

Temporary Rate Hike In Effect Here Monday

Continuous operation of steam electric plants to relieve the present deficiency of hydro-electric power in the Pacific northwest region will result, commencing with the customer meter reading on and after November 24, in a temporary 20 per cent surcharge on normal billings for service.

Fred G. Starrett, manager of the Willamette valley division, Portland General Electric company, said the surcharge would be effective in all parts of the Willamette valley territories served by PGE and would cover all classes of consumption with the exception of municipal street and highway lighting.

Steam plants of the region have been operating on an around-the-clock basis since early September, and have added heavily to operation costs, Starrett said.

Hayesville

Hayesville — Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Andresen have received word that their son, SFC Paul A. Andresen, is being sent to Fort Ord, Calif., for an eight weeks' training in army supply work. Following his training he will return to Ft. Lewis.

The Andresen family will remain in Tacoma, Wash. A large assortment of "Gifts from Cloth" was displayed and modeled for the Hayesville Home Extension unit by their leaders, Mrs. F. O. West and Mrs. W. Nystrom, when the unit met at the home of Mrs. West. Mrs. Mint Gale gave a talk on the people of Norway.

Guests for the day were Mrs. Anna Wolfmeyer and Mrs. A. Phillips. Members attending were Mesdames C. E. Andresen, W. Nystrom, B. Reimann, E. Zahara, F. O. West, G. C. Farmer, M. Saucy, F. O. Lawes, E. W. Frey, C. Cottingham, V. Perrine, C. A. Dale, O. Noren, W. J. de Boer, L. M. Duvall, M. Dierks, H. L. Nation and H. B. Christenson. The December meeting will be a Christmas party and gift exchange at the home of Mrs. B. Reimann.

Attending recreation work shop, a series of three meetings this month at the Kelzer school, were Mrs. E. Zahara and Mrs. B. Reimann, representing the Home Extension unit of Hayesville; Mrs. E. Brown, Mothers club; and Mrs. H. B. Christenson, PTA. The training was under the leadership of Jessalce Mallalieu.

Osiris was a legendary king of Egypt who later became king of the dead in Egyptian mythology.

"In the intervening time, PGE has accumulated more than \$1,500,000 above normal power costs," he said. "The excess war, far too great for the company to absorb within present consumer rate levels. Other electric companies of the region similarly have been hit by the extra costs of steam electric generation and are resorting to surcharges."

Starrett said, the number of months the surcharge would remain in effect would depend upon the duration of the present power emergency which already has resulted in a 10 per cent cut-back of power use among large users all over the northwest.

Records of the company will be audited monthly by the public utilities commissioner of Oregon in order to determine the amount of excess cost accruing, and he will order the surcharge to be adjusted, if necessary, or terminate as promptly as possible, Starrett said.

Operation of steam plants by the electric companies not only has delayed the imposition of mandatory power curtailment on the region's larger industries for many weeks, but also has greatly minimized it in degree. Starrett estimated the present 10 per cent cut-back ordered by the defense electric power administration would be several times larger were it not for steam plant operation. Allowing the steam plants to remain idle merely to hold power production costs down would result in thousands of workers being laid off in the region's large industrial plants and could wreck the area economy.

Factors behind the present power shortage and its attendant burden of curtailment and additional costs are numerous, Starrett explained, but chief among them has been the excessive loading of the northwest power resources with aluminum plants and other large power eating industries located in the region by government authority and under long term power contracts.

The conflict between the power and fishing industries also has had its effect. Starrett pointed out that had the construction of PGE's proposed Pelton dam on the Deschutes river not been delayed it could have alleviated the present power curtailment by one-third and greatly reduced the excess costs of steam generation.

Pelton dam, together with the larger Round Butte project, also proposed for construction on the Deschutes, would turn out sufficient energy to wipe out any deficiency equal to the one being experienced now, Starrett said.

Two Parishes Relief Centers

During the week of November 23 to 30, collection headquarters for the Thanksgiving collection of clothing, blankets, and shoes for relief of the overseas refugees will be at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Joseph parishes, it is announced by Rev. John Reedy and Rev. Joseph Vanderbeck, pastors.

The campaign is under auspices of War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare conference, which last year collected 7,250,000 pounds of donated apparel and footwear. Articles will be distributed free in Korea, Europe, the Near and Far East on the sole basis of need, without regard to race, color or creed.

On-the-scene observers stress the need for infants' and children's wear. Any type of practical clothing, blankets, and knitted garments, as well as shoes, galoshes, sandals and socks for persons of all ages are wanted. Footwear should be tied in pairs.

If cash is contributed, checks should be made payable to "Thanksgiving Clothing Collection," according to information from campaign headquarters at Catholic Charities, 400 Dekum building in Portland.

Lake Labish Pie Social

Lake Labish—The Lake Labish Community club will give a pie social at the school house at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25. Motion pictures will be shown following the pie auction.

New Cub Pack Formed at Meeting in Lincoln School

Four Corners—Twenty-eight boys attended a registration meeting of Cub pack 105 Thursday afternoon at Lincoln school. John Akin, Cub scoutmaster, Ed Walls, assistant Cub scoutmaster, James R. Kern, field executive, Don Nash neighborhood chairman and Virgil Lamb institutional representative were officials present.

Only two den mothers, Mrs. Jess McInlay and Mrs. Ed Walls have volunteered and at least two more are needed. It was left up to the boys to interest their parents in helping with the Scout work.

The next meeting is called for Monday, Nov. 24, immediately after school in the Four Corners Community hall.

Group II of the Lincoln school 4-H first year cooking club "Sugar and Spice with 12 members met Tuesday after school in the Orville Rehfeld home. Mrs. Virgil Lamb and Mrs. Rehfeld are leaders.

Officers elected were president, Rita Gordon; vice president, Leta Thayer; secretary, Pa-

tricia Meyer; news reporter, Sherrill White; song leader, Carol Powell. Other members are Garnet Thayer, Eileen Beatty, Anita Coop, Carol and Janice Hauck, Sharon Dillard, Margo Wing.

Cheryl Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roberts, observed her eighth birthday anniversary with a television party Monday afternoon, Nov. 17. Her guests were Mona and Michael

Schell, Terri Fries, Marsha Studebaker, Lona Capps, Janice and Carol Hauck.

"One dish meals" was the project at an all-day meeting of the Four Corners home extension unit Tuesday in the Community Hall. Mrs. Oliver Rickman and Mrs. S. H. Cable, project leaders, prepared six dishes. Mrs. Gus Schilleker was a guest. Hostesses were Mrs. Willfred Willer, Mrs. R. W. Clement, Mrs. A. F. Kneeling, Mrs. I. T. Jones.

Nearly four-fifths of the coal produced in Britain is cut and conveyed mechanically.

Grounded Freighter Refloated in Alaska

Juneau, Alaska (AP)—The Ocean Van Line freighter Alaska Spruce was refloated Thursday four hours after it went aground on Hinchinbrook Island at the entrance to Prince William Sound.

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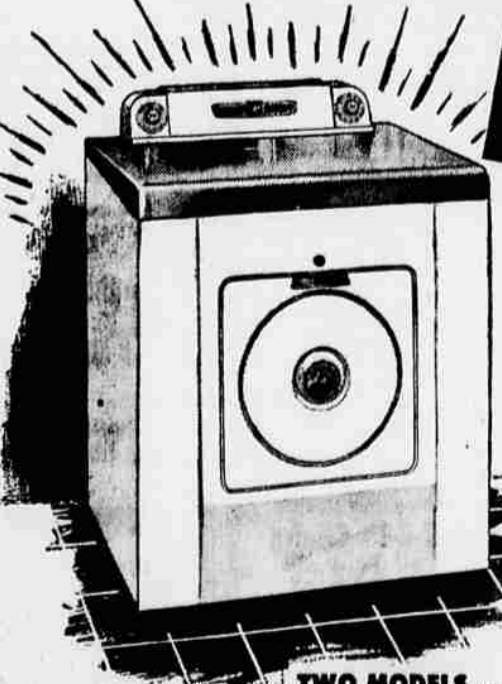
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