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## UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO USE BONNEVILLE POWER

### WHOLESALE RATES REDUCED

PORTLAND—Of special interest to Oregon the past 10 days is the hearings held by a joint congressional committee on the proposed Columbia Power Authority, introduced by Senator Bone of Washington. The measure was prepared by power lawyers of the interior department. Greatest interest was shown by senators and representatives from Washington state, who said that the Bonneville act (this bill is intended to amend or replace that act) was a mandate for the people of the northwest to become power-minded and go into the power business.

To accomplish this the Bone bill authorizes the administrator to acquire private utilities. The witnesses admitted, however, that the private utilities and Grand Coulee and Bonneville, government plants, are now interconnected and it is believed they will do a good job. The measure provides that the private companies be bought with revenue bonds; further, that the secretary of the treasury can buy these bonds with any borrowed money. Thus receipts from the sale of war bonds can be diverted to invest in these revenue bonds. The proposed acquisition of private companies, it was testified, "is the heart and soul of the act."

To date only proponents of the measure have testified. Managers of private utilities will have their opportunity later, if they wish to avail themselves of it. Despite the "mandate," as testified, and that Washington state is aflame for public ownership, no reference has yet been made to the defeat of PUDs in the Oregon primaries last month.

Federal power commission, the only authorized power expert in government, is now wanted to allocate what part of Grand Coulee should be charged to power. Proponents of the bill insist that the secretary of the interior be given this authority. There is a long standing feud between the interior and FPC. The hearings will probably consume another week. Rep. Walter Pierce is the only Oregon congressman who appears as a witness and he was in support.

A life-saver for the wheat grower, hop man, wool man and potato producer is promised by war production board. The board froze all burlap in the country. Such a protest was raised by Oregon farmers that it has modified its policy and is authorizing commodity credit corporation to buy the frozen burlap. The wheat men, staggered with a crop that is hard to warehouse, wants burlap sacks, the hop men need burlap, the wool men have asked for burlap, and the potato grower prefers burlap to the paper mesh bags. As rapidly as arrangements can be made the burlap will be sold to farmers.

The collection of old rubber, now on a national scope, will determine the amount of discarded rubber in the country. It does not mean, however, that when this rubber is reworked into tires any will be available for civilians. President Roosevelt, finding his administrative officers had nothing but foggy ideas on the amount of waste rubber, decided to make a direct appeal to the people. Based on the rubber drive, a policy will be determined for gasoline. The ration books have been printed and are ready for distribution, but the president is not certain that rationing gas is a wise thing to do. There is a shortage, of course, in some sections, but it is not due to a shortage of gas, but means of distribution. Because of its geographical position, the northwest has been marked for gas rationing, an order later vetoed, yet a few hundred miles away there is an unlimited supply. It is situations such as these that are causing turmoil from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Secretary of the treasury Morgenthau is fighting against it, but each day the ways and means committee is feeling stronger toward a general sales tax. This tax has been defeated whenever the people of Oregon had a chance to vote on it, although California, Idaho and Washington have such a tax. The president views a sales tax as a chance but the betting at this time is a 50-50 chance that the ways and means committee will embody it in the tax bill now being written. One reason why a sales tax is being urged is that the great bulk of the money is in the hands of those in the lower income brackets—so low that they pay no taxes—and a sales tax of a few cents on the dollar would bring into the treasury a substantial amount which cannot be obtained in any other way.

The Umatilla Electric Cooperative Association of Hermiston will have its power costs reduced materially during the coming year. Manager Ray L. Woolley said today in commenting on the new low wholesale rates just announced by the Bonneville Power Administration for ten REA-financed rural distribution systems in Eastern Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho.

The Umatilla cooperative would have saved \$14,590.00 or 59 per cent of its 1941 wholesale power bill, if the Bonneville rates had been in effect last year. Mr. Woolley pointed out. The cooperative bought 2,132,099 kilowatt hours of electricity in 1941.

Umatilla Electric operates 265 miles of line, which furnish electricity to 756 rural consumers in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Construction of the power lines was made possible by loans from the REA amounting to \$251,812.

Mr. Woolley stated that the extension of Bonneville rates to the Umatilla system is being effected under a power exchange contract providing for delivery of Bonneville power over the lines of the Pacific Power & Light Company. The cooperative will buy its power direct from the Bonneville Power Administration instead of from the private company as formerly.

Similar exchange contract arrangements are being made by the Bonneville Power Administration with the Washington Water Power and Pacific Power and Light companies for nine other REA-financed systems. These nine and the Umatilla (Continued on Last Page)

## SEWER DISPOSAL BID REJECTED

At a special meeting of the Hermiston city council last Friday, called for the purpose of opening bids for the construction of the sewerage disposal plant, further action on the matter received a severe setback. The council rejected the only bid entered. The only bid for either of the projects was made by Shook and Associates for the sum of \$38,207.16 for the disposal plant and \$67,272.26 for the construction of a deep well pump and water pump house.

Just what further action will be taken has not been indicated but no immediate re-advertisement for bids will be made. Work on the sewer and water mains, however, will continue.

## HODGE NAMED ON SCHOOL BOARD

C. L. Hodge, manager of the Hermiston Auto Co., Monday was elected school director for District No. 14, and R. A. Brownson was re-elected district clerk. Other official business was also transacted at the meeting Monday.

Hodge won the board post from N. R. Mueller after a late-minute spirited election which brought out 92 voters, the largest count in recent years. Hodge garnered 51 votes to 41 for Mueller. The latter has served on the board for many years and has proven himself a capable director.

## JAIL CONTINUES POPULAR PLACE

Many of the newcomers in Hermiston have found the local jail well to their liking and some are coming back for a second helping. Drunkenness continues to be the main source of trouble. Included in this category this week were Albert Canida, \$10 bail forfeited; W. G. Krebe, bail forfeited; Ray White, fined; Everett Davis, 10 days in county jail, deferred on good behavior.

Other inhabitants were: Deward Bowen, drunk and disorderly, \$10 fine; Stephen Ellenwood, drunk on highway, \$5 fine; M. S. Lockard, drunk, \$5 fine; Luther Flannery, driving while license revoked; Norman Anderson, driving while intoxicated, held for state police; Louise Clark, held for material witness.

Chief of Police B. J. Nation and Deputy Leland Smith are working overtime in order to curb any serious trouble.

## ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY

The annual Hermiston Commercial club Ladies' Night will be held Tuesday, June 23, beginning at 7:00 p. m. The affair will be in the form of a banquet prepared by the Igloo Inn and served by members of the Hermiston corps of Women's Ambulance organization. Mark Moulton, Kennewick attorney, will be the principal speaker of the evening and will probably discuss certain phases of the present war.

Other entertainment is being planned for the evening, including short talks by mayors of several west end towns, music and singing. Delegations have been invited from Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla.

Tickets for the dinner have been placed on sale and anyone who is not contacted may obtain them at the Herald office. The event is an annual affair and usually draws a large crowd.

## CUTTING SCRAPE AROUSES TOWN

A drunken brawl which ended in a knifing scrape between two colored men north of Hermiston has been the cause of considerable comment on city streets this week. Edward Collman is in the Hermiston General hospital with serious stab wounds but is expected to recover while a diligent search is being made for George Bexley, his assailant.

The argument started shortly after midnight Saturday night and ended with the two men fighting it out. Bexley apparently attacked Collman with a knife.

## WATSON SUFFERS PAINFUL BURNS

M. L. "Heezie" Watson, popular high school janitor, suffered quite serious burns about the arms and face Wednesday while at work. He was attempting to dump sawdust from a sander bag onto an outside fire which was just badly smoldering. The contents exploded into his face and onto his body.

Aided by Birdell Haneline and Frank Harkenrider, who were nearby, the flames on his clothes were extinguished. After treatment, Mr. Watson is able to be about but is suffering from the burns.

## What You Buy With WAR BONDS

The 75-millimeter gun is a divisional weapon used by the Artillery as an anti-tank gun. It has been replaced to some extent by the more modern "105", known as the heaviest of divisional weapons. The 75-mm gun costs \$12,000 and has been converted by our Ordnance into a "blaster" twice as efficient as in the first World War.



This gun gets maximum power for minimum weight and cost, and the American people are providing the finance through the purchase of War Bonds. If you do your share and invest 10 per cent of your income in War Bonds, adequate supply of this efficient gun can be assured our fighting forces. Buy War Bonds every pay day. U. S. Treasury Department

PLEASE, MISTER, TAKE OUR PLAY THINGS, WE WANT TO DO OUR PART

Human interest? Yes, and much more. One of the most touching scenes brought to the attention of the editor recently occurred at a local service station the first of the week when three small youngsters came in to the station loaded with rubber balls, rubber dolls and other rubber playthings. "Please, Mister, will you take our toys and send them to Uncle Sam. We want to do all we can to help." The youngsters did not come from a home where toys of any kind are too numerous. The tiny tots were sacrificing the things which are very dear to a child's heart. The lesson taught by these youngsters did not go entirely unrewarded. The touched operator caught up with the youngsters and gave them enough money to buy sodas.

## STUDENT RIPLEY GRADUATES FROM BASIC TRAINING

Student Ted W. Ripley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ripley of Hermiston, was the lone Umatilla county representative at the Merced Army Flying School to graduate last week with the basic training class, 42-G. Student Ripley, who was employed by Anderson Aircraft before he entered the air force, had previously served at the Pendleton Field, Chanute Field and McChord Field.

At the completion of a ten-weeks' advanced course Student Ripley will be given the rank of flying Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army Air Force. He is 20 years of age and is a graduate of the Hermiston schools.

The above information was received direct from the Merced, California, Army Flying School.

## HARPER SUFFERS SERIOUS BURNS

Glen Harper, formerly employed with the local Pacific Power & Light Co., Wednesday received serious injuries in Pendleton when he was burned on an 11,500 volt wire. Prompt action by a fellow worker and other members of the crew restored Mr. Harper to consciousness in a short time. He was taken to St. Anthony's hospital for further treatment.

While his burns are considered quite serious, latest word was to the effect that he was getting along nicely and will gain complete recovery. Had not prompt first aid been available, fatal results would have been quite certain.

## COUNCIL FORMED FOR EMERGENCY

At a meeting of mayors from Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla Tuesday evening, the Umatilla County Emergency Council was formed to help cope with problems arising from added activities in this section of the county. County Judge Carl Chambers was present to discuss various matters, including housing, transportation, policing and others.

The following officers were elected: Carl Chambers, chairman; F. C. McKenzie, vice chairman; "Brick" Esselstyn, secretary. Other mayors present were Frank Sloan of Stanfield and Jeff Stevens of Umatilla.

## RUBBER DRIVE IS UNDERWAY WITH FINE COOPERATION

### LOCAL STATIONS REPORT RESULTS

Formal announcement of President Roosevelt's scrap rubber collection campaign sent Americans searching their attics and basements the first of the week for rubber "to build the planes to bomb Tokyo and Berlin."

The rubber salvage campaign began at 12:01 a. m. Monday and continues through June 30. It was ordered by the president to find out how much scrap there is in the country—whether there is enough to postpone nationwide gasoline rationing as a rubber conservation measure.

The campaign will be directed by the war production board in cooperation with the oil industry and the office of the petroleum coordinator. The 400,000 gasoline filling stations will be collection depots. They'll pay individuals one cent a pound for the scrap. The government will buy the scrap from the oil companies at the same rate and use it for military and essential civilian use.

President Roosevelt touched off the campaign Sunday with a radio address and explained need for such a campaign, expressing hope that a sufficient quantity would be found to alleviate the serious shortage.

"Once the rubber is in," he said, "we will know what our supplies of used rubber are and we will make our plans accordingly. One thing you can be sure of—we are going to see to it that there is enough rubber to build the planes to bomb Tokyo and Berlin—enough rubber to build the tanks to crush the enemy wherever we may find him—enough rubber to win this war." (Continued on Last Page)

## HOME NURSING CLASS PASSES EXAMINATION

A class of 23 members of the Home Nursing course, recently conducted by Mrs. A. C. Willcutt, this week were notified that they had successfully passed the examination given at the conclusion of the classes. Of the 35 ladies that began the course, 23 completed the lessons and all successfully passed the quiz, with only two receiving a grade under 90.

Mrs. Willcutt wishes to thank members of the class for the gift of a Toastmaster waffle iron recently presented to her. Mrs. Willcutt further wishes to invite those interested to meet some afternoon to continue work on artificial respiration.

Those receiving certificates are: Meriam Sater, Mrs. Dan Follett, Anita Moon, Bertha Nation, Myrtle Withnell, Marjorie Loree, Bertha Cassidy, Alice Kik, Lillie Benschel, Floy Harris, Marie Quiring, Lydia Quiring, Irene Van Patten, Bessie Humphreys, Elsie Dawson, Winifred Norton, Thelma Harkenrider, Elna Thrasher, Inez Huffman, Mary Perry, Beulah Smons, Myrhl Perry and Mary Humphreys.

## MORE SCRAP IRON NEEDED AT ONCE

Farmers who have been delivering scrap iron and steel at the Inland Cooperative are advised that no more material can be received after the next ten days. Insurance companies have informed the company that all steel and iron must be removed from the premises within the next two weeks.

Guy Shaw, manager, stated Thursday that anyone who has scrap material on hand should make the delivery within the next ten days.

## LOCAL COUPLE WED MONDAY

Miss Barbara Follett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Follett, became the bride of Phil Emert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Emert, both of Hermiston, Monday morning in the First Baptist church of Lewiston, Idaho, with the Rev. Alcott Parker officiating.

The couple will make their home in Inland until Mr. Emert is called into the army, at which time Mrs. Emert will return to Hermiston. Mrs. Emert was a graduate of the local high school in May.

## Tarzan Jr. to Sell War Bonds in Pendleton



The United States Treasury Department's "Buy Tanks for Yanks" national tour, starring Johnny Sheffield, the famous "Tarzan, Jr.," of movie fame, will arrive in Pendleton Monday, June 22, for a personal appearance. He will appear as Tarzan's Minute Boy in the proud uniform of a Boy Scout of America.

Instead of swinging from tree branches and riding high aboard

huge elephants as he does in his Tarzan films, Johnny will be selling U. S. war bonds and stamps from the turret of a grim-looking 13-ton army tank.

A huge parade will be held at 12 o'clock and end the program at the Pendleton Victory Center at 1:30. At the noon rally he will be inducted into one of the Indian tribes as an honorary chief, and this colorful pro-

gram will no doubt be broadcast by KWRC and KUJ.

In the evening he will be at the United Artists theater at 8:30 and at the Rivoli at 9:00. Others in his party include Johnny's mother, his teacher, two soldiers and a truck driver.

Residents of towns outside of Pendleton are cordially invited to attend the celebration.