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Winter Plays No Favorites

A number of residents of the Pacific Northwest must, by now, be somewhat disillusioned with the idea that the road to better and cheaper electric service lies through socialization.

Some years ago, People's Utility Districts, known as PUDs, were formed in various parts of the area. The PUDs took over electric generation and distribution facilities which had formerly been operated by private utilities and went into the power business.

This winter, the Pacific Northwest was hit with unusually severe storms. Heavy damage was done to power lines and other installations. Two of the leading PUDs found that they didn't have enough spare money to pay the repair bill. So they have substantially increased the electric rates to consumers. It is a noteworthy fact that neither of these PUDs made rate reductions when they took over the private companies.

The private utilities in the region also suffered heavy damage. But, as always, they have gone ahead and made the necessary repairs. They have not asked for rate increases — and, if they did, the regulatory commissions would undoubtedly look on the idea with cold eyes. But PUDs are immune from such nuisances as public regulation — just as they are immune from most taxes. So their customers are going to pay more for power whether they like it or not — and for standards of service which, generally, are much below those of the private utilities.

The Vancouver, Washington, Columbian observed that these rate increases are "proving embarrassing to the extreme advocates of socialism who shout from the house tops that public ownership is the cure for all the world's ills." This is a fine example of the fact that socialism, among its other evils, is basically inefficient.

Girl Scout News

Highlight of a progressive dinner held by troop 63 on Thursday evening of last week was a surprise birthday cake honoring leader, Mrs. Wm. Fox. The cake was served at the home of Linda Madison with Camille Thompson and Donna LeManquais assisting the hostess. First course of the progressive meal was served at the home of Sharon Bronson who was helped by June Hudson. Salad followed at the home of Janet McCullough who was assisted by Tamey Parks and Jacqueline True. From there the group went to the Weitzel home for the main dish which had been prepared by Nancy Weitzel, Deanna LeManquais and Marsha Clary. Guests of the dinner were Mrs. Amy True and Mrs. R. LeManquais.

Briscoe schools third grade troop led by Mrs. K. A. Parsons elected Shirley Frank as president during their last weeks meeting. Elected to assist her as vice president was JoAnn Parsons and secretary treasurer Kathleen Hienzman. The girls are at present working on embroidery stitches and scrap books. Their overseas school bags have been finished and sent to national headquarters

for shipment. Sharon Underwood and Kay Fowler were named to represent the group at the Saturday afternoon Juliette Low tea.

Better grooming is the current project of troop 61 who have started their good health charts along with general discussion and a quiz on the subject. Barbara Allen and Kay Gilbert were chosen by members of the group to attend the tea at their representatives.

Regulations Explained On Tennis Courts Use

With the coming of tennis weather and the school tournaments and play, the tennis courts at the high school will be restricted to use by high school students only during the week days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. There has been a common misunderstanding that the courts across the street from the Boulevard Market are city courts and are open to the public continuously. This has caused several arguments when the boys and girls gym classes, tennis teams and tournament players come out to use the court. Usually the town people feel that these are city courts and reluctantly give them up to the classes.

The public is welcome to use the courts in the evening and on Saturday and Sunday. It would be a fine thing if the courts could be lighted for night use by the public.

Coach Mel Johnson is drilling his high school tennis team before and after school and a ladder tournament for both boys and girls is in progress during noon hour. In the morning Frank O'Neil's gym classes use the courts and in the afternoon Miss

Wagner Creek News...

Bertha Work

Mrs. Audrey Clupney, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Long, Talent, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Nicholsen, Medford, were visitors at the Dave Brabbin home Sunday March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton MacDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie MacDowell and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rapp and twins visited at the Ralph Green home on March 12.

Over the week end Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hopper entertained relatives Mr. and Mrs. Harold

Walker P.T.A. Will Hear Talk By Dr. Brown Friday

The Walker P.T.A. will hold an important meeting on Friday at 2:30 when they elect the nominating committee for the coming year's. They will also discuss the final plans for the new playground equipment. The speaker for the afternoon will be Dr. Edward Brown on the subject "What is the responsibility of the home and school for better personal and community health?" All parents are cordially invited to attend.

State Commander Visits Local Post

The State Commander of the American Legion, Sam Bowe of Grants Pass, visited the Ashland Post No. 14 on Tuesday evening when a large attendance of the members turned out. The Commander outlined the work, gave advice on the organizational set-up and similar functions of the local posts.

Post Commander John Von-Kuhlman conducted the meeting following which cake and coffee was served.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herbert left last night for a week's vacation trip. They plan to be in San Francisco for the big parade on Sunday and will spend sometime in Berkeley before their return.

Mrs. William Stratton was able to leave the hospital last week and is now convalescing at the home of Miss Stella Hayes on High St.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Glover have sold their property on Peachey Road and are planning to return to Los Angeles about the first of April.

Dyer's phys. ed. girls participate.

It is hoped that several matches can be arranged between the high school boys and girls and the townspeople.

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Dollar, owners of Rogue Food Shop, Grants Pass, Mrs. Hopper's sister, Ann Stewart, who has been visiting the Dollars the past few months. Mrs. Stewart is returning soon to her home in Glendale, California.

Two groups from the school went on skating parties to Ashland Skateway March 11 and 12. Dave Brabbin accompanied the group that went Saturday and Mrs. Hild went with the second group Sunday p.m.

Robert Hild, C. Ph. M. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, and friend, Mr. Grant spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hild.

Many from here attended a stork shower for Mrs. Natalie Buseman at the home of Dorothy Mason March 10.

Mrs. Ella Abbott is leaving soon for Gridley, California where she will be a guest in the home of her daughter, Eudell Rogers.

Eighteen relatives were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lockwood March 12 at a dinner in honor of Marie and Betty Abbott who were up for the week end from Gridley, California. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sommer, Mr. and Mrs. William Sommer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sommer and daughter Debora, Mrs. Goldie Abbott, Mrs. Glen Abbott and daughter Betty and Grady Simmons, a friend who came with them from Gridley, California and host and hostess.

Mrs. Blanche Robinson spent March 12 at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ormy Goddard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cliff spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gleim, Mr. Cliff is a machinist at Crater Lake Government Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Kokoma of Medford visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Galbraith March 12. Mrs. Kokoma was Jean Galbraith.

Delbert Goddard, who has been ill with pneumonia in a Medford hospital, has improved and will be able to return home within a few days.

Mrs. Wilma Arnett and a friend from California have charge of Wagner Creek Sunday School and services while

Rev. J. C. Arnett presides in the pulpit of Medford Assembly of God Church until their new pastor arrives.

Visitors at the Howard Work home March 12 were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reh, Mildred Taylor, Lenora Cuthbertson, Medford, and friends from California. Penny Taylor spent the week end with her grandparents.

School News

The Wagner Creek school had a Patriotic Program, February 24. There were two plays, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, also other entertainment. Refreshments were served by the 4-H Cooking Club. There was a bingo and a dart game. Pop and ice cream were sold with the other refreshments. Proceeds \$40.00.

The Livestock 4-H club will give a ham dinner and have some entertainment the 23rd of March at the school house from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m.

The Wagner Creek 4-H Cooking Club girls and boys had a cooked food sale in Talent at the Valley Locker Saturday, March 11. We made \$12.04.

Mrs. Hopkins was present at the last P.T.A. meeting to talk about organizing a Girl Scout Club at Wagner Creek. Many are interested but it is still unsettled.

The Livestock 4-H Club held a meeting the 3rd of March to discuss the ham dinner. The rope to make halters was given out. Carlos Goddard and Glen Bradley are to serve refreshments the next meeting. Verlee

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