

## PP&L to Spend Up To \$58 Million on Building System

Portland—Pacific Power and Light company reported recently its system-wide construction program for 1963 will require the outlay of almost \$58,000,000 for the power generating, transmission and distribution facilities that will be needed to provide the increasing amounts of electricity being used by its customers.

President D. R. McClung said the company's expenditures for the improvement and expansion of the capacity of existing distribution and transmission installations throughout its service areas will be a record one-year total.

In terms of construction wages to be paid and purchases of materials in the region the PP&L program will be one of the largest in the Northwest, he said.

**Funds for Symington**  
McClung said that in addition to the work for the electric system serving 391,000 customers in parts of the six states in which it operates, the program includes funds for the 11 water systems located in several states, a telephone system in Kallispell, Mont., and central steam systems in Yakima, Wash., and Portland.

Approximately \$26,000,000 has been budgeted to carry forward power generation and major transmission project begun in the past year, including a 200,000-kilowatt expansion of a coal-fired generating plant in its Wyoming system.

Additional funds are allocated for research work under way at a coal-by-product pilot plant located near PP&L's Wyoming coal field and other investigations related to industrial raw materials and other prospects for industrial growth in PP&L's service territory.

## Plans for Bidders Not Requirement

Salem—A school board is not required to furnish plans and specifications to prospective bidders, Attorney Robert Y. Thornton said in an opinion today.

The district attorney of Clackamas county had asked if it was the duty of school boards to furnish blueprints and other paraphernalia at public expense.

Thornton said the statute requires plans or specifications to be included in the notice of bidding, or to refer interested persons to the public office where the specifications may be inspected.

## Claussen Quits as Executive of GOP

Salem—Jerry Claussen, field representative and executive director of the Republican State Central committee for the past 18 months, announced today he was resigning effective Dec. 31.

A former newsmen with the Salem Capital Journal, he will remain in Salem in the news-public relations field, Claussen said.

Claussen was appointed executive director in May.

Resignations of three state central committee leaders, Foster Anderson, Eugene Wayne Giesy, Corvallis, and Mrs. Donald Richardson, Salem, also were announced.

Republican state headquarters will remain in Salem, Claussen said, but the monthly party magazine has been temporarily discontinued.

Claussen said the state central committee will meet here Jan. 12 to seek a solution to the group's financial problem.



**ALL QUIET ON WATERFRONT**—It was mighty quiet along the New York waterfront because of the dockworkers' strike. This was the scene along a deserted section of piers in Brooklyn Monday. The Manhattan skyline is in the background. (UPI)

## Population in Jackson County Shows Increase

Portland—The population of Oregon was 1,825,138 on July 1, 1962, the Oregon State Board of Census said today.

The figure represents an increase of 7.5 per cent and Lane county jumped by 10.9 per cent, the board said.

Jefferson county, with construction under way at Round Butte dam, increased 38.5 per cent in population, the highest rate in the state, followed by Sherman county, also with a construction boom, at 18.1 per cent, the board said.

Increases of 7 per cent or more occurred in Benton, Jackson, Marion, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill counties. Twenty counties increased in population and 16 decreased.

The largest drop was in Clatsop county where a loss of 14 per cent occurred. Lincoln, Tillamook, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties showed losses.

The largest total population gain for the year ending July 1, 1962, of an single city was registered at Corvallis which gained 3,283, mostly by annexation.

Lake Oswego and Milwaukie entered the over 10,000 category with Milwaukie becoming the 11th ranked city in Oregon. Roseburg took over 10th place.

## Policeman Slain In Family Quarrel

Seattle—Gene Spear, 34, a member of the Seattle police force for 24 years, was shot to death with his own service revolver in the climax to a Christmas day family quarrel last night.

Spear's wife Lorraine, 26, was being held today for questioning in connection with the slaying.

The King county coroner's office said Spear, a member of the patrol division who was off duty, was shot once in the right side of the chest with a .38 caliber revolver.

Police said Mrs. Spear summoned them after the shooting. They found Spear's body sprawled in the living room beside a brightly-lit Christmas tree and next to piles of presents which Spear, his wife and daughter, Susie, 15, had unwrapped earlier in the day.

## People Warned of Effects of Alcohol

Widespread ignorance of the effect of alcohol on driving abilities is an important factor in many holiday traffic mishaps, Charles P. Champlin, chief of the Medford Police department said today.

Too many motorists are under the mistaken impression that an evening of moderate drinking does not impair their driving ability, Champlin noted. Studies show that even small amounts of liquor have a "slowing" effect on drivers' reaction time and judgment.

While all drinking drivers are a potential hazard on the road, law enforcement officers and safety officials are particularly concerned with the "social drinker" and his apparent ignorance of what one or two drinks can do to his coordination and decision-making abilities.

While the weaving, horn-blowing, light-blinking "life of the party" is easy to spot when he gets behind the wheel, the mildly intoxicated driver is quite unobtrusive—until he has an accident.

Champlin warned all Medford area motorists to eliminate their holiday drinking if they plan to do any driving. He also cautioned all motorists and pedestrians to be especially watchful for the erratic movements of obviously intoxicated drivers and to report them to police as soon as possible.

"Once an intoxicated driver is behind the wheel, our warning program has to stop and our enforcement program must begin," Champlin said.

John (Jake the Barber) Factor returned to his home today with the "best Christmas present ever"—a pardon from President Kennedy that spared him from possible deportation.

It was confirmed in Palm Beach, Fla., Tuesday, where the President spend the holidays, that Kennedy had granted Factor a Christmas pardon on a 1943 mail fraud conviction.

The pardon, in effect, nullified deportation proceedings against the Southern California millionaire that were begun only last week by the U. S. Immigration Service. The proceedings were based on the conviction.

"Just Wonderful" Factor was ecstatic over the news of the pardon. When told by United Press International at Palm Springs, Calif., where he spent Christmas, Factor called the pardon "just wonderful."

"It's just about too much for one man to get at Christmas," he said, shortly before returning to his home here. "I'm very grateful. I knew it would all come out right some day."

Factor served nine years in federal prison for conviction on several counts involving resale of bonded whiskey certificates. The complicated scheme involved inducing persons to turn over certificates, which in turn were offered for sale to more than one person.

The Iowa indictment included at least two dozen counts, each representing a different mailing.

## Baker Building Approved by GSA

Washington—Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said today that the General Services Administration has approved plans for a new federal office building at Baker.

He said the plans called for the building to be constructed at a cost of \$559,800 to house personnel of the departments of agriculture and interior. Morse said the project would be submitted next year to Congress.

**PUBLIC PARKS**  
Washington—Public parks of the U.S. comprise more land than the combined areas of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware and half of New Jersey.

## Airman Held in Murder Spends Day With Family

Mountain Home, Idaho—The central figure in the celebrated civil rights case at Mountain Home Air Force Base spent Christmas Day with members of his family.

A-1c Gerald M. Anderson was joined at the Mountain Home Air Force Base stockade by his father, Martin Anderson, San Bernardino, Calif., and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Braden of Colton, Calif. His wife and her three children spent Christmas in Ogden, Utah, with her parents.

Anderson, 25-year-old serviceman from San Diego, Calif., is waiting in the base stockade to see if he will be tried for a double murder.

**Transcript Studied**  
While he waits, Air Force officers are studying the lengthy transcript of a hearing conducted to determine if the airman will stand a general court martial for the murders of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson and her small son, Danny, at Mountain Home last April 9.

Anderson was freed of a charge of knifing to death Mrs. Johnson by a civilian court after the crimes were confessed by 22-year-old Theodore Thomas Dickie, a Boise jail prisoner.

After Dickie confessed, Anderson contended the Air Force coerced him into making his own admission of the murder of Mrs. Johnson. The charge has led to a civil rights investigation by the Justice Department and threats of probes by two congressional committees.

The Air Force says it will be several weeks before they will be able to announce whether or not they will bring Anderson to trial. Elmore county authorities have charged Dickie with the Johnson murders.

## LOSES WALLET

Los Angeles—Eugene Monemayaker, 35, hopes today he can live up to his name—and fast. He lost his wallet the day before Christmas and it contained \$400 earmarked for gifts.

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## CELEBRATES 100TH

Monroe, Wis.—Mrs. Carl Marty celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary on Christmas Day by watching television as she always does, without glasses.

## STAMPS BRING NEW BUS

Ventura, Calif.—The parents guild of Our Lady of the Assumption School have bought a new school bus—with 3,570 books of trading stamps.



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