

**PP&L ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR THIRD GENERATOR ON LEWIS RIVER PROJECT**

A \$5,000,000 program to increase power output of the Merwin hydro project on the Lewis river by adding a third 45,000-kilowatt generator was announced Wednesday by Pacific Power & Light company.

The new generator will provide the area with valuable additional "peaking" capacity, especially during the winter period of heavy power demand, said Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific, in announcing the project.

The big generator already is on order from General Electric company. It will be driven by a 61,600-horsepower hydraulic turbine on order from the S. Morgan Smith company. The enlarged power plant will have a maximum capacity of 150,000 kilowatts.

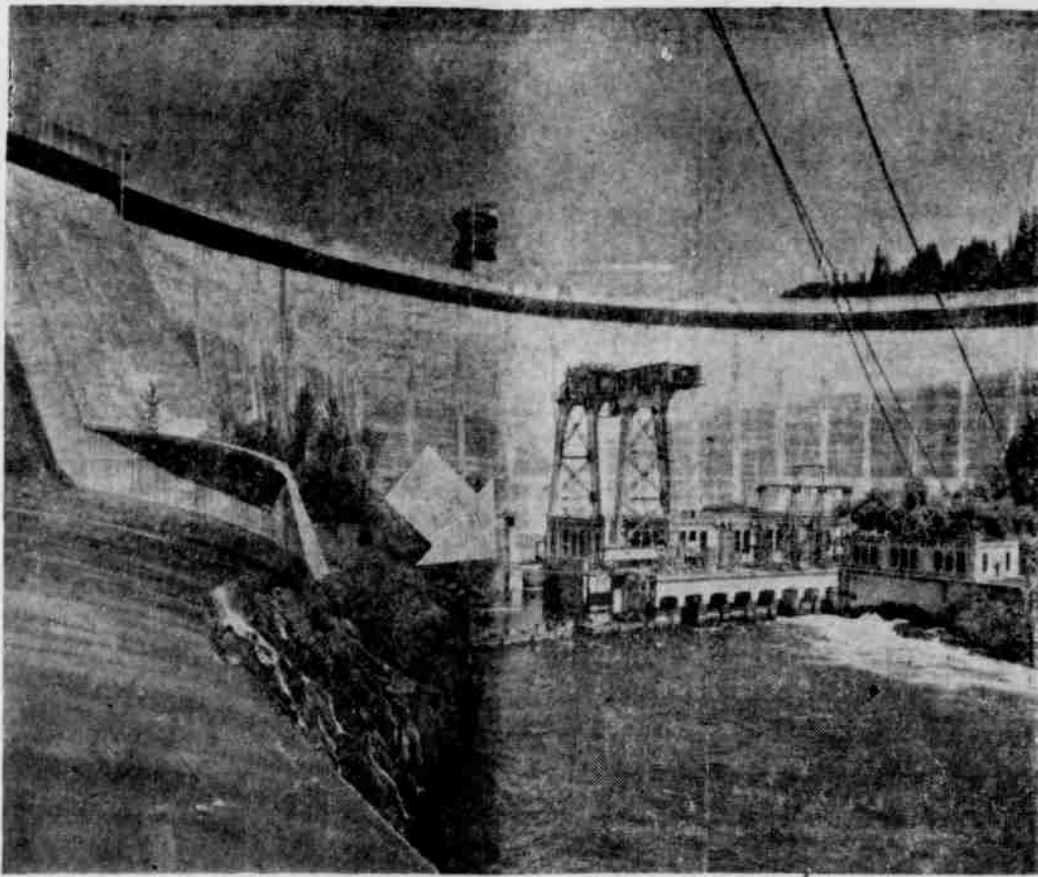
Preliminary phases of the expansion project will be started this year, with the unit to be completed and in operation in 1958. Studies already are under way on the downstream effect of the flow from the added generator.

The new power unit will make possible complete use of all water available in the river at Merwin for power generation, McKee said. Studies indicate that practically

no water will be wasted over the spillways except under extremely heavy runoff conditions. Installation of the third 45,000-kilowatt generator will require an addition to the Merwin power house. Foundations for such an extension, as well as "penstock" tubes which carry water to the turbines, were put in at the time the Merwin dam was built as the first step in Pacific Power & Light's program for comprehensive development of the Lewis river's power.

The dam also provides space for an ultimate fourth generator. Completion of the third Merwin generator will fit in closely with completion of Pacific Power's new Swift hydro project, third and largest of the company's Lewis river plants, which will provide additional water storage. Swift is upstream from the 133,000-kilowatt Yale hydro project, completed at the head of the Merwin reservoir in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pfeiffer, Kathy Smith and Orville Smith arrived by plane Sunday from Seattle to visit at the home of the Pfeiffer's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer.



**MORE POWER FOR NORTHWEST** will come from large new generator to be added at Merwin hydro project in \$5,000,000 expansion program just announced by Pacific Power & Light company. Arrow on face of big concrete arch dam points to location where new power house must be built to house 45,000-kilowatt unit. Merwin plant will have space for an ultimate fourth generator.

**UP Tax Bill in State is Large**

Portland, Oregon—Oregon business and government got a healthy boost from Union Pacific Railroad during 1955, according to figures released today.

Final tabulations show the company paid a total of \$23,685,017 in wages in the state last year and poured out \$1,883,225 into state, county and local tax coffers, of which amount, \$1,218,715 (64.71 per cent) was earmarked for educational purposes.

Lion's share of the taxes, \$471,800, was paid in Multnomah County, followed by Umatilla County with \$353,000; Baker County, \$176,000; Union County, \$165,300; Malheur County, \$140,500; Gilliam County, \$131,400; and Wasco County with \$108,000.

In the 13 western states in which the railroad operates, paid by Union Pacific last year, including Federal Taxes, amounted to more than \$76,000,000. This does not include income and other taxes paid by employees.

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Van Marter, Jr. returned home Saturday from Chicago where they had been attending the national Elks convention.

Miss Mildred Bristow of Portland is spending the summer with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. West of Portland visited the Harley Anderson, Howard and Everett Keithley families on Saturday.

**State Wheat Industry Conference Plans Set**

The Oregon Wheat Industry conference has been scheduled for February 19 and 20, 1957, according to J. R. Beck, assistant director of the Oregon State college extension service and chairman of the conference planning committee. Meetings will be held in the Multnomah hotel, in Portland.

The conference, requested by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, will report on a detailed study of the nation's wheat industry problems and of long-range recommendations on future wheat production, marketing and utilization. More than 200 people representing all sections of the state and all segments of the wheat industry, as well as staff members from the OSC school of agriculture, are taking part in the study.

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolff and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brunner spent the weekend in Portland where they attended the theater and saw "South Pacific".

Kristy Koenig is spending two weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mathison in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Miller of Texas are visiting at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Miller at Lexington. Miller, who will be released from the service next February, plans to resume his studies at Oregon State college at that time.

**\$750 Cash Prize For PNW "Grassman"**

Gold comes in two forms to winners in the sixth annual "Grassman of the Year" contest as the Portland Chamber announced today that R. M. Wade & Co., Portland, Wade-Rain Irrigation equipment manufacturer and awards sponsor for the regional contest, will provide a \$750 cash award for the 1956 Pacific Northwest "Grassman of the Year."

The regional winner will be announced in November by the Chamber at a special luncheon in honor of all "grassmen". State contests in Washington and Oregon close October 15th. The deadline in Idaho is October 1st. First and second place winners in the Oregon contest will receive cash awards of \$300 and \$200 provided by the United States National Bank, Portland.

The importance of good grass management has been evident in the past two years when periods

of adverse weather faced farmers throughout the region. Oregon State college specialists continue to stress the importance and need for more and better forage programs on Oregon farms.

A recent study of former county "grassmen" in Oregon, conducted by the Portland Chamber, revealed conclusively that the farmers and ranchers selected for honors as "grassmen" are sold on the economic soundness of good forage programs. During the past year and a half, when a variety of adverse weather conditions placed a great stress on feed and feed reserves, two thirds of the former county "grassmen" did not have to buy additional feed supplies. During the same period many farmers were forced to buy high priced hay and several areas were declared as disaster feed areas because of feed shortages.

Throughout the region, county contests are currently being conducted and a few counties have already announced their selection.

**Local News In Brief**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warmuth, Portland, visited over the weekend with her brothers and sister and families, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keithley and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley.

Diane Schaffitz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz, will leave by plane Sunday from Portland for Coos Bay where she will visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Haylor for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gillette and children Grace and Johnny of Pomona, California and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Koller and daughters Nancy and Marilyn of Porterville, California were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson, Wednesday of last week.

Theresa Monahan spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doherty of Pilot Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones and two children of Oakland, Calif., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly and Luanne left Monday evening for their home in Everett, Washington. Mr. Kelly came to Heppner Saturday to take home his wife and daughter who have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.

Kenny and Donnie Keeling, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling have returned after a week in Seattle where they were visiting at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eddy.

Ford Deepker and Harry Warthen of Richmond, Virginia left Wednesday after a visit with George Fischer Little at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. George R. S. Little.

**HOSPITAL NEWS**

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reidburn, Condon, a 7 lb. 13 oz. girl born July 21, named Elaine Carol. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cossairt, Condon, a 7 lb. 12 oz. girl born July 23, named Debra Lynn. To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Morris, Heppner, a 8 lb. 4 oz. boy born July 23, named Dennis Leroy. To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Winters, Heppner, a 8 lb. girl born July 24, named Sally Jo. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Evans, Heppner, a 8 lb. 1 oz. girl born July 24, named Michele Ann.

Medical—Bert Cork, Heppner; Jack Hickam, Ione; Esther Wilson, Heppner, dismissed; Ralph Craber, Heppner; Myrtle Smith, Heppner; Hazel Kandle, Kinzua, dismissed; Mary Wienbarger, Fossil; Freddie Jenkins, Spray; Leland McKinney, Ione; Judy Cody, Fossil.

Minor Surgery—Michael Craig, Fossil, dismissed; Ben Buschke, Heppner; Mary McLeod, Ione, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Dixie Shell, Arlington; Carol McGuire, Fossil; Clarence Anderson, Condon; Norma Justus, Fossil; Ralph Ellsworth, Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sauers (Katie Anderson) of Weott, California are visiting here with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Anderson. They are staying at the Anderson ranch during harvest.

Celia Boulden spent the past week visiting with a friend, Charlene Haworth at Weston while her parents were at camp.

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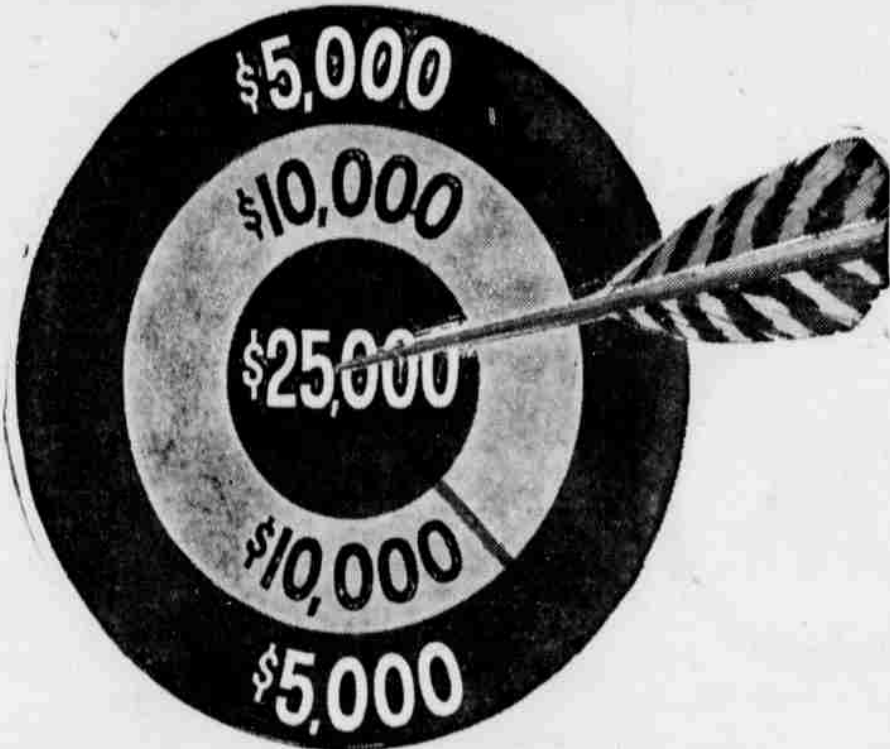


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