

Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company's first full year of operations as a separate Bell system company is summed up in the 1962 report, which will be mailed to some 31,000 shareholders March 25, according to Jack Creager, local manager.

The company, which was formed out of the territory previously served by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho, began its operations in July, 1961.

During 1962, the company constructed \$79 million in telephone plant, brought direct distance dialing to 350,000 more customers and added 72,000 telephones for its Pacific Northwest customers, Creager noted. The company earned \$1.08 per share of stock for the year 1962.

The report also shows an 11.5 per cent increase in long distance calling, due in part to the large number of out-of-state visitors to the Seattle World's Fair, he said.

In September, 1962, Pacific Northwest Bell sold a \$50 million, 40-year 4 1/2 per cent debenture issue at competitive bidding to further reduce the 4 1/2 per cent demand note held by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. A third debenture issue is planned for April this year, Creager said.

Unemployment Takes Slight Drop

Grants Pass—The total number of job placements made in the Josephine county, Glandale and Rogue River areas during February exceeded by 47 per cent any other February on record, according to Don Stiffler, manager of the Grants Pass office of the state employment service.

At the same time, local unemployment showed only a slight drop from a year ago, but was considerably less than that of two and three years ago.

Employment was strong in the retail industry, Stiffler said, and all retailers contacted during the month reported business better this year than last. Job opportunities in other local industries remained largely dependent upon the weather.

Research Project Under Way at SOC

Ashland—Dr. Harold Barrett of the Southern Oregon college speech department and Jim Manuel, student from Myrtle Creek, are now engaged in an independent research project on the use that speechmakers have made of William Shakespeare and his words.

It is known that speakers frequently mention Shakespeare and quote him. Manuel and Barrett want to find out why speakers call upon the Bard for assistance in communicating their ideas and what particular quotations or topic reference are and have been the most useful.

In addition they will attempt to ascertain if Shakespeare was a more popular source in this century or the last.

ROGUE ACT CLEARED

Salem—UPI—A memorial asking for a supplemental \$30,000 appropriation this year for the Rogue River Basin Project cleared the legislature today.

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Class in Care of Sick, Injured Set

The Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a class in care of the sick and injured beginning Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m., at Rogue Valley hospital.

The 12-hour class will be taught on consecutive Tuesdays and Thursday evenings

Bank Employees Enroll in Program

Fifty-seven employees of the First National Bank of Oregon's Medford branch have enrolled in the bank's latest public affairs program, a course designed to inform employees of the more significant issues of the day.

"Freedom versus Communism" is the topic to be discussed in the eight week course, which will start March 19.

Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system, initiated the program, using as a pattern a course developed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"In this era of shifting international alliances and diplomatic and military intrigue, each of us is continually made aware of the world-wide economic and political chess game in which our country is involved, and on which our futures are based," Voss said in explaining the program.

"Employees who participate in this course will be aware of what is right about our system, instead of having to fall back on what is wrong with the communists' system," Voss said.

"Employee response to this and past programs," Voss continued, "strengthens my conviction that Americans will meet this obligation."

Sergeant Bills Is Sworn in Service

M/Sgt. Donald C. Bills, enlisted advisor to the Army Reserves in Medford, was recently sworn in to the Army upon his reenlistment by Capt. Donald F. Burrell, Medford subsector commander.

Sergeant Bills entered the Army from Salt Lake City in January, 1946. He has served in Germany, Korea and Japan during his 17 years of service.

He graduated from the personnel management supervisors course of the Adjutant General's school in 1952.

Sergeant and Mrs. Bills have a daughter, Tami. The family reside at 38 Summit ave., Medford.

Ashland Couple Plans Trip to New York

Ashland—Mr. and Mrs. Walter DeBoer, 760 Clay st., Ashland, plan to leave March 20 for New York and Paris as guests of Dodge Motor company.

The all-expense paid trip was won by the Ashland Dodge dealer for being one of 97 top contestants in a three-month contest among 3,000 dealers. DeBoer and two others were chosen in the northwest.

Contract for Lake Concession Subject Of Friday Meeting

Bureau of reclamation officials Friday afternoon discussed the five-year Howard Prairie lake concession contract and future operation of the Hyatt lake recreation area with county representatives.

Meeting with the county court and parks and recreation commission representatives were Francis O'Conner, of the local bureau office, and Thoralf Torkelson, of the Boise, Idaho, office of the bureau of reclamation.

Torkelson flew in primarily to discuss the Howard Prairie contract, O'Conner said.

Torkelson said the county should collect the overnight camping fee. He appeared satisfied the county, in effect, is receiving the money, although it is being collected by one of the concessionaire's men. Receipts are given on county letterhead, O'Conner

Tips on Flying Kites Are Noted

Kite flying safety precautions would be a good topic for the breakfast table briefing for the family's space pilots, according to Pacific Power and Light company.

With a rash of reports of kites tangled in power lines and trees, some resulting in a few power disruptions that have inconvenienced customers while creating hazards for youngsters, the power company has issued a six-point reminder about handling kites. They are:

1. Always fly kites in an open field, away from power lines.
2. Never use tinsel string, wet string, wire, or any twine with metal in it. Use only dry string.
3. Do not fly kites in the rain.
4. Do not dash across streets or highways while flying a kite.
5. Keep kites away from television or radio aerials.
6. Never pull on the string or climb poles or trees to loosen a kite snagged in power lines. If your kite lodges in a power line, or in a tree near power wires, leave it there, the company advises.

TOUGHER ATTITUDE

Moscow—UPI—The unprecedented demonstration at the Iraqi embassy indicated today that the Kremlin is toughening its attitude toward the Arab countries.

pointed out. County Judge Earl Miller said it would cost the county too much to have its own collection man.

Torkelson also questioned allocation of the camping fee to the concessionaire for maintenance. Camping fee collection was more than \$7,000 the past recreation season, it was pointed out. When the county judge explained this money is for maintaining and cleaning up the entire recreation area and not just the over-night camping grounds, Torkelson again appeared satisfied.

Torkelson said the bureau should be written about any general plans for the area and should receive a maintenance report. The bureau needs a general plan for the riding stables at Howard Prairie and is suggesting the exhibit there be revised.

"The lake is primarily for irrigation. If any structures are planned along the shore we must be informed," Torkelson said.

Work Starts on Ashland Projects

Ashland—Work started last week on two major construction projects in the Ashland area.

Ground work for the Oak Knoll subdivision, which is planned to accommodate about 300 families primarily in the retired bracket, got under way, as did ground breaking for the new Safeway store on Siskiyou Blvd.

The subdivision is estimated to be a \$6 million project. The Safeway market will cost about \$250,000 to build.

The residential development is being erected at the Oak Knoll golf course. The first stage of construction will involve installation of an enlarged water system. Both homes and apartment units will be constructed.

Construction of the first home is expected to start about May 15, according to William Dawkins, president of the firm developing the subdivision. City water and sewer service is being provided from Ashland with the understanding that the development will eventually be annexed.

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