

Rogue Valley Residents Start Receiving Natural Gas from Company

W. E. Hammer Is Secretary of CPU

Walter E. Hammer was elected secretary of California-Pacific Utilities Company in 1959, after serving a short term as assistant secretary.

He joined the company when it was formed in 1938 as purchasing agent and assistant treasurer, a position he held in the Republic Electric Power Corporation.

Hammer joined the Republic Electric Power Corporation in 1930 as a stenographer and purchasing agent. Prior to that time he was with the Union Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Companies in Salt Lake City.

He was born in Salt Lake City in 1897, and was graduated from high school there. Hammer served as chief mechanic, artillery,



WALTER E. HAMMER
Company Secretary
with the American Expeditionary Force in France during World War I.

Natural gas was turned on into Medford and Phoenix gas mains Monday, and California-Pacific Utilities Company servicemen started checking residential appliances for proper operation.

Company officials said servicing the appliances would take several days, and no charge would be levied for checking appliances for proper operation.

Natural gas into Southern Oregon started a few months ago when a 10-inch transmission pipeline was extended from Eugene to Grants Pass by El Paso Natural Gas Company. At the same time, a pipeline was extended from Grants Pass to Ashland by California-Pacific Utilities Company.

Gas Now Available
Natural gas is now available in the latter line at 300 pounds per square inch. An eight-inch feeder pipeline carries the gas from a regulating station on Perrydale Avenue at 25 pounds per square inch generally along

the Jacksonville Highway and McAndrews Road to the company property on North Front Street.

The pressure is further reduced at the plant in Medford to 5 pounds and injected into the distribution main system of the city, company officials noted. The pressure is finally re-

duced to one-quarter of a pound at each customer's meter for proper burner operation at the appliance.

A second feeder pipeline connects to the transmission line on Old Stage Road at Happy Valley Drive and extends north on Peach Street to Stewart Avenue and east to connect to the distribution mains at Barnett

Road and South Riverside Avenue, company officials added. Natural gas was first injected into the feeder lines early last Friday morning. Each customer was contacted that day and the following day by a gas serviceman who made an adjustment on the air mixture for each appliance.

Gas customers living in Phoenix and along U.S. 99 to Phoenix were handled at the same time. The natural gas turn-in was completed in Grants Pass, Talent and Ashland earlier in the week.

CPU construction crews have been extending natural gas distribution mains into areas of

Medford and its outskirts not previously served.

Studies Now Under Way
Engineering studies are now under way to install distribution systems in Gold Hill, Rogue River, White City, Central Point and Jacksonville during 1964, company officials noted.

Service has already been provided for a number of large industrial a c o units, officials said. Plywood plants, sawmills

and other industry will accomplish substantial savings in their operating costs, company officials said, giving them a stronger competitive position and enabling them to expand their marketing territory.

Present residential and commercial customers will benefit by a 20 per cent rate reduction on their first natural gas bill, company officials announced earlier.



OFFICE BUILDING — California-Pacific Utilities Company office building at the corner of West Main and Holly Streets, built in 1936, is shown in this picture. The building houses the Medford district office and the division offices for other districts — Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Ashland, Yreka, Dunsmuir and Myrtle Creek.

Three Accidents Reported in City

Three non-injury auto collisions were reported to Medford City Police Monday. Citations were issued in two.

An auto-parked vehicle collision occurred on Front Street and Central Avenue when a car driven by Samuel David Cook, Grants Pass, struck a parked car owned by Ronald Everett Lehman, 3345 Bellinger Road, Medford.

William Ormand Shoemaker, Springfield, and Lynne Alice McClurg, 1310 E. 10th St., Medford, were drivers of cars that collided at Ninth Street and Central Avenue. Shoemaker was cited for improper passing on the right side, police said.

Cars registered to Michael Paul Smeltzer, 1432 E. Main St., Medford, and Alvera May Merton, 1820 Kings Highway, were drivers of cars in an auto-parked auto collision. Merton was cited for violation of the basic rule. The collision occurred at 913 King St., Medford, police reported.

Survey Shows Cost of Commuting by Auto Cheaper by Rail

NEW YORK (UPI)—A New Haven Railroad survey has computed the cost of driving a low priced car from Mamaroneck, N.Y., to Manhattan at \$1,500 a year.

The cost of commuting the same distance daily by rail is \$282.80 a year, the railroad said.

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Gas, Rate Engineer IS Ex-California PUC Staff Member

LLOYD E. COOPER
Gas, Rate Engineer

Lloyd E. Cooper, who joined the California-Pacific Utilities Company in 1954, is in charge of all operating and engineering work for the company, a position to which he was named in 1960.

He joined the utilities firm as gas and rate engineer, resigning from a position with the California Public Utilities Commission.

As gas and rate engineer he was responsible for engineering and operating problems in connection with the company's entire gas operations and all matters pertaining to rates for all departments. In April, 1957, he was elected vice president with added responsibilities for negotiations in connection with purchased power and purchased gas rates.

Born in California

Cooper was born in Auburn, Calif., and attended schools in Roseville, Calif. He was graduated from Stanford University in 1924 with a degree of bachelor of arts in mechanical engineering.

He was employed for two

DIVISION MANAGER — V. V. Lyman, above, is Southern Oregon and Shasta Division manager of California-Pacific Utilities Company with headquarters in Medford. Educated in the Willamette Valley and Portland, Ore., he was employed by Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company, a predecessor company CPU at Baker, Ore. He was appointed purchasing agent in 1938. After Navy duty, he was transferred to the San Francisco office as purchasing agent, a position he held until March this year, when he moved to Medford as division manager.

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