

TELEPHONE RATE REDUCTION PLAN LAID BEFORE PUC

Night Charge Will Be Extended to Longer Hours if Proposals Adopted — Sunday Toll Cut Also Aim

SALEM, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Night telephone rates within Oregon, a reduction over regular day rates, will be extended to longer hours if the proposals informally discussed before the state public utilities commissioner are adopted.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Co., of which the Pacific firm which operates in Oregon is a subsidiary, last week filed an over-Sunday reduced interstate rate with the federal communications commission at Washington. The regular interstate night rates have for some time been for a longer period than the intrastate rates.

Means General Reduction

In addition to extended hours for reduced rates, the Pacific Telephone company also indicated a desire to make rates in Oregon conform to the lesser interstate regular charges for distances over 72 miles. This would require a general reduction. The third proposal was for increased rates in the zone between 30 and 72 miles.

Public Utilities Commissioner Frank C. McCulloch stated that in detail the three proposals would result as follows:

1. Extending the night reduced rates from 8:30 p. m. to 4:30 a. m. to the interstate schedule from 7 p. m. to 4:30 a. m. on week days, and from 7 p. m. Saturday night through all Sunday to 4:30 a. m. Monday. Oregon has no Sunday service of this type.

2. Decrease the rates in the zone over 72 miles, to conform to the interstate schedule, by a total of \$96,000 a year less income to the company.
3. To increase the rates in the 30 to 72-mile zone to the extent of \$68,000. This would result in a net loss to the company of about \$28,000 annually.

Plan in Neighbor States

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. has made similar overtures to the utilities commissions of both Washington and California, McCulloch said. No schedules have yet been filed, but both the company and the utilities commissioner are making a study of the effect of the indicated changes.

The Oregon commissioner, before making any recommendation, will confer with the two other commissions in order to get their reactions, he said.

The interstate night rate extensions are now in effect, McCulloch was advised.

OFFICE HOLDER IS CONVICTED IN G. P.

ORANTS PASS, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A justice court jury today convicted A. Walker, prominent office-holder here, with a term of 10 months in a camp near here with a fine of \$10 in connection with a mortgage charge on charge by Leslie Cruise. He was sentenced to one year in the county jail by Justice E. W. Madison. Notice of appeal was filed and Walker was released.

Christmas Party For Dalles CCC

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—It's a long jump from Massachusetts to Oregon, 300 CCC boys in a camp near here will attest, but not too long a jump for Santa Claus.

HILLSBORO WILL HAVE ALCOHOL DISTILLERY

HILLSBORO, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Industrial Distilleries corporation will begin construction soon after the first of the year on a \$60,000 plant for production of alcohol for motor fuel and other purposes, A. C. Porter, chief of Portland, engineering and one of the incorporators, said today.

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Tattoo Business Going Sissy Says Veteran Of Art

ASHVILLE, N. C., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Sailor Ed McCall, veteran tattoo artist, says his business has gone sissy. The reason? Butcherflies have replaced nude ladies on many chests.

Landlubbers are better customers now than sailors. More and more women are getting their favorite designs inked on their limbs.

SALVATION ARMY PLAN FOR NEEDY BRINGS RESPONSE

Captain Durham, commander of the Salvation Army, today expressed his appreciation of the fine response on the part of citizens of Jackson county to his plea for funds and supplies to care for needy families and children at Christmas time.

"The response this year," stated the captain, "has been very fine indeed. We are still a long way from our goal, which is supplies and money to care for at least one hundred needy families, but if the response continues throughout the remaining days until Christmas eve as well as in the past few days, there will be plenty for everyone and no family will go hungry on Christmas day. We are particularly in need of canned fruit and vegetables, and will appreciate a call from any person having either of these commodities to give."

All baskets will be delivered on Christmas eve but names of needy families may be turned in until noon of that day. Every effort will be made to take a basket to every family whose name is received, regardless of their location. Names have been received from such widely scattered districts as Trail, Ruch, Jacksonville, Forest Creek, Ashland, Phoenix and Central Point. In some cases, according to Captain Durham, insufficient address accompanies the request. Persons sending in names should explain in detail how to reach the family. The following request was received: "Mrs. M. A. miles up creek from mail boxes." Through the files of another relief organization we were able to trace this family but it is evident that numbers of needy families will be missed unless proper instructions are given as to how they may be found.

The following supplies will be placed in each basket: Potatoes, carrots, dry beans, rice, bread, butter, canned milk, sugar, shortening, meat, flour, tomatoes, canned fruit, jelly, sweet potatoes, apples, candy nuts and oranges.

Inasmuch as other relief organizations are giving to children of needy families, the Salvation Army is not sending toys with the baskets. All names of families on the Christmas basket list are being turned over to the Lady Lions and they will contact these families regarding toys for the children. A Christmas tree and program will be given, however, on Monday evening, December 23, to which all children are invited. Candy, nuts, apples, etc., will be provided.

Gold Chevron Ball On New Years Eve Planned by V. F. W.

On Tuesday, December 31, New Year's eve, the Oriental Gardens will be the scene of the annual Gold Chevron ball of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, one of the outstanding events of the holiday season. Those attending are assured a good time by the committee in charge.

Fred Knox, chairman of the dance committee, is hard at work perfecting arrangements for the affair, and he reports everything going along fine, with the advance sale of tickets satisfactory.

Steve Whipple's eight-piece orchestra will be on hand with a collection of up to the minute music. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m. "Come and dance the old year out and the new year in with a jolly crowd of merry-makers," is the V. F. W. invitation.

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G. O. P. MAY OFFER SUBSTITUTE FOR NEW DEAL'S AAA

Group of Farm Specialists Being Selected to Draft Program Is Report — Dems to Cite Success

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Some Republican leaders were reported taking preliminary steps today toward drafting a farm program which might be offered as a substitute for the New Deal's AAA.

G. O. P. circles were said to be quietly selecting a group of farm specialists to formulate what they consider a workable program.

The Washington Post said Harrison Spangler of Iowa, director of Republican western headquarters, conceded such a group is being formed. He declined to comment on its probable membership.

The paper said there are unconfirmed reports that former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois; George N. Peek, recently resigned as the president's adviser on international trade, and Dr. John N. Coulter, former member of the tariff commission, will be asked to serve.

The plan, it was believed, might be submitted to party leaders when they gather in Cleveland next June for the national convention.

Whatever the Republicans do, Roosevelt men said today that when Democratic stump speakers swing into action next year, they will emphasize that farm income is on the increase, one of their chief defenses for AAA.

The agriculture department estimated that gross income for farmers from crops, livestock and benefit payments will be \$6,110,000,000 this year, an increase of nearly 12 per cent over the \$7,266,000,000 for 1934.

Prices the farmers received for crops were about 13 per cent less than last year, the department said, but heavier production for some crops raised the aggregate considerably.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM TONIGHT

The following program of Christmas music will be presented by the elementary schools of Medford this evening at 7:30, in the high school auditorium.

The Wassail Song—Traditional
Deck the Hall—Old Welsh Song
God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen—Hopkins
Fourth Grades
Carol of the Shepherds—Traditional
Old Bohemian Song—Fifth and Sixth Grades
Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella—Traditional
Old French—Fourth Grades
Christmas Carol—Old French Carol
We Three Kings of the Orient Are—Hopkins

Melchior—James Giffham
Casper—Robert Grey
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Nanny Wood Honeyman, democratic representative from Multnomah county in state legislature is interested in state legislation, particularly liquor regulation.

NYSSA GOLD RUSH BARRED BY LEGAL TECHNICALITIES

ONTARIO, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—A gold craze, with the trails toward the luring diggings winding through legal technicalities, gripped the Owyhee district southwest of Nyssa today.

The only thing preventing a wild gold rush with all the excitement and glamour of claim staking, is the fact that the Eastern Oregon Land company, owner of most of the territory, placed a mineral reservation right in all of its contracts, veteran residents declared.

GRADE CHILDREN GUESTS AT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

One hundred and fifty excited boys and girls from the first four grades in Medford schools sat in eager-eyed anticipation at the high school auditorium yesterday afternoon, waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus in a visit specially arranged by the Boys and Girls leagues of the high school.

As is often the case, Santa was a little late in arriving, although his gifts in some mysterious way preceded him, and were heaped under the huge Christmas tree, clearly visible to the eyes of the earliest guest. The tree itself deserved special mention, it being especially beautiful and well-decorated, twinkling in the soft glow of colored lights, its glory appropriately surmounted with a glittering five-pointed star.

During the interim before Santa put in his appearance (he was delayed by traffic, it seems) Mildred Buckles, president of the Girls' league, acted as toastmistress in introducing a program of interpretive dances prepared by girls in the dancing classes under direction of Miss Carin Degermark.

Folk dances, nursery rhymes and children's games were interpreted, the children guessing the identity of each.

Eventually, of course, Santa arrived, greeted with shouts of approval and welcome from his young friends, and began the distribution of gifts. The gifts were labeled with the name of a child, who received also candy and fruit. Little boys were given cars made by the manual training department, under the direction of Leland Montzer. In addition to their gifts from the tree, noisy excitement prevailed, as the youngsters hastily examined their packages, some of which were displayed to admiring friends and others guarded jealously, "not to be opened until Christmas."

When the last name had been called, the young guests were driven back to their respective schools by high school students, who had collected them earlier in the afternoon.

Miss Maurine Carroll and Wilson Wait, advisors for the Girls' and Boys' leagues, directed the work of the committees. Committees working were: Social service—Kathleen Diland, chairman, Wanda Coe, Dorothy Buchter, Betty West, Chloe Ellenberg, Audrey Barbee, Huldaa Ross, Helen Stalder, Josephine Bullis, Ruth Miller, Alice Horner; entertainment—Glenna Minear, Wanda Wyant, Shirley Gibson, Edna Harper, Betty Purdin, Jean Crawford, Ione Kindred, Alice Ward, Elsie Penwell, chairman; decoration—Florence Ringo, chairman, Ariene Childreth, Leah Etia Evans, Lois Kimball, Ruth Hodges, Helen Thompson, Nellie Moon, Laverne Stephenson, Janet Mann, Peggy Moran; school improvement—Doris Ford, chairman, Mary Louise McElhose, Dorothy Monteith, Joan McConochie, Luella Borge, Everal Dean, Doreen Elwood, Maxine Deen.

Also assisting were Jack Thompson and Ardo Stock, electricians; and Anita Bell, Frances Benason, Wanda Coe, Gladys Jordan, Leona Hayward, Edna Harper, Doris Williamson, Mary Powell, Evelyn Neely, Akiko Saito, Cherokee Seiler, Elsie Kingsley, Katharine Ford and Virginia Stout, dancers, and Elsie Penwell, accompanist.

FORESTRY SHOWBOAT VISITS WIMER CAMP

CAMP WIMER, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Ole Fuller and Red Thomas' U. S. Forest Service Showboat visited this camp for an evening of entertainment Tuesday night. Their program included three movies on wild life, game and fish in Oregon, and a series of colored slides showing Oregon game preserves.

Fuller is a well-known teller of Swedish jokes. He introduced Wimer men to a long line of Swedish characters, each one funnier than the preceding one.

OFFER VETERANS CHANCE TO FARM

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—War veterans who wish to operate farms will receive special consideration under a plan devised by the veterans' administration and the resettlement administration, W. R. Tucker, regional resettlement chief, announced today.

Veterans recommended by their bureau in Washington, D. C., will be placed on farms with necessary buildings, equipment and stock, he said. If the veteran cannot meet the initial cost, he may purchase the setup on an amortized basis.

Tucker advised interested veterans to write to Dr. E. G. Dexter, veterans' administration, Washington, D. C., for application blanks.

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NUTS EXEMPT IN LABELING RULE

SALEM, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Nuts are exempt from the law providing for compulsory labeling of fruits, vegetables and other horticultural products, Frank McKennon, chief of the department of agriculture plant industry division, reported yesterday in answer to inquiries on state requirements for grading, packing and branding nuts.

McKennon explained that the law exempted canned fruits, canned vegetables or other canned horticultural products, bottled fruits or vegetables, frozen or dried fruits or vegetables, candied fruits, nuts and potatoes.

The law does require however that walnuts or filberts sold in the state shall have the name of the place where the nuts are grown branded upon the container or upon an attached tag, but does not apply to container delivered to consumers.

JUDGE LEWELLING TO HEAR K. FALLS CASE
SALEM, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling of Marion county will preside at the trial in Klamath Falls of Circuit Judge Edward Ashurst on charges of making libelous statements against John

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