

## P P & L Explains Temporary Power Rate Increase

Although the recent dramatic increase in the Northwest's available hydroelectric supply has cut steam power generation to a minimum, it will take several months to recover previously accumulated extra costs through existing surcharges on electric bills, according to George T. Bragg, vice president and general manager of Pacific Power & Light company.

"We wish to assure our customers, however, that the surcharge will be dropped just as soon as the allowable extra costs have been covered," he said. "Our best present estimate is that this may be about the end of June."

Bragg emphasized that it is only the actual extra steam costs incurred from September to the end of the power shortage period in mid-January that the company will be permitted to recover.

"We absorb approximately \$1,250,000 of steam plant expense in our normal expense base," he said, "and the surcharge is only to cover steam power costs over and above this amount."

"Up to the time of the recent heavy rains, we had incurred more than \$1,500,000 of extra steam power expense, and surcharge billings to the end of January will cover only about one-third of this unusual cost."

The lag in billings results from the fact that December was the first month in which surcharges were allowed to be added to meet the emergency situation.

The permitted surcharge rate was calculated to budget the cost recovery over a period of months, he explained, instead of in a lump sum.

In addition to extra fuel burned in the company's own plants, the hydro shortage during the dry fall and early winter made it necessary for the company to purchase expensive steam-generated energy from outside, wherever available, Bragg said.

The 1952-53 fall and winter season has been the most unusual on record, he commented.

"In all the years for which steam-flow records are available, there has never been such a drastic change in mid-winter as that which occurred this month."

With the resumption of some of the interruptible loads, it is possible that some steam power may be generated for the account of aluminum or chemical plants in the region, Bragg said, but he made it clear that any such steam generation would be paid for by the particular industry requesting it.

## Shamrocks Win From Pendleton in March Of Dimes Benefit

Though only a small crowd watched the games, the Hepner Shamrock's added \$24.50 to the March of Dimes drive Saturday night as their contribution from a benefit basketball game played on the local gym floor.

The A squad, playing one of the top independent Pendleton teams, Burreson's came out on top of a 67 to 59 score while the B squad were edged 63 to 60 by another Pendleton A team, Nall's Cafe. All teams contributed their efforts, as did the officials.

It will be another week before the Shamrock's again appear on the local floor when they play Arlington February 5. Three other games are scheduled in the meantime however, all away from home when they play Boardman this Thursday, Lexington Monday and Ione on Wednesday.

## Local Bowlers Place In State Tournament

Hepner bowlers—the team without an alley—showed their class last weekend at Hillsboro where they competed in the men's state bowling tourney and placed well in two classes.

The four-man team sponsored by Hepner Cleaners placed second in the class D teams with a total score of 2355 pins. They were headed in this class by the United Artist Theater team of Pendleton who rolled 2426.

In the class D doubles, Conley Lanham and Floyd Sayers held first place with a score of 1010, nine pins ahead of their nearest competition, two Pendleton men.

Members of the local team, who spent last weekend at the tourney are William C. Collins, Walter Barger, Conley Lanham and Floyd Sayers.

## Lex Five Wins Over Boardman 43 to 33

The Lexington Jackrabbits racked up another victory Friday night on their home floor by winning over the Boardman basketball five 43 to 33. Asa Way was high point man for Lexington with 20 points and Smith for Boardman with 14.

In the preliminary games the Lexington girls volleyball team ran over the Boardman girls 36 to 11 and the Lex grade school hoopsters barely outran the Boardman grade school squad 23 to 21.

Lex 43 Boardman 33  
Steagall, R 7 Smith 14  
Way 20 Thorpe 9  
Gray, K 4 Jeviney 2  
Steagall, B 2 Olmstead 2  
Grove, L 10 Rutheford 6

## Monument Gay Ninety Dance Draws Crowd

Earl Sweek, commander of the American Legion Post No. 148 reports the Gay Ninety dance of January 24 to be one of the largest dances ever held in Monument. About four hundred tickets were sold and although the ladies of the Auxiliary had prepared an extra amount of sandwiches and coffee, everything was sold out. So all in all it was a very successful evening of entertainment.

Cash prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. Mead Gilman for the best Gay Ninety couple.

A group of four "Can-Can" girls were given a special prize. They were Clinta Mellor, Mary Lee Lesley, Margaret Holmes and Kate Enright.

Henry Cupper Sr. received a prize for the fanciest whiskers. The best dressed man was Johnnie Stubblefield, best dressed woman was Eunice Round, best dressed boy, Steve Stubblefield, best dressed girl Patty Enright. (Both are pre-school children). Mrs. Dorothy Robertson of Long Creek held the lucky number on the all Nylon crocheted table cloth, made and donated to the Auxiliary unit by Mrs. Miles Gilman to start the building fund for a Legion hall.

Lewis Batty won the quilt which was the second prize.

## Former Hepner Man Now Grace Line Head

The board of directors of Grace Steamship Lines announced Monday from New York, the election of Cassius C. Mallory as new president of the company.

Mallory was born in Hepner and was educated in various western schools and has been associated with transportation companies during his entire business career. He joined the Grace organization in 1921 as auditor of the Pacific Mail Steamship company. He was elected treasurer of Grace Lines in 1937 and named a director in 1950.

Mallory's father was the former owner of Mallory's mill in the Rock Creek area, which later was sold and became Parker's mill. The area is still known as Parker's mill.

Mallory now lives in New York City.

## Legion Plans Special Saturday Night Party

The Hepner post of the American Legion and the Auxiliary are planning a special "Old Time Saloon" party to be held Saturday night at the Legion hall.

The party will include a dance and a special floor show which will consist entirely of local talent, according to post commander Bill Labhart. The party is open to all Legionnaires and their guests, and Labhart asked that all come dressed in keeping with the spirit of the occasion.

Labhart also urged all Legionnaires who have not yet done so to pay their dues in an effort to give the local post the record as the first post in the state with a full paid-up membership.

## Wife of Former Local Minister Passes

Funeral services were held last Thursday in Portland for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Atkinson, 85, the widow of a Methodist minister who formerly lived at Morgan and for several years preached there, at Ione and at Hepner.

Her husband, Rev. Thomas W. Atkinson, who was in Hepner at the time of the flood, predeceased her in death. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, four brothers, 11 grand children, 11 great grand children and two great-great grand children.

## Speech Club Hears Fancher Monday

The Hepner high school Speech and Drama club held a meeting last Monday evening at the Stephen Thompson residence. There were 18 members present.

Bradley Fancher spoke to the group for the benefit of the club members.

A group of the members journeyed to Pendleton on Saturday January 17 to enter in a speech contest. Those participating in the poetry reading were Sharon Becket, Mary Ann Jensen, Peggy Wightman, Pat Peck and Judy Thompson. Those entered in prose reading were Mary Ann Jensen, Pat Peck, Marilyn Munkers and Monte Fast; radio speaking Sharon Becket, and Monte Fast; extemporaneous speaking Lance Tibbles and Monte Fast.

The group discussed going to the district contest to be held at Pendleton February 23 and 24.

Games were played and refreshments served by Judy Thompson and Pat Peck.

Mary Ann Jensen, reporter

## CAMPFIRE GIRLS NEWS

At our meeting Thursday we discussed group honors we will work on in each craft. A few of these are home safety in Home Craft; group study of insects and flowers in Outdoor Craft; designing clothes for paper dolls that resemble us, in Creative Arts Craft; study of the human eye in Frontier Craft; plan a budgeted wardrobe in Business Craft; plan a play festival in Sports and Games Craft; and follow one world event in the news in Citizenship Craft.

The four girls who handed in their honor records for beads earned were Connie Anderson, Jeanne Collins, Nancy Harshman and Carol Anderson.

At our next meeting Jan. 22, we will elect officers for the next quarter.

Carol K. Anderson, Scribe

## FREE DANCE

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Sat., Jan. 31

At

Ione Legion Hall

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## Chamber Members Hear Speech Students

Chamber of commerce members heard two Hepner high school students, Monte Fast and Lance Tibbles give talks that they had recently given at a district speech contest at Pendleton.

Both students placed well in the contest with Monte Fast taking second place in radio speech and Lance Tibbles 4th place in extemporaneous speaking. They were introduced by B. J. Mickelson, Hepner high school instructor who explained that the speech club had only been organized one week prior to the Pendleton contest and that he felt the boys had done exceptionally well in that length of time.

## F. F. A. Cagers Take Two From Hermiston

The Hepner F. F. A. basketball squad traveled to Hermiston January 2 to play two games with the Hermiston F. F. A. teams and came out on top of both by very narrow margins.

In the B game, which was classified as the Green Brothers' night, Steve Green was high point man and his brother Jim sank a free throw in the last four seconds of the game to win it for Hepner 22 to 21.

Jim was top point-getter in the A contest, scoring 17 points, to help considerably in a 36 to 34 win for Hepner.

No more games are scheduled for this season.

## MANY FROM OUT OF TOWN FOR FUNERAL

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral services for Pfc. Gerald Settles last week were Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Settles, Mrs. Harold Sandstrom and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Settles of Vancouver, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Miller, Mrs. Orca Torgerson, Portland; Mrs. Ed. Fleury, St. Helens; Mrs. Calvin Gross, Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg, Jr., Milwaukie; Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Holden, Vancouver, Wash.; and Mr. and Mrs. A. LaDouceur, Pasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith left Sunday for a three week stay in Florida.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical—Marvin Jones, Kinzua, dismissed; George Steagall, Lexington, dismissed; Mrs. Camilla Monahan, Hepner; Carl P. Linn, Ione; Mrs. Edna Breslin, Hepner; Eugene Thomas, Spray.

Major Surgery—Mrs. Jean Britt, Spray; Margaret Nickols, Lexington.

Minor Surgery—Johnny Pfeiffer, Hepner, dismissed; Margaret Gaarsland, Ione, dismissed; Mrs. Alice Anderson, Hepner, dismissed; Carol Marie Tolberg, Hepner, dismissed.

Out-patients—Mrs. Mildred Cimmiyotti, Condon; Allen Nistad, Kinzua; Alfred M. Reher, Hepner.

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. McCabe, Ione 5 lb. 10 oz. girl, born Jan. 22, named Christine Jean. To Mr. and Mrs. Thorald D. Broadus, Hepner, a 6 lb. 9 oz. boy born Jan. 24, named Robert Corey. To Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Enslin, Condon a 8 lb. 3 oz. boy born Jan. 25, named Timothy Lionel. To Mr. and Mrs. David King, Kinzua, a 6 lb. 15 oz. girl born Jan. 26. To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gronemyer, Hepner, a 7 lb. boy born Jan. 28. To Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Hepner, a 7 lb. 3 1/2 oz. girl born Jan. 27, named Pamela Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Derril Weems, Spray, a 7 lb. girl born Jan. 28, named Tonya Dalene. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cox, Hepner, a girl born Jan. 29. To Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bott, Condon, a 7 lb. 11 oz. boy born Jan. 24. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Eugene Maitland, Condon, an 8 lb. 15 oz. girl born Jan. 26, named Carol Ann.

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### Surprise Ending!

That raffle for our Volunteer Fire Department went over fine. We're going to have money to get a new engine—and then some.

Our local merchants really donated some wonderful prizes. Like Buzz Ellis, the radio-TV dealer, giving that big television set... and the Superior Motors putting up a brand-new car.

There was a humorous note, too. The prize of a year's supply of coal—donated by Baker Coal Yard—was won by Mrs. Thayer, whose husband is the biggest fuel-oil dealer in the county! What did

Mrs. Thayer do with the coal? She gave it to a church she's not even a member of. (Her Church uses her husband's fuel oil.)

From where I sit, that's real generosity. But then, Mrs. Thayer never did believe in dividing people into groups. She's "for" everybody—whatever church they go to, whether they like TV or radio, people who enjoy temperate beer, people who don't. A really warm-hearted person.

*Joe Marsh*

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