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Water Rates Will Be Changed With August Billing

Effective with the August billing, water rates for all customers of the Medford water department will be changed, according to Water Superintendent Robert L. Lee.

For customers within the city of Medford, increases will add approximately \$25,000 to water department income per year. Increases for customers outside the city will add an estimated \$41,000 per year, making a total increase of about \$66,000.

What effect the increases will have on an individual customer, Lee explained, depends entirely on his location—whether he is in the city or in a water district—and on the amount of water he uses.

Average Increases

On an average, however, increases within the city, Lee said, amount to about 1 cent per person per day. The average residence, for example, will pay about 35 cents per month more for water service.

Twice Delightful

Included in the rate increases are hikes in the charges for service for water districts and other cities receiving Medford water. These agencies will take their own action regarding the effect of the rate increases, and it is expected that they probably will adopt higher rates for their customers in order to cover their added cost of water.

The additional revenue from the rate increases will in part cover increased operating costs since the last general rate change in 1954. Since that time, the cost of materials, equipment and services have continually increased.

Reduce Employees

The water department, Lee said, has taken advantage of the latest techniques and equipment and has actually reduced the number of employees in recent years, but in spite of these savings, costs are still increasing.

The primary purpose of the added revenue from the increases is to provide additional funds for the cost of replacements and additions necessary to serve a constantly increasing number of customers throughout the entire water system.

The water system has been constructed over the past 65 years with dollars that were worth much more than what we can buy with today's dollars," Lee said.

Change Is Necessary

"The present water rates are based on those costs during prior years, and it is necessary to bring rates up to keep them in relation to today's costs if the water system is to continue the current level of service and provide for the future," he added.

"As an example of this cost squeeze is in the cost of the average residential service connection," Lee pointed out. "A three-quarter-inch service connection installed in 1912 cost \$7.50. The replacement of these service connections in 1962 after the end of their useful life costs the water department \$60. If it were necessary to build the Big Butte system today, the cost would be about \$7 million, as opposed to the \$30 million spent in 1927 and in 1950," Lee said.

Extensive Studies

The water commission has made extensive studies of the water system within the past two years, and the future requirements for new facilities have been determined and the revenues and expenditures have been projected for the next 20 years.

It is anticipated that the new rate schedules will provide sufficient revenue to maintain the present high level of water service through 1975. This projection is based on the assumption, however, that there will be no further inflation or devaluation of the dollar, Lee said.

It is anticipated that the cost of replacements and additions to the water system through 1975 will be \$14,500,000. About \$5 million of these total expenditures will be spent for supply facilities from the Rogue river, which will probably be financed by means of bond issues.

The remaining \$9,000,000 will be financed from current revenues on a "pay you go" basis and from direct customer payments for such things as service connections and general water meters.

Distribution Plans

Another major item of the budget to be spent for distribution plans. This is estimated at \$4,500,000. About \$1,500,000 will be required for distribution storage facilities.

The Medford water rates are among the lowest in the west," Lee said, "and will continue to be so even after the modest increases go into effect.

Rates for large industries are particularly attractive when compared with rates in other parts of the state or country, Lee noted.

The new rate schedules are slightly modified in type. The present rate schedules include a minimum charge which has an allowance of a certain quantity of water, usually 5,000 gallons.

With the new schedules there will be a ready-to-serve charge which will not include any allowance of water. The effect will be that customers using small amounts of water will not be paying for water they do not use, Lee said.



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Boy Scouts

Group 10

Louis Homan was advanced to Star Scout last week in Boy Scout Troop 13 court of honor at the First Presbyterian church.

Receiving second class awards were David Hunt, Jeff Jefferson, Donald Lawrence and Thomas Marier Jr. Tenderfoot investiture was conducted for Jimmy Marriese at the Tuesday meeting. Jim Jewett received a pioneering merit badge and a two-year pin. A mechanical drawing merit badge went to Tim Price and Price and John Robbins were presented den chief cords. A one-year pin went to Robbins.

Troop charter presentation was made by Sam Harrison, institutional representative. The troop is sponsored by the men's club of the church. Harrison also made the star scout award. George Brennan, assistant executive officer of Crater Lake Area council, made the second class awards and Scoutmaster R. D. Price conducted the investiture.

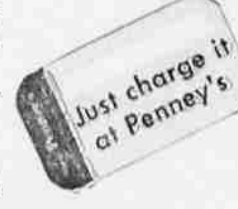
Jim Scarff, troop committee chairman, presided at the court of honor. Gene Ingram, neighborhood commissioner, addressed the meeting on parent participation in scouting.

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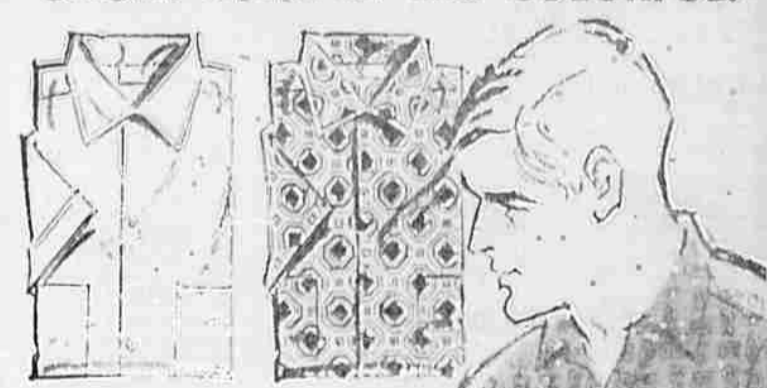
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