

Maupin Power Company Is Strictly a Home Institution

MAUPIN POWER COMPANY SUPPLIES LIGHT AND POWER TO MORE THAN 100 PATRONS IN MAUPIN—FINE PLANTS AND UNEQUALLED SERVICE

When light and power is considered Maupin is exceptionally well supplied, for the Maupin Power company has one of the most complete generating and distributing electric plants in Oregon.

The Maupin Power company was organized May 1, 1924, by J. H. Woodcock and wife, E. C. Woodcock and Mrs. M. J. Woodcock, the mother, as principals. The company was capitalized at \$20,000, the stock being divided into 10,000 shares common stock and 10,000 shares preferred stock. The common stock is all held by the Woodcocks, while 4,000 shares of the preferred stock was taken by local residents, and upon this the holders are drawing semi-annually dividends.

In the spring of 1923 the Woodcocks made a deal with Mrs. Arabella Staats whereby they were given the use of the overflow from the springs, now owned by the city of Maupin, and which amounted to 3.78 second feet of water. A dam was constructed 190 feet above the river bank, this impounding three acre feet of water, which is conveyed to a generating plant through a 16-inch pipe and given a fall of 190 feet. The company erected a fine station at the foot of the hill, equipping it with the latest model 60-kilowatt generator which is driven by an S. Morgan Smith reaction type turbine. The generator is fitted with an automatic governor and all the accessories necessary for protection against breakage and electric storms.

At the present time the Maupin Power company has four miles of electric line in Maupin. One hundred meters record the current used, while the company supplies power to several business places on each side of the river, as well as furnishing energy for operation of 11 ranges and 15 hot water heaters. Thirteen street lights are also hitched to the line.

As an auxiliary plant the Maupin Power company has a station at Oak Springs, completed late last fall. Work on that plant was begun in 1925, in which season a forebay was erected at the springs, from which gushes water sufficient to develop 350 horsepower. In the summer of 1927 the company completed the erection of a station building at the foot of the hill and installed much modern machinery. That consists of a 300-horsepower turbine, which has a straight connection with an Allis-Chalmers 220-watt generator. The water is conducted to the turbine through a pipe 20 inches in diameter and 1,260 feet long. A pole line was laid out, holes dug and poles brought from the mountains, and these will be set and a line strung to Maupin, a distance of about four miles, the coming spring. With that plant in operation Maupin will have no cause to worry about possible

shortage of electrical current. The combined plants will be able to supply as complete service as is enjoyed by any city the size of Maupin in the state, and represent a considerable outlay of capital. Another thing to be considered is that the plants are owned by local men and the money earned by them remains in Maupin, and is not sent to outside cities to help swell bank deposits there.

It is the intention of the Maupin Power company to ultimately extend lines to Juniper Flat, thereby giving ranchers there the benefit of electric current for light and power. Prospective customers will be asked to assist in the construction of the line. They will be run from the Oak Springs plant and when completed will effect a great saving to patrons both in matter of lights and power.

When connected the combined sufficient for a population many plants will have a voltage of 6,600 times greater than obtains hereabouts at the present time.

CENTRAL OREGON MILLING CO.

Woodcock Bros. do not confine their activities to the generation and distribution of electric energy alone. They are owners and operators of the flour mill in Maupin, under the name of The Central Oregon Milling company. In 1927 they constructed the mill, at that time of but 25 barrel capacity. This was increased to 50-barrel daily output in 1919, at which time the owners installed a 20th Century ball bearing self-containing mill. The gasoline engine was taken out later and an electric motor installed and the mill is now driven by "juice." Woodcock Brothers continued the operation of the mill until the spring of 1927, when they sold their stock to the late Henry Seethoff and A. J. Barkham. Those two gentlemen took hold of the business, enlarged the scope of trade and when Mr. Seethoff was killed were enjoying a large and increasing trade in the products of the mill. After Mr. Seethoff's death Woodcock Bros. repurchased the stock and are again conducting the flour mill. It is their intention to soon make many improvements at the mill, among which will be a system of sifters and grain cleaning machinery and a flour rebolting machine. With those accessories in place the reputation of the products of Maupin's flour mill will be greatly enhanced, they now being well and favorably known to many people up and down the Deschutes river. A new truck will also be added to the equipment.

"Oregon's Perfection" brand of flour, the leading brand now made by our mill, will be relegated to second place when the new machinery is installed, for Woodcock Bros. intend to turn out a superior article of flour, one which will appeal to bakers and housekeepers all over this section.

MAUPIN WAREHOUSE COMPANY

MAUPIN WAREHOUSE COMPANY PURELY LOCAL CONCERN HANDLES THOUSANDS BUSHELS GRAIN EACH YEAR—GEORGE L. MORRIS, MANAGER

Maupin is well supplied with grain elevators which take care of the thousands of bushels of grain raised in this section. There are two such here, and it is of the elevator of the Maupin Warehouse company we speak this week.

The Maupin warehouse is the product of co-operation of farmers of this part of Wasco county. Early in 1917 the need of such an institution was such that a number of ranchers and a few townspeople got together and organized a warehouse company. Plans for a warehouse were drawn and on May 10, 1917 the company was incorporated. Later a contract for the construction of a warehouse was let to the Burrell Engineering and Construction company and the building was rushed to completion. Upon organizing temporary directors were elected they being, D. M. Shattuck, L. B. Kelly and L. D. Woodside. The first regular elec-

tion of officers inducted the following into office: L. D. Woodside, president; D. M. Shattuck, secretary-treasurer; Peter Killburg, manager; L. B. Kelly and W. H. Hunt, directors.

In the fall of 1917 the warehouse opened for business and soon was nearly filled with wheat. The next year Mr. Killburg was elected to the position of secretary-treasurer. Mr. Shattuck having resigned, owing to stress of other business, Mr. Killburg continuing as manager.

Some time between May and July, 1920, Mr. Killburg resigned as manager, he being succeeded by W. O. Miller, who acted as such officer until July 1, 1923, when he resigned, George L. Morris being appointed his successor, and who is still the efficient business director of the institution.

In addition to the elevator proper the Maupin Warehouse has a sack-

White River People Do Not Want Mail Route Tinkered With

Protected Against Any Change in Mail Service—Would Deprive Many of Free Delivery

A meeting called for the purpose of discussing the proposed change in mail service from Sherars Bridge to Wamic was held at the White River school house last Wednesday night, over 60 persons being present. A general discussion of the matter was had and the following facts gleaned:

That the present mail facilities were adequate for patrons of both the postoffices at Sherars and at Tygh Valley; as well as Wamic; that the service of Maupin and Wapinitia would not be bettered by a change; that the service of the two latter places might be bettered by speeding up, but that matter was optional with the places concerned. Dufur, Boyd and Friend were clearly entitled to better service; that if the proposed The Dalles-Wamic route were inaugurated it would mean the discontinuance of the postoffice at Sherars. It was shown that Sherars was the only postoffice between Maupin and the mouth of the Deschutes river, a distance of about 60 miles.

No fault was found with the mail service on the O. W. and O. T. railroads, for if one was incapacitated in mail carrying it was an easy matter to have the mail transferred to the other line. It was also shown that a letter mailed at Pendleton, Bend or Portland in the morning would reach its destination at Wamic or other places in this section the same day. Some of the attendants at the meeting resented the action of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce in the mail matter; also that the "sands" section was not informed of a meeting to be held at Dufur, but got information from the press after the meeting was held.

A committee composed of John M. Conroy, Mr. Robinson, and G. L. Brown, was appointed to draw resolutions of remonstrance against any rerouting of the mails was appointed, the resolutions being signed by all present at the meeting.

The above is the substance of a report of the meeting given us by one of those present Wednesday night.

MOTORIST KILLS ONE OF H. M. GREENE'S HORSES

Collision Occurred on Criterion Hill—Broke Horse's Leg—Killed By Otto Herring

A motorist driving on the Criterion hill Sunday night ran into and broke a leg of one of H. M. Greene's work horses that evening, and the animal was put out of its misery Monday morning by Otto Herring.

Our informant tells us that the motorist was running very fast, and that when he saw the horses on the road he attempted to avoid a collision. In doing so he skidded his Dodge sedan for a distance of 75 feet, but was unable to steer away from the horse. The animal suffered a fracture of one front leg, the bones between the knee and ankle being broken. It was one of Greene's best farm horses.

The Times is your paper.

The business of the company has increased from 70,000 bushels 000 bushels of grain were handled there. The elevator has a capacity of 50,000 bushels while the auxiliary house will hold an equal amount of sacked grain.

In May 1926 the power of the elevator was changed to electrical, that energy taking the place of a 20-horse power Diesal gas engine.

Ranchers hereabouts are general patrons of the Maupin warehouse. Each year that place ships many thousands bushels of wheat to Portland for transportation to Europe and other foreign countries. Manamorris also buys much wheat on the commission basis and usually as soon as a carload is delivered to his house he loads it out thereby covering room for wheat designed for storage.

(Next week we will give a write-up of Maupin's contractors and builders, as well as beginning to tell of business on the East side of the river.)

The Dalles Second Team Wins Close Game By 15 to 14 Score

Game Varied With Both Teams in Lead Until Last Quarter—Final Score 15-14

Maupin's High school basketball team went to The Dalles last Friday night and played a close game with the second team of the school of that place, meeting defeat by one lone point. The final score was 15-14 in favor of the county seat. Our boys had been accustomed to play in a low ceiling room, while the ceiling of The Dalles gymnasium reaches the sky, a factor which handicapped the Maupin basket to some extent. The game swung back and forth during the first three spasms, the big town team succeeding in gaining the deciding point in the last end of the last quarter. Those from here who accompanied our boys to The Dalles say a great improvement was noticeable in the work of the local boys and predict they will win the inter-school championship this season.

WAPINITIA SCHOOL TEACHER CALLED FROM EARTHLY LIFE

Linn County Man Dies at Home of Nephew and Niece and Body Interred at Lebanon

Calybourn M. Bigbee, a teacher in the McCorkle school on Wapinitia Plains, was called hence on Friday, February 10, death occurring at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McCorkle, after a very short illness. The body was taken to his old home near Sweet Hope and was interred in the Nye cemetery near Lebanon, on the 13th instant, the services being conducted according to the Masonic ritual, deceased having been a member of that order.

Mr. Bigbee was born at Guthrie, Missouri, in 1877. He came to Oregon about 1890 and for many years occupied a homestead near Sweet Home. He was united in marriage with Callie M. Morris and to that union three sons were born, they being, Carson, Lyle and Morris. Carson, the first two now being players with the Portland Pacific league baseball team and these with their mother, survive.

Mr. Bigbee was a life-long member of the Methodist church, a God fearing man a good neighbor and worthy citizen. For several years he followed the calling of school teacher, having taught in many schools of Linn county and several terms in this vicinity. All who knew him admired and loved him and all are satisfied that his spirit now rests in a place provided for those who follow the teachings and precepts of the Savior.

HARD TO THICKEN THIN ALFALFA STAND

Seeding of Oats as Cover Crop Said To Greatly Help the Growth—Disc Drill Advised

It is not economical to try thickening a poor stand of alfalfa, finds the experiment station, except when thin patches or strips may be disked and resown. The best method is to plow and crop the land with grain for a year or two before reseeded.

A poor stand of new crop may sometimes be improved by the addition of seed if the soil is loose and moist enough to insure germination and growth. Seeding with a disk drill is usually the most certain as the seed is covered more uniformly resulting in more prompt and even germination. Good results have been obtained by scattering seed early in the spring, when small cracks appear in the ground, and covering with a weighted harrow. The first crop is cut high to avoid killing the young plants.

A thin seeding of oats over a field reduced by winter killing or other causes usually produces a good crop of hay. The field is then plowed and reseeded to alfalfa or some other crop the following season.

Brought More Tractors

Bobby Davidson and Louis Mayhew went to Portland Monday and Tuesday, returned with a couple of Fordson tractors. The boys have delivered four such farm helps within the past week, each of which had been purchased by farmers of this vicinity.

"Those Dreadful Twins" to Do Their Pranks in Maupin

ODD FELLOWS ENTERTAIN BROTHERS OF THE DALLES

Initiatory Degree Exemplified When Rev. Hazen Rides Goat—47 Enjoy Banquet

The local Odd Fellows lodge entertained eight brother members from The Dalles and two from Tygh Valley at its meeting last Saturday night. The work of the order was confined to the initiatory degree and Rev. Hazen was given that work. After the lodge work was concluded members and visitors sat down to a bounteous feed and then adjourned to a social session. Those from outside were: F. M. Sexton, H. S. Melantche, R. Salzer, W. C. Stevens, J. W. Adkins, H. L. Hughlett, A. G. Stogdill and C. M. Zell from The Dalles, and J. L. Elwood and M. M. Morris from Tygh Valley. There were 47 members at the banquet.

SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS IN YEAR

Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers Largest of Kind—Handled Millions of Pounds in 1927

The Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers is the largest organization of its kind on the North American continent and handled over 5,000,000 pounds of wool in 1927. The ninth annual meeting of the association was held in Portland a few days ago and elected E. A. McCarnack of Eugene, president; James M. Davis, Pullman, Wash., vice-president; S. D. Doman of Ontario, Oregon, secretary-treasurer. R. A. Ward, manager, reported a gain of 646 new members during the last year, and 156 since January 1st. Increased business is expected this year.

1928 HIGHER GRAZING FEES

50% Raise Effective in 1934—3.3 Charged for Sheep

The fees charged for grazing livestock on the twenty-two national forests in Oregon and Washington will be increased beginning with the season of 1928 according to an announcement by C. M. Granger, district forester, Portland, Oregon.

The present fees average 3.3 cents per head per month for sheep, 12 cents for cattle, and 15 cents for horses. This increase in fees, averaging about fifty per cent, will be applied in four equal annual installments; the full amount of the increase not becoming effective until the close of the season in 1934, the end of the ten-year permit period, and not then unless there has been a material change in conditions, the district forester states.

The new fees represent what the forest service considers a reasonable price for the forage secured by the stockmen when compared with average prices paid for similar use on privately-owned and leased lands.

"In many sections of the west, use of national forest forage resources is of vital importance in their continued development and prosperity. Because of the social and economic conditions thus involved, the full competitive market value of the forage is now being secured. Establishing the principal of the use by the livestock industry of the forest forage resources on a fair business basis, with due recognition of other forest and public interests, is a happy solution of a problem that has concerned the stockmen and the forest service for several years," said Mr. Granger.

Will Attend Smoker

Many Maupinites have signified their intention to attend the smoker at the Tygh Valley school gymnasium tomorrow night. Bates Shattuck will referee the main event between "Shorty" Behnke and "Spit" McClaskey, he having had considerable experience as the third man in fight rings.

May Give Free Show and Dance

Kramer Bros. are contemplating entertaining the people of this section with a free show and dance in the near future. The function will be pulled off as a sort of introduction to their new business and will occur possibly on March 10 if the hall can be secured for that date.

Auxiliary Play and Dance to Feature Next Week's Activities—Cast of Characters

The auxiliary members of the American Legion post of Maupin are rehearsing a comedy play, which will be given at Legion hall on the evening of Friday, March 2. The play is "Those Dreadful Twins," and is replete with comedy situations, humorous dialogue and interesting plot. After the play the floor will be cleared and those who desire will be given an opportunity to indulge in dancing, for which good music will be on hand.

The cast of the play follows:

- Josiah Brown.....Lester McCorkle.
- Deacon Whitbeck.....Floyd Kelly.
- Sheriff O'Brien.....Ernest Confer.
- Lynx.....Raymond Crabtree.
- Johnny Brown.....Howard Nye.
- Rastus.....Earl Crabtree.
- Mrs. Josephine Brown.....
-Agnes Crabtree.
- Josephine Brown Clifford.....
-Anna Kelly.
- Becky Green.....Ella Nye.
- Fanny Brown.....Daphne Confer.

Ticket: for the show have been placed at 25 and 50 cents, and at those prices the hall should be filled. The characters are well placed and those who do attend will surely get their money's worth in laughter. A supper will be served during the dance.

HAL E. HOSS RESIGNS AS GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY

Not in Ring for Secretary of State Job—Will Make Campaign as Private Citizen

Hal E. Hoss, private secretary to Governor I. L. Patterson since the latter's inauguration a year ago, has submitted his resignation to the Governor. Mr. Patterson, in accepting the resignation, has asked Mr. Hoss to remain on the job until the first of March, as the governor intends to be absent from the state for a few days preceding that date. Who will succeed as private secretary has not been indicated by the Governor.

Mr. Hoss, who is a potential candidate for the office of secretary of state, said in his letter of resignation that he did not feel justified in spending any time while on the state payroll to further his own personal political career, and indicated that as soon as he was relieved from duty that he would make a state-wide survey of the situation, and come to a decision after he had had time as a private citizen to go thoroughly into the matter.

The state press, with which Mr. Hoss has been closely affiliated as an association officer for a number of years, has indicated that it will support him actively if he becomes a candidate, and considerable interest in his political welfare is being evinced by a substantial group of friends, representative of all lines, in the larger centers.

Fixed Up Stage

Members of the Legion and Auxiliary fixed up the stage at the hall this week getting ready to present the Auxiliary play, "Those Dreadful Twins," next week Friday night.

At Tygh Encampment

A number of the Maupin members of the Tygh Valley Odd Fellows Encampment attended a meeting of that order at Tygh Valley on Monday night. Those going over were, R. E. Wilson, Chas. Crofoot, F. D. Stuart, F. C. Butler, James Chalmers, J. C. Pratt, B. W. Welch, Dr. J. L. Elwood, Laverne Fischer.

Visiting At Millican

Mrs. Lester Crofoot, who has been a guest at the Chas. Crofoot home in this city the past few days, left for Millican Tuesday, where she will visit for a time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Morris.

Minox Ointment, the anti-septic and healing agent, 50-cent tubes at the Maupin Drug Store.

Tillamook—City and county will join to clear Wilson River road for summer travel.