



Utilities Company Officials Attending Turning On Event

A delegation of officials from the California-Pacific Utilities company is in Roseburg today participating in a "turn on" ceremony there on the arrival of natural gas in Roseburg.

E. K. Albert, San Francisco, president of the company, while in Medford yesterday, announced that plans are under way for a similar ceremony here when natural gas arrives in Medford early in November.

Approximately seven days of welding remains to be completed on the natural gas pipeline north of Grants Pass before tests of the equipment can be made. It was explained that pipelines in the Medford area have been completed with the

contractor expected to finish clean up work this week.

In Roseburg Today

Among those in Roseburg today in addition to Albert, are V. V. Lyman, division manager; M. S. Gardiner, district manager; E. R. Hoppe, commercial sales manager; M. E. Sands, vice president; J. S. Richards, and A. C. Kobold, all Medford.

R. W. Harris, Salt Lake City, Utah, vice president of El Paso National Gas company, Rocky Mountain region, will represent that firm. Jonel Hill, public utilities commissioner, and David Don, chief engineer PUC, both Salem, will represent that agency.

Lyman explained that all gas

appliances in the Medford area have been adjusted to receive the natural gas, but as an added safety factor additional servicemen will be in the area when the gas is first turned on. This crew of servicemen from the company's other areas are expected to be in Grants Pass one day, Medford two days and Ashland at least one day.

Continue Tank Business

The California-Pacific Utilities company here will continue its tank gas business for rural areas, Lyman explained, noting this service compliments its other business. The storage facilities will continue to service customers not serviced by the pipeline, it was noted. Next

year plans are to construct a warehouse and service center near the storage facility.

During the first year of operation with natural gas the local division anticipated a 25 per cent increase in new customers, Lyman said. He reminded gas users that the cost of gas will drop 20 per cent per unit, since the natural gas arriving via pipeline will not require the transportation and handling now needed.

The pipeline arriving in Medford will be ten inches in diameter, Albert explained, with this reduced to eight inches in west Medford. The line from south Medford to Ashland will be six inches; the feeder line

into Grants Pass is four inches.

300 Pounds Pressure

Initially the natural gas will be received at 300 pounds pressure, with the pipeline having a capacity of 600 pounds pressure, Albert said. It was noted that with this increase in pressure, the amount of gas received would be doubled.

White City will join the cities receiving natural gas at the same time as Medford, with the six inch pipeline installed to the industrial and residential areas there.

Albert said the company plans to connect industrial plants with the pipeline this winter. Next year plans are to

extend feeder lines to Jacksonville, Central Point, Gold Hill, Rogue River, and other communities along the main line.

Employed Locally

During the construction of the pipeline in Jackson county, the contractor employed 87 persons, 40 per cent of whom were hired through local employment sources.

The natural gas to be received here will come principally from the Fort St. John gas field in the Peace River country of British Columbia. There also are other sources tied into the pipeline, it was explained. These are the San Juan basin gas field in northwestern New Mexico, with the pipelines joining on the

Columbia river near Umatilla, Ore., and the Pincher Creek gas field in southern Alberta which is tied in to the line from the British Columbia field by a feeder line east of Spokane.

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ASKS MODIFICATION—Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is shown as he appeared before the House Judiciary committee in Washington to ask the committee to modify a strong Civil Rights bill that has subcommittee approval. It was earlier reported that Kennedy felt that new provisions added to the Administration's bill might jeopardize passage of any Civil Rights legislation this year. (UPI)

Drought Continues In Eastern States; Water Supply Low

By United Press International

Fires smoldered and flared today across the drought-stricken eastern half of the nation.

Precious water supplies continued to dwindle.

The U.S. Weather Bureau predicted "substantial rains" would wash out the costly dry spell in the Midwest and Great Plains during the next 30 days.

But the dry weather, which has turned New England forests and Allegheny timberland into tinder boxes, was expected to continue along the Eastern Seaboard.

The effects of the summer-long drought were beginning to be felt not only in fire-damaged woodlands and fields, but in burnt-out crops, decreasing milk supplies and the closing of schools.

Water Conservation Asked

Many small towns were asked to conserve water. Rivers, creeks, lakes and wells dried up. Water crisis loomed in other cities.

Woodlands have been closed to the public in several states. Campfires and other open burning near forests have been banned in others.

An area-by-area look at the drought situation:

Northeast: New Jersey's largest fire continued to burn today in the Norvin Green State Park, where firemen used half-mile-long hoses to fight it Wednesday. The mayor of Newark called upon residents to conserve water. The state fire warden said it would take more than 10 inches of rain to put New Jersey woodlands out of danger. A fire burning near Altoona, Pa., nearly "blacked out" the west end of the city Wednesday with its dense smoke. Police closed a highway near Tussey Mountain when a timber fire threatened traffic. More than 1,000 acres of woodland has been destroyed since Monday by a fire between Patton and Westover, Pa.

Forests Closed

Midwest: Four state forests in Southern Illinois were closed to the public Wednesday because of the "terrific fire hazard." Ten times more fires have been reported in Illinois this year than last. Southern Illinois University's homecoming celebration was held Wednesday night without the traditional bonfire. Old railroad ties had been stacked 35 feet high on campus but the fire hazard was considered too great. Conservation officials continued to pour 600,000 gallons of water a day into two big fires near Jackson, Mich., which have smogged-in Interstate 94 and completely blocked traffic several times this week.

Southwest: Seven new fires were reported in Arkansas Wednesday and two continuing blazes near DeQueen were still being fought. The Central Arkansas Milk Producers Association said the drought was causing a crisis for many dairy farmers. David L. Parr, secretary-manager, said the milk shortage is the greatest in years. Many dairymen have been forced to sell cattle or cut herds because of dried-up creek and pastureland. Texas may have its driest year on record. Rainfall is running less than half average in most areas.

Scranton Blocks Any Attempt at Republican Draft

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Pennsylvania Gov. William W. Scranton says he will block any move to draft him as a Republican presidential candidate in 1964.

Scranton, who will go to the National GOP convention next year as a "favorite son" candidate, said Wednesday, "We're no longer in the Harding era where your friends surprise you with a draft. It can't be made without one's knowledge."

Scranton, here to attend a meeting of his Council on Science and Technology, often is mentioned as a dark-horse presidential or vice-presidential candidate.

He discussed his political plans during a luncheon which followed the council's meetings with officials of the Defense and Commerce departments and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Should Build System

The group, attempting to procure more federal contracts for the state, was told by federal officials that Pennsylvania should build up its educational system to gain more of the federal research dollar.

Adam Yarmolinsky, special assistant to Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, told University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Gaylord P. Harnwell that the state's chances of getting more federal contracts would be enhanced by "being the best university you know how to be."

T. G. Fox of the Mellon Institute of Pittsburgh, wondered whether there are areas in the science field where more could be done to interest the federal government in giving grants to schools.

Yarmolinsky replied: "If you want more defense contracts, build up your educational system."

History's first aerial bombing raid occurred in 1849 when Austrians attacked Venice with bomb-carrying balloons.

Area Students Are Heads of Societies

CORVALLIS — Three students from the Medford area are presidents of honor societies at Oregon State university this year.

They include Wayne Vance Welby, 2940 Hillcrest rd., a junior in the school of humanities and social sciences, who is president of the dramatics honor society, Masque and Dagger; and John C. Flanagan, P. O. Box 606, a senior in the school of forestry, who is president of the forestry honor society, Xi Sigma Pi. Both are from Medford.

Alice A. Thompson, route 1, box 546, Central Point, a senior in the school of science, is president of the forensics honor society, Delta Sigma Rho.

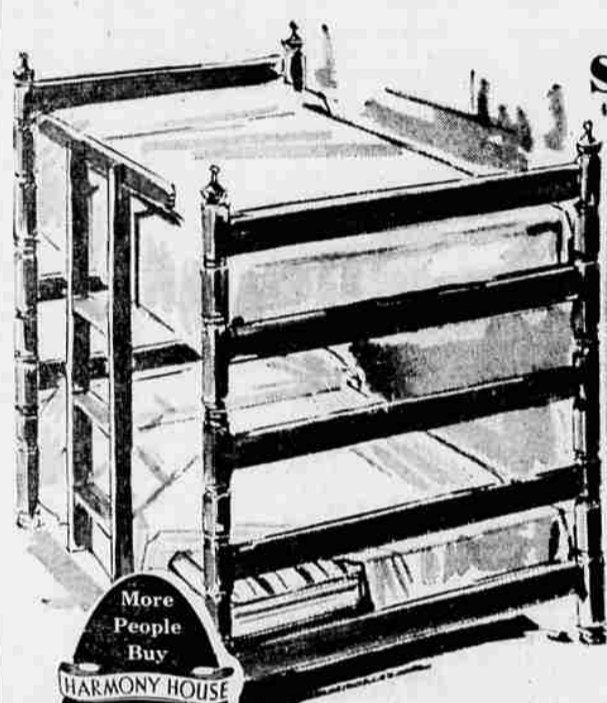
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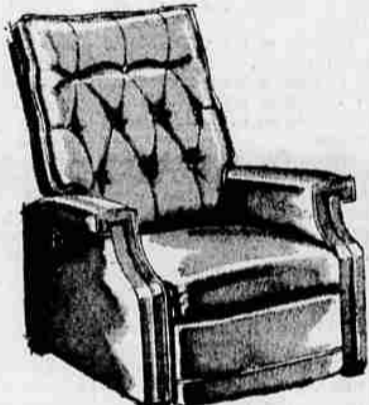
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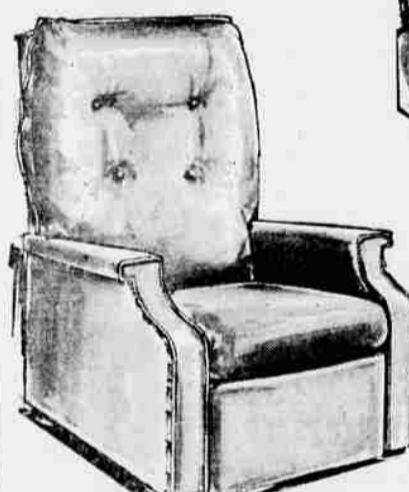
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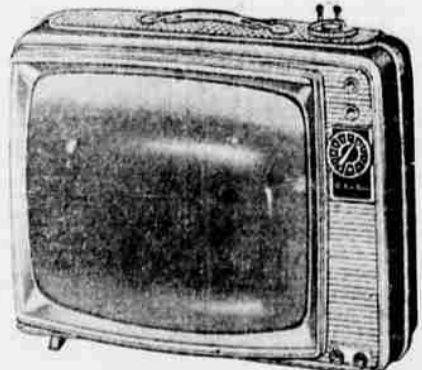
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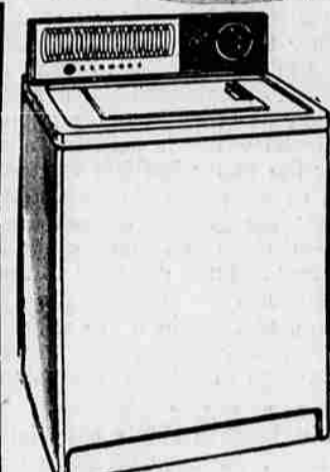
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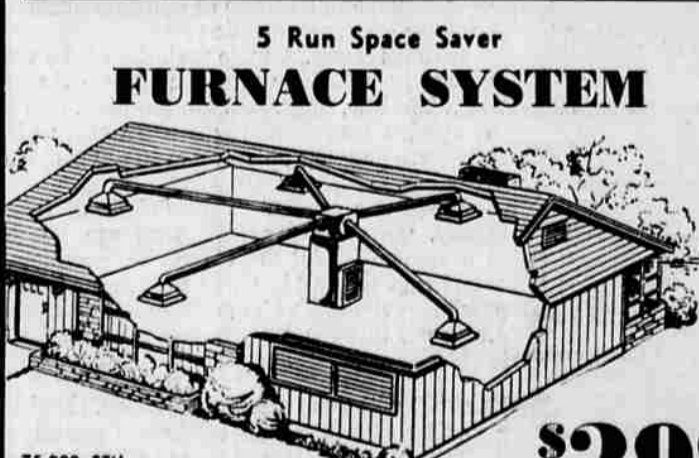
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