

P. P. & L. Rates To Be Cut As Much As 30 Pct., May 22

Minimum Residential Rate to be 95c; Schedules Given

The \$410,000 rate reduction announced Monday by Pacific Power & Light company will put rates for residential electric service in Heppner as much as 43 per cent below the rates in effect in 1936 and as much as 30 per cent below present rates, according to Kenneth House, local agent for the company.

The new rate cut is the third made in Heppner since 1938 and brings total rate savings to residential, commercial, industrial and farm customers of the Pacific company to well over a million dollars a year since that date.

The new schedules are system-wide, affecting all of the more than 130 communities served by the Pacific system, and will go into effect May 22. Rural, commercial, commercial light and power, and industrial services also are affected by the reduction.

"The new rate reduction is another step in the company's long-established policy of bringing rates for electric service down just as rapidly as increased use of electricity and economies of operation make it possible," House declared.

The reductions under the new setup start right at the very bottom. House reported, by cutting the minimum charge for residential service from \$1 to 95 cents and adding extra kilowatt-hours of service. The minimum charge for rural service is chopped even more sharply, from \$1.50 to 95 cents.

Another feature of the new schedule is their streamlined standardization. Under the new rates, the cost for rural service will be the same as for city service after the first 60 kilowatt-hours per month.

Commercial rates under the new schedule will range as much as 29 per cent below present rates and from 20 to 47 per cent below the levels of only five years ago.

Heppner's new residential rates will be: First 12 kilowatt-hours or less per month, 95 cents; next 48 kwh at 4.3c; next 140 kwh at 2.5c; excess at 1.5c per kwh. In addition, an optional block of 500 kwh at only 7 mills per kwh is available for automatic water heating under single-meter service. The present 8-mill rate for separately-metered water heaters also will continue to be available.

The present residential schedule is \$1 for the first 10 kwh or less per month; next 25 kwh at 7c; next 115 kwh at 2.75c; excess at 2c per kwh.

Typical bills for residential service at rates effective in 1936, at present rates and at the new rates compare like this:

	1936 Present	New
25 kwh	\$2.50	\$2.05 \$1.51
50 kwh	3.60	3.16 2.53
100 kwh	5.10	4.54 4.01
150 kwh	6.60	5.91 5.26

The new commercial schedule is \$1 for the first 12 kwh or less per month; next 388 kwh at 4.9c; next 600 kwh at 3.5c; next 1000 kwh at 2.5c; all excess at 2c per kwh.

At present these are the commercial rates: \$1 for the first 10 kwh or less per month; next 190 kwh at 7c; next 600 kwh at 4.5c; next 700 kwh at 3c; all excess at 2c per kwh.

A comparison of typical commercial service bills under 1936 rate levels, under present rates and under the new schedule follows:

	1936 Present	New
50 kwh	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.80 \$ 2.86
75 kwh	7.50	5.55 4.09
100 kwh	10.00	7.30 5.31
200 kwh	17.50	14.30 10.21

In addition, changes have been made in the schedule to benefit power users, including combination commercial light and power service.

CHRIST CHURCHES SET MEET HERE

Heppner Plays Host to Eastern Oregon Churches April 30-May 1; Banquets to be Feature

The Church of Christ of Heppner will be host to eighteen sister churches of northeastern Oregon in annual convention on Wednesday and Thursday, April 30-May 1. At least one hundred delegates from out of town are expected to come for this two-day fellowship, announces Martin Clark, local minister.

A challenging and instructive program has been arranged in which Howard Cole, pastor of the Oregon City church, will bring three messages upon the theme of the convention, "Christ the Answer." The convention opens Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock with a women's conference and pot luck dinner at noon.

Two main attractions of the convention will be the men's banquet Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock and the youths' banquet on Thursday night at the same time. Everyone is invited, but the emphasis will be for each particular group named. The ladies of the church are serving the banquets and proceeds will go toward paying the church debt.

The most entertaining feature of the convention will be the male quartet from Northwest Christian college who will be featured in special numbers and a special program sometime during the program.

The messages of the convention speakers will be to the point and for the purpose of giving some answers to the perplexing problems that face us today. The purpose of the convention is mainly to gather Christians together for a time of common fellowship when they can see that other people have problems, too, and perhaps to find an answer to some of them.

In a day when our democratic form of living is being shaken to the very roots, this group of people whose very basis for existence is a democratic form of church government, challenge to greater effort in uniting our forces to combat a common foe, said Mr. Clark. We speak of uniting labor — this convention comes with the plea to unite all forces of the church.

Services will be held all Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday beginning at 9:30 with simultaneous conferences for men and women. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend any and all services.

Wool Sales Active, With Top of 34³/₄c

With shearing getting into full swing in Morrow county, activity has been lively in the wool and lamb market, with lambs moving from 8 to 9 cents and wool from 30 to 34 3-4c.

Top price reported this week was claimed by Harlan McCurdy whose clip was clean and shrinkage low, at the 34 3-4c mark. Estimates place the local clip at about 30 percent taken. Among sales for the week were Bill Kilkenny at 34c, Emil Groshens and Joe Hayes at 33c. The season has been ideal for both lambs and wool, growers report.

Band to La Grande Tomorrow for Contest

Heppner's school band will go to LaGrande tomorrow to participate in the district band festival to be held at Eastern Oregon College of Education. Forty bandsters and their leader, Harold Buhman, will make the trip in cars furnished by parents and friends.

Public ovation was given presentation of the numbers to be played in the contest when the band appeared at the dance given to benefit the trip, at the Elks hall Saturday evening, and a substantial sum was raised.

WIN TENNIS MATCHES

Heppner won all six matches in a tennis meet at Hermiston yesterday, between high schools of the two cities.

County Schools' May Fete To Draw Many People Here

Grade Track Events In Morning, Music In Afternoon, May 2

Heppner will again be the center of interest for schools of the county on Friday next week, May 2, when pupils and teachers from all schools of the county assemble here for the annual May fete.

Plans this year have deviated from former years to bring the grade school track meet in the morning and the music festival in the afternoon. Instead of afternoon and evening performances, to give all visitors opportunity to return home at an earlier hour in the evening.

The grade school track meet in charge of Kenneth McKenzie of Heppner and Lyle Eddy of Irrigon, will begin at 9:30 in the morning at the Rodeo grounds. All participants are expected to be on hand promptly at the hour named.

Noon plans call for a community get-together at lunch and the Heppner chamber of commerce and Lions club will help extend the city's hospitality by serving green spot and coffee free.

Winding of the Maypole on the school lawn will feature the beginning of the afternoon exercises at 1:30 o'clock. Music for this feature will be played by the Heppner school band.

At 2 o'clock the annual music festival will begin in the gym-auditorium, including group singing by different group divisions, both boys and girls, and mixed groups, from different grade and high school divisions. Presentation of track awards will also be made at this time. Bands from Heppner and Ione, the latter to make its first appearance at the county festival, will add to enjoyment of this occasion.

A ten-cent admission charge will be made for the track meet to defray cost of awards, but admission to the music festival will be free.

Peterson, Turner Firms in New Homes

Formal opening of the new Peterson Jewelry store next to the post-office was accorded warm reception by the public last Saturday, and F. W. Turner & Co., insurance, likewise found business lively in their new office next to Peterson's when they started business there Tuesday. Third of the new quarters to occupy the space between the Masonic building and postoffice will be Myrtle's Beauty Salon, to move as soon as finishing of the building is completed.

Coxen's barber shop will remain in present quarters in the Heppner hotel building, and will not move into the new structure, as previously reported.

Peterson's store front is finished in the latest fashion with glass of black paneled with lighter hues. Interior furnishings are done in light oak against a light green and cream of walls and ceiling, and fluorescent lighting makes the modernistic touch complete.

Interior of the Turner office is finished in cream with black trimmings, and fluorescent lighting is also in use.

LIBRARY CLOSED

Due to plans for redecorating, the Heppner public library will be closed for one week beginning next Monday, April 28. Mrs. Isom, librarian, announces that anyone having books due during the next week may bring them to her residence if they wish, but there will be no overdue charge if books are not returned.

Vacant corner lot on Main street, 50 x 132 feet, for sale. Inquire this office.

CATHOLIC MEET DRAWS 350 GUESTS

Confraternity Aims Stressed With Bishop McGrath, Other Leaders, Bringing Important Messages

The fifth annual conference of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held at the Elks hall in Heppner on Tuesday goes on record as being the most successful held this far, reports Father Francis McCormick of the local parish. Expectations of attendance were far surpassed by a grand total of 350 delegates from the various local units. Last minute arrangements had to be made to provide seating accommodation for the crowd.

Object of the convention was to secure solidarity of purpose and unity of action for the C. C. D.; to diffuse a greater knowledge of the organization and teaching methods among the laity and to stimulate in them greater zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of the confraternity. These three ends were realized fully thru the convention, Father McCormick said. Delegates listened attentively while they heard other delegates tell how they made the confraternity practical and operative. Teachers told how they worked and conducted their own classes. Reports of progress in the enlisting of parents, teachers and helpers in the cause of the confraternity. Greater knowledge of the working of the confraternity was obtained by the delegates through the "ask and earn" quiz program and also through the various talks given by several delegates.

Bishop McGrath gave a very entertaining talk on the work and qualifications of "Fishes" and Father Thomas McTeigue very ably explained the theme of the convention, "Mobilization for the Cause of Christ." The spirit and tenor of the whole convention was such as to arouse renewed energy and activity and to animate the zeal of the laity in the work of the confraternity.

The first part of the convention was characterized by eloquent and inspiring talks. Mayor J. O. Turner gave an appropriate and warm address of welcome to the visiting delegates. Not less noteworthy was the capable way in which the local president, Eddie Kenny, handled the chairmanship of the sessions. In addition there were interesting talks and discussions by the laity.

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Hunters-Anglers Club Dines, Elects Officers

Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club got off to a flying start for another year last Sunday evening when a hundred persons, men and women, assembled at Camp Heppner, ate chicken dinner, listened to speeches and elected officers. J. Logie Richardson was retained as president, and Ralph Beamer was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed George Howard who declined further service.

Representative E. Harvey Miller made the principal address, telling of game commission work as seen from his position as vice chairman of the house game committee. Dr. L. D. Tibbles, local representative, told of the Oregon Wildlife federation set-up. Men About Town and Walter Skuzeski entertained with music, and two reels of wild life motion pictures were shown. Adding to pleasure of the occasion was presentation of prizes, in lighter vein, by President Richardson to Frank Roberts as oldest active sportsman in Morrow county; H. A. Duncan as oldest inactive sportsman; P. W. Mahoney, as best bird shot; Ed Bennett, as best fisherman, and Bill Greener as best elk shot.

O. E. S. TO MEET

A regular meeting of Ruth chapter 32, O. E. S., is scheduled for tomorrow (Friday) evening at Masonic hall, announces Mrs. Etta Devlin, worthy matron.

Band Uniform Benefit Auction Slated For May 24

Districting Made For Solicitation of Articles to be Sold

Saturday, May 24, was named as the day for staging the big community auction to provide funds for purchasing new uniforms for Heppner's school band, by representatives of organizations and districts who met at Lucas Place for a dinner meeting Tuesday evening. Fourteen persons were in attendance, representing most of the districts covered by the territory from which the local band draws its members.

While the sale will be known as a "white elephant" auction, giving a medium for the disposal of articles of value for which present owners have no use, those in charge do not wish a deluge of "rotten eggs and overripe tomatoes" which would only add to the size of the city's garbage pile. It was suggested that a minimum value of \$1 be placed on articles given, and this was even raised to \$2.50 in the opinion of some members of the committee. Anyway, articles of produce such as chickens, eggs, butter, cream, etc., as well as pies, cakes, cookies, jellies and jams will not only be acceptable but may find a better market than worn out bonnets and nick-knacks, it was believed.

Facilities will be provided for handling perishable commodities and livestock should community interest in the band project provide such, and everything will go on the block beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Within the next three weeks everyone in the district will be contacted, according to the plans made Tuesday evening, and should anyone be contacted more than once he need not feel offended, but merely make known the fact that his contribution has already been made.

The whole idea of the auction will be for everyone to have a lot of fun and not give till it hurts, with the object of making possible the new uniforms.

V. R. (Bob) Rynnion, whose local fame as an auctioneer is known to all will be master of ceremonies when the auction starts. Cliff Conrad, county agent, is heading the committee of workers until that time and those in charge of the various districts have been announced as follows:

City, Miss Harriet Pointer and Albert Schunk (to name workers); Rhea creek-Eight Mile, Ed Rugg; upper Rhea creek, Stephen Thompson; Hardman, Neal Knight; lower Willow creek, J. J. Wightman; upper Willow creek, Ralph I. Thompson; Butter creek, W. H. Instone, John Healy.

Rodeo Meeting Set Next Wednesday

It's high time to get this year's Rodeo plans under way. That was the opinion of association directors who met at the Elks club last evening and set next Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, at the same spot as the time and place for everyone interested in seeing the show go to get together.

It is important to get the date set, workers named and other plans settled, said the directors present: Henry Aiken, president; Len L. Gilliam, secretary; L. E. Bisbee, Lee Beckner and Jim Kistner. Plans for grounds improvement, prepared by himself, were presented to the directors at last evening's meeting by Jim Kistner.

LAMB SALE SLATED

Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary announces a sale of choice cuts of Morrow county lambs to be held at Central market all day, Saturday, May 3.