

ELECTRIC SERVICE WITH SAFETY

Avoid Shock Hazards This is one of a series of articles prepared by the International Association of Electrical Inspectors to encourage safety in the use of electricity in homes.

Nearly everyone at some time has received slight shocks from electrical equipment without any ill effects. Under particular circumstances, however, shocks can be dangerous and it is important to keep these circumstances in mind and to avoid them.

The amount of shock one receives when he touches a piece of defective equipment depends upon how good his contact is and the path of the current. When hands are wet the contact is much better than

shocks will not be received even though hands are wet, but just for safety's sake, it is good practice to dry the hands before handling appliances connected to the circuit. To make sure that this rule is followed, the best plan is to avoid using appliances in locations where water exists, such as close to the bathtub or very close to the kitchen sink. The general rule should be to use appliances far enough away from water faucets so that one cannot touch the faucet or the water, and the appliance at the same time. Electric fixtures in bathrooms, which are within arm's reach, should be of porcelain or other insulating material. The handles of wall switches, the cover plates for such switches and the cover plates for convenience outlets should also be of insulating material. Pendant sockets made of insulating materials are preferable to the metal types in damp locations or in the vicinity of water.

Moist basements, cellars with earth floors and underhouse locations generally are places where care should be taken in the use of electricity. Even in dry basements there is frequently a quantity of grounded metal present in the form of pipes, wash tubs, heating equipment, etc., around which care must be observed. Under-house locations frequently are not properly lighted, and when good light is necessary, extension cords must be resorted to. It is worn out and improperly assembled cords which are responsible for the occasional accidents which occur.

Accidents are sometimes reported where extension cords have been

used with brass-shelled sockets in cleaning out boilers and furnaces. In such cases, sufficient light is imperative and the only practical way to get the light is by means of an extension cord. Such cords, however, should be of sturdy character



Electrical appliances never should be used in the bathtub.

and preferably rubber-sheathed, and the socket should be made of insulating material with no metal parts exposed. A substantial guard should be used around the lamp bulb. The cord used should carry the label of Underwriters' Laboratories and should be watched for injuries which may have injured the insulation. If there is any possibility of copper conductors becoming exposed, the cord should be replaced. If these precautions are observed, extension cords can be used in basements and other under-house or outdoor locations with perfect safety. The same precautions regarding the choice and care of cords for extensions apply to the cords of portable electrical tools.



Extension lamp cords for under-house outdoor and garage use should be rubber-sheathed and have guards around the lamps.

when they are dry because water is a good conductor of electricity. If the insulation of an appliance and its cord are kept in good condition,



L. E. Taft & Co.

Hood River, Ore.

Reemployment Office Revises Office Hours

In order to administer the work of unemployment compensation, which goes into effect the first of the year, the Hood River Reemployment office will, beginning Monday, be open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., it was announced by Mrs. Jimmie Catherwood, local secretary, this week.

Unemployment compensation provides payments for unemployed workers who have registered, to the extent of weekly benefits one-half of full-time weekly wage earned in base year. Payments will not exceed \$15 nor be less than \$7.

A qualified and eligible worker may draw benefits for a maximum

of 16 weeks of total unemployment occurring within his benefit year. Before drawing benefits, however, the worker must report to an employment agency and accept suitable employment if offered him. Provisions are made in the act for a worker who voluntarily quits his job or has been discharged for misconduct. Before receiving benefits the worker must have been totally unemployed for a waiting period of two weeks.

Agricultural labor, domestic service, and some other lines are exempted employments.

Raspberries Still Growing on Knox Tract

Raspberries are still being harvested by George M. Knox on his tract one mile east of Hood River. Mr. Knox was proudly displaying a branch loaded with berries Friday which he had plucked that morning. Seven berries were seen on the branch, red and luscious. Three full blossoms were also to be seen and nine green berries were on the spray, which was only about five inches in length.

Knox explains the late bearing by the fact that the berry patch is located on a north slope which is protected from the sun. The berries are continuing to bear in spite of the fact that temperatures locally have been as low as 26 degrees on two different occasions.

Only 20 counties in the United States are without commercial electric service.

Registration Urged For Soil Conservation

Farmers included in the soil conservation program who have not yet registered were urged this week by County Agent A. L. Marble to get in touch with him before January 15. Soil conservation reports are now being completed in the county agent's office.

"Under the 1938 program," stated Marble, "anyone who has land seeded down to soil conserving crops is already in compliance and is eligible to receive a payment for maintaining these crops." It was pointed out that land does not have to be newly seeded to come under the provisions of this program.

EXAMINER COMING

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Hood River Tuesday, January 4, 1938, at the

Chamber of Commerce between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., according to a recent announcement released from the secretary of state's office.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

payment plan coffin.

If you want the truth about whether advertising pays or not, never ask a man who advertised for a wife.

We are told that the 1938 model cars are so perfect that even a fool can drive them. And a lot of fools probably will.

Silo Silas Sez--



Almost anyone can be a breadwinner these days, girls, but if he happens to be also a meat-winner, then you'd better grab him.

Every girl has a God-given right to choose a husband, but she should first make sure whose husband she is choosing.

In this modern day more than one citizen begins life in an installment plan cradle and winds up in a partial

Rink To Open Friday

Friday evening will see the opening of the Hood River Skating Rink on the Heights, under management of members of the local Eagles lodge. Renovating has been carried on by lodge members during recent weeks and the building has been sealed on the interior to provide for the comfort of skaters during winter months.

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings have been designated as times when the rink will be open to the public in addition to Sunday afternoons from 1 to 6 o'clock.

Chronicle want-ads—try 'em!

NU-ENAMEL
Howe Electric Co.
Hood River, Oregon.

CALL BARTOL MOTOR CO., phone Hood River 1111, for radio service or repairing.

Read THE WANT ADS



STEELE'S ECONOMY MARKET

Hood River, Ore.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Hood River, Ore.

E. O. Blanchar
L. M. Baldwin
Cyril C. Lindley
P. F. Bucklin
Rede W. Lockman

Ronald F. Ingalls
Albert J. Koeppes
Wilson Appelgren
Gladys Hull

Richard D. Krug
Arlo B. Ordway
John McConalogue, Jr.
Eleanor Dimoff
Donald H. Spergen