

POWER FUTURE ADDRESS TOPIC

Lewis, Former Engineer for State, Wants Hurried Public Action

Power as an essential to the industrial development of Portland including the valley area, was rapidly discussed Tuesday before the Kiwanis club by John H. Lewis, formerly state engineer for Oregon and a principal advocate of public and municipal development of power projects in Oregon.

Lewis told the club members that Oregon could have rates as

low as \$15 a horsepower per year, a rate now achieved, he said, in Ontario, Canada. He said rates in New England ran as high as \$200 a horsepower while those in Portland averaged \$100 a horsepower per year and in Tacoma \$53 a horsepower.

Lewis said he did not favor immediate large scale development of power. He advocated that each city first ascertain its market and then enter the business as a private operator would; slowly at first, making each investment pay before proceeding farther.

Seattle Competition Stressed

Unless Portland awakes to its need for cheap power to compete with other cities, such as Seattle which have recently undertaken a huge cheap-power development in the Skagit country, it will lose the victory in the race for industries, Lewis said.

Lewis spent a considerable part of his time outlining power possibilities on the Columbia

river. He took issue with the alleged feasibility of barge transportation on the Columbia, saying that the fall in the river was four times as much per average mile as that in the Columbia. Lewis said the expense of preparing the river for transportation plus the expense of operating barges made water transportation impracticable.

He also said he was not favorable towards the immediate development of the Unatilla rapids project. This is too far from the source of power distribution to be immediately profitable as a source of power supply, said Lewis. He advocated development farther down the river.

Lewis was trenchant, dynamic in his remarks. He urged upon his hearers the need of municipal and state development at once as a means of combating other production centers now going into the business of producing cheap power.

PICK S. S. OFFICERS AT LABISH CENTER

LABISH CENTER, Dec. 16 — Officers for the ensuing year were elected in connection with the regular Sunday school service Sunday, W. A. Starker, superintendent, was re-elected, as was Willard Hornschuck and Frances Klampe, pianists. New officers elected include Valmer Klampe, assistant superintendent; Naomi Hornschuck, secretary; Delbert Bibby, treasurer, and Elmer McClaughry, librarian. The newly elected officers will hold a board meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the E. G. Hornschuck home in connection with an executive committee meeting of the Endeavor society at the same place.

The executive committee of the community club, headed by Mrs. H. M. Bibby, has announced details of a song contest, which will run until the February meeting. The club desires an official song for opening their meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Labish Center school house. Entrants are to submit words for two verses and a chorus using the tune of some well-known air. All songs submitted will be sung at the March meeting and voted upon.

Miss Emma McClaughry, the teacher at Meridian, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. McClaughry and family.

The weekly cottage prayer meeting will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Earl Harmon home.

Nebraska's first agricultural substation, now a year old, is on a self-sustaining basis.

HOPEWELL HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOPEWELL, Dec. 16—A party was held for the young people of the community at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens, Friday evening. Christmas decorations beautified the room. Sandwiches, cake and punch was served for refreshments. About fifty were present.

Clifford Stephens and Robert Earl were among those who attended the older boys' conference at Albany over the week-end.

A Christmas community program will be given at the U. B. church Monday evening, Dec. 22.

Mrs. Martha Mogosek and daughter Bertha of Wisconsin are spending the winter at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Dismore.

Vacation Dates Are Altered

WOODBURN, Dec. 16—The schedule for the Christmas vacation in all Woodburn schools has been changed. As it was originally planned, the vacation was to extend from December 20 to 28, inclusive, but with the new schedule school will be dismissed from December 24 to January 5. The state teachers' meeting is to be held in Portland December 29, 30 and 31, and this condition is the reason for the change. V. D. Bain, superintendent of Woodburn public schools, and Mrs. Virginia Mason are county representatives to the meeting and Mrs. Ballard

is representing Woodburn schools at the meet.

TAPS BIG WATER FLOW

BETHANY, Dec. 15—Rudolph Stadel, Jr. well-driller from Waldo Hills, tapped a flow of 1100 gallons of water an hour on the Michelbrook farm here. The well is 83 feet deep and has five and five-eighths inch bore.

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