

Grain Rate Battle Hearing Date Set

Five Northwest railroads filed written arguments with the Interstate Commerce Commission Wednesday maintaining that their freight rate reductions on grain traffic made last fall were vital to the region's economy. The cuts were permitted to go into effect last Sept. 30 by the ICC pending an investigation.

The railroads claim the lowered rates will save Northwest growers \$7,000,000 annually.

Grain accounts for 19 per cent of the railroad tonnage in the Northwest and is second only to lumber. Barge and truck lines have expanded from hauling 24 per cent of the grain in 1955 to a high of nearly 48 per cent during the first half of 1960.

With rigid fixed costs for taxes and maintenance, the railroad contended that volume railway grain traffic is necessary for the continued operation of branch line trackage where nearly all the grain traffic originates.

Truck and barge line operators have until April 3 to file their arguments with the ICC, which will hold a hearing on the grain rate battle in Portland April 18.

Tom Driscoll and Bob Davidson visited their parents from EOC and attended the basketball tournament in Pendleton.

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Reseal Program For Farm-Stored Loans Announced

Producers interested in resealing their farm stored commodity loans should check with their local ASC office before the applicable maturity dates which are: wheat, March 31; barley, April 30; and corn, July 31.

Storage payment rates for the 1961-62 storage period remain at 14 cents per bushel for corn, wheat, barley, and rye.

For the 1960 crop corn, grain sorghums, and wheat, there is a two-year reseal program available. The producer would have the option of delivering at the end of the first year or holding it for two years. Payment of earned storage would be made at the end of the first reseal year, where producers did not elect to deliver for two years.

One year reseal for 1960 crop barley, oats, and rye is also available, as are extensions on all loans currently under reseal.

PP&L And COPCO Plan Merger

The Pacific Power & Light Co., Portland, and the California-Oregon Power Co., Medford, have filed a formal application seeking authority to merge. Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill has announced.

The merger in which Pacific will be the surviving corporation, was approved by the stockholders a few weeks ago.

In the application Pacific said the merger will result in a larger and financially stronger company that will be in a better position to finance future construction requirements.

Going to the A.A.U. basketball tournament in Hermiston on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Editor,

During National 4-H Club Week here in Morrow County I can't resist jotting down some observations on the state 4-H Leader's Conference which I attended in January on the campus of Oregon State College.

It is said that great minds discuss ideas, that average minds discuss events, and that small minds discuss people. If this is true, we leaders, over 350 of us, were led to be great minds for those two days as the many faculty members from the college challenged us to improve and to widen our scope in our role as educators of youth.

"Every 4-H leader is an educator and must visualize himself as an extension of the Oregon State College faculty," Dr. Roberta Frazer, family life specialist, told us, addressing one of our sessions. The average leader, she said, gives three weeks full time work to his club, in addition to time, effort, and money spent on attending training meetings, reading, and other activities which will improve him as a teacher.

Another point made was how the 4-H club has progressed with the changing times from its early emphasis on disseminating information to the rural areas to the present program which centers upon developing boys and girls, many of whom are not from rural homes. Here in the Columbia Basin only one of every four girls and one of every three boys in 4-H clubs live on farms.

The new national 4-H objectives, as presented by Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent, are to develop in our club members the ability to enjoy family life, to perform and enjoy a useful life work, to learn leadership by doing, to learn the scientific approach to appreciate the farm and home, to explore careers and to take advantage of educational opportunities, to conserve natural resources, to appreciate nature, to live healthfully, to upgrade personal standards, and to develop cooperation.

Changing, too, are some aspects of the 4-H demonstration. For example, the rule requiring that all the action of the demonstration take place before the audience, and that a finished product be presented is being replaced where feasible by the use of illustrative charts and other materials, and a finished product is not now always required.

Another area of adapting to an age where technical progress has standardized life until there is little room for creativity was discussed by Jessalee Mailleu, recreation specialist, when she urged us to provide opportunity for creativity in recreation which should be a part of each club's program. She also told us about a children's disease known to the American Medical Association as "TV Legs," caused by insufficient exercise of the leg and back muscles resulting in an inability to walk correctly. This isn't a joke. It really exists.

There were excellent talks on the use of tours, demonstrations, judging, and competitive activities in club work. Throughout, the conference was an inspiration to us all giving us a wider grasp of the value of 4-H work to our children, and sending us home with an increased determination to be better leaders.

Sincerely,
Jane Rawlins

Skiing Expected Good At Baldy Run

About 40 persons were skiing at Baldy Butte Ski Run last Sunday, according to Kenneth Peck, club president.

Peck said Wednesday that there were three inches of new snow and more was expected before the week end. The ski tow, which was broken by over-load last Sunday, has been repaired, and will be in operation Saturday.

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Power Company Crews Achieve Fine Safety Record

Pacific Power & Light Company's local employees have been congratulated by President D. R. McClung for achieving a safety record of eight full years on the job without incurring a time-loss injury.

President McClung said the record of almost three-quarter million man-hours of safety at work was one of the most outstanding in the history of the company's 50 years of electric utility service.

Eldon Drennan, PP&L's district manager for Umatilla and Morrow county system operations, said the local area crews had passed the eight-year mark January 12.

Pilot Picks Mankin Wheat Field for Landing

"I sure was mighty glad to see flat land below," Walden Bryant, Pendleton, told those present when he picked a hole in the clouds and landed in Fred Mankin's wheat field at Hardman Friday afternoon.

Lost in a snow storm, Bryant flew blind until his wings led up and he spotted the hole which led him to the ground and a safe landing.

Jim Shound, Pendleton, who took off with him in another small plane from Redmond airport that morning had been forced down at Spray.

Bryant continued on to Pendleton Sunday afternoon.

Lexington News

(Cont. from Preceding Page)

Hunt. Minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. An application for membership of Mrs. Ardeh Hunt was read and voted on. It was announced that the lodge would try to hold initiation for Mrs. Hunt in April. The breakfast for all lodge members preceding church was discussed and tabled until club meeting. After adjournment the they visited the lone lodge meeting. Following this games were played and refreshments served.

Those going from this lodge were Florence McMillan, Donna Papi-neau, LaVerne Henderson, Edna Fetsch, Freda Majeske, Bertha Hunt, Annie Keene, Ada Eskel-son, June Davidson, Delpha Jones, Catie Padberg, and Dimple Munkers.

Mrs. Newt O'Harris is a patient in Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leyva have recently moved from Portland to the Waddell house in Lexington.

The Northwest Christian College quartet will present selections March 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lexington Christian church. Dowell Callis, field representative of the college, will be with them. There will be a pot-luck dinner at noon following the services. On March 17 Mr. Olsen from Korea will speak on Christian work at the orphanages in Korea at the Lexington Christian church at 7:30 p.m.

Billee June Marquardt, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt, pulled the vaporizer over on her and burned her legs and was brought to Heppner to a doctor. Kathy Messenger was burned on the legs.

Walt Wallace is now living in Lexington where he is employed. He had been living in Hermiston.

Mrs. Cleo Van Winkle motored to Portland last week with her son Jack of Heppner where she visited at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilcox. She came home with Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Fredrickson of Salem. While here, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson visited at the W. C. Van Winkle and Nellie Palmer homes.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Eva DeMeritt, Kinzua; Donald Frederickson, Heppner, deceased; Adine Stone, Heppner; Anita Davidson, Lexington, dismissed; Henry Stotts, Heppner; Bernice Whilon, Lexington.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wes Maralt, Heppner, a 7 pound 8 ounce daughter, Rosanna Eileen, born March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peck were in Portland and attended the hockey game Saturday night.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lt. and Mrs. Lowell Turner spent Friday through Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morris. Coming to Heppner with them was his grandmother, Ida Turner, of Portland. Lt. and Mrs. Turner left Monday for Webb AFB, Big Spring, Texas, where he is stationed.

Reice Fullerton, daughter Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks, daughter Sandra, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Brooks and sons of Olex were in Walla Walla over the weekend to attend the Tri-State Junior Rodeo Assn. meeting. Sandra Eubanks was named girls' junior rodeo champion for 1960.

Miss Bernice Thomson visited her sister, Meredith, in Corvallis last weekend and attended the A O P winter term dance. She accompanied Mrs. Claude Graham who visited her daughter, Helen. Also going was Pat Peck who stopped in Albany to visit her parents. Bernice came to Arlington by bus and was met by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomson, for the return trip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ward and son spent Friday through Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ward at Haines, Ore.

Bud Collins spent the weekend here with his family from his business in Hood River.

Mrs. Barney Malcom, Mrs. Gene Pierce, and Mrs. Fred Gimbel were in Hermiston doing some shopping and had lunch with Mrs. Julius Gimbel.

Visit'g the Jim Driscolls were her sister, Mrs. Clyde Davis, and daughter Ellen of Condon. Lowell Gribble and Ed Miley of Athena were in Salem attending the state legislature.

Mrs. Lucille Wilson and Mrs. Bill Blake went to Portland Thursday and Mrs. Blake returned Saturday evening. Mrs. Wilson remained to be with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Barratt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wise spent the weekend in Moses Lake visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Arrington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie are spending several days in Portland.

TELL 'EM YOU SAW IT
IN THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Monument

By MARTHA MATTESON

Ernie Johnson left Friday noon for Portland to visit his wife who has been there doctoring since in November, also his daughter, Mrs. Frances Noland and her children. He hoped his wife would be able to come home with him Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Conklin and children of Fossil, spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boyer.

Rev. Ivan Benadict and Maynard Hamilton drove to Mt. Vernon Tuesday morning, for Presbyterian church meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stirritt, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cupper drove to La Grande Friday afternoon for the week end. The Cuppers will visit with their son, Jerrie, at the college and their daughter, Mrs. Joe Batty and family. The Stirritts will visit Mr. and Mrs. John J. Simas, one time residents here.

Earl Barnard is now a patient in the St. Anthony's Hospital at Pendleton. His wife Ivy is staying at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Theron (Rita) King, and son in Pendleton.

Dick Williams and Sam Scott drove a truck to Redmond Wednesday taking a caterpillar over there.

Mrs. June Hutchison drove her daughter Diene to John Day Monday for dentist work.

Tax Appraiser Will Speak to Farmers

The farmers Union will meet Tuesday, March 14, at 8:00 p.m., at the Max Barclay ranch home north of Lexington. Judge Oscar Peterson will be present and will have with him William H. Johnson, newly appointed county tax appraiser. He will discuss the tax problems and procedures and conduct a question and answer session.

Grandma Mary Hyke has been transferred from John Day hospital to the Saint Anthony's at Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shank drove to John Day Friday to see her daughter, Mrs. Donna Santos and her two sons.

Bob Leslie of Bend drove over here Monday, visited his in-laws, the Roy Corks.

The M.M.M. club held their regular meeting Thursday at the Fred Shank home. Those present were Mrs. Helen Brown, Mrs. Wave Jackson, Mrs. Phyllis Flowers, Mrs. Fred McWilliams, Mrs. Bud Engle, Mrs. George Stirritt, Mrs. Elmer Matteson, and the hostesses, Mrs. Fred Shank and Mammie Ferguson. The next meeting will be at the home of Wave Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Howell, Ansel Martin, H. W. Scott, Ruben Patzer, and others drove to Spray Thursday on business.

Mrs. Elzy Emery and daughter Mary drove to Prineville for medical checkups.

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