

# Monmouth Electric Rates, 'Lowest in U.S.,' Drop Again

MONMOUTH — Again its low electric rates. In the June issue of Pacific Northwest Public Power Bulletin a front page story states that Monmouth's old rates were the lowest in the U.S., and a further lowered rate is now on the agenda.

# Peter N. Kirk Grand Knight

ST. PAUL — The Archbishop Blanchette Council 2221, St. Paul Knights of Columbus, elected Peter N. Kirk as their new grand knight, succeeding William Frith.

Other officers elected for the 1956-57 year are: Peter McDonald, deputy grand knight; chancellor, Joe McKay; treasurer, Philip Wolf; recorder, Tom Kirk; advocate, Raymond Smith; warden, Hubert Drescher; guard, David Koch, and outside guard, Willie Manning; trustee, William Frith. Remaining officers not elected at this time are: Trustees, Patrick McCarthy and H. W. Bowers; chaplain, Father James Maxwell, and financial secretary, Ray Cooke.

The St. Paul Knights voted to finance a K.C. softball team in the soft ball league this summer.

# Valley Obituaries

**Joseph Henry Buell**  
WILLAMINA — Funeral services were held for Joseph Henry Buell, 82, who died June 4 in Dallas. Services were at the chapel of Macy and Son, with interment in Evergreen Memorial Park, McMinnville.

Deceased was born March 8, 1874 in Bellevue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Buell. He was a lifelong resident of the Bellevue and Willamina area. In 1899 he was married to Lois A. Gregory in McMinnville. In 1915 they moved to Willamina. He was a member of the Fort Hill Grange and the Methodist church.

He is survived by a son, Earl H. of Willamina; three daughters, Mrs. Ada Chase of Eugene, Mrs. Hazel Cruzan of Eugene and Mrs. Zelma Boyer of Willamina; a brother, Lawrence of Bellevue; two sisters, Mrs. Ora Vernon of Lebanon and Mrs. Rev. A. Case of Molalla; and six grandchildren.

# Strawberry Picking Nearing Peak; Quality Regarded as Good

AMITY — The strawberry harvest is near its peak in this fruit-producing area.

Pickers are needed in some fields despite the showers and cool weather. Growers predict that a few hot days might cause loss of berries from lack of help.

The fruit is good in this area this year in spite of the freezing winter.

A 21 per cent cut in commercial rates. Monmouth's rate was 79 cent. Nearest competitors to that rate were Canby and Vera Irrigation District at 8 cent. Lowest rate in the TVA net was 83 cent. The new rates' exact average cannot be computed until it has been in use for a time, but an estimate is .75 cent.

Beginning in 1939 on a municipal potential, the city attempted to buy Mountain States Power Company's distribution system, but MSP would not sell. A \$40,000 bond issue was floated to finance a municipally owned and operated system for distribution, activated in December, 1940. In 1948, Mountain States removed its lines for lack of customers.

In seven years Monmouth retired its bonds, the final one being burned in a public ceremony Feb. 3, 1948, at which time Mayor F. R. Bowersox was acclaimed for economical management of city finances and tax reductions.

The city system now has a debt-free net plant investment of \$183,500. In 1955 the rate dropped to .79 cent. Additional street lighting has been added and the rate for that also has been cut.

# Amity Starting Building Work

AMITY — A concerted effort is underway to meet one of the communities greatest needs — new homes and modern rentals. George Van Otten of the Amity Realty Company, Ralph Maude, Salem contractor, Lloyd Cochran, local tract owner, and the city council are working on the problem.

The last hurdle was cleared in a special city council meeting when the water situation was clarified. Mayor Charles Law assured the people developing the tract of the city's co-operation in every way within the charters limits.

Maude will begin construction of the first home, a modern ranch style house 25 by 65 feet, within the next few days.

# Three New Bean Queen Candidates

STAYTON — Three more candidates have entered the queen contest of the Santiam Bean Festival. They are Letha Lierman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lierman, who will be sponsored by E. v. Rebekah Lodge; Louise Basl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Basl, sponsored by Santiam Encampment; and Louann Schlies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schlies, sponsored by Odd Fellow Lodge of Stayton.

# Four Corners Fire Leaders to Meeting

FOUR CORNERS — Fire Chief and Mrs. Waldo Miller and Director and Mrs. A. E. LaBranche will attend the State Convention of Fire Chiefs and Rural Directors at Seaside June 10-13.

# Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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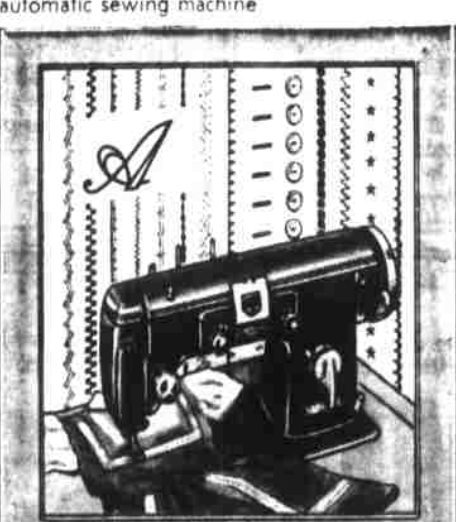
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# Valley Briefs

**Donald** — The Donald budget committee appointed by Mayor C. A. Blake met last week with the city council and approved the annual budget of \$1,077,977. Those present were Mrs. Mae St. Helen, Mrs. Fred LaBonte, Walter Aldridge, John Orvid, John Peito, and Lia Cromwell. Walter Aldridge was sworn in by Recorder Mrs. Raymond Peterson to serve as councilman for the unexpired term of the late William Quigley.

**Stayton** — Christian Business Men's Association at its bi-monthly meeting at the home of Clyde Freeman heard Doug Coe, of Salem, tell of the Young Life program carried in high schools and many communities.

**Willamina** — Fritz Mishler will leave June 15 for Germany to be an agricultural aide there. He has attended agricultural college in New Mexico the past year.

# Louann Schlies at Capital Conference

STAYTON — Miss Louann Schlies, Stayton High School Junior, left Saturday for Washington, D.C., where she will represent this area at the national conference of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Miss Schlies is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schlies.

# BABY NAMED LISA MARIE

SUBLIMITY — Lisa Marie is the name of the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lulay, May 30 at a Salem hospital. The baby has two brothers and two sisters.

# Dallas Budget Up \$1,000 But Millage Remains Same

DALLAS — A tax levy of \$72,761, which is up \$1,000 over the 1955-56 figure, is called for in the 1956-57 Dallas city budget.

Despite the increase, the millage will probably hold to the same level as last year because of an increase in the assessed value of the city, it was reported.

Public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, July 2. Since it is within the six per cent limitation and voted millage, the budget will not require a vote.

The new budget provides an additional police officer. The police budget also calls for \$1,320 to help provide night jailer service at the county jail. This is in addition to a \$400 item for board of city prisoners.

Among new items in the budget is \$1,800 for the ambulance fund, now necessary as the city has

taken over operation of the ambulance from the ambulance commission. Any ambulance fees received in excess of this amount will go toward a replacement fund.

The recent charter amendment establishing a municipal judge apart from the city auditor's office calls for a salary of \$1,200 and \$300 for supplies and expenses. Municipal Court fines and other revenues are estimated at \$5,000.

The city plans to devote about \$15,000 from the state tax street fund to resurfacing and repair of existing streets. In addition, the council hopes to erect a machine storage shed on city property with \$13,600 budgeted from the state tax street fund.

City Supervisor Lynn McCulley said the city also contemplates drainage improvements in the West Clay Street area to allay possibility of future damage there.

Only \$6,000 in fire apparatus bonds remain in general obligation bonds, which are retired by tax levy against all property. Other bond issues outstanding are improvement bonds, \$48,500, which are paid by property owners who have bonded for street and sewer projects; sewage disposal bonds, \$150,000, paid out of the sewer use fee; reservoir bonds, \$127,000, and pipe line bonds, \$60,000, both paid out of net earnings of the city-owned water system.

The city budget committee is composed of Chairman Earle Richardson, Cecil Dunn, H. H. Rich, Otto Adolf, C. W. Henkle, Lloyd Harris, George Worth, Wesley Sherman, Darrell Williams and Councilmen T. B. Starbuck, Abia Haas, Neale Povey, Warren Hunter, Aaron Mercer, Charles Greenwood, Woodrow Jones and A. H. Friesen.

# St. Paul School Election June 25

ST. PAUL — Voters of Union High School District will vote on their 1956-57 school year budget Monday, June 25, between 2 and 8 p.m. at the high school. Estimated tax levy is \$37,145 for operating expenses plus the bond interest and principal of \$19,447.

One director for a five year term will be elected. Present chairman, Ray Smith, is the director whose term expires. He is seeking reelection to the board. All petitions for candidates must be in the hands of the district clerk, H. W. Bowers not later than ten days prior to the election.

# Civilian Medical Service Due for GI Dependents

WASHINGTON — The White House said Friday President Eisenhower has signed a bill providing hospital and limited medical care in civilian facilities for dependents of servicemen.

The bill is designed mainly for the benefit of the estimated 40 per cent of service families who live too far away from service hospitals and dispensaries to use them.

It would authorize the Defense Department to contract for service generally like civilian health and surgical plans. The government would pay the premiums.

Families, which have access to military facilities would still be authorized to use them.

Oil pipelines deliver 7 1/2 million barrels of oil a day in the United States.

An estimated 45 million Americans take vacations in their cars each year.

# Flood to Raise Mosquito Horde

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Mosquito eggs laid in the flood year of 1948, dormant until now, will be hatching to increase the insect population this summer.

Roy K. Welch of the Clark-Skamania County Health Department said the eggs have been dormant on dry ground. But they will hatch now that high water has reached many areas for the first time since 1948. Welch said some eggs have been known to hatch after lying dormant as long as 10 years.

Clark County commissioners appropriated \$1,000 in extra funds to help meet the new threat. The city of Portland also joins in a spray program in the metropolitan area.

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GUESTS AT SUBLIMITY — Mrs. Ann Mollenbeier and her niece, Miss Judy Hering, of Salem, week at the E. A. Ditters were S.D.

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- Gift Handkerchiefs, plain or initialed by Arrow and Manhattan from \$7.95
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