

## REA UNDERTAKES NEW RURAL TELEPHONE PROGRAM IN NATION

Development of the administrative machinery for making loans authorized by the rural telephone amendment to the Rural Electrification Act signed on Oct. 28 by President Truman has been started in REA, the U. S. department of agriculture announced recently.

REA Administrator, Claude R. Wickard said that it would be several weeks before the agency is ready to act on loan applications because of the necessity of organizing the staff for the telephone loan program and of working out policies, and procedures required to carry out the purposes of the new legislation.

The new program is as much detail as is available at this stage shapes up as follows:

**Purpose of Loans.** Loans may be made for the purpose of financing the improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition and operation of telephone lines, facilities and systems to furnish and improve telephone service in rural areas. Up to 40 per cent of any loan may be used to re-finance existing indebtedness where such re-financing is necessary to furnish and improve rural service.

**Who May Apply.** The act says loans may be made to "persons now providing or who may hereafter provide telephone service in

rural areas and to co-operative, non-individual subscribers.

**Preferred Applicants.** The act gives preference to existing suppliers of rural telephone service, whether commercial or mutual, and to co-ops or mutuals generally. It also specifies that for a period of one year from the effective date of the act, Oct. 28, 1949, an application from an operator already providing rural telephone service must be acted upon before action can be taken on an application from a new supplier for a loan to serve "substantially the same subscribers."

**Basic Conditions.** The act specifies certain basic conditions that have to be met before a loan can be made.

1. Assurance must be given that the loan will further the objective of the act which is to assure the availability of adequate telephone service to the widest practicable number of rural users of such service.

2. It must be shown that security for the requested loan is reasonably adequate and that the loan will be repaid with interest within the specified time.

In addition, an applicant subject to such requirement, under state law, must have a certificate of convenience and necessity from the state regulatory body. In case of an applicant not subject to this requirement, assurance is required that the loan will not result in "duplication of lines," facilities or systems providing reasonably adequate services.

**How To Apply.** A statement outlining in general the procedure for prospective applicants will be issued soon.

Prospective applicants are advised that it will serve no purpose to engage the services of paid agents or brokers to help them obtain a loan. REA has at no time permitted any part of its loan funds to be used for the payment of broker's or agent's fees, and this policy will be continued, Mr. Wickard said.

With the president's signing of the new legislation, an appropriation, previously approved, authorizing \$25,000,000 for loan funds and \$250,000 for administrative expenses became available.

### LOCAL NEWS

The Floyd Bolton's had Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Brownlee and son, John, of Yuba, City, Calif., as house guests for the past week. Mr. Brownlee is Mrs. Bolton's brother. He, for many years was city editor of Oregon Journal, later owner of the Forest Grove News-Times, before going to his present home. He owns the Independent-Herald at Yuba City. While here he called at the Pilot to "talk shop."

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Tygart and

son are spending Thanksgiving at Portland, visiting friends and relatives. Their shop is closed for the week.

The Smith River Woman's club yearbooks are off the press, ready to be bound for delivery before the next meeting of that group. These books, besides containing the year's program, has a list of membership, and many facts of interest to the members.

A directory of the county educational set-up, including names of the boards of directors of all Curry county districts, teachers, salaries, etc., will be printed this week, and will be ready for distribution early in December. The data was compiled by Georgia Fromm, district superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Akers and family left early Wednesday for Seaside to visit Mr. Akers elder brother, whom he has not seen for several years. The Pilot office will be open part of the time with W. D. Sibley, of Gold Beach, in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ayers, who helped the Pilot with the special edition of Hi-Lines for Christmas over the county, left Saturday

for Seaside, where they will begin work on "Adventures in Vacationing," a monthly tourist reminder for the Oregon coast. This publication has been printed at Seaside the past three years, but will be a part of the Pilot work for 1950. The first issue will appear early in April.

Edsel Colvin, Gold Beach high school teacher, was a visitor in this area Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burke, resort owners on the Siletz river, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Mattcheck, of McMinnville, were overnight guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfel at the Ocean Spray Motel. They were friends while the Pfeils lived at McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Turley left Monday for Portland where they will spend most of this week shipping bulbs from a pre-cooling plant, to their customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanDolson of San Francisco are spending the week visiting their son, Leo VanDolson in Harbor. They arrived in time last Friday, to join the celebration of their grandson, Randy's third birthday.

## Notice Of Final Account

Estate of Charles White (No. 1204)

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Curry.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Charles White, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court for Curry County, Oregon, and that Friday, the 2nd day of December, 1949, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the court room of said court has been appointed as the time and place of hearing of objections thereto and settlement thereof.

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