

## McKee Favors Sale of PPL to Group Who Would Keep Intact

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(United Press Financial Writer)

New York, Jan. 31 (AP)—Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light company, told the United Press today that he believes the interests of both the area served and the stockholders would be met best by the sale of that utility to the Allen & Company group.



Miss Paper Cup — Actress Pat Williams, dubbed "Miss Paper Cup of 1950" by the Paper Cup Institute of America, steps into a king-sized cup in Hollywood to prove she fits the bill—or the cup. (Acme Telephoto)

## Santiam Hunters Bag 3 Cougars

Detroit, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP)—Despite the snow and cold Walt and Carl Ball have taken to cougar hunting and within the past week have bagged three cats that will bring in both state and county bounties to the Ball brothers.

On one of the mountains in this north Santiam area in the Cascades, the hunters and their dogs treed a female cougar near Idanha. Walt brought the cougar down with his single-shot .22 caliber rifle.

Next day, although a heavy snow that covered tracks had fallen, the brothers went out with their dogs again. Within a short time the dogs had treed two cougars. Carl brought them both down with his .22.

Because of recent deep snows, the big cats have been forced to come down into civilized areas for food. Chicken houses have been hard hit.

Grand Island—Mrs. Clarence Rockhill has been a guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood and family in the Fairview district several days.

## Oregon Blue Grass Test May Lick Crabgrass Problem

New York, Jan. 31 (AP)—Two new strains of grass have been developed which will lick the crabgrass problem in the northern states, an official of the United States Golf association says.

The anti-crabgrass strains have been developed at a Maryland turf experiment station, Dr. Fred V. Grau, director of the USGA's green section, declared yesterday.

Dr. Grau was here for the annual meeting of the association. The association's green section operates the experimental grass farm, the plant industry station at Beltsville, Md., in cooperation with the department of agriculture.

Dr. Grau said that between 600 and 700 acres were now being sown in Oregon with one of the grass strains, and that seed would be available to the public in two years.

The new strain, called Merion Blue Grass—it was first found in 1936 on a tee at the Merion Golf club in Philadelphia—is far more disease resistant than common blue grass, Dr. Grau reported.

The official said that while any blue grass normally will outgrow crabgrass, it is highly susceptible to disease and in a weakened condition permits the harder crabgrass to outgrow it. The second strain, Dr. Grau

The Securities & Exchange commission will open a new hearing in Washington Wednesday morning to decide whether control of Pacific Power shall be sold to the Allen Syndicate or to one headed by B. J. Van Ingen & company.

McKee made it clear that the reason he favors the Allen bid of \$15,000,000 cash—in opposition to the Van Ingen bid of \$10,000,000 cash, plus contingent additional payments which may be as little as \$4,500,000 or as much as \$9,500,000—is that the Allen group intends to continue the company as a going, integrated company; whereas the Van Ingen group plans to sell the properties piecemeal to various interests, some of them public power groups.

If Allen & company is permitted to buy Pacific Power & Light, McKee pointed out, it will distribute the common stock of that utility to investors in the territory served.

If another group should come forth with a better bid than Allen & company—though this is unlikely, so far as he knows—he would favor it, McKee said, provided it also called for continued operation of the Northwest Utility company as a going unit.

While he will be present at the SEC hearing which starts in Washington Wednesday, McKee revealed, he does not know whether or not he will be called upon to testify. However, if he does, he will endorse the Allen bid.

The hearings, he predicted, will probably only take a day or so, and it seems likely that the SEC will make a prompt decision. He bases this expectation, he said, on the fact that American Power & Light company—which owns all the outstanding common stock of Pacific Power & Light, for which the two banking groups are bidding—plans to distribute the proceeds from the sale of that stock on Feb. 15.

Pacific Power & Light, a utility serving the hearts of the states of Washington and Oregon, has about 140,000 customers. Employees number approximately 1,400, and gross annual revenues approach \$18,000,000.

It is in direct competition with public power only in The Dalles, Ore., and in the Hood River county rural area of the same state. Gross revenues from those areas amount to only about 2 per cent of the utility's total annual income.

Prominent cities served include Yakima, Sunnyside, Dayton and Walla Walla, Wash., and Portland, Hood River, Pendleton, Enterprise and Bend, Ore.

said, will prove important to lawnkeepers in the northern states when seed becomes plentiful enough to permit wide marketing. This is a Bermuda grass which he called U-3.

Dr. Grau described this as the first Bermuda strain to prove sufficiently winter-hardy to grow in the north. He said the grass was fast growing, adding that, on a U-3 lawn, crabgrass "hasn't got a chance."

Homeowners might not like it, though, it has a tendency to crowd into adjoining flower beds.

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## Naval Aviation Plan Offered

Responsibility for the naval aviation cadet procurement program in the area of Oregon and Washington west of the Cascades was assumed Wednesday by the Naval Air Reserve Training unit at the Sand Point Naval Air Station, Seattle.

Captain A. E. Buckley, USN, commanding officer of NARTU, will direct the procurement program in the northwest. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 27 and must have completed two years of college, or be in the process of finishing

the second year at the time application is made.

Candidates for the "NavCad" program join the Naval Reserve and agree to serve a total of four years on active duty. This includes 18 months of flight training at Pensacola, Fla., and the remainder of the time as a commissioned aviator with the operating forces of the navy.

Aviation Cadets receive \$105 monthly, lodging, board, and required uniforms. In addition, the premiums on \$10,000 worth of life insurance will be paid by the Navy during the period of flight training. Pay received upon commissioning amounts to \$355 without dependents, and \$430.75 with dependents.

The 18-month flight training at Pensacola includes pre-flight,

basic flight, and advanced training with the latter phase involving training in combat aircraft, and when possible, the cadet will be given his choice of specializing in multi-engine bomber or patrol, or single engine fighter types.

Jet aircraft are reaching the Navy from manufacturers in increasing numbers, and Cadets who finish training and are commissioned can expect additional training in Jets.

### Girls Receive Badges

Willamina — Girl Scout troop 2 held its regular meeting. Each girl received her troop flower badge and several gave excellent reports on their proficiency badges. Refreshments were served by the January

## Plans Proceed For Carnival

"Fairyland Follies" will be the theme for the traditional Civics club's carnival this year in the Salem high school auditorium, March 31, at 8 p.m.

Tentative plans and arrangements are now being worked on by Leslyn Burdette and Bernice Imlah, co-chairmen for the affair.

A program committee of Joan Marie Miller, Don Bennett, Gordon Sloan and President Jim Rock are making plans for the hostesses, Janet Glass, Bonnie King and Lona Boyer.

carnival, which will feature skits and acts put on by the 15 school clubs.

Princesses representing each club are soon to be announced. Various committee heads for the carnival are: Publicity, David Blackmer; interludes, Crescendo club; makeup, Sue Perry; princesses, Edna Hill and Janet Gaiser; judges, Earl Eshleman; food, Mary Felke; tickets and programs, Kent Myers.

Faculty advisers working with the Civics club in presentation of the carnival are Mrs. Gertrude Smith and Mrs. Pauline Coheen, co-advisers.

Mrs. Smith has been Civics club adviser since the club first started and has been the promoter behind the production every year.

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