

Copco Offers To Purchase Ashland Electric System

Ashland, Feb. 4.—The California Oregon Power company this week offered to buy the electrical distribution system of the city of Ashland. While no definite action was taken, councilmen, under the leadership of Mayor Thomas Williams, agreed that the offer may be further investigated.

The purchase offer was made by John C. Boyle, vice-president and general manager of Copco, at an informal meeting with councilmen and city officials Thursday evening.

Would Give Service

The offer does not include the city's generating plant in Ashland canyon. Boyle said. First such offer was made to the city by Copco about 12 years ago. Under the proposal, the utility would distribute electric power to individual customers, and would buy energy from the land's power plant, in addition to that supplied through its own facilities.

Boyle said he believed that the sale to Copco would ultimately provide electric service to Ashland customers at a price below what they are now paying the municipally-operated electric system. He also said that in addition to the purchase price offer, not publicly revealed, the city would stand to realize an increased annual income of some \$86,000 in utility taxes, power franchise payments, and savings in operating costs.

Mayor Williams suggested that it might be appropriate to have a popular vote on the matter before a decision is made. Councilman Phil Stansbury said that Ashland residents might welcome a reduction in electric rates, and that the city might realize the difference in taxes.

Boyle pointed out that both industrial and residential electric rates in Medford are lower than in Ashland. Copco sells power to Ashland for about six and a half mills per kilowatt hour at present, with the city reselling it to customers for about 1.55 cents, a markup of more than 100 per cent.

No decision was made regarding the original purpose for the meeting, the proposed purchase of Bellview distributing facilities by the city from Copco. Boyle said it would be a complicated procedure, and the city and the company agreed to assign two appraisers, one representing each party, to determine a fair price.

Eagle Point Teeners Ask Parents To Party

Eagle Point, Feb. 4.—Parents of members of the Eagle Point Teen Age club have been invited to attend a party sponsored by the club to be held next Tuesday evening. All members are requested to bring their parents. The Sage Riders will furnish music, and refreshments will be served.

A good turnout was noted for the party last Tuesday; despite inclement weather, and a number of teen agers and their parents were in attendance at a dance. Music was furnished by Dick Spain's western orchestra, and both old fashioned and modern dancing were enjoyed. Refreshments were served.

Registration Set Monday For Adult Evening Classes

Registration for the second semester of adult evening classes sponsored by the Medford city schools will be held at the senior high school at 7:30 p.m. Monday. An information booth located in the corridor will direct those interested to the class rooms.

Courses to be offered during the semester include beginning sewing, clothing construction, children's clothing, junior tailoring, tailoring, know-how in foods, home nursing, beginning public speaking, advance public speaking, business law and business English.

Details Told

A minimum of 10 adults must be enrolled in each class in order for it to be held. Maximum limit is 20. A small registration fee will be charged. Classes will be in session for two hours one night per week, for either 10 or 12 weeks, depending upon the course. When heavy enrollment is noted for one class, duplicate classes will be offered. Anyone over 16 years of age, and not in school, is eligible to enroll.

Particular emphasis on two courses was given yesterday by the superintendent's office, home nursing and business law. A spokesman said that at least one person in every home should learn the basic principles of home nursing. This course offers personal instruction by a registered nurse, Mrs. Juanita Anderson, and classroom instruction and practice will cover how to recognize illness, how to take temperature and pulse, bed baths, how to make occupied beds, how to give medicines and other home treatment. Also covered is care of babies and older children, care of minor illnesses and emergencies, and care of patients with communicable diseases.

To Give Understanding

The business law course does not, sponsors say, attempt to make lawyers. But it will give a general understanding of law, and the purpose will be to develop a wholesome respect for law and law enforcement.

Some of the legal principles to be considered include contracts, negotiable instruments, sale of personal property and conditional sales, chattel mortgages, bailments, the laws applicable to various kinds of business organizations, insurance, guaranties and sureties, real and personal property, wills and inheritance, and other subjects.

Instructor will be Leslie Robertson, head of the commercial department at the Medford high school.

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Ninety and Nine Holds Anniversary Banquet

The Ninety and Nine, men's district organization of the Christian churches of south western Oregon, held an anniversary banquet in Fellowship hall in the First Christian church Monday evening.

Plans were made for again sponsoring a boy's camp at Camp Grayback near the Oregon Caves.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, with Laverne Munt, Grants Pass, named president. Other officers are Ralph Cook, Medford, vice-president; Arden Hall, Ashland, secretary; George W. Swinney, Medford, treasurer.

It is planned to hold district meetings quarterly, with the next to be in Ashland.

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