

Norblad Asks Probe of Gas Price Boosts

Attorney General Todd West Coast Raises Unwarranted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) Tuesday wrote Atty. Gen. Brownell he believes the "strange checkerboard pricing of gasoline" throughout the United States presents a situation warranting Justice Department investigation.

"I particularly refer to the recent increases 'at the pump' of gasoline in Oregon and along the West Coast which seem entirely unwarranted," he said in a letter to the attorney general.

"At the same time we find very material reductions in the price of this same product in such diverse areas as Denver, Dallas, and in parts of New England. It is my understanding that gasoline is retailed in those places at seven to ten cents a gallon less than in Oregon."

Norblad said he could understand a possible price increase along the West Coast if gasoline stocks were being materially reduced as a result of shipments to Europe but "that is not the case."

Domestic gasoline stocks now are 17 million barrels above this time a year ago and are rising rapidly, he declared. He said that "reliable people in the industry have estimated that by March the stocks will surpass the all time record."

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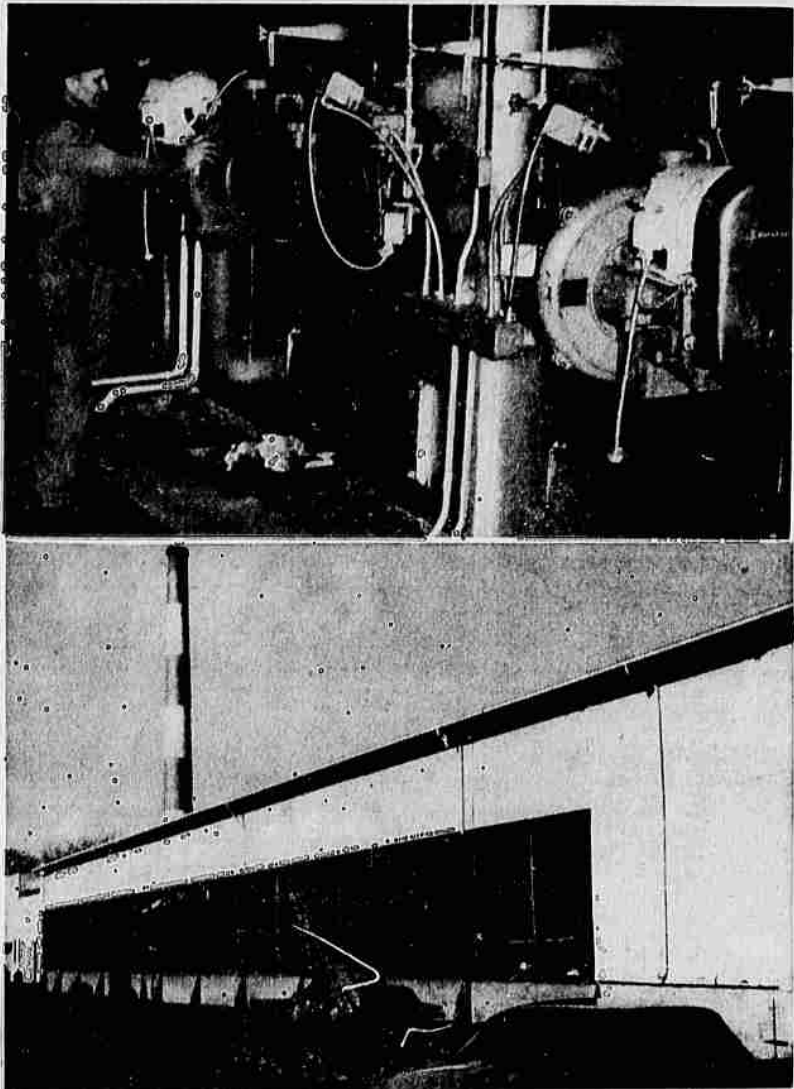
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How the Statehouse Gets Its Heat



The state heating plant supplies warmth for a total of nine large buildings and two smaller ones and the above pictures show some of the machinery and one of the buildings which are instrumental in making the project a successful one. Above is an oil burner beneath the state hospital which generates 600 horsepower of heat. Below are the hog fuel storage sheds at the hospital which have a capacity of 150 cartons of fuel. (Capital Journal Photos)

State Heating Plant Supplying Warmth for 9 Large Buildings

Chief Newgent Is Man in Charge Of Project

By BEN MAXWELL, Capital Journal Writer

Feeling chilly those cold days? Ceding too much to keep the house warm? Here's an answer. Get a job at the Statehouse. Or, if you can't do that, then get committed to the Oregon State hospital. Both places maintain a cozy 72 degrees.

The state heating plant, built in 1929 and under the supervision of Chief Guy C. Newgent, supplies warmth to nine large state buildings and two smaller ones.

To maintain temperatures ranging between 72 and 75 degrees during chilly intervals requires from 24 to 27 units of hog fuel and about 200 gallons of oil daily. Present cost with an Arctic front over the area is about \$100. Normal weather firing with hog fuel alone cut this cost in half.

All main structures are now steam heated by two boilers, firing hog fuel at one end and oil at the other. Another boiler is maintained on a standby basis for emergency usage. Average temperature for the capital and associated structures is maintained for 15 of the 24 hours. Between 12 a. m. and 5:30 a. m., firing stops for cleaning purposes.

Producers' Oilburners

Firing with hog fuel produces cinders as well as ashes. Logs are washed before they pass through the head saw at the mill. Nevertheless, a lot of earth material clings to the log and gets ground up with the waste that makes fuel. Cinders are a product of this combustion at the state heating plant. And the accumulation is considerable in view of the fact that hog fuel is used for heat from 85 to 90 per cent of the time.

Eight men working three shifts operate the state plant. All maintenance men are licensed engineers. Fuel supply is in charge of Clay Hambo.

State's plant has limited capacity for hog fuel storage, only enough for a day's run. Heating with this fuel is dependent upon a continuous delivery. Every one-and-a-half hours a truck, hauling from three to five units of hog fuel, rolls in and dumps it at the base of the elevator chute. Within an hour the fuel is passing by gravity feed into the fire boxes. But should the hog fuel supply fail, oil storage, holding 15,000 gallons, would keep state buildings warm for a couple of weeks under normal conditions.

He said that both arms of government would save quite a bit of money if they didn't have to close on those days.

Within also introduced a measure to provide that every employer must give his workers at least four hours to vote on election days, with no loss of pay.

Fire Captain Named

Kenneth L. Barnett of the Salem Fire department was appointed to the vacancy left by recent retirement of Walter D. (Shorty) Edwards Monday night by the city council.

Mathereson to Talk

Kent Mathereson, Salem city manager, will be the featured speaker Friday noon at the annual meeting of the Salem Community

AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Holmes Criticizes Development Body

A critical attitude toward the Oregon Development commission was taken by Gov. Robert Holmes as he proceeded to pick to pieces the latest report of that body during the Monday luncheon of the Salem Chamber of Commerce at the Marion hotel.

Mrs. Walton Named Leader Of Art Group

Mrs. James J. Walton was elected president of the Salem Art association for the coming year at a meeting of the group Monday night at the Bush house. She succeeds Bruce Pickett as president of the organization.

Pickett was named first vice-president. Other new officers include Dr. H. B. Hutchinson, second vice-president; John McCaff, Silverton, third vice-president; Robert Sprague, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Morris K. Crothers, secretary, and Mrs. Lester Young, secretary.

Cub Scouts, Advisers Plan For Blue and Gold Dinner

Plans for a blue and gold dinner, Feb. 25, and a communion Sunday Feb. 10, were made by cub scouts and advisers of Cub Pack 6 at St. Joseph's parish hall Friday night.

Awards were given out for the cub of the 12 years of which Lawrence J. Gooley is cub master. The program included skills presented by Den 1 of which Mrs. Leonard Doran is den mother, and Den 9 of which Mrs. Frank Chamberlain is den mother.

Eleven dinner badges were given out for as many dinner chiefs which signifies head of a den. These included Guy Colby, Clem Hedging, John Mabel, John Coffey, Mark Mesford, Billy Koenig, Charles Noshick, James Harris, Philip Rupp, Raymond Warner and David Snook.

Ten assistant dinner badges were given for those who will assist the head of the den, the others supposedly having no need for assistant. Assistant honors went to Steven Meier, Charles Barr, James Doran, Merrill Hall, Dennis Crawford, Frank Chamberlain, Mike Chamberlain, Craig Holmes, David Snook and Dennis Woznowski.

Three lions badges were given out in the 10-year old group. Those so honored were Gerry Cooley, Russell Reynolds and Jimmy McCarthy. Four Bear badges went to nine-year old group. Receiving these awards were Jerry Herring, Joe Prinz, John Coffey and Steve Smith.

COUNCIL APPROVES REQUEST

Waldo School to Hook Up to Salem Water, Sewer Lines

In other matters the council heard a petition from 45 residents who asked that no further billboards be allowed on 12th street except those placed on buildings to advertise the business housed inside.

The petition complained that the billboards "clutter up and detract from the value of the property." The council placed the petition on file.

Public hearing was set for Feb. 11 on a series of sidewalks in the southeast part of the city. The sidewalks are located on South 21st between Lee and the Southern Pacific railroad; the north side of Lee between Lee, 23rd and 24th streets; east side of Ford between Mill and Simpson and Lee and Simpson and the west side of Ford between Mill and Simpson and Lee and Simpson.

Manager to Assist

The city manager received authorization to assist Stevens Equipment Co., 116 Division St., in his petition to the city engineers for help in a river bank erosion problem on their property.

Application of Tip Top Tavern, 2175 Fairgrounds Rd. for a retail beer license was turned down, upon recommendation of the license committee. Application of Joe C. Bello to conduct a vehicle wrecking business at 2110 Mission St. was delayed for two weeks.

The council accepted a planning commission report which denied Teddy R. and Louise Pyle permission to construct a single-family home on an under-sized lot at Jefferson and Church streets.

Request of the Pilgrim and Englewood E. U. B. churches to install direction signs on city street sign standards were placed on file.

DOLLAR SHOE SALE

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