

IONE NEWS

Henry Clark Takes Hotel Management

By MARGARET BLAKE
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark have taken over the management of the Park hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann entertained at their home last Thursday evening with a bridge party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter moved on Tuesday to the farm near Lexington recently vacated by John and George Clark.

The Women's Topic club will meet at the home of Mrs. Bert Mason on Friday, Jan. 7.

Mrs. T. C. Riffe has been employed to care for Mrs. Ida Peterson. Miss Margaret McDevitt has returned to her school work at Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin returned home Friday from Portland where they had spent a week at the home of Mrs. Mankin's sister.

Robert Smith with his son and daughter, Harvey and Bonnie, has returned from a month's visit in California.

Cecil Thorne entertained a group of friends at his home with a watch party on New Year's eve.

Otto Rietmann is driving a new coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. August Peterson of Yakima, Wn., are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born to them on December 15.

Mrs. A. Newlin arrived last Friday to visit her sister and mother, Mrs. Paul O'Meara and Mrs. Ellen Rieth.

Members of the class of 1935 of Ione high school were hosts to the classes of 1934 and 1936 at the I. O. O. F. hall last Thursday evening.

Gene Grabil was operated on at The Dalles last week for appendicitis. He has been very ill.

Miss Norma Blahm of Hermiston was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peterson.

Quite a large crowd attended the New Year's dance given in the Legion hall by Willows grange last Saturday night.

Mrs. Minnie Forbes returned Friday from Okndale, Cal., where she spent several days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Osteen.

Mrs. Alice Wiles and son Floyd returned Sunday from Tygh Valley where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palmateer entertained a large party of friends at their ranch home near Morgan last Friday evening, the occasion being a housewarming for their lately remodeled home.

Mrs. Ada Cannon and family spent a part of the vacation visiting Mrs. Cannon's daughter in Portland. While there Bud, Lola and Charlotte drove to Albany for a visit with Miriam Hale and to Salem where they saw Juanita Odom.

Francis Ely returned to his school work at Willamette university last Thursday.

Leo Young has returned to O. S. C. after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Young.

The members of the P. C. Peterson, Lewis Ball and Ralph Ledbetter families joined in giving Ralph Ledbetter a birthday dinner at his home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Callandra and son Donald visited relatives here on last Thursday, returning to their home at Hood River Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin, with Betty and Denward, drove to Gibbon to be present at the annual family dinner of the Bergevins, on New

Year's day. From there Betty and Denward returned to their schools at Baker and Spokane, respectively.

Sunday marked the exodus of the many college students. Charles and Wallace Lundell returned to Pacific university, and Misses Eva Swanson and Joyce Carlson to O. S. C.

On Friday Misses Rossbelle and Mignonette Perry returned to their schools, U. of O. and Pacific university.

George Ely and Mrs. Nellie Riffe spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely at Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann were Pendleton visitors last Friday.

The Union Sunday school will hold its annual election of officers at the Christian church next Sunday morning, Jan. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Clark were hosts to a fun Christmas party given at their home on the evening of December 22. Guests included Marian Nebergal, Mary Alice Rulifson, Linea Troedson, Helen Lundell, Bernice Ring, Jane Fitzpatrick, Harry Normoyle, Paul Pettyjohn, Alexander MacDonald, Larry Ritchie, Ervin Ritchie, Lowell Clark, Val Jean Clark.

Increasing Safety Shown on Highways

A remarkable decrease in highway deaths during the last quarter of 1937 was the highlight of traffic safety news for the year, Secretary of State Earl Snell declared in reviewing the highway picture for the last 12 months.

Other outstanding trends during the year were:

A last-quarter slump in traffic injuries paralleling the decrease in deaths.

A sustained increase in highway travel over 1936.

Continued improvement of the accident-reporting system.

Secretary Snell reported greatly expanded efforts by his office in the field of traffic safety, following authorization of the work by the last legislature.

Safety councils have been organized or are being organized in a number of Oregon communities, with the help of representatives from the secretary of state's office.

Safe driving schools have been held in Bend, Corvallis, Albany, Dallas, McMinnville, Newberg, Oregon City, West Linn, Medford, Grants Pass, Independence, Redmond and Prineville. The schools will be extended to other communities upon the completion of present courses in January or February.

Safety movies have been shown in 71 Oregon high schools, and will be kept in circulation until they have been viewed by every high school student body in the state.

Radio programs, safety news stories and speeches prepared and presented by himself or members of his staff would run into the hundreds, Snell declared.

Continuation of the present program and development of new channels of safety education are planned for 1938, he said. He is hopeful that with a comprehensive safety campaign carried on through the entire year Oregon will take its place as the "safest state in the union."

Oregon motorists are finding that it does not pay to put off until tomorrow that which they should have done before the New Year arrived, referring particularly to the matter of purchasing new license plates. Drivers of cars which still display the old 1937 plates are being tagged by state police and instructed to either replace the old plates without further delay or appear in court to explain their failure to the judge.

Heavy damage was suffered by primary and secondary highways throughout the state as a result of last week's storm, according to R. H. Baldock, highway engineer. Roads leading from the Willamette valley to the coast north of Eugene were hardest hit.

Cold weather has already visited many Oregon localities, and colder weather may be on the way. Driving safely in cold spells depends principally on proper preparation, which includes chains and some means of keeping the windshield clear, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Electricity
Officers Change
New Car Licenses

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem—Only 45 percent of the potential hydro-electric power in Oregon is being utilized, according to a survey just completed by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner. The output capacity of privately owned hydro-electric plants in Oregon, Wallace's report shows, aggregated 164,625 1/2 kilowatts in 1936. These plants, operating at an average of only 59 percent of capacity generated 72 percent of the electric energy used in the state. Steam plants, used mainly as stand-by plants, have an output capacity of 153,400 kilowatts.

Oregon patrons of electric utilities buy their "juice" at a much lower rate than do consumers in other sections of the United States. Wallace's report shows that the average rate paid by domestic users in Oregon is only 2.17 cents per kilowatt hour whereas the average rate for the nation is 4.69 cents per kilowatt hour.

Consumption of electricity in Oregon increased 14 percent in 1936 over the 1930 figure. Based upon data already available gross revenues of Oregon electric utilities for 1937 will exceed the gross revenue of 1936 by approximately 10 percent.

Through negotiations between the utilities commissioner and the officials of the various electric utilities rate reductions involving a saving of \$855,670.82 to Oregon consumers were put into effect between April 1, 1935, and October 31, 1937.

While operating revenues of Oregon electric utilities show a gain of 11.1 for 1936 over 1930, operating expenses of the same utilities show an increase of 16.79 percent during the same period. Taxes alone paid by these utilities increased 37 percent during the seven years covered by the report and for the year 1936 aggregated \$2,935,888.18, representing more than 15 cents out of each dollar of gross operating revenue collected by these utilities.

Citing 11.53 mills per kilowatt-hour as the average operating expense involved in the production of electricity by plants in Oregon the commissioner breaks this expense item down as follows: Production expense, 2.25 mills; transmission expense, .26; distribution, 1.11; utilization, .31; commercial, .81; new business, .69; general and miscellaneous, 1.22; depreciation, 1.62; uncollectible bills, .15; taxes, 3.11.

Governor Martin has invited the grange to hold its 1938 convention in Salem. In a telegram to Louis J. Taber, master of the national grange, the governor pointed out that Oregon's new capitol building will be ready for occupancy next summer and will be available for use by the grange for its convention. Generally interpreted as a slap at Ray Gill, master of the Oregon State grange, for his well known pro-labor leanings the governor in his telegram to Taber declared that "there are some farm organization leaders who cannot decide whether to remain AFL or go CIO. They think of politics first, labor second and the farmer third, if at all, in all issues affecting the advancement of the farm industry."

Seventy-five thousand acres of cut-over, second growth and isolated farm lands in the Oregon Coast range are being restored to forest production and developed for recreation and wild life conservation as three years of intensive land use adjustment and acquisition near completion, R. S. Shelley, project manager, reported to Governor Martin this week. Acquisition of 74,882 acres of land on the Oregon coast valued at \$428,230 and representing 395 ownerships is approximately 90 percent complete. Lands being acquired are adjacent to and within the boundaries of the Siuslaw National forest. Development work is being carried on by 540 men in cooperation with WPA. Forest recreation areas have been developed at a number of points throughout the area. Most of these are equipped with fireplaces, rustic tables and

benches, community kitchens, picnic grounds and sanitary facilities.

Thirteen changes in major state offices are recorded during 1937.

Death claimed two members of the state's official family—Justice J. U. Campbell of the supreme court and A. J. Derby of Hood River, member of the State Hydro-electric commission. Justice Campbell was succeeded by Judge Hall S. Lusk of Portland and John Hodgen of La Grande was appointed to succeed Derby.

Ill health was responsible for the retirement of three other officials. Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, for nearly 30 years superintendent of the state hospital for insane at Salem, resigned and has been succeeded by Dr. John G. Evans. Judge Charles H. Carey quit as state corporation commissioner to be succeeded by James H. Hazlett of Hood River. Albert R. Hunter retired as a member of the Industrial Accident commission on which he had served for more than six years. His successor is Roy Buchanan of Pendleton.

The offer of a lucrative post with a private law firm induced Frank C. McColloch to resign as public utilities commissioner, the vacancy being filled through appointment of Judge N. G. Wallace of Bend.

B. F. Irvine of Portland, for 39 years identified with the state's institutions of higher learning, refused reappointment as a member of the State Board of Higher Education. His place was filled by Walter E. Pearson of Portland.

Heads of two of the state's institutions of higher education resigned during the year—H. E. Inlow, pres-

ident of the eastern Oregon normal at La Grande and C. V. Boyer, president of the University of Oregon at Eugene. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction was elected to succeed Inlow and Donald M. Erb, formerly a member of the university faculty, has been elected to succeed Boyer. Resignation of Howard to accept the presidency of the La Grande normal left a vacancy in the state department of education which was filled by the appointment of Rex Putnam, former city superintendent of schools at Albany.

Orville W. Gamble resigned as superintendent of the Employment Institution for Adult Blind at Portland to be succeeded by Lindon McCullough. Mrs. Gordon Voorhies of Grants Pass asked to be relieved as a member of the Capitol Reconstruction commission, her place being filled through appointment of W. H. Treece, former member of the State Parole Board whose place, in turn, was filled by Lotus Langley of Portland. Langley also resigned after only a short experience on the Parole Board, to be succeeded by Gerald Mason of Portland.

Three of the new appointees are former members of the state senate. They are James H. Hazlett, new corporation commissioner; N. G. Wallace, utilities commissioner, and Walter E. Pearson who succeeded Irvine on the Board of Higher Education.

Twelve out of 25 persons killed in Oregon traffic accidents in November were pedestrians, and a majority of these were elderly persons who met death after dark, Secretary of State Earl Snell reports.

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