

Transformer Doubles Power In Substation

Capacity of the Garden road substation of the Portland General Electric company in Salem was doubled this week, when final connections made operative a new 57,000-volt transformer, it was announced Wednesday by W. M. Hamilton, PGE division manager here.

Hamilton said the new transformer, installation of which began some time ago, was rushed into operation early Tuesday morning to alleviate some of the congestion caused by the burn-out and explosion which killed two employees Sunday at the main Salem control room. The work crew was on the job all night Monday getting the new transformer into operation.

Costs \$30,000
The new unit is described by Hamilton as a 10,000 KVA (kilo volt amperes), 57,000 volt transformer valued at \$21,000 and installed at a cost of \$9,000. The huge transformer was formerly used in the Swan Island shipyards.

Rated normally at 10,000 Kva, the new transformer will be able to attain a 13,000 Kva capacity through the use of a forced air cooling system. The capacity thus will double that of the two 3667 Kva transformers which it replaces, Hamilton said.

Expansion Needed
The division manager explained that the additional capacity at the station is necessary because of the heavy load placed on the smaller transformers by greatly increased use of electricity in this area. According to present plans the two smaller transformers are to be removed from their present location and used elsewhere in the Salem area to increase capacity of the city's distribution system.

Tacoma Power Strike Nears

TACOMA, Feb. 13 (AP)—To head off, if possible, a strike by city light department employees which would leave the city without light service except in hospitals, fire departments and other essential services, the city council will hold a special meeting tomorrow morning. Utilities Commissioner C. A. Erdahl announced tonight.

Notice that a strike will be called at 12:01 a. m. Monday unless agreement can be reached over a wage increase was given today by local 483 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL. The union represents 200 light employees, virtually all the department's workers with the exception of office help.

Amon Grices Hosts For Sunday Party Honoring Serviceman

ORCHARD HEIGHTS, Feb. 13 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Amon Grice and daughter, Mrs. Howard Blankley, entertained Sunday with a homecoming party for Howard Blankley, sk2/c U.S. navy, Seabee, recently discharged after three years duty.

It was also a birthday surprise for Mrs. Percy Castle, sister of Mrs. Grice. Pussy willows and beignias decorated the rooms.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blankley, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dillon and children, Barbara and Gerald, Mrs. Nannie Cannoy, Winton Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Arble Martin and daughters, Doris, Clea and Ardith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Fox and daughters, Beverley and Glenda, Mr. and Mrs. James Best, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McDowell, and Lester Lippert.

FOUNDRYMEN DELAY STRIKE

SEATTLE, Feb. 13 (AP)—The deadline for a possible strike by 3000 workers in 79 Pacific northwest metal working plants was changed from tomorrow to Monday as ballots were being counted tonight in an election on a wage proposal from management.

LONGHORNS WIN

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 13 (AP)—Two late minute scores by peppy Blunt, big substitute center, brought the University of Texas Longhorns a thrilling 50-48 victory over the Rice Owls here tonight. A capacity crowd of 2500 fans saw the game.

DANCE Friday Night Salem Armory

GLENN WOODRY'S ORCHESTRA
13 Entertainers 13
Vern Esch, Vocalist

Ice Wouldn't Hold Them



CHICAGO, Feb. 13—Chicago rescue crew members recover James Burke, nine, from a Marquette Park lagoon yesterday in preparation for an unsuccessful artificial resuscitation attempt. He was one of three boys drowned when the ice failed to hold them. Two other boys reached shore. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

CCC Accused Of Secret Talk In Grain Sales

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—The senate agriculture committee accused the commodity credit corporation today of "secret negotiations" in grain sales, contributing "substantially" to the present grain crisis, and competing with private enterprise.

The committee said also that the procedures used in buying, storing and selling grain were "open to possible graft, collusion and favoritism." The accusations were in an interim report on the committee's continuing investigation into matters relating to food production and consumption. The report was signed by Senators Thomas (D-Okla.), committee chairman; Wheeler (D-Mont.); Bushfield (R-SD) and Stewart (D-Tenn.). It said its findings were based on the testimony of representatives of the corporation, the agriculture department, the OPA, and of producers, dealers, exporters of grain and officials of the Chicago board of trade.

Roving Secretary To Aid Ministers

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—An expanded program and hiring of a traveling full-time secretary to aid pastors of the state were approved today by delegates of the Oregon council of churches meeting here.

The annual session was presided over by Charles A. Sprague, president of the council. The council meeting is one of three sessions planned by three state-wide protestant groups here this week. The Oregon state pastors' conference opened tonight and the Oregon council of church women will meet tomorrow morning.

76 Experimental Forest Centers Proposed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—A \$3,600,000 appropriation to establish 76 experimental forest centers throughout the country was proposed today to a house appropriations subcommittee. The number of stations, areas and amounts proposed include seven in the Pacific northwest.

Jefferson Myers Hits Second Mudbank

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 13 (AP)—The Liberty ship Jefferson Myers failed again to get far today with its 9000 tons of UNRRA wheat for China, being towed back after hitting a mudbank. Yesterday the vessel wound up on a mudbank near where it grounded today.

MAC Membership 5280

PORTLAND, Feb. 13 (AP)—Multnomah Athletic club has a membership of 5280, including its women and junior members, William J. Collins, retiring president, reported at the annual meeting last night. Milton W. Rice was elected president.

NISEI JOINS C. OF C.

MILWAUKIE, Feb. 13 (AP)—The chamber of commerce here has admitted Jack Toshitomi, Japanese-American, to its membership by unanimous vote. Officials said they believed he was the first Nisei to join an Oregon chamber of commerce since Dec. 7, 1941.

HOLLYWOOD

Yvonne DeCarlo and David Bruce in "Salome, Where She Danced"—Co-Feature—Ella Raines and Chas. Korvin in "Enter Arsene Lupin"—Bargain Night - Open 6:45

Officer Avers Navy Withheld Nip Messages

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Henry C. Clausen, former lieutenant colonel, told Pearl Harbor investigators tonight that the navy in the south Pacific was "short to the latter months of the war on the information it received from decoding Japanese messages.

Clausen conducted a one-man investigation of the Pearl Harbor disaster last year for then Secretary of War Stimson. Now in civilian clothes again, he is a San Francisco attorney.

Clausen explained to the senate-house committee investigating the Dec. 7, 1941, attack that by "short changing" he meant the navy was not passing on to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command all the information it got from enemy messages.

The navy was handling the decoding, he said, and was deciding which messages it thought the army should see.

He related that Maj. Gen. C. A. Willoughby, intelligence officer for MacArthur, protested on May 8, 1945, during actual fighting in the Philippines, that he was "having this perplexing problem of getting information from the navy."

Mistrial Ordered In Oglevie Case

PORTLAND, Feb. 13 (AP)—A mistrial was ordered in the first degree murder trial of Lawrence R. Oglevie here today when defense attorneys said there was evidence of jury tampering.

Lester W. Humphries, appointed by John W. Gilley to defend Oglevie, told Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan that a man, whose name was not made public, had attempted to influence them to select members of the panel who, the man said, were favorable to the defense. The man was known to have telephoned one juror and was seen talking to the others, Humphries said as he moved for a mistrial.

ROCHESTER RESCUED

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 13 (AP)—The propeller of his new cabin cruiser broken, Eddie Anderson, the radio Rochester on Jack Benny's program, was taken in tow by a fishing boat late today and brought to port after being unreported since noon yesterday.

MISSING STUDENT FOUND

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif., Feb. 13 (AP)—William Jacobs, 26, of Boston, a college student skier missing since Feb. 2 in a blinding snowstorm at Badger pass, has been found alive, the national park service reported today.

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CO-FEATURE

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JAMES CRAIG - SIGNE HASSO

CAPITOL

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"THAT'S THE SPIRIT"
"OAKIE"
"RYAN"

CO-FEATURE
"Return of the Durango Kid"
With Charles Starrett
Continuous Daily

Klamath Falls Barracks May Serve as Vet Educational Plant

That the marine barracks at Klamath Falls may be obtained free of charge by the state for use as an educational plant for returned veterans was seen as a strong possibility Wednesday by Gov. Earl Snell.

He indicated that the state board of higher education is negotiating to acquire the \$6,500,000 marine installation and hinted that the state emergency board soon may consider funds for operating the plant as a college.

Inspection of the barracks recently was made by Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State college; Dean Earl Pallett, University of Oregon; Dr. Charles Byrne, secretary of the state board of higher education; Dr. John Cramer, dean of general extension and State Budget Director George Aiken, who represented Governor Snell.

Oregon Tourist Schools Urged

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Schools on Oregon's tourist attractions were advocated today at a meeting of Oregon Chamber of Commerce officials here.

Howard J. Steib, Bend chamber manager, said that as a result of a school there, tourists get intelligent answers to questions about Oregon's famed sights. Harold Say, director of the state's travel and information department, said the tourists' visits should be made pleasant and as prolonged as possible.

CHEST LEADERS TO MEET

Directors of the Salem United War Chest will meet next Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the chest offices, 241 N. Liberty st., to elect officers. The meeting has been called by Executive Secretary H. L. Braden.

National Guard Plan Doubles Pre-War Size

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—A national guard of 622,500, more than double the prewar strength, was outlined by the war department today.

The plans call for about 571,000 officers and men in the ground forces and 47,600 in the air forces. The other 3900 presumably would be service and administrative forces.

The plans were outlined in tentative allotments for each state sent to the governors by Maj. Gen. Butler B. Miltonberger, chief of the national guard.

The plan contemplates that many of the units closely identified with the military history of their states will be continued. All former national guard air units will be reactivated, but the proposed expansion of the air forces calls mainly for activation of new outfits.

The tentative allotments by states include:
Oregon: 9009 ground, 775 air—comprising one regiment of the 41st division, elements of the 50th armored division, one control squadron, one fighter squadron.

BUS DRIVERS TO VOTE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Overland Greyhound Line bus drivers will vote tomorrow on a new company wage proposal which, if approved, would start buses moving at midnight Feb. 17. The buses have been strike bound since Oct. 1 on routes north and west of Salt Lake City.

AVC ORGANIZE CHAPTER

PORTLAND, Feb. 13 (AP)—A Nisei, Junius Oba, was elected treasurer of Portland chapter No. 1, American Veterans committee, when that World War II organization formed a unit here last night. Jack Gilev was elected chairman.

Zone Commission Slates Hearing

Salem's planning and zoning commission will conduct a public hearing at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the city council chambers, to consider the matter of a proposed zone change in part of block 35 of North Salem.

At the commission's last meeting Chandler Brown and others petitioned for a change from Class I residential zone to a Class III business zone. Hedda Swart is president of the commission.

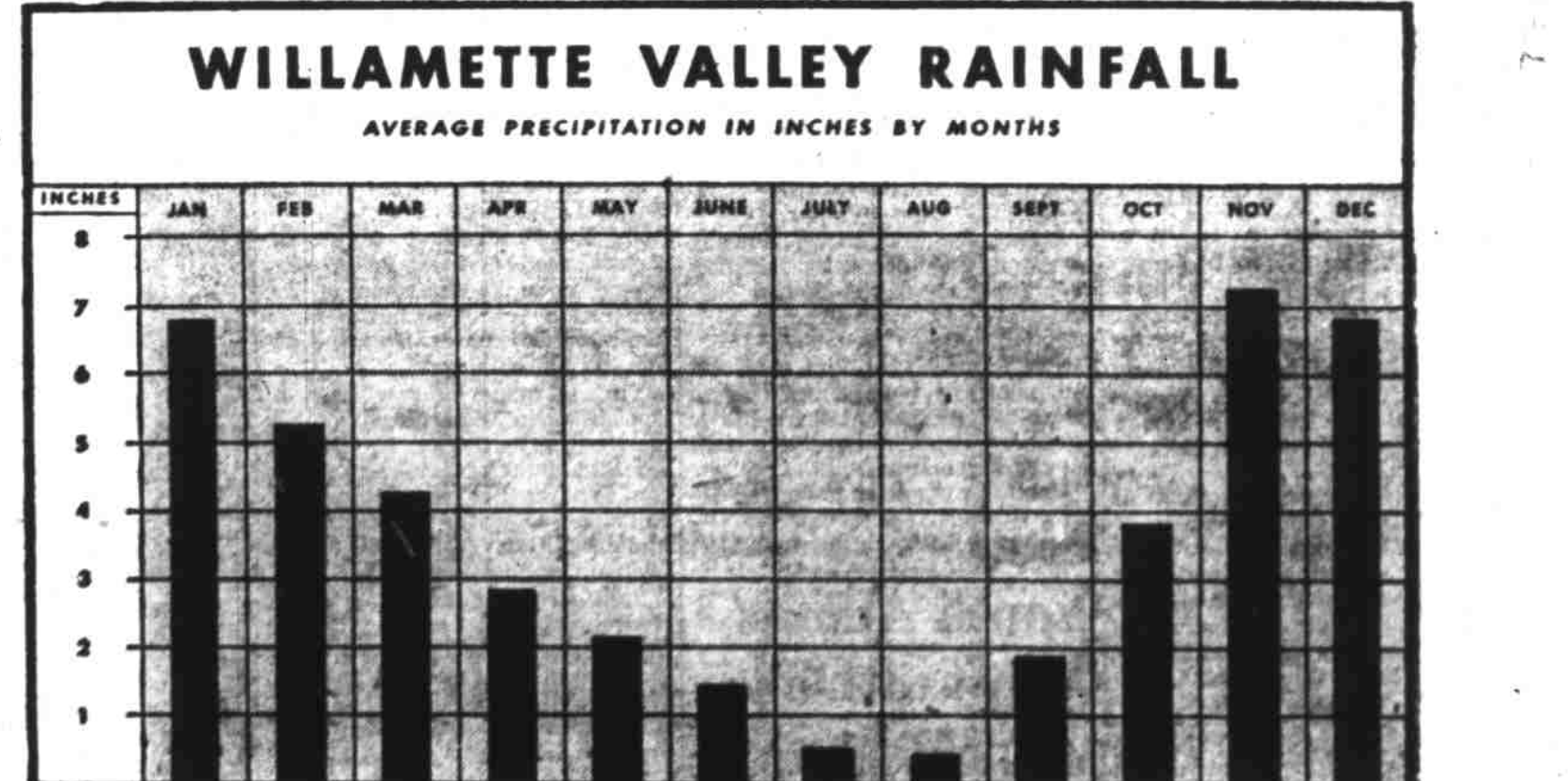
MacMitchell Enters Baxter Mile Event

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (AP)—The field for the Baxter mile in the New York A.C. track and field meet at Madison Square Garden Saturday was completed today with the entry of Les MacMitchell, twice winner of the event. MacMitchell will run against Marcel Hansenne of France, Tommy Quinn and Forrest Eflaw.

HERE ON FURLOUGH

HAYESVILLE, Dec. James Stettler Ft. Worth, Tex., is spending his furlough with his wife, Mrs. and Mrs. Albert Stettler.

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Why IRRIGATION is a Big Business in the Willamette Valley

Irrigation is a big business in the Willamette Valley. But it is destined to grow bigger—much bigger. When you look at the above chart showing the average annual rainfall by months in the Willamette Valley, you realize some amazing facts which upset popular beliefs about Oregon's climate.

For instance, we think of the Willamette Valley as having a rainy climate—as being a "Green Land," and we do have a heavy rainfall in the winter months. But we have a corresponding deficiency of rainfall in the six summer months. Look at these figures showing the average rainfall in the Willamette Valley by months (45-year average):

WET MONTHS	DRY MONTHS	
October..... 3.81	April..... 2.82	
November..... 7.28	May..... 2.12	
December..... 6.88	June..... 1.45	
January..... 6.85	July..... .50	
February..... 5.30	August..... .45	
March..... 4.26	September..... 1.93	
	32.41	10.27

What do these figures mean? They mean that the verdure you see in the summertime is mostly trees—both evergreen and deciduous. They mean that Oregon is particularly well adapted to growing trees or tree crops because trees can send their roots deep enough to get

moisture; and for seed crops which the dry summer months aid in ripening. But for pasture, for green beans, for berries, and vegetables, and various other crops, late spring and summer irrigation is an essential. Irrigation increases pasture yields by as much as 9 to 1. Tomatoes, string beans, and many other vegetables show increased yields of several hundred per cent when irrigated. Such increases in production resulting merely from the addition of water show the remarkable opportunities that exist for improving both the quantity and quality of our agricultural products through irrigation.

PGE is calling public attention to irrigation in the Willamette Valley because it is one of the region's greatest opportunities for creating new wealth that will benefit all of us who live and work here. PGE plans to do a lot of talking about this and other opportunities which exist for making more profitable our agriculture, manufacturing, retail business and home living.

Nor does PGE stop at merely "talking up" the area it serves. PGE believes in doing, too. It pioneered, for instance, many of the applications of electric power to the job of irrigation now in use on Willamette Valley farms. Its rural service men, experts in their field, are constantly at work advising farmers who seek more profitable ways of operating.

Through its agricultural service department PGE offers a free consultation and advisory service on irrigation and other operations applying electricity to the farm.
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