

Sentinel

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Mountain States Spends Much Dough For Additions

Mountain States Power company, which provides 117 communities in Oregon, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Washington with electric service, expended \$4,667,000 for additions and improvements to property and equipment in 1948, according to a report just released by Z. E. Merrill, president of the company. Approximately 75 per cent of this amount covered the cost of improving and extending transmission and distribution facilities used in serving its 98,000 electric customers.

The company's gross earnings in 1948 amounted to \$9,885,000 as compared with \$8,440,000 in 1947. Net income for the year amounted to \$1,339,000 as compared with \$1,228,000 for 1947. Earnings per share of common stock were \$4.69 and \$4.40 for 1948 and 1947, respectively. After providing for dividends on the outstanding preferred, and common stock, there remained \$546,000. This amount, together with sums to be provided from reserves and earnings and from the sale of new securities, will be used to pay short-term bank loans totaling \$750,000 and to finance a 1949 construction budget, according to Merrill.

The company is proposing to sell \$2,000,000 principal amount of new first mortgage bonds to two insurance companies within the next month and, on March 18, filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering 50,770 shares of common stock to be distributed by a group of underwriters headed by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane. The offering price has not yet been determined. The company expects that the registration statement will become effective on or about April 6 and that the stock will be offered by the Merrill Lynch firm and a group of selected underwriters immediately thereafter.

Permits Needed For Log Outfits

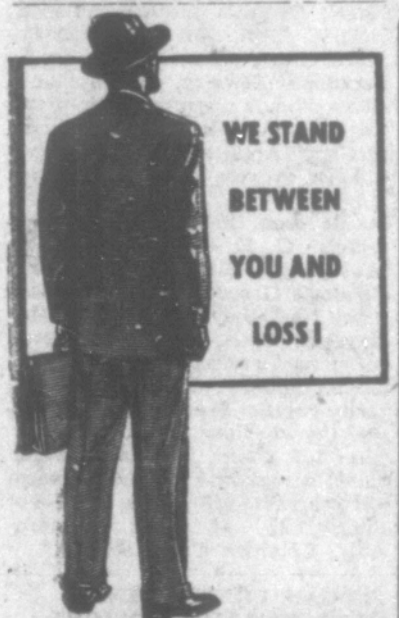
All logging outfits using power machinery in the forest areas of the state of Oregon must have a permit before any timber is cut, according to a statement given The Sentinel today by Homer Carson and Ralph Apperson, forest inspectors of Coos Bay.

Applications for such permits may be received from the office of the state forester in Salem, from the Coos Forest Protective association, Coos Bay, or from either of the two inspectors in this area. The permits are valid for the year issued and must be renewed each year.

Fir Stumpage Hits \$10.90 Average

Eleven parcels of Oregon and Idaho timber carrying a volume of 18,287,000 board feet valued at \$193,826.47 were bought at the March sealed bid sale of the bureau in Portland of land management.

Average price per thousand board feet for Douglas fir was \$10.90, white fir \$3.63, hemlock \$4.05, incense cedar \$2.95, sugar pine \$21.60, ponderosa pine \$15.78, and western red cedar \$3.95, according to Daniel L. Goldy, regional administrator.



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Saturday Sees Good Day's Business Again

Saturday really made the tills tingle in Coquille, and spring opening or not in Coos Bay, it was a fine spring start for Coquille merchants, and that's the truth.

Merchants talked to by The Sentinel today indicated that Saturday was one of the best days they had had in many a moon, and if the big shot prognosticators are waiting for April to spell continued good times or a slight recession, then April looks like clear sailing.

Merchants who had sales on did a land office business and Sentinel advertising got its due share of the credit from those merchants.

Rector To Start New Church Class

On Monday, April 4, at 8 p. m., a new series of instruction for Confirmation will be started at St. James' Episcopal church. Fr. Lessing, rector of the parish, says that it is not customary to hold such a class during the spring but that it has become necessary to break precedent because of the number of requests for the extra class this year.

The class will cover the history of the church and its teaching and ceremonial and will meet each Monday night at the Parish hall until June when Bishop Dagwell will visit St. James' for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr. Lessing invites all who are interested in the subjects of the lectures to attend whether they are interested in being confirmed or not. The class is open to anyone and there is no obligation connected with attendance.

Moonshine Charge Gets Dismissal

Charges of possession of moonshine whiskey were dismissed against John H. Riley, Myrtle Point taxi cab driver, and Joseph A. Crumpton of Bridge by District Attorney James Norman this week.

Norman said that there were insufficient grounds to support the charges and asked the dismissal in the justice court of Coos Bay.

The men had been picked up in Myrtle Point by state police officers.



SOLOISTS WITH FAILED CHOIR—Arlene Welgum, Doris Cummings, and Christine Klamroth pose in front of the Conservatory tower on the beautiful College of Pacific campus at Stockton, California. Members of the noted a cappella choir of the College of Pacific, these soloists will appear with other choir members Saturday night, April 2nd, at the Pioneer Methodist church in concert. Coquille is one of only five Oregon cities to hear this talented group. There is no admission price to the concert.

Eagle Men Will Prepare Baskets

Something new and different will greet the Eagles Friday night when the Eagles men bring baskets of food and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary do the auctioning off and purchasing of the baskets or choice delicacies. Reports coming from the ranks of the Eagles indicate that there has never been a finer line-up of

choice food stuffs than are going into the baskets for the auction Friday night.

Here For Week—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Linton and family of Kenwick, Washington, spent a week in Coquille visiting Mrs. Dillon's sister-in-law and brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Chappel.

In Mast Hospital—Mrs. Hamilton Thurt is progressing favorably following an operation at Mast hospital, Myrtle Point, on Saturday.



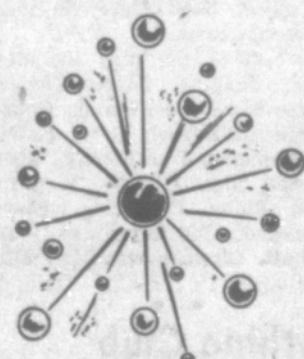
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Azalea House Fund Getting Larger

Eighteen thousand dollars has now been contributed by home economics extension unit members in 28 counties toward the construction of Azalea house on the OSC campus, announce Mr. Norman Lunde, Trowbridge chairman of the Oregon Home Economics Council Azalea house board of trustees.

The house when constructed will become a cooperative living unit for women students as well as headquarters for the home economics extension unit. It will cost an estimated \$45,000 to complete, the sponsors believe. Washington county home economics unit members have made the largest contribution to the fund this year, according to Mr. Lunde. Their contribution was \$4,000. County units expect to raise the entire cost of the building.

Coquille Speakers Place In Tourney

In the district speech contest at Marshfield high school last week-end, several Coquille speakers placed.

JoAnne Newton won second in oratory; Ruth Kenney, second in after-dinner speaking, and Velita Batty, second in radio speaking. Coach is Jacob Moomaw.

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Leave For California—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stevens left on Friday for Santa Rosa, California. They were accompanied by Mr. Stevens' sisters, Mrs. George Clinken-

board of North Bend and Mrs. J. L. Stevens of Chicago. Mrs. Pretzel has been visiting in North Bend and Coquille and is now en route to her home.



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