

Population Rise Shown by Gain in Electrical Users

Steady growth of population in the Tualatin valley is indicated by latest operating figures of Portland General Electric company. The figures, released here by R. R. Easter, division manager, show increases in the number of residential consumers of electric service during 1945 in the Tualatin valley division to be greater than the other five Oregon divisions of the company. Although the figures cannot be taken as an absolute indication of population growth or decline, the company considers it a safe assumption that any sharp decline in population would be reflected by a noticeable reduction in the number of homes using electric service.

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Pulse Rites Held

Funeral services were held January 16 at Tigar, Evangelical church for George H. Pulse, Tigar route 1, who died January 14. Committal was at Crescent Grove cemetery with Young's Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are, his wife, Amanda; one son, George Pulse Jr. of Pendleton; one daughter, Nan Pulse, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

However, not only has no reduction taken place but a net gain in residential customers has been noted throughout the year.

November, the last month for which figures are available, bears out the trend of the previous 12 months with 98 new homes and farms connected for electric service during that month in the Tualatin valley area.

Figures for the 12-month period prior to December, 1945, show residential customers in the Tualatin valley division of the company increasing from 8,893 to 9,399, a gain of 5.7 per cent. General commercial and industrial users of electricity increased from 769 to 832, or 9.5 per cent.

Combined figures for the entire PGE territory, which covers the whole of portions of Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Marion, Polk and Columbia counties, plus the city of Vancouver showed residential customers increasing from 141,438 a year ago to 144,998 as of the end of November, a 2.5 per cent increase. In general and commercial classification the gain was six per cent and the total number rose from 142,553 to 151,129.

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Tillamook Burn Area Has Three New Wardens

The new state forest patrol organization for the Tillamook burn took further shape last week with the announcement by District Supervisor Edward Schroeder at Forest Grove of the appointment of several assistant wardens. Schroeder announced names of men to head the stations at Tillamook, Jewell, and Pittsburg.

Norris R. Joyce of Salem is to head the Tillamook division. He was with Willamette National forest two years and with Ochoco National forest for four years. He served one year in fire patrol work in area in 1934.

Schroeder announced appointment of Harold Tunde for the Jewell station, which oversees work in the Clatsop district. He formerly was principal inspector for western Lane county fire patrol.

Clyde May is to take charge of the Columbia area, with headquarters at Pittsburg. He formerly served three years as assistant district warden under Herbert Kyle in the north unit of the old Forest Protective association.

Clarence Yeomans, who was inspector for the northeast Oregon state unit for six years, is assuming a similar position in the Tillamook area, according to Schroeder.

The district supervisor said he expects experimental setting of a 600-acre tract on the north fork of the Salmonberry river to start soon. Contracts have been signed with Central Aircraft, Inc., of Yakima, Wash.

Eleven members of the Leedy Grange were present last Tuesday at the state conference for Grange officers at Aloha.

Cornell club will meet Wednesday, January 30, instead of January 23, at the home of Mrs. Oma Litchford.

Rubber Stamps.—Get them at the Hillsboro Argus.

Laurel Aid Does Red Cross Work; Start Contest

LAUREL — Laurel Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Susie Schmidt last Wednesday. Mrs. Elmer Mann was co-hostess. Some Red Cross work was passed out. An attendance contest was started, with Mrs. F. L. Brown and Mrs. Luke DeBoer as leaders. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lena Meyers February 21.

John Spiering did some butchering at his farm last week.

Honor Birthday
Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stevens took his mother, Mrs. Elsie Stevens, to Portland for dinner last Sunday. It was in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown went to Forest Grove Sunday to visit their daughter, Mrs. B. G. McNay, who underwent a major operation recently.

Opel and Hazel McKindiev of Oakia, Minn., are visiting at the John Mulloy farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Watkins attended the funeral of his uncle, Alex McBeath, in Portland Tuesday. Watkins will go to Astoria this week to take care of the estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mackintosh took her mother, Mrs. Jonathan Sears, to McMinnville Saturday.

Lloyd Dailey has returned from

Open House Held On Anniversary

CEDAR MILL — Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Heinrichs celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Friday evening with an open house.

Pouring were Mrs. A. C. Osterholm and Mrs. W. Van Billard. Assisting with the serving were Mrs. George Cote and Mrs. E. E. Pearson. A beautifully decorated three-tiered cake was served to the large group of guests. Mrs. Heinrichs wore a lovely orchid corsage for the occasion, and pictures were taken by Forrest Forbes. Gifts of sterling silver trays and a plate were presented to the honored couple.

Guests for the occasion and week-end were Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Larson and family of Silverton. Mr. and Mrs. Larson celebrated their wedding anniversary on

a two-week trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Meyers attended the funeral of Alonzo Connett in Portland January 18. Deceased is survived by a daughter, Marjorie, his mother at Tigard, and two half-brothers, Jack and Raymond O'Rourke, a brother, L. (L. E.) Robert Connett of the navy, who is stationed at Shanghai, China. Mr. Connett was born on the Alonzo Blakesley place May 30, 1913.

Keep informed on local affairs. Read the Argus regularly.

Home Repairs Boom Predicted Next Five Years

More than \$1,667,000 is expected to be spent during the next five years by Washington county home owners on remodeling and repair work, according to estimates released by the Tile Council of America, New York. An estimated \$48,290,000 will be spent for Oregon home owners for major repairs alone.

The year 1946 promises to inaugurate one of the greatest eras in American history for home repairs and modernization, according to estimates released by the tile council. "Few developments will contribute more to employment and general prosperity in any community," according to R. E. Jordan, chairman of the council's residential construction committee.

Because of lack of materials and manpower during the war, majority of the county's 12,825 dwelling units are in need of some kind of repair or remodeling work. Kitchen improvements, modernization of bathrooms, installation of tiled showers and in some homes addition of a second bath top the nation's list of most wanted improvements, Jordan said.

Outside paint jobs are needed on more than 50 per cent of homes, and addition of rooms and construction of porches also rank high

West Car Stolen In Portland

CEDAR MILL — An automobile belonging to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. West was stolen from a parking lot in Portland last Thursday. Mrs. West had been shopping down town and numerous packages were left in the car. At this

in remodeling plans, according to the report. New roofing and heating plants are required by many dwellings.

writing the car has not been located. License number 92-220. The car is a moss-green 1941 Ford V-8. Hubert Fleskes received a merit badge at the Boy Scout court of honor meeting at Multnomah last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Mary Copeland is at home after spending some time in the Portland Sanitarium.

Richard Tollefsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Tollefsen, is at home between trips with the merchant marine.

"Growing Old Gracefully" is the topic for the extension unit to be given by Miss Faye Nichols at the home of Mrs. Perrin on February 5. The meeting had originally been scheduled for February 7.

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