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DODGE

By Anne Justice
Cindy Caswell, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Birney Caswell, Prinville, entered Doernbecker hospital for diagnosis Monday. It was found that Cindy has no hip socket and she will remain in the hospital for treatment. Mrs. Birney Caswell and three other daughters have been visiting at the Ed Caswell home in Dodge and with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Avery of Highland.

Mrs. Wenona Reid and daughters Sharon, Glenda, Ann and Cindy of Couer-do Alene, Idaho, are visiting Mrs. Reid's sister, Mrs. Paul Slane. The women took their children to the coast for a few days outing at Cape Lookout

PGE SIGNS 50 YEAR ELECTRIC CONTRACTS

Portland General Electric Co. today signed two 50 year contracts with Bonneville Power Administration for "wheeling" 331,000 kilowatts of power from Priest Rapids and Rocky Beach hydroelectric projects in central Washington to PGE load centers. PGE had previously contracted to buy part of the power generated at the two projects.

Provisions of the long term contracts call for transmission of 207,000 kilowatts from the Grant County PUD's Priest Rapids project and 124,000 kilowatts from the Chelan PUD's Rocky Beach project to the Oregon PGE system.

Power from the two dams will enter BPA's regional high voltage grid in central Washington at the administration's Midway and Columbia substations and a new substation to be constructed at Maple valley. Deliveries in northwest Oregon to PGE under the wheeling contract will be made through BPA's St. Johns, Keeler and Troutdale substations, and from BPA's Big Eddy substation to the company's new McLaughlin substation now under

construction east of Oregon City. Commenting on successful negotiation of the contracts, PGE president Frank M. Warren, Jr., said they represent a cooperative effort on the part of PGE and BPA to integrate new power projects with the Northwest power pool and take full advantage of the interconnected transmission systems.

The Priest Rapids project, capable of producing 788,500 kilowatts, is scheduled to go on line next summer, with completion in 1961. Completion of the 772,000 kilowatt Rocky Beach plant is scheduled for 1962 with the first generation going on line in 1961. Wheeling distances for the PGE deliveries will be about 160 and 13 air line miles from the respective dams.

Signatories to the contracts are PGE president Warren, BPA administrator Wm. A. Pearl, and representatives of two PUDs.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

(By John J. Inskip, County Soil analysis reports started rolling into the Extension office in Oregon City the first week in August. That is all to the good. Almost everyone wants to apply limestone in September and early October. This is the best time of year for use of limestone but prospective users run into two difficulties: 1. A.S.C. will not share in liming costs unless the user has had a recent soil analysis made by OSC lab of the field in question. It requires about 2 weeks to obtain a soil analysis report. Too many wait until the last minute before submitting a sample.

2. Facilities at the lime plant are taxed beyond the power to produce because everyone wants limestone at the same time. Last year the local plant facility stopped all deliveries short of seasonal demands.

Here are two suggestions. Obtain directions for sample taking and obtain cartons for samples at the Extension office now and send in the sample immediately.

2. Visit the A. S. C. office at Gladstone, obtain prior approval and order limestone immediately after the analysis report is received. It will not take so long to have analysis made this fall. During the past year so we have encouraged everyone to have an analysis made for boron in addition to calcium, phosphorus and magnesium. The result is that we have obtained hundreds of boron analyses during the year just passed. With one exception soils were found to have low boron content except where this material had been used as a fertilizing element and that one exception was doubtful.

Testing for boron is a lengthy process. Therefore, we expect to recommend elimination of the boron analysis unless specifically requested to have the same made. Use of boron carrying fertilizers will now become general except for grasses and grains. Time for analysis will be shortened and this should be a welcomed step.

The Stanley prune may be a welcome and profitable addition to Clackamas County's many species and varieties of tree fruits. Former Extension Agent

Leon Garolan suspected this several years ago. He obtained enough trees for a half acre planting. These trees were planted by Clifford Fosberg, Damascus. Last year they bore heavily. The Fosbergs found a ready fresh market for the fruit.

Extension Agent Bob Smith, who succeeded Garolan, reports to Stanley prune to be larger than the Italian prune which we have grown for so many years. The fruit when canned does not curl like the Italian prune skin.

"Furthermore" Smith reports, "This orchard has another fine crop soon to be harvested which would indicate regular bearing habits."

Yes, and we tried some for canning and fresh sauce ourselves. Found them to be excellent flavor.

And speaking of Leon Garolan, his many Clackamas County friends will be glad to learn that he is getting along quite well at the U. of Wisconsin. Lee is studying for a PhD degree. He is making top grades and holding down the job of Wisconsin State Vegetable Marketing Specialist at the same time—no mean accomplishment.

His only difficulty it seems is homesickness for Oregon especially when deer hunting season comes along—Well, who knows, what he might be entitled to return to our good state one of these days?

This season with all the warm weather, is a good one for growing tomatoes. It is also a good season for appearance of blossom end rot of tomatoes. Blossom end rot is not a disease. Rather, the condition is caused by rapidly fluctuating soil moisture.

SYMPTOMS: Black lesions form on the blossom end of the fruit. The diseased area shrinks and causes fruit to be misshapen. Only some fruit on a plant may be effected.

CONTROL: Keep soil moisture as constant as possible through the growing season. Light sandy soils are particularly prone to produce diseased fruit because of rapid loss of soil moisture.

SEZ C. T. E.

Box 31 has been in our family most of the present century and when Postmaster Chris Myers is not around. I tell everybody it was the first box built in the Estacada postoffice. He sends all the first class mail he finds in 31 to me which includes marriage proposals and funny stories. A whole lot of other mail gets into Box 31 and ordinarily it would be up to me to get a truck and take it away, but a family in Estacada who are great friends of mine, put it in bundles and pay the postage on them and address the same to me. This and all the first class mail eventually reach me under the tree where I am sitting at the time. Postmaster Myers regrets that the postoffice cannot stand any more expense but must show a profit at all times, otherwise the department might close it up and all of us would have to go to Eagle Creek to get our mail.

Old-Age Survivors and disability insurance benefits totaling about \$4 million a year are being paid to some 7000 beneficiaries in Clackamas County, according to James C. Piazza, field representative of the Social Security Administration.

This is an increase in amount in 1957 of approximately 25 percent over 1956.

"There were several reasons

for the increase in number and amount of benefits over last year," Piazza said. One was the payment of benefits to people who were brought under the law for the first time in recent years — self-employed farmers, for example. Other reasons for the increase were the reduction in retirement age to 62 for women and the starting in July 1957 of disability insurance benefits to disabled people 50 or over.

A total of 47 severely and long-time disabled former workers were drawing disability insurance benefits in Clackamas County at the rate of \$3,522 monthly. Disability insurance benefits totaled 1217 for the entire

state, with a monthly total of \$83,900.

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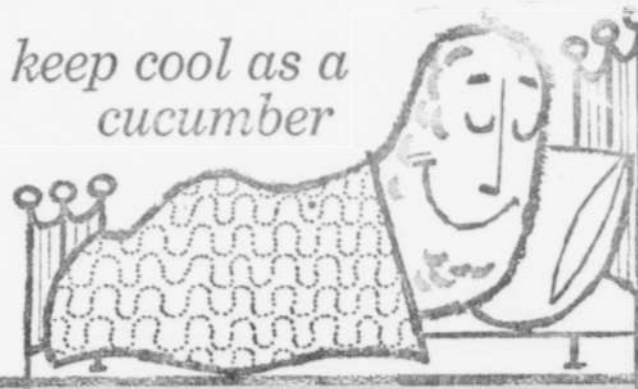
Mrs. Nellie Currin Sunday, Aug. 10 was a day of picnics for the people in this area. The American Legion, the Rebekahs, Oddfellows, National Guard unit met at Eagle Fern Park. The Kerkham reunion was held at Sellwood Park and the Currin-Wade reunion at Eagle Creek Grange hall and park. All had a good attendance.

Visiting Mrs. Currin Sunday eve, Aug. 10th, were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bolechuck from Portland. They were former neighbors before moving to Portland. Mr. Bolechuck had to have an operation on his eye which was very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Heiple went to the huckleberry patch last week and came home with a lot of berries.

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