

Medford Electric Rates Are Among State's Highest

Electric power rates in Oregon cities are among the lowest in the nation, but the rates in Medford and other southern Oregon cities are among the highest paid in this state.

The average bill for 250 kilowatt hours of electricity

Representatives From 21 States Expected at SOC

Ashland—Twenty-one states are represented by those enrolled for the summer session institute at Southern Oregon college July 10-August 10. It was announced by Dr. Irene Hollenbeck, director of the institute. The session is sponsored by a \$49,200 grant from the National Science foundation.

Of the fifty junior high school teachers who will attend the institute seven are women and 43 are men. Eighteen are from Oregon, seven from California, four from Washington, three from New York, two from Minnesota, and there is one each from the states of Illinois, Texas, Georgia, Colorado, New Hampshire, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio, Missouri, Utah and Montana.

Dr. Hollenbeck reported that many are bringing their families to spend the summer in Ashland and will attend the Shakespearean festival. A block of seats has been reserved for institute participants for each Monday night of the festival beginning with the opening night.

Years of experience for the junior high school teachers range from one year to 20 and all are teaching science in either the seventh, eighth or ninth grades. The entire institute is aimed at upgrading the teaching of science at those levels.

A science teaching laboratory for the institute, is under construction in the basement of the library, and is to provide enrollees with the opportunity to construct much needed science equipment for their individual laboratories.

Three field trips have been arranged, one to study forestry practices in Oregon under the guidance of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Planting association; an "overnight triangle tour" to the Oregon coast; and a circle tour of Crater Lake and the Lava Beds national monument. On these trips, Dr. Hollenbeck announced, geologists and biologists will be available to serve as guides and help interpret the various phenomena.

GRAMMY AWARDS
Beverly Hills, Calif. — UPI — Comedian Mort Sahl will provide over the Grammy awards program of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences tonight at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

SEEKS MORE HELP
Belgrade, Yugoslavia — UPI — Prince Souvanna Phouma, former premier of Laos, arrived here Tuesday night to seek support for his policy of neutrality for the southeast Asian kingdom. "I know President Tito firmly supports the policy of co-existence," he said on arrival.

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in an Oregon city is \$5.39, according to a report released here by the Bureau of Municipal Research. This is compared to the national average of \$6.50 per 250 kilowatt hours. Only two states—Washington and Tennessee—have lower average rates than Oregon.

The highest rate paid in this state per 250 kilowatt hours is \$6.98, which is paid by residents of Ontario and Nyssa, and other cities served by the Idaho Power company. The lowest rates in this state, and in the entire nation, are in Eugene, where residents pay \$3 per 250 kilowatt hours. Eugene has a city-owned power system.

Higher in Medford
Residents of Medford and other southern Oregon cities which are served by the California Oregon Power company pay \$6.90 per 250 kilowatt hours of electricity, according to the report. These rates are second only to those of the Idaho Power company.

Customers of the city-owned utility in Ashland pay \$6.60 per 250 kilowatt hours. The highest average rate in the United States is found in New Hampshire where customers pay \$8.84 per 250 kilowatt hours. Customers in Washington pay \$4.52; in California they pay \$6.65; and in Idaho they pay \$6.44.

The report notes that prior to 1947, there was a steady downward movement in the level of rates for residential power. In 1947, however, the rates stopped going down, and a slight upward movement started in 1951, and this movement continues today.



ANGRY WATERS—Winds accompanied by snow and rain whipped up waves on Lake Michigan into a churning spray as they pounded the shoreline at Chicago. Although snow fell most of the day Sunday throughout the Chicago area, it was recorded as "just a trace" since it didn't stick. (UPI Telephoto)

SOC Delegates Attend OEA Meet

Ashland—Southern Oregon college delegates to the March Oregon Education association convention in Portland report that the local chapter of the Student Oregon Education association is the largest of the 12 other Oregon colleges, with 244 active members.

Those attending the conference were Marlene Powell, chapter president, Ashland; Patricia Sept, vicepresident, Klamath Falls; Jan Snodgrass, historian, Medford; Deanna Conley, Ashland; Karen Elle, Lakeview; and Harold Winfield, state OEA vicepresident, Bly.

A speech by Sen. Wayne Globe, Ariz.—UPI—Mrs. Lenna Berry suffered a broken leg Tuesday when she slipped and fell while walking down a hill. She said she was hurrying to a first aid class.

Morse on his bill for federal aid to education was the highlight of the many sessions they attended. The club members also viewed an exhibit of materials for educators, and were present at a luncheon for OEA members.

Co-advisors to the organization are Miss Florence P. Al-

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