

Former Grass Valley Youth Killed in Action

Staff Sergeant Verle J. Baker, 21, son of Mrs. L. M. Baker, of Springfield, formerly of Grass Valley, was killed in action Dec. 11, on Leyte, according to a message which was received here. He was serving in the signal corps.

Sgt. Baker was born Feb. 6, 1923, and was graduated in May, 1940, from the Elma, Wash., high school. He spent several years in the Grass Valley school while staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike. He entered the regular army at Fort Lewis in June, 1940, and was assigned to the Signal Corps. After taking training at various places in the United States he shipped out to Australia in June, 1941. He had served throughout the New Guinea campaign prior to the invasion of Leyte. Besides his mother, a brother, Frank Baker,

and one sister, Cleo Baker, survive him.

The card party sponsored by the Grass Valley Rebecas, held at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday night, was well attended. Eight tables were in play with high scores held by Mrs. Wren Hogue and King Fritts. Two tables of 500 were in play with high scores held by Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Wren Hogue and low scores held by Mrs. Herman Ziegler and Ed Alley. Refreshments were served at the close of the party by the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Cpl. Charles Perrigo arrived here Sunday from Spokane to spend several days with his wife and small daughter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer. Cpl. Perrigo left Tuesday for Spokane.

The Ladies Social Service Club met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Todd Thursday afternoon with 14 members and 3 visitors present. Mrs. Cannell was presented with a beautiful bible, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Wren Hogue, Mrs. Helen Bayer and children and Margaret Barnett were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley.

Wallace May left Wednesday for Corvallis to attend a Triple A meeting.

William Walter, of Hood River, is spending the week at the Wallace May home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike and daughter, Mrs. L. M. Baker, of Springfield, and Mrs. Pike's sister, Mrs. Minnie Henry, of Elma, Wash., arrived here Sunday and were overnight guests at the Frank Pike home. They left Monday afternoon for Pike's home in Hermiston.

Mrs. Ted von Borstel went to The Dalles Monday to meet her daughter, Cassie, who came from Portland to visit her parents.

T. M. Rolfe and Everett Dunlap went to Portland Thursday. Everett stayed several days for medical treatment.

Rodney Hutchcroft, of Portland, spent several days here visiting relatives. He leaves with Gordon Lemley, having joined the Merchant Marine.

A group of young people gathered at the home of Mrs. Helen Bayer Monday for a party in honor of Frank Payne and Gordon Lemley. Cards was the diversion for the evening. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Payne leaves Thursday for the army and Lemley leaves Wednesday for San Francisco, California, having joined the Merchant Marine.

Sam Stark received a telegram Jan. 9 from the War Department stating that his son, Lieut. Ferdinand Stark, with the U. S. Navy, was missing in action. No further details have been received.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert and son, Bill, left Friday for McMinnville to visit relatives there and in Vancouver. Fred Cox accompanied them to Portland on his way to Corvallis to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Al Roberts. Mrs. Roberts and children returned here with him Saturday. She will spend several weeks here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby returned home Saturday from Portland where they spent two weeks on business. His mother, Mrs. Francis Bibby, of Cornelius, accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox had as dinner guests Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brinkert and William, Oscar Lemley and Miss Doris Anderson.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap returned home Wednesday after spending several days visiting relatives in Portland. A man is never as TALL as when he STOOPS to help a CHILD. Fight infantile Paralysis.

BASKETBALL

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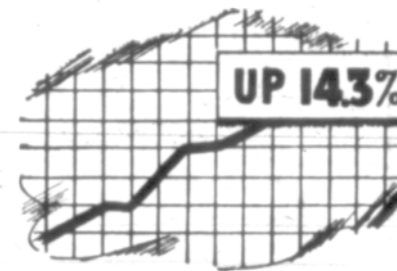
The Dalles



1944 Report to our Customers



1 If they had all settled in one locality, the 3,712 electric customers added to PP&L lines in 1944 would have given the Pacific Northwest a brand new city of 10,000 population. As it was, this healthy growth was distributed throughout the 80 cities and towns and the extensive rural areas served by the Company. At the year-end, PP&L was supplying low-cost, dependable electric service to 93,831 customers.



2 With more customers than ever before, and with a growing war-time demand for cheap and tireless electricity, PP&L was called upon to supply users with 354,906,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity in 1944—an increase of 44,521,000 kilowatt-hours, or 14.3%, over the record-breaking 1943 total.



3 Thanks to the two "rate dividends" totaling nearly \$600,000 which PP&L distributed to all customers in 1944, the Company's electric users enjoyed 12 months of service for the price of 11. This practical method of sharing war-time earnings gave customers savings, during the year, equal to an 8 1/3% rate reduction.



4 While the cost of living kept going up in 1944 (now 25.4% above 1939), the average price of PP&L electricity went down to the very low figure of 1.86 cents per KWH for residential service (21% below 1939). Homes served by PP&L pay only about half the national average price, and use almost twice as much electricity as the average American home.



5 Even though PP&L delivered 44,521,000 more KWH to its customers in 1944, the drop in average price kept revenues from increasing with the volume of business. Expenses, however, went up due to increased power purchase requirements and other operating needs. As a result, the Company's net income for the year was substantially less than the 1943 figure.



6 Direct taxes for PP&L for 1944 will total about \$1,292,500. Nearly half goes to the Federal Government to help meet wartime costs. The remainder goes to support local, county and state activities of many kinds. Like other taxpayers, PP&L has to set aside a big chunk of its revenue to meet tax bills, which will take about 17.3 cents out of every dollar of 1944 PP&L revenue.



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8 In 1944, PP&L spent \$275,000 to maintain its facilities in good operating condition—and \$955,000 to construct additions and improvements authorized by the War Production Board. In addition to the expansion of facilities to meet load growth in many communities, the Company added 35 miles of rural distribution lines to a network already serving more than 13,000 farms in Washington and Oregon.



9 Again we extend to our customers our thanks and appreciation for their cooperation in many different ways to help us do our wartime job throughout the year. Working together, we were able to meet every need for electric service as it arose. We have confidence that the same spirit of cooperation can carry this region forward in the post-war era to new levels of productivity and prosperity.



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