Boring was revealed Christmas eve at the home of her parents. Miss Burdick is a senior at Sandy high school. McKerned who was graduated from Sandy high two years ago, is employed in Portland. No wedding plans have been completed.

Double Rites Read Dec. 20

A sister and brother took husband and wife in a double wedding ceremony Dec. 20 at Troutdale Community hall.

Jackie Jonas became the bride of Tom German, son of Mrs. Violet German of Boring, and her brother, Jerry, married Dolores Millard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Millard of Boring. They are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jonas of Portland.

Rev. Glenn Henson performed the dual vow-taking.

Both brides wore ballerina-length wedding gowns of white satin and lace with small white hats. Their corsages were of pink flowers. They were given in marriage by their fathers.

Darlene Chandler was maid of honor for Miss Jonas and Judy Jonas was maid of honor for Miss Millard.

Best man for German was John Chandler and William Hand filled the role for Jonas.

Gary Sandblast and Wayne Godell ushered.

A reception followed the ceremony.

Both bridegrooms left Jan. 13 for service in the Army. The brides will stay with their parents.

Sandy Girl Is School Angel

Willamette University, Salem (Special)--Gayle E. Emerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Emerson, route 2, Sandy, was a recent recipient of Willamette University's Air Force ROTC Angel Flight wings.

The wings signify second year membership in Angel Flight, a University women's group that performs intricate drill maneuvers at various athletic events and Air Force cadet performances.

Miss Emerson, who graduated from Sandy high school, is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, the junior Panhellenic board and is a education major in the University's college of music.

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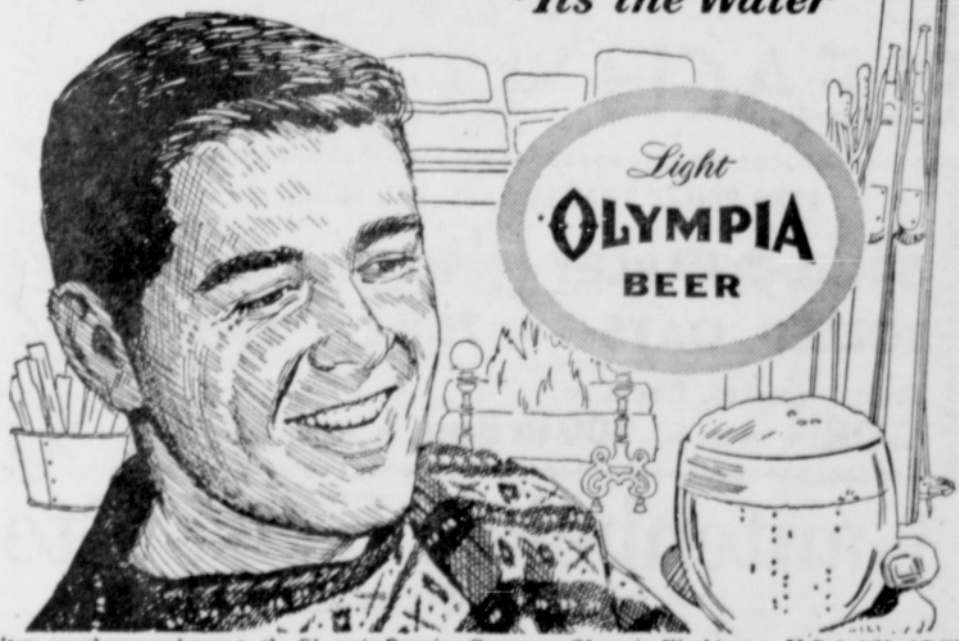
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