

Rate Issue
UndecidedConflicting Views
by Committee

WASHINGTON (AP)—The question of whether Bonneville power will go up this year still is undecided Wednesday.

House Appropriations Committee released testimony on the matter in which E. D. Dwyer, Bonneville controller, said the rates are going up, but the only question is when.

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes countered that "no one is in position to definitely say under way or not under way" (BPA rates) are to be increased or remain the same.

Dwyer said that an increase is necessary, but he is not sure now it will not be the five dollars increase recommended by the administration.

Dwyer said that the rate requires rates high enough to pay operating and maintenance costs and repay over a period of years the government investment in the power plant. The present rate is \$1.50 per kilowatt year.

Dwyer said that the time can be met when Bonneville is able to meet the needs of industrial customers. He said that the federal government is planning to build a \$200,000,000 in construction and \$6,000,000 in operation and maintenance funds for the beginning of July 1.

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WHEN WORD ARRIVED by mail that his wife, Patricia Ann, had entered the "Mrs. Oregon" contest, Robert Bounds, Route 1, Eugene, felt he had reason to scratch his head. The wife had kept her entry a secret from the family which includes two children: Christina Ann, 4½, and Ronald Bruce, 2½. Having passed the first round of judging, Mrs. Bounds' entry will be re-examined along with others seeking state honors in hopes of getting to the 16th annual "Mrs. America" contest in Florida. Both are graduates of Springfield High School.

Logging Speeded
But Prices Holding

Log supplies increased in western Oregon last week. Prices held steady, according to the Oregon State College weekly farm forest products report.

Loggers took advantage of good weather to get under way with spring operations. Sawmills took all available logs without a drop in price. Demand was especially good for small logs in the Eugene area. Small gang mills in that area depend mainly on logs from salvage operations and "farmer type" logging.

Swordforn registered a seasonal price increase of two cents a bunch. Other forest products were unchanged.

SAWLOGS: No. 2 second-growth Douglas fir, sawlogs, 40-foot logs, mostly \$35 to \$40. No. 3s were \$25 to \$30. Long camp-run logs were mostly \$35 to \$38. Short logs were \$2 to \$5 less. Eight-foot logs down to six-inch tops were in good demand at \$14 to \$15.50 a cord, or \$30 to \$35 a thousand.

Old-growth sawlogs ranged from \$38 to \$39 a thousand for No. 2s, mostly \$40 to \$45. No. 3s were \$25 to \$40. Peeler logs sold over a \$30 range in the northern Willamette Valley, mostly around \$75, \$85 and \$100. The range in the Eugene area was \$5, with top prices of \$70, \$85 and \$95 a thousand.

In the Roseburg area, long camp-run logs ranged from \$31 to \$33 a thousand, mostly \$35. Short logs were \$1 to \$2 less. No. 2 second-growth sawlogs were \$35 to \$38 a thousand, and old-growth was \$40. No. 3s were \$25 to \$28. Eight-foot logs were \$14 to \$15 a cord, or \$30 a thousand. Sixteen-foot logs were \$15 by the cord. Peeler logs brought \$35, \$45 and \$90 a thousand.

POLES AND PILING: Forty to 50-foot barkless poles and long piling were in good demand at some Willamette Valley pole yards. Forty-five-foot barkless poles ranged from 14 to 20 cents a lineal foot, depending on diameters.

PULPWOOD: Pulp species were \$15 a cord at St. Helens, Willamette Valley pulp mills were not buying.

HARDWOODS: Alder, ash and maple at Portland brought \$35 a thousand for 16-inch diameters. Eleven-inch logs brought \$34 and eight-inch logs were \$30. Demand at Albany and Lebanon was limited. Top quality upland maple at Albany was quoted at \$34. Both alder and maple were \$29 to \$30 at Lebanon.

ALLERGIC WIFE
WINS DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An allergic wife, Mrs. Rose S. Savanick, 24, won a divorce Wednesday on testimony that she developed a rash at the mere sight of her husband Jerome, 30-year-old attorney.

"I became allergic to him," she testified, "because of his abusive, belligerent and offensive treatment. I would break out into a rash all over my face and body. My face became so swollen once that I could hardly see for about three months."

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NEW YORK (AP)—The "greatest show on earth" opened its 70th season Wednesday night in Madison Square Garden, as glittering and extravagant as ever and studded with new acts.

But all the old standbys were there too—they'll be in the show as long as there is a Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Remember the spine-chilling high-wire performance, with no net and ending up with a bicycle ride 60 feet above the tankard?

Or the graceful and thrilling somersaults and flips of the trapeze artists, including the frightening plunge to the net below at the end?

This year there are some of the most brilliantly costumed pageants the circus has ever presented—one is a dreamy mock trip to the moon; another is a cavalcade of nursery stories; the finale is billed as a tribute to the United Nations and President Eisenhower.

Wednesday night's opening performance was a benefit for the United Cerebral Palsy Fund. Dozens of stage, television and movie stars took part as amateur clowns and show-girls.

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(Right) 3-D print in aqua, red or blue. Key-hole neckline; loop crystal buttons; self belt. 12-20; 14½-24½.

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