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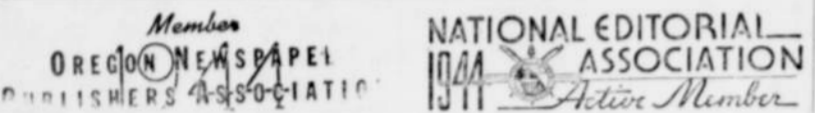
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COPCO CUSTOMERS GET BENEFIT OF REDUCED RATES

MEDFORD — By the close of business Wednesday, every customer served by the California Oregon Power company had received the first benefits of the new, lower electric rates put into effect February 1. A. S. Cummins president of the company announced today.

The company's billing routine requires a full month to cover all customers, and the last of the February bills at the new reduced rate was mailed Wednesday night, Cummins stated.

"These factors, and careful operation charges, increased use of electric service, and careful wartime operation, were all given equal credit for the \$325,000 a year reduction in rates.

"Improvements in the capital structure of the company, begun in 1942 and completed last year, resulted in substantial savings in interest charges which were passed on to our customers in the rate reduction," Cummins said.

"Our customers are electrically minded, and by increased use of electricity have helped materially to bring about a reduction in their own rates.

"These factors, and careful operation of the system, have offset the large increases in taxes, in materials and in operating costs, which have come during recent years. Company employees have done an outstanding job of efficient operation of the system under difficult conditions."

Cummins also revealed that studies already had been started looking toward the next reduction in rates. "We do not know when it will be possible to make subsequent reductions," he said, "for that will be determined largely by

the progress of the war and by other factors outside our control. But we intend to be fully prepared when the time comes, and I hope it will not be too long in coming."

FARM WAGES ARE RAISED IN COUNTY

A recommendation for a five cent per hour increase in the basic farm wage rate in Josephine county was made known Tuesday by the County Farm Labor Committee.

The committee recommendation, which has, in effect, established the going wage for the county for the past two years, places the wage for 1945 at 75 cents per hour as compared with the 70 cents per hour in effect during 1944.

The committee's announcement stated that the increase was being recommended after consultation with farmers in the various phases of agriculture in the county and was designed to bring the county in line with neighboring counties. The committee warned farmers generally that the increase could not be expected to create any additional labor for the coming farm year and that more dependence than ever before must be placed on local people in order to get crops grown and harvested without loss.

The committee is composed of farm leaders representing the different types of farming in the area. It was formed a number of years ago as a sub-committee of the County Economic Planning Conference and has been active since the outbreak of the war in meeting farm labor needs. Clyde Willey, local seed grower, has been named chairman of the committee for the coming year.

BUY WAR BONDS

IMPROVED GARDENS IN '45 SOUGHT IN VICTORY CAMPAIGN

Oregon's 1945 victory garden program calls for the continued effort of all gardeners in the production of gardens that are even better planned, says W. L. Teutsch, assistant director of the extension service at Oregon State college, in announcing plans for the third straight year of all-out victory garden effort.

The extension service, both nationally and in the states, has again been requested to take the leaders' tip in initiating state and county victory garden programs, says Teutsch. As in the past, nearly the entire extension staff will participate in some capacity.

Approximately 100 members of the state victory garden committee replied to a query from Chairman William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, saying they favored a continuation of the Oregon program and that a state conference is not needed this year. County victory garden committees will be called together where necessary, however, to develop plans in which all agencies and organizations can cooperate, Teutsch added.

O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist, will continue to be state leader of the victory garden program for the extension service with Robert E. Rieder, assistant extension entomologist and plant pathologist, as assistant state leader, and A. G. B. Bouquet, professor of vegetable crops, assisting in many phases of the program.

The number of gardens grown on farms in Oregon has been estimated at 55,000 for 1944, the same as the estimate for 1943, Rieder reports. This means there were gardens on about 90 per cent of all Oregon farms. The number of gardens planted in cities and towns in 1944 is estimated at about 120,000, a reduction of 25,000 from the 1943 estimate. Fully as many are needed again this year, agricultural officials agree.

Marvin Jones, war food administrator, has said that home gardeners produced more than 40 per cent of the fresh vegetables in 1944 and that they are asked to equal that record in 1945.

COMPANY WANTS VALLEY FARMERS TO RAISE POPCORN

Definite arrangements have been worked out for growing of popcorn on a small scale in this area during the next season, it was learned this week by J. F. Svith, county agricultural agent.

An amusement company in the middle west is anxious to contact several farmers in this area who would be willing to grow a small acreage of popcorn first to determine its adaptability to and productivity under local conditions. This company is also willing to sign a marketing agreement with the farmer, assuring him

\$3.68 per hundred for his corn on the cob at the farm. They will supply the seed at cost, which is of a jumbo type. It is reported that this variety will yield a ton or better to the acre, while officials of the amusement company feel that local conditions are good for better than average yields, says Svith.

Anyone in Josephine County interested in growing from 1 to 5 acres of popcorn this year is asked to contact the county agent's office.

CHURCHES

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's service, 7:45 p. m.
Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 p. m.

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Rev. D. B. Wantland, pastor.

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George H. Gray, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Sunday school attendance rose to 51 and all were glad to see so many able to be out again.

The telegram story was told by Rubie Nicholson with Leslie Martin placing the figures on the board.

The Scripture reading for Rev. Gray's sermon was found in Rom. 8:1-10 and Gal. 6:7, 8. As a special number Mrs. Tracy Cross sang "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

All were saddened by the death of John Krauss. The funeral services were held at the Community church with Rev. Gray officiating. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

DANCE

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