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ECHO NEWS

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there is cold but the soldiers have ample warm clothing and keep comfortable, although extremely busy. His letter, written December 31, reached here January 8. Harle has been overseas since October 1943.

A science club has been organized at Echo high school under the direction of Mr. Cotton. Meetings will be held semi-monthly for scientific experiments and reports of the various classes. The officers elected are: Mildred Penney, president; Ernie Rahde, vice president; Mary Cotton, secretary; Wilma Brown, treasurer; Pauline Rauch, librarian, and Lois McElroy, reporter.

News has been received from Portland of the death there of Mrs. Lillie Gillette, Echo pioneer, who died January 15. A graveside funeral service will be held at Echo cemetery Thursday forenoon at 10:00 o'clock. Mrs. Gillette is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Elita Owen and Mrs. Heda Aacock of Portland, and two brothers, William Benedict of Echo and Bert Benedict of Aberdeen, Wash.

Ben Gaskill, recently appointed marshal of Echo, assumed his duties Monday. E. J. Nieland, the retiring marshal, will remain in Echo and will continue to operate the east side school bus.

BOARDMAN NEWS

By Frances Skoubo

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles of Boardman received word from the War Dept. that their son, Pfc. Frank Miles, Infantryman of the 137th Division, is now a German prisoner of war. Frank was reported missing on the thirtieth day of November.

The Boardman Yellow Jackets won a decisive victory over the Ione Cardinals on the home floor with a score of 35 to 18. After the game the student body girls served refreshments for the team and visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson are proud to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Homer Baker (Phyllis Wilson) are the parents of a baby girl. Grace Tyler is spending a few days with her son Harold Tyler, S. 1/c, and her daughter, Mrs. Edward Warner.

Pfc. Alfred E. Turner spent two days visiting friends here on the project before returning to Mississippi.

Lyle Tannehill, S. 1/c, who has been stationed in California, is spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tannehill.

Word was received that Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCutchen are parents of a baby boy.

Mrs. Edward Kunze gave a special dinner for her son, S/Sgt. Frank Kunze at her home Sunday afternoon. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderegg and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardiner, Ralph Wasmer, Mrs. Alvin Deulen and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Skoubo and Frances from Boardman and Mr. and Mrs. Erve Flock from Junction City.

Russel DeMauro, Ph. M. 2/c, returned to Rhode Island Friday, January 12, after spending nine days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeMauro.

Miss Ernabel Peck, who is attending St. Josephs Academy, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Peck.

Mr. Linn returned from Laramie, Wyoming, Sunday, accompanied by his father-in-law, W. D. Fonda from St. Edward, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Falconer and family have moved to the Berger apartments in town after selling to Lou and Cecil Hamilton.

Mrs. Elvin Ely and Mrs. Chas. Anderegg and families were in Hermiston on business Saturday.

The monthly P.T.A. meeting was held Thursday evening at the school auditorium. After the meeting, lunch was served in the cafeteria.

Ernie Peck and Emil Ash returned from Portland Sunday.

After the game with Ione Friday night, the high school student body had a farewell party for Dorothe Van Metre, who is moving to The Dalles. Several games were played and the remainder of the evening was spent dancing to the music by Gene Reitman from Ione. Ione visitors were all invited to stay.

A shower was given for Mrs. VanMetre at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Root Tuesday afternoon.

Audree Wilson has been in The Dalles for medical treatment this week and expects to be home this Sunday.

The Arlington Honkers will play the Boardman Yellow Jackets on the home floor Saturday night.

STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

Miss Ruth Read, 4th grade teacher, wishes at least 12 ladies of the town to be present at the gym on Monday night, January 22, to try out for basketball and probably play the high school girls after a few practices.

Miss Barbara Wood spent the week end in Walla Walla with friends.

Harry Wessell sold his interests in a grocery store in Bellingham

and has returned to Stanfield to make his home.

Delbert Couch was taken to the Walla Walla hospital last Saturday for an appendectomy. He also had a tonsil and adenoid operation.

A. J. Hess is reported as improving from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Bessie Iverson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Oscar Christianson, has gone to Portland to visit relatives and hence to San Francisco to visit two more sisters.

The Stanfield I.O.O.F. lodge helped Echo lodge to install their new officers Monday night. Eight members from here attended.

Several from Stanfield attended the funeral of Mrs. C. B. Greene at the Echo church Monday afternoon. They lived on the Stanfield project many years. Her husband, five daughters and two sons, and three grandchildren survive her.

The Study Club held its regular meeting in the church parlors on January 11 with 12 members present. Mrs. Velda Wedge answered questions on the bombing of Pearl Harbor and its after effects on Honolulu. Mrs. C. E. Fisk reviewed White's articles on Russia as given in December and in January Reader's Digest.

To impress on all to save waste fats, waste paper and to smash

your clean tin cans to be ready for the next drive before February 1, is the urgent request of our war service salvage chairman, Mrs. C. E. Fisk. One lady writes, from one hog's head I made 6 quarts of mince meat, rendered 8 pounds of lard, and make 40 large bars of soap. Can you beat that? All have their duties if we would win this war.

The Lesser home in the east end of town was seen to be on fire at about one o'clock Tuesday. The high school boys ran to the scene and carried out the contents before the firewagon and hose got there. No great loss was sustained. It was fortunate that the Lessers were

home and were just ready to sit down to dinner. The fire started under the house.

A telegram has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bartley from New York City that their son Bud, who has been overseas nearly three years, will be home soon.

Latest word concerning Bud Wessell is that he is now stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, and is head clerk of the supply division.

Miss Janice Harmon is recovering nicely from her appendicitis operation and will soon return.

Mrs. Andy Cleghorn has been a patient in St. Anthony's hospital since last Monday but is reported improved.



1944 Report to our Customers



1 If they had all settled in one locality, the 3,712 electric customers added to PP&L lines in 1944 would have given the Pacific Northwest a brand new city of 10,000 population. As it was, this healthy growth was distributed throughout the 80 cities and towns and the extensive rural areas served by the Company. At the year-end, PP&L was supplying low-cost, dependable electric service to 93,831 customers.



2 With more customers than ever before, and with a growing war-time demand for cheap and tireless electricity, PP&L was called upon to supply users with 354,906,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity in 1944—an increase of 44,521,000 kilowatt-hours, or 14.3%, over the record-breaking 1943 total.



3 Thanks to the two "rate dividends" totaling nearly \$600,000 which PP&L distributed to all customers in 1944, the Company's electric users enjoyed 12 months of service for the price of 11. This practical method of sharing war-time earnings gave customers savings, during the year, equal to an 8 1/3% rate reduction.



4 While the cost of living kept going up in 1944 (now 25.4% above 1939), the average price of PP&L electricity went down to the very low figure of 1.86 cents per KWH for residential service (21% below 1939). Homes served by PP&L pay only about half the national average price, and use almost twice as much electricity as the average American home.



5 Even though PP&L delivered 44,521,000 more KWH to its customers in 1944, the drop in average price kept revenues from increasing with the volume of business. Expenses, however, went up due to increased power purchase requirements and other operating needs. As a result, the Company's net income for the year was substantially less than the 1943 figure.



6 Direct taxes for PP&L for 1944 will total about \$1,292,500. Nearly half goes to the Federal Government to help meet wartime costs. The remainder goes to support local, county and state activities of many kinds. Like other taxpayers, PP&L has to set aside a big chunk of its revenue to meet tax bills, which will take about 17.3 cents out of every dollar of 1944 PP&L revenue.



7 Wherever it serves, PP&L represents a steady and substantial payroll in the community. Last year the Company met a total payroll, including construction work, of \$1,838,542. It provided employment for an average of 725 loyal and competent men and women. And PP&L looks forward to the day when the resumption of a peacetime development program will find it helping to make many more jobs for ambitious boys and girls.



8 In 1944, PP&L spent \$273,000 to maintain its facilities in good operating condition—and \$955,000 to construct additions and improvements authorized by the War Production Board. In addition to the expansion of facilities to meet load growth in many communities, the Company added 35 miles of rural distribution lines to a network already serving more than 13,000 farms in Washington and Oregon.



9 Again we extend to our customers our thanks and appreciation for their cooperation in many different ways to help us do our wartime job throughout the year. Working together, we were able to meet every need for electric service as it arose. We have confidence that the same spirit of cooperation can carry this region forward in the post-war era to new levels of productivity and prosperity.



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