

P.E.P. Reports Business Good

Gains Interpreted Indicating More Buying Power

Sharp gains in consumer buying power in this territory are indicated by the establishment of an all-time record in residential consumption of electric energy by customers of the Portland General Electric Co., declares R. R. Easter, Hillsboro district manager.

The new peak in residential consumption follows a month after a new high.

"In the month just closed, residential consumers used 9,203,330 kilowatt-hours of energy to operate home appliances and for lighting, an increase of 14 per cent over November, 1934," he said. Average revenue per kilowatt-hour sold dropped 5 1/2 per cent, because lower rates apply as customers increase their consumption.

"Figures for the first 11 months of this year indicate that residential consumption of electric energy in 1935 will be approximately 25 per cent greater than in 1929. This increase cannot be attributed to service to new homes, for house building has been virtually at a standstill for several years and is only now recovering. It is the result of greater use of electric ranges, water heaters, refrigerators, and other electrical appliances. During the same period, 1929 to date, the average rate paid by residential consumers has decreased about 10 per cent.

"Largest group user of electric energy continues to be the pulp and paper industry. Consumption by these mills has increased about 25 per cent over 1929.

"Other commercial industrial users of electricity slumped considerably during the depression. Some lost ground has been regained and the present status of this class of load is about 10 per cent below the 1929 level.

Capitol News Letter

(Continued from page 1) in every farming community. The come-back of the horse, Lytle insists, started with the depression when farmers found that it was cheaper to raise horse feed than to buy fuel oil for high priced tractors.

Contributions to the workmen's compensation fund during the last six months of 1935 exceeded \$2,000,000, a figure in excess of the full year's collections during the height of the depression, according to the state industrial accident commission.

Approximately 300 needy teachers will be given employment in the instruction of adult classes under a state-wide educational project sponsored by the Works Project Administration, according to C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. Selection of the teachers will be made by city and county school superintendents.

"Have you spent your million today?" That, according to Brigadier General Thomas A. Rilea is the customary salutation when friends meet on the street of the national capital these days. General Rilea returned this week from Washington, where he appeared before the congressional committee on appropriations in support of

the national guard budget in his new capacity as president of the national guard association.

Registered voters throughout Oregon will receive their copies of the official voters' pamphlet within the next two weeks, according to Secretary of State Snell. Approximately 400,000 of the pamphlets will be distributed.

Reports received here indicate that a suit may be brought to nullify the \$10 license fee for "pick-up" trucks and panel delivery cars. The double license fee for this type of car was passed by the recent special session and has met with much complaint, especially from farmers, who use this type of car for hauling supplies out from town.

Motorists appearing in public with the old 1935 license plates displayed will be required to show evidence of having applied for the plates or explain to some convenient judge, according to Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police.

Porter S. King, the "grand old man" of the state forestry service who resigned January 1 in order to lead a more quiet life on his ranch near Boring, Clackamas county, began his career as a defender of Oregon forests from the ravages of the fire demon 25 years ago. At that time, 1910, King was employed by the Turkish interests with large timber holdings in Washington and Columbia counties.

Votes Taken on National Issues

Despite extreme pacifistic attitudes taken by groups such as the American Student Union and similar bodies during the past week, high school and college students connected with Hillsboro Christian Council take no different attitude on war questions than do their elders, declares Pastor H. S. Haller, council adviser, in announcing the final vote of the council in the national plebiscite on War and Peace, which closed locally on Christmas eve.

Out of a total of 648 votes cast in the council, only 21 persons voted that they would support no war which the government might declare. Only four of those ballots were cast by young people who are still students. Two hundred and eighty-four persons declared their intention of supporting only a war declared after U. S. territory had been invaded, and 244 votes were in support of a war declared after using every agency for peace. Twenty-two ballots were for support of war after a nation had been declared an international aggressor, while 23 persons said they would support any war which the U. S. government may declare.

Results of balloting on other questions were: On membership in the League of Nations: Yes 263, no 284; on consultation with other nations in support of Kellogg Pact: Yes 352, no 111; on national isolation through strict neutrality legislation: Yes 258, no 265; on more equal distribution of world resources and markets: Yes 364, no 111; on a larger army, navy and air force: Yes 352, no 196; on abolition of compulsory military training: Yes 351, no 213; on government control of munitions industry: Yes 548, no 43.

Results of local voting have been forwarded to the council for social action of the Congregational and Christian churches, New York City, under whose auspices the nationwide vote was taken.

County Historical Society to Meet

Washington County Museum and Historical association will meet at 2 p. m. Saturday in the county court room at the court house. All directors and officers are urged to be present.

Albert Tozier of Champoeg is here this week sorting some of the Tozier collection, which has already been brought into the court house. He will receive the donations of historical relics during the week. Mrs. Edith Tozier Weatherred will also be here.

Helvetia

(By Mrs. John M. Davidson) Mrs. Rosa Feuerstein spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Leo Payne, in Portland. Maxine Dahne of White Salmon, Wash., was also a Christmas guest at the Payne home.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Davidson are spending a few days in Seattle with their aunt, who is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffer, Mrs. Emma Hoffer, Mrs. Robert Youngen and Jean and Sonny Youngen went to Independence Saturday. Mrs. Schuldemann and daughter of Portland visited at the Henry Bishop home Friday.

Official and Unofficial News—All that is fit to print in Hillsboro and the county—Court, arrests, schools, taxes, weddings, births, deaths, society.—Every week in the Argus.

New Opportunity Offered for U.S. Farmers in Great 'Transplanting' Programs



Above, a glimpse into primitive farming methods employed by the quaint Ozark hill folk, who will soon be transplanted from barren to productive lands. Below, a typical federal homestead being provided for a stranded family.

THROUGHOUT the United States and in Alaska, many Americans are trying their hand at modern pioneering.

The general theme of the movement is "Away from submarginal land." To help his farmers escape from unproductive land, Uncle Sam is providing new frontiers.

Up in Matanuska valley, Alaska, a vanguard of several hundred colonists from the midwest is settling down happily in new surroundings.

They have found the new land from which they and their children will wrest a living to be situated in a snug valley, hemmed in by tall white peaks and hills green with spruce and hemlock.

When their homes are completed—they are living in tents for the present—the colonists will begin to work the 40-acre farms, which they will draw by lot. It will be up to these hardy people themselves, then, to see that the promise given by the greenest of grass and budding shrubs, and

long hours of brilliant sunshine, is fulfilled.

ANOTHER great movement is under way in which Uncle Sam plans to transplant 64,000 midwesterners.

For months federal reforestation agents have toured Missouri buying up land options, their ultimate goal being 8,000,000 acres, or about one-seventh of the state's area.

This land, all non-productive, will be reforested to create a vast recreational area in which there will be wild game preserves and beauty spots available to tourists from everywhere.

From the barren lands that are purchased, 11,000 Ozark hill families will be moved to more productive areas nearby. In addition, these hill folk, famed in story and song, will be given work in helping to build the eight national parks Uncle Sam hopes to establish in the area.

The Ozark residents themselves are meeting the situation with little protest. In recent years

their farms have yielded little more than a scant and precarious living. And with wild game "shot out," their economic problem has been acute. They will soon hear the jingle of money they scarcely knew before.

ANOTHER noteworthy phase of the great "transplanting" movement is taking place in Tennessee. At Crossville, on land provided by the government, several hundred stranded farmers are building stone houses, making molasses, canning, clearing, logging and sawing the logs into lumber and shingles.

For the home and farm provided for him and his family, each farmer will have 20 years to pay.

And throughout the United States, in at least 49 other districts, hundreds of other farm families are being transferred from worn-out land, and homes in poverty-ridden villages, to new communities where confidence and happiness are reborn.

kind, depending on the ability of the family to handle money.

The plan was adopted by the state relief committee on December 27 in accordance with the law passed at the special session.

Funeral Services for Gales Woman

Funeral services for Mrs. Eva Minnie Pearl Lilly, 59, wife of D. G. Lilly, Forest Grove route 1, will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 from the Forest Grove Undertaking company chapel with burial in the Gales Creek cemetery. She died in a Portland hospital Tuesday after an illness of two months.

Mrs. Lilly was a long-time resident of the Gales Creek community, having lived on the farm there for the last 23 years. She had been a member of the Grange for the last 20 years. She was born in Lincoln, Neb., December 23, 1876, and was married to Mr. Lilly in Dallas, December 23, 1899.

Surviving are two children, Dr. Virgil G. Lilly of Morgantown, W. Va., and Mrs. John Brady, Forest Grove. Besides the widow, a brother, James Newberry of Forest Grove, survives.

Milk Board Announces No Change in Milk Price

No change in the milk price structure, is the announcement made by the Oregon milk control board, following a review of the situation. The board agreed, however, that the industry would be given an opportunity to present further testimony at a hearing to be held January 15.

Greenville

Santa Claus visited the Greenville school December 23 and distributed toys and candy. A large crowd attended. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vandehy assisted with musical selections. Other numbers on the program included a song by the school, Christmas greetings by Erna Vuylsteke, accordion numbers by Lavelle Jackson of North Plains, song by Betty and Cyril Vuylsteke, recitation by Everett Vandehy, Christmas carols by the primary grades, tap dancing by Elaine Jackson and Patty Carmen, Christmas Signs by fourth grade boys, rhythm band music, song by the school, Dolls' Christmas Tree by primary girls, safety song by ten girls, Christmas Suggestions by six boys, harmonica band Christmas carols, recitation by Arthur Dierickx, and playlet by advanced grades. Robert Cop announced the program.

School will open Monday, after a two weeks' vacation.

FRANK M. MICKEY

Masonic funeral rites were held today (Thursday) in Portland for Frank Marion Mickey, formerly of Hillsboro, who died from a heart attack Sunday. He was active in anti-Communist work in the city and aided both state and federal authorities in combating subversive radical activities. He was a member of Tuahly Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Hillsboro.

Mr. Mickey was born in Salubria, Idaho, March 21, 1889. He was a son of Captain Francis M. Mickey and Mrs. Mary Ellen Mickey. His father was head of a company of Indian scouts which served in the Indian wars of the Idaho territory.

In 1915 Mr. Mickey married Miss Edith Declus of Boise. Two years later they moved to Portland. Since that time they have lived in Portland and Hillsboro. He was an automotive mechanic and until his illness was employed on the Bonneville dam project.

Mr. Mickey is survived by his widow; a son, William E. Mickey; three brothers, Dan Mickey of Long Beach, Cal.; Ernest Erwin Mickey and Everett Mickey of Idaho, and a sister, Mrs. Jeanette Forest of Los Angeles.

All Spud Growers Urged to Register

(Continued from page 1) mit an application for sales quotas listing their acreage, production, and their sales even though they do not have written evidence to support it.

County quotas will be set up by the state potato board when the applications from applicants of all the counties are in and quotas from non-applicants are estimated. Total county quotas cannot exceed the state quota. After the setting of county quotas the county committees will proceed to set the individual quotas and the total of these may not exceed the county quota set by the state board.

Growers at the recent meetings held in each instance nominated fellow growers. Six growers were nominated and these names will be submitted to the state board and that board will select the three which will make up the county committee. The following men were nominated for these positions: H. R. Finley, Cedar Mills; John Will, Laurel; H. J. Valentine, Kinton; C. S. Haynes, Sherwood; H. P. Strick-

ler, Sherwood, and Bruce McCann, Banks. This potato act is not a popular one among our local growers although there is some considerable support for it. It is entirely possible that the whole thing might yet be set aside either through congress or by referendum of the growers. Until that time, it is a law, enforcement of which is in the hands of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

MRS. ALVIRA JANE MITCHELL Mrs. Alvira Jane Mitchell, 72, widow of the late Thomas H. Mitchell, died in Portland December 29 and funeral services were held from the Danielson & Sewell chapel here Saturday afternoon with Dr. Holmes officiating. Interment was in the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church cemetery.

She was born at Pleasant Hill, Lane county, March 18, 1863, taught school in Benton and Lincoln counties and was matron of the Siletz Indian school. Mrs. Mitchell had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Boyd of Gaston county. She is survived by the daughter, and two brothers, Elmer and Clarence Mays of Yamhill county.

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Judge Declares Tax Sale Fauly

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W. H. Furnish alias G. H. Harris, charged with obtaining money and goods by false pretenses, pleaded guilty Tuesday before Judge R. Frank Peters. Sentence was postponed and Furnish allowed his freedom.

Frank Cronin, arrested Christmas day on a larceny charge, waived preliminary hearing and was held for the grand jury.

Orders filed in Circuit court this week include liquidation of Shute Savings bank, order to extend note; Chris Slegenthal vs. Ernest Lehman and Joe Murray; default and judgment; Lillian White vs. Francis M. White, order for loan; D. F. and Irene Chown vs. Andrew and Lydia Kelly and Addie Taylor, through highway commission vs. George Rupprecht, dismissal; Earl A. Miebus vs. William A. Geyer, et al; default; Union Central Life Insurance company vs. Eugene F. McCormack et al; allowing cross complaint; H. E. Bolin et al vs. Effie Brandt et al, decree.

Orders filed in county court this week include Harry M. Jones, Melissa J. Jackson, F. A. Lanyon, Fredrick Mast, Melvin Cyrus Case, Lester V. Maller, Luella Smith Thomas O. Mondabaugh.

The following suits were filed this week in circuit court: Roy Davis vs. State Accident commission, appeal from award of commission. Credit Service company vs. Mrs. Sidney McDougal; Home owners' Loan corporation et al vs. C. C. Carter, foreclosure; International Shoe company vs. Carlson & Sherk.

Possibility that the session of the grand jury for January 15 might be postponed, was being considered by the district attorney's office this week because of the trial of Orris Nelson of Aloha on a charge of assault and battery scheduled for the same date.

Circuit court will convene January 13, when the civil suit of Burbank vs. Wright will be heard, January 16, is the case of Peter Heintz vs. Ferd Groner et al, in which Heintz is suing for alleged false arrest to his son and another youth arrested by a night watchman in the employ of the Groner Walnut company.

January 20, the state case of H. L. Bratvold and M. Davidson is scheduled for trial in which the defendants are charged with soliciting collection accounts without a license.

January 21 the case of James Phelps of Tigard will come to trial. Phelps is charged with threatening to commit a felony.

New State Plan for Local Relief

(Continued from page 1) fered by WPA to all persons on the relief rolls May 1 and registered not later than November 1 of this year. There are numerous persons in this county, who were not on the relief rolls between these dates but who now are in need of assistance.

Such as these, the instructions say, shall be cared for, as far as funds are available, with sufficient relief to prevent physical suffering and maintain minimum living standards. Assistance of this nature shall not, the instructions say, be extended to persons already cared for under the existing laws such as blind persons, old age pension, mothers' pension or soldiers' and sailors' aid cases.

Medical and dental care and hospitalization, the instructions indicate, will be limited to necessity because of limited funds. In connection with this, or all relief, the county committee or the properly authorized representative, shall pass on the eligibility of the applicant and fix the amount of assistance to be granted.

Costs of the new plan will be met 50 per cent by the state and the remainder of the funds from the county as authorized in the law recently passed at Salem. Care for the poor shall be either in cash or

Managers Change at Local Safeway Store

William Durst, manager of the Hillsboro Safeway store for the past two years, was transferred to Portland on the first of the year. Tommy Wentz, formerly of Bonneville, has succeeded Durst here.

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