

Power Expansion Behind Schedule In Economy Of N. W.

"The expansion of the northwest, especially since the beginning of the war, shows the greatest population increase of any section of the United States, and therefore has caused the greatest demand for electrical energy of any section, reported W. E. Trommershausen, southwest district manager of Bonneville Power Administration, who spoke to co-operative members at the annual meeting, held Saturday at Coquille.

"With the 12th generator installed and started on Sept. 30, the northwest will have but a fraction of its demand met," Mr. Trommershausen pointed out. "It will be two or more years before existing demands are met at the present rate of expansion.

"The industries of the nation are leaving congested areas, and high rents and are seeking locations in the northwest, where raw materials are abundant. If the proposed dams, and those already under construction, were suddenly made ready, the demand already existing would scarcely be met.

"Development of the Columbia as a hydro-electric source is not new. Thomas Jefferson, who sent Lewis & Clark on that expedition in 1805, visioned the great northwest as an industrial center. The Columbia, the mightiest of all rivers when it comes to power, now wastes millions of horsepower monthly by its un-harnessed running to the sea.

"People, conservative in nature, thought construction of Bonneville and Grand Coulee wasteful about 1930. These same people are now loudest in their demands for power.

"Both Grand Coulee and Bonneville cost tremendous sums of money to build. Already they have returned to the United States treasury vast sums in principal and interest from sale of power. Grand Coulee will open up over a million acres to irrigation, and homes for hundreds of people of

the low-income brackets. "Power is the keystone to the northwest's development. It must be carried on at a rate much faster than the present rate of development, if the section hopes to be ready when the expansion does come. That is nearer than you think," concluded the Bonneville man.

Shavere Reports Expansion In All Co-op Activities

COQUILLE—Business of the Coos-Curry Electric Co-operative took a decided jump, according to facts revealed in the manager's report, submitted by Bruce Shavere at the annual meeting of the co-operative, held Saturday, at the Community hall here.

Some of the expansion, as revealed by Mr. Shavere, included: Fifty miles of new power lines have been installed, increasing the number of electric consumers from 2190 to 2455, on Sept. 1, over the same period of a year ago. Along these same lines, the power purchased a year ago was 3,347,816 KWH, and this year it jumped to 4,924,200, or an increase of 43.54 per cent. Power generated a year ago was 398,181 KWH, but this year it jumped to 606,500 KWH.

With increased costs the price of electric energy jumped two-one hundreds of a cent per KWH over a year ago.

With increased business due to presence of electric power, the annual revenue per mile of line for the co-operative jumped from \$31.52 to \$35.75, jumping the annual revenue some \$30,000.

The secretary's report submitted to the meeting showed that the co-operative's assets were: \$1,573,332.18. This is made up of cash in the bank, physical property, materials in warehouses, and such.

Co-operative Pays Taxes
Listed on the secretary's report was an item of \$4,067.80 for taxes. This was cited to members to break a misconception that a co-operative pays no taxes. While

set up as a non-profit organization, no co-operative "makes" any money, therefore pays no income taxes. It does, however, pay any county tax on physical property it may own.

High School Named Calss "Officers"

Class officers for Brookings H. S. were named last week, according to information given by Lynn Hampton, superintendent. Successful candidates were:

SENIOR CLASS

President—James Vincent.
Vice-President—Helen Swearingen.
Secretary-Treasurer—Norma Felipe.
Sergeant at arms—Charles Burtis.
Advisor: A. W. Guthrie.

JUNIOR CLASS

President—Don Jaklewicz.
Vice-President—Larry Beaumont.
Secretary—Shirley Kerr.
Treasurer—Joan Poore Fadling.
Sergeant at arms—Adrienne Zook.
Advisor: Ruth Woodward.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President—Joe Moore.
Vice-President—Jim Fitzhugh.
Secretary—Dwain Sumner.
Treasurer—Lyle Vaughan.
Sergeant at arms—Beverly Stoller.

Advisor: Catherine Doherty.

FRESHMAN CLASS

President—Margie Freeman.
Vice-President—Elaine LeClair.
Secretary—Danny Jagers.
Treasurer—Donald Crook.
Advisor: Doris Jean Stewart.

LOCAL NEWS

Among those from this area attending the annual meeting of Coos-Curry Electric Co-operative at Coquille, Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hibbard, Ben Jones and George Rush. Mr. Sandbo was re-elected to the board of directors.

Tony Garcia, of Oakland, visited his sisters, Mrs. VanCampen, Mrs. Joe Rose and Mrs. H. Felipe the latter part of the week. He is a machinist on an Oakland daily and was on his annual vacation.

Mrs. Mildred Byrne returned to Brookings late Sunday from Corvallis where she had spent

the week-end with her daughter, Joan, freshman at Oregon State College. She also attended the OSC-California game at Portland Saturday. Mrs. Byrne was not too happy over the outcome.

Mrs. Edith Deveny, of Lower & Deveny, real estate broker at North Bend, spent several days in this area over the week-end on business. She formerly maintained the office here, now under direction of Mrs. Martha Steen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers left this week for a vacation trip of six weeks to be spent at Denver and other Colorado points.

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