

Growth of Copco Shown in Annual Report of Company

Operating revenues of the California Oregon Power company totaled 11,954,782 from electric department operations, it was revealed this week by the firm's annual report to stockholders.

The total was \$926,537, or 8.40 per cent, more than revenues for 1950, which also included \$329,163 from water department sales.

Sales of electricity during the year totaled 1,046,338,421 kilowatt-hours sold at an average of 1.136 per KW-hour. Total sales were up 12.40 per cent over 1950.

Electric service was being rendered to 76,143 customers at the end of the year, a gain of 4.92 per cent over the year before. The number of electric customers has increased 92.98 per cent, or 36,687, since Jan. 1, 1942. Most of this huge increase has come since 1946, and in the past six-year period the number of customers has increased 62.42 per cent.

Between 1942 and 1952, the production of kilowatts increased from 122,225 to 258,170, an increase of 111.23 per cent.

Expense Rise
Operating expenses for the year, including taxes and depreciation, amounted to \$8,670,557, an increase of 9.44 per cent over 1950.

Net operating revenue in 1951 was \$3,284,225.41.

On the company's post war construction projects, the report said that gross capital expenditures for the year were \$13,520,835, and that construction planned during the 1952-54 period is estimated at \$41,393,521. Of this total, \$11,476,521 has been approved for use in system construction during 1952. This will include completion of the Soda Springs and Fish Creek plants, scheduled for completion this month; completion of Clearwater No. 1 early in 1953, and start of work on Clearwater No. 2.

Other 1952 projects also include transmission line additions.

Hitchhiker Admits Attacking Priest

Anaconda, Mont. (U.P.)—A Butte hitchhiker found with blood on his hands and jacket Tuesday admitted bludgeoning a priest with a soft-drink bottle "because he wouldn't give me any money."

Victim of the pre-dawn attack 10 miles west of Butte is father Michael J. Lynch, about 65, a priest at Anaconda's St. Ann's hospital.

Father Lynch was found "covered with blood" and incoherent near his car early Tuesday.

Anaconda Police Chief Mike Morris, who questioned suspect Joe Ducept, 29, said "he has given us a signed statement admitting the attack."

Ducept, "very drunk" when spotted a mile from the scene, was picked up by the same two youths who discovered Father Lynch.

Chief Morris said "we're turning Ducept over to the county attorney to face charges."

Church Lays Plans For Bible Schooling

Phoenix—First plans for the daily vacation Bible school in June were made at a meeting of the cabinet of Phoenix Presbyterian Sunday school held last week.

Announcement was also made of a musical program to be given at the church Sunday, March 30, at 7:30 p. m. The program will be given by the music department of Southern Oregon college under the direction of Oscar Bjorlie.

An offering will be taken to apply on the fund for a movie projector.

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Oregon Masonic Master To Visit At District Meet

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RALPH S. NESBITT
Masonic Leader To Visit

Ralph S. Nesbitt, Portland will be made Thursday, March 20, it was announced today.

A district meeting of lodges in District 11 of the Grand Lodge, AF and AM of Oregon, including Jackson and Josephine counties, will be held at the same time. A no-host banquet will be served at 6 p. m. by ladies of Nevada chapter of Eastern Star of Central Point.

Reception Planned

The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. with Worshipful Master R. Bert Langston, Central Point, in charge, and will be followed by a reception for Nesbitt and members of his official family. The grand master's address will follow.

Grand lodge officers who are expected to attend include Roy W. McNeal, Ashland, junior grand warden; Harry D. Proudfoot, Portland, grand secretary; Enoch B. Carlson, Portland, grand marshal; Ralph T. Moore, Grants Pass, grand orator; Albert K. Cass, Grants Pass, grand standard bearer, and Fred A. Purdin, district deputy of the grand master for District 11.

Harold H. Head, past master of Central Point Lodge 135, is general chairman for the event.

Seven Lodges

Seven lodges in District 11 will be presented. They, and their worshipful masters, include:

Warren Lodge 10, Jacksonville, Glen W. Smith; Belt Lodge 18, Kerby, Phil Sawyer; Ashland Lodge 23, John H. Von Kuhlman; Grants Pass Lodge 84, Arthur T. Pratt; Medford Lodge 103, Bruce M. Merrifield; Central Point Lodge 135, and Cascade Lodge 208, Trail, Irwin H. Howe.

Last Minute Tax Rush Said Light in Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—Internal revenue officers in Portland say there was only a minor last minute rush Monday before the deadline for filing income tax returns.

Methodist Youth Rally Set Here

A Rogue River valley sub-district Methodist Youth rally will be held at the First Methodist church, West Main and Laurel, on Saturday, March 22, at 6:30 p. m., it was announced today. The Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Spokane, Wash., will be the principal speaker.

The program will be preceded by a potluck dinner in the dining room of the church. Other features on the program will include special musical numbers by various groups. Delegations are expected from Ashland, Talent, Gold Hill, Ashland, Wilderville and Klamath Falls.

The rally is the first meeting of the United Evangelistic Mission to be held in the Rogue River valley. Other services will be held in local churches next Sunday and throughout the week.

George Goodman and Richard Crain are in charge of arrangements for the rally.

Wife Notified Of Flier's Death

War department notification of the death in action of Capt. Jack C. Langston was received this week by his wife, Mrs. Jacalyn Faye Langston, Trail. The officer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Langston, said yesterday they had received similar notification. The wife of the F-84 fighter-bomber pilot is making her home with her mother, Mrs. Clara Thurman, in Trail. She is the daughter of the late Jack Thurman, former owner of Acme Cleaners in Medford. Her children are Jalinda Clare, 6, and John Wesley, 3.



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