

New Regulator System Planned

Downtown Service To Get Improvement

Underground transformers will replace the cumbersome regulators atop poles in the downtown area.

Eugene Water & Electric Co. has sent to the City Council a plan for the downtown area.

The plan calls for the replacement of 15 transformers and the installation of a new system.

The new transformers will be placed in underground vaults beneath sidewalks located between Willamette and Oak Sts. on Park, Broadway and E. 10th Ave.

The new underground transformers will replace 15 small, overhead transformers. The new transformers will serve about 75 per cent of the business buildings between Willamette and Oak from E. 10th to E. 11th Ave.

The transformers will be part of a 12,000-volt electrical distribution system for the downtown area which is now fed by three substations.

The system when completed will replace all the open wires in the downtown area with heavy cables. All present transformer platforms would be removed.

The new system would change voltage in each individual building's electrical circuit. Any consumer in the affected area is planning to purchase new electrical equipment should contact J. F. Whitney, project engineer, to work out plans to change the voltages.

Pointing out the value of the system, Whitney explained it would enable the utility to carry a heavier load without building a new downtown substation. It said it will also increase the ability of service for the business area, including street and traffic lights, and clean up the

On Sabine to Study School Administrations

Gordon Sabine of the University of Oregon School of Journalism will leave March 20 on a study tour taking him to universities in the nation. He is on a study tour taking him to universities in the nation. He is on a study tour taking him to universities in the nation.

Hits Town

A fire started in a department store uncontrolled for three hours in the heart of Eugene's business district early Friday, leaving five people smoldering and causing estimated \$1 million damage.

Delays Appointment

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay said today he will delay naming a resignation commissioner to resign until he returns from a trip to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

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SURE, AND IT'S Friday the 13th and the Irish are as superstitious a race as ever there be. But Ray McInnis, who wears the green the year 'round, doesn't mind taking his chances when it's cooking corned beef and cabbage he is. McInnis, who has brought his Irish temperament to labor conference tables for more than a decade, will serve the traditional dish Sunday at the Eagles hall in honor of St. Patrick.

Fairgrounds a Busy Place, New Manager Discloses

Lane County's fairgrounds is a busy place these days, what with the usual routine activities and the things which spring weather brings.

Hallie Huntington, newly-appointed fair manager, says the

place really keeps "her hopping." A sample week of activities taken from Mrs. Huntington's date book showed these functions on a "typical" Saturday:

In the 4-H building, 4-H Club demonstrations; in the arena, 10 a.m. girl's mounted posse; 11:30, Timber Toppers, a jumper's group; 1 p.m. Stir-Up club, junior riders; 3 p.m. Free time for riders; and 7:30 p.m. Calf roping club.

For the rest of the week, the schedule went this way:

Sheriff's Mounted Posse; Eugene Hunt Club; Farm Bureau; English Riding Group; Farmer's Co-op; "Emerald Empire Mounted Quadrille Team"; Junior Buckaroos; Lane County Poultry Assn.; and the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn.

That's for a week, says Mrs. Huntington. There are other groups meeting on a monthly basis.

The new auditorium building will soon be ready for large gatherings and conventions and should be just as busy as the rest of the grounds.

Merriam to Discuss West's Road Problems

Howard Merriam, Eugene orchardman, will address Chamber of Commerce representatives from 11 western states at a Spokane meeting this coming week.

Merriam, who is chairman of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce's highway committee, will discuss "Federal Highway Problems Affecting Western States."

Fred Brenne, manager of the Eugene Chamber, will accompany Merriam to the meeting—an annual conference of the Western States Council, composed of Chamber of Commerce managers of the 11 western states.

The conference, which is devoted to the economic development of the West, will be Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Lane County Men Pledge Fraternities

The winter term pledge list for the University of Oregon fraternities has been announced.

The following Lane County men have pledged:

Delta Upsilon: Cedric Hayden, Eugene.

Phi Kappa Sigma: Don Edmunds, Leaburg.

Phi Sigma Kappa: John R. Green, Coburg.

Pi Kappa Alpha: Richard L. Carter, Drain.

Pi Kappa Phi: Eugene Murphy, Eugene.

Sigma Chi: Frederick Richter, Oakridge.

Tau Kappa Epsilon: Edward D. Frolen, Eugene; Bryce G. Decker, Creswell; Wesley B. Naish, Cottage Grove.

3,000 Plants Added To Hendricks Park

More than 3,000 plants have been added to the Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden, W. Riley Matsler, superintendent of parks reported to the Eugene City Council this week.

The Eugene Rhododendron and Camellia Society has contributed the following plants: 3,000 evergreen Azaleas, 25 deciduous Azaleas, 117 Camellias, 233 Rhododendrons and several trees.

In addition, the society recently voted to spend \$275 to purchase plants for the Hendricks Park garden. Another recent gift, Matsler reported, was \$250 contributed by B. C. Cole.

BPA Awards Valley Contracts

Microwave Stations To Link System

The Bonneville Power Administration this week awarded two contracts for construction of four microwave radio stations in the Willamette Valley.

When completed, the stations—with one already installed at Coburg—will constitute a super, electronically controlled communications system for BPA between Vancouver, Wash., and Eugene.

The system is made up of five towers which transmit line-of-sight microwave signals. These signals can spot transmission line faults, control switching and serve voice communications between power substations.

The contracts awarded this week were: West Portland and Oregon City stations, to Charles R. Schmiedeskamp, of Portland, on a low bid of \$30,995; Salem and Prospect Hill (near Salem), to The Electric Co., Port Angeles, Wash., on a low bid of \$31,003.

The Coburg station tower needs only electronic equipment for completion.

Pilots to Fete First Flight

The 50th anniversary of the first airplane flight is to be observed throughout Oregon, Dr. George K. Hemphill, Eugene, member of the governor's anniversary committee, reported Friday.

Air shows and tours, breakfast flights by private flying groups and traveling exhibits are a few of the events tentatively planned for the Wright brothers anniversary which is to be celebrated next June, he said.

In a hands-across-the-border gesture commemorating 100 years of U.S.-Canadian friendship as well as the 50th anniversary of powered flight, the Royal Flying Clubs Assn. of Canada has extended an official invitation from the Canadian government to Oregon pilots to join in the Trans-Canada air tour starting July 25.

The dominion government will be official hosts to the tour throughout the 2,500 miles of its route in Canada. The Royal Canadian Air Force will escort the tour across the northern reaches of Canada and the Department of Transport will keep track of the planes, eliminating the necessity for filing flight plans.

In Oregon, first definitely scheduled event of the anniversary is the dedication of the new terminal at the Medford airport June 6-7.

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Flowers in His Hair

Onion Editor Notes Burgeoning Spring

By THE ONION EDITOR
Register-Guard Fantasy

Spring was burgeoning all over the Emerald Empire Friday and my desk is in bloom with assorted flora and fauna, possibly taking root in the fine top soil deposited by Elmo Chase's tuber of last week.

First on the list is an odd potato taking root where the ink well used to be. This tuber, sent in by Mrs. P. K. Humphrey of Fall Creek, grew up above the ground and immediately spawned a variety of red, bulbous attachments. The potatoes are red on the outside and have yellow flesh. Mrs. Humphrey thinks the variety came from the South at the turn of the century and offers \$1 for the first one who can name the variety within one week of this printing.

Next is a stalk of flowers with bell-like violet blossoms. They were brought in by William Simmons, who lives 10 miles north of River Road. He says they're lamb's tongues. Ann Connell, society editor, says they are calve's ears and Dorris Rjorset, of the women's news department, says no, they couldn't be because "they don't have that bell in the middle." (What ever they are, girls, they've taken root near my phone directory and if they show sign of staying, somebody had better settle on their pedigree).

Early Angler Fined \$50

Fishermen were reminded Thursday by Justice of the Peace Carl Lewis that they should wait until next month before going angling in this area.

The judge reported he has fined Robert W. Miller of Blue River \$50 for angling in closed season. State police arrested him last week while he fished on Blue River with his two boys.

Judge Lewis said Miller reported he didn't want to go fishing, but his two boys made so much noise he had to go out with them. The boys were reprimanded.

State Slates Deaf Clinic

The Oregon State School for the Deaf at Salem will hold its fifth annual preschool clinic for parents of young deaf and hard-of-hearing children on March 29, 31, and April.

Superintendent M. B. Clatterbuck announced Thursday.

The purpose of this clinic is to assist parents in working with their deaf child and to acquaint them with the educational facilities for the deaf in the State of Oregon.

Parents will have an opportunity to observe classes from the kindergarten level through high school work, and are asked to bring their deaf or hard-of-hearing child with them. Living accommodations will be furnished by the school during the clinic without cost to the parents.

Persons interested in attending should contact their local county health departments or write direct-

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