

Power Company Reports Use Rise In Year, Decade

Use of greater amounts of electricity by homes, stores and offices and industries served by Pacific Power and Light Company pushed the company's power sales and its peak system load to new records during the past year, it was reported Wednesday by PP&L's local representative, F. L. Gimbel.

Noting the new records are reported in the company's latest annual report to its 59,352 stockholders, most of whom live in the states in which PP&L has service areas, the manager said sales in 1961 to 390,638 electric customers totaled 6,694,768,000 kilowatt-hours. More than half of the total was sold to homes and farms in the Northwest.

Customers' power requirements on the day their needs were the greatest set the system peak load at 1,578,000 kilowatts in December, or 70,000 kilowatts more than the peak of the previous year.

The average annual use in households served by Pacific Power reached 8,786 kilowatt hours, 139 kilowatt-hours more than the previous year. This is also a record, and is more than two and one-half times the national average residential use of electricity. Many families served by PP&L use 15,000 to 20,000 kilowatt-hours in their electric-living homes.

In reference to the rise in household use, the PP&L report said retailers in its territory had sales of \$50-million last year. Automatic clothes washers led the list with 33,000 sold. Ranked next were: 22,000 refrigerators, 20,000 kitchen ranges, 19,000 clothes dryers and 13,000 water heaters.

The PP&L manager said greater use of electric-operated conveniences was the major reason the amount of electricity used in homes is almost double the average annual residential use of only ten years ago.

To supply the growing

amounts of energy, the report notes the company's program of building generating plants had kept pace with customer needs of the past decade. Since 1951, PP&L has built plants with 765,000 kilowatts of generating capacity and more than doubled the capacity of powerhouses operated by the company. Its plants now have a combined generating capability of 1,346,990 kilowatts. PP&L also has long-term contracts with neighboring utilities for purchase of large blocks of additional supplies, the manager said.



Missionary is Guest Speaker at Church Meeting

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON—Miss Roma Belcher, a recent missionary to Swaziland, in S. Africa was a guest speaker at the Lexington Christian church on Sunday morning. Sunday evening she showed films, and displayed handwork made by the natives.

Mrs. Nell Blanchet is visiting at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers. A grandson, Mark, returned home last week with Mrs. Leathers from his home in Chicago, and will visit in Lexington a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Hara were overnight visitors in Walla Walla last week.

Joe Cornelson is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Mrs. Vic Groshens and children motored to Grants Pass last week to visit at the G. E. Irvin home, and returned home Friday bringing her mother, Mrs. Bert Darnielle of Reno, Nev., who will visit her a while.

Carroll Messenger spent the week-end in Lexington from his school in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson of Ione were visitors at the Lexington airport on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leyva and daughter are spending some time in Medford at the Gar Leyva home, and Greg is studying at the airport there. Mr. Leyva and son flew to Lexington one day last week on business.

Visitors at the Armin Wihlon home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers and family of Heppner.

Eugene Sawyer of Hermiston was a Lexington caller on Saturday.

Mrs. Kenneth Klinger was a business caller in La Grande on Monday.

Here For Green Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Marvell and children returned to their home in The Dalles after being in Lexington for the funeral services of her father, Homer Green. Pvt. Jerry Green has returned to his base in the Hawaiian Is-

lands, after being in Lexington during the illness of his father, Homer Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt and family were visitors at the T. E. Messenger, Sr., home in Mitchell on the week-end.

Sarah May Sherman is employed at the Lexington Cafe.

Mrs. Al Winkleman and son of Ione was a Lexington visitor Monday at the home of June Davidson.

Mrs. Edward Hunt was in The Dalles on business one day last week.

Carroll Thurston of Heppner was a week-end visitor at the Joe Yocom home.

Guests at the Marvin Way home on Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Jensen and family from Waitsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McDaniels and family of Heppner, Mrs. June Davidson and family of Lexington, and Mrs. Bert Darnielle of Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and son were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vinson

have been recent Portland visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Harrison of Cascade Locks were in Lexington over the week-end where she visited her mother, Mrs. Nellie Palmer who is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson and son Greg were visitors in Arlington last Sunday and watched the moving and burning of some of the houses there.

Lodge Sets Initiation

Holly Rebekah Lodge met in regular session on Thursday night. At this meeting Sarah Mae Sherman was duly elected a member. The initiation will be on the third Thursday of the month. Several practices have been held to prepare for the work. Refreshments were served by the hospitality committee consisting of Mrs. Dimple Munkers, and Mrs. Edna Fetsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Darnielle and children of Pendleton called at the Vic Groshens home Monday night. They also came to see Mrs. Bert Darnielle of Reno,

Nev., who is visiting here with the Groshens.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Van Winkle and family of Spokane, Wn., were week-end guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Van Winkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nichols of Portland visited their mother, Mrs. Ina Nichols, over the week-end.

Mrs. Maude Pointer of Corvallis called on friends in Lexington this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske are spending a few days in Portland with the Harvey Wright family and in Maupin with the Jack Mounis family.

Dates to Remember—

Lexington Grange, which meets April 14 and each succeeding second Saturday of each month.

Women's Fellowship at the Carl Marquardt home on April 17.

Easter Day dinner on Easter Sunday from 1-3 p. m.

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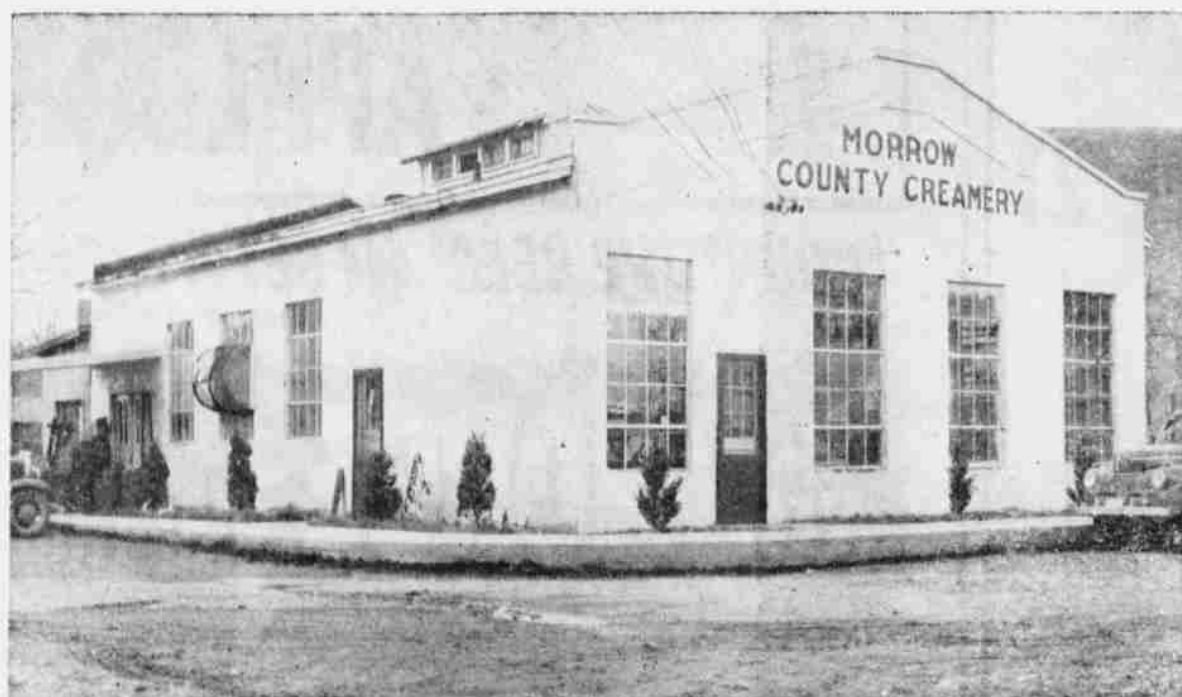
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