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Pacific Power Files for First Rate Increase

Pacific Power & Light Company announced Monday that rising costs have made it necessary to file applications with the state utility commissions of Washington and Oregon for the first general rate increases in the firm's 48-year history.

Schedules for all classes of residential, commercial and industrial service would be adjusted, it was reported. The average increase requested for Oregon is about 15 per cent on its electric business in the state.

For most residential consumers, the increases would be between two and five cents a day, according to D. R. McClung PP&L president. He said "all-electric" rates would be made generally available for residential customers having electric ranges and water heaters.

Although the formal filings ask for the new rates to be effective in 30 days, McClung said the expected procedure would be for the commissions to suspend the schedules pending hearings and a comprehensive examination of the company's revenue needs.

"Studies began early this year make it obvious that rate relief must be obtained in 1959 to offset the continued heavy impact of post-war inflation on construction and operating cost," he reported.

McClung said the company has managed to "hold the line on electric rates" during the post-war inflationary period because of operating economies and an increasing volume of business. He noted the average price received by the company per kilowatt-hour for residential service under existing rates has dropped 16 per cent in the past 10 years and now is less than half the average figure of 25 years ago.

"However," McClung said, "we have finally reached the point where the company must ask for additional revenues in order to meet the service requirements of our customers and maintain the credit standing necessary to finance construction of the new electrical facilities that are needed by a growing area."

The proposed new schedules for Oregon, where PP&L does a large part of its business, are expected to provide the company with \$3,969,000 of added revenue. In Washington, an average increase of about 10 per cent would yield an estimated \$995,000 annually. The company has total annual electric service revenues of approximately \$39,555,000 in the two states.

The applications cite the average cost today of "bread and butter items" of the utility, such as poles, cross arms, wire and meters, as 218 per cent of the 1945 level. Present average wage rates, including fringe benefits, are 255 per cent of the 1945 figure, it was said.

Pacific Power & Light reported its record construction program needed to serve its customers has resulted in the investment since 1949 of \$103,066,000 in new power plants and transmission lines to serve Oregon and Washington. New distribution facilities added in Oregon since 1945 cost \$55,346,594. In the same period new Washington distribution facilities cost \$19,178,814.

An additional investment of \$100,000,000 in transmission and distribution facilities alone is estimated to be required in the next five years, the company said.

Explaining the effect of the proposed schedules, Pacific Power reported that in the local district and throughout the Willamette valley, consumers on the straight residential rate using 100 kilowatt hours of electricity will pay 54 cents more per month.

For consumers on the all-electric residential rate, the increases will be \$1.26 a month if they use 500 kilowatt-hours, \$1.26 if they use 700 kilowatt-hours and \$1.60 if they use 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity.

Riders of the Santiam Hold Annual Yule Party

The Riders of the Santiam, 28 members and guests, met at the Last Frontier in Gates Tuesday for their annual Christmas dinner. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a gift exchange was enjoyed by all.

Gene Teague was speaker for the evening and told of his trip to San Francisco with his horse Mr. Chevrolet, a champion parade horse.

President Lester Hagel appointed a nominating committee for 1959, officers to report at the next meeting. Named to the committee were Darrell Montgomery, Crystal Limbeck, and Glenn Julian Jr. The next meeting will be held at the Hagel ranch at Gates, January 12.

Santa On Schedule In Mill City



In the lower picture old Saint Nick arrived via Fire truck in Mill City only a little after the scheduled two o'clock to greet the youngsters of the Mill City area. In the upper photo he can be seen interviewing some of the many who were on hand to receive their bags of candy, a gift distributed by Santa for the Firemen's Auxiliary.—Mill City Enterprise Photos.

Waldport Takes Close Game From Santiam

By Rodney Schaar

The Wolverines suffered their first defeat at the hands of the Irish from Waldport, 45-41. Waldport's center who towered 6 feet 4 inches held the backboards just enough to pull the score their way.

Jim Zecke, Waldport was high pointer of the game with 16. High point getter for Santiam was Guard Louie Morgan with 11.

Santiam 41—Gordon 2, Baughman 10, Gregory 9, Kanoff 8, Morgan 11. Scoring reserve, Fencil 1.

Waldport 45—Boenker 8, Meinert 3, Hoffa 11, Torrey 7, Fecke 16.

The JVs won their game 32-33. High point man for the winners was Dave Johnson with 12.

Mrs. Fleetwood Given Pin at Meeting Thurs.

The Presbyterian Women's Association met in Fellowship hall Thursday evening with a good turnout considering the busy time of year. Devotions were led by Mrs. H. A. Schroeder, and Christmas carols were sung.

In charge of the meeting was the chairman, Mrs. Lowell Fleetwood, with Mrs. Floyd Fleetwood, the secretary, reading the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Arlo Tuers, who reported that the recent banquet served by the ladies to the Lions club and their guests, the high school football squad, netted approximately \$60.

It was voted to purchase a new linen altar-cloth, with Mrs. C. E. Rogers, Mrs. James Swan, and Mrs. Schroeder on the committee. Mrs. Robert Roach resigned as vice-president, but will serve as program chairman. Mrs. Bill Hoeye was elected to be vice president.

It was decided to send in 25 under the heading of "Opportunity Giving." Announcement was made that the executive committee will meet January 5.

The presentation of a pin for United Presbyterian Women was made by Mrs. Roach, on behalf of the members, to Evangelyn Fleetwood for her service.

The evening's program was an impressive soundstrip "The Story of the Nativity." The origin and story behind "Four Christmas Carols" was also shown. At the conclusion of the meeting, appropriate refreshments were served by members of the afternoon circle.

New Arrivals

Report From Santiam Memorial Hospital

Born December 16 to Mr and Mrs. Virgil Lee Trout, Lyons a son, Tony Lee, weighing 5 pounds 12 ounces.

Joseph R. Harlan Passes Away Sunday

Joseph R. Harlan, 77, passed away at Santiam Memorial hospital in Stayton Sunday evening, December 21, following a short illness. Funeral services have been set for 10:30 Wednesday morning, December 24 at the Fisher Funeral Home, 3rd and Washington, Albany. Interment will be in Willamette Memorial park. Rev. B. A. Lawrence of the First Christian church will officiate.

Mr. Harlan, who was the father of Mrs. Clarence Howe, was born March 24, 1881, in Cass County, Ia. He had lived at various times, in Falls City, Detroit, Albany, Jefferson, Tangent, and in Mill City since 1945. He was married in Corvallis September 22, 1905, to Nancy Platt Harlan, who preceded him in death on August 2, 1945.

Surviving children are Mrs. Celia Howe, Mill City; Mrs. Thelma Lohman, Longview, Wash.; and James I. Harlan, Albany; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Brothers are William Harlan of Nehalem, formerly of Detroit; and James A. Harlan, Fairbanks, Alaska. Sisters are Mrs. Nettie Beach of Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Alice Gordon of Hoquiam, Wash.

City of Detroit To Hold Election Dec. 30

DETROIT—The City of Detroit will hold an election December 30th for the purpose of electing three councilmen. Polls will be open from 5 to 8 p. m. at the Detroit City hall. Nominees by petition are Bert Barker and Gordon Brown and incumbent Harold Champion.

Terms are for two, four and two years, respectively. A mayor will be selected from the council by the councilmen at their first meeting, January 13. The present mayor is Raymond Sophy, who has served two terms.

Christmas Eve Service At Christian Church

Worship Services will be held Christmas Eve at the local Christian Church at eight o'clock. Rev. Larry Lawrence will be in charge and Clinton Land will be in charge of the Christmas music. The public is most cordially invited to attend these services.

Coming Events

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve.
Thursday, Christmas day.
Friday, December 26, IOOF lodge.
Tuesday, Dec. 30, Friendship Circle at Frank Moore's.
Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve dance at high school.
Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day.

Keep Christmas Trees Moist for Safety, Beauty

Keep your Christmas tree moist from the moment you bring it home to insure safety, beauty, and fragrance, advises an Oregon State College forester.

First step, of course, is to buy a fresh tree—one that won't drop off its needles when you move or shake it.

As soon as the tree is brought home, throw cold water all over it. Then recut the stem with a new diagonal cut at least an inch above the old cut to open pores for drawing up water.

Set the tree in water and keep it in a cool shady place until it is brought indoors for trimming. The first day a five to six-foot tree is placed in water, it may take up a quart of water. After that, the water needs replenishing daily because the tree may take up a cup of water every day in a warm room.

Many chemicals have been tried for fire-proofing trees. Even substances like sugar, aspirin or fruit acids have been used in water for this purpose. None has proved as effective as plain water, which keeps the tree naturally moist.

Good location for a Christmas tree is in the cool part of the room, away from radiators, fireplace, radio, TV set, or other sources of heat. Ross also cautions not to place the tree in doorways or other locations that could block exit if fire should occur.

Plan the location before you select the tree. Though most people want a symmetrical tree, a flat-sided tree may be more attractive and convenient in a small room because it will fit against a wall. Such a tree will probably sell for less than a perfectly shaped tree.

Governor Holmes Urges Careful Holiday Driving

A Christmas free of traffic deaths would be the best gift drivers could give this year, Governor Robert D. Holmes said today as he urged drivers to exercise "the utmost care and common sense" over the holiday.

For those who refuse to take the Governor's advice, state police and other law enforcement agencies will be out in full strength, with special attention directed toward the known holiday-killers, excessive speed and the drinking driver.

State safety officials reminded that in Oregon, Christmas traffic is far more dangerous than New Years, with nearly twice as many accidents and injuries occurring over the Christmas period than over the end-of-the-year celebration.

Last year, Christmas-time traffic accidents killed five people and injured 111 others.

The fact that many people will be making extended trips, stretching the holiday over the weekend, caused traffic officials to urge drivers to get an early start, stop often to rest, and leave for home in time to avoid the last-minute rush.

Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

The Christmas season is at hand again, and as usual, most everyone forgets the true meaning of the holiday. Nowadays it seems that the stores in the cities start plugging Christmas even before Thanksgiving, which is a practice that should be eliminated in my way of thinking. If people would do more towards putting the real Christmas spirit into the holiday, probably everyone would be more happy.

Wonder what the fashion experts will think up for the poor women of our country to drape on their frames this year. This past year with the sheath, sack and that infernal balloon affair sort of make me shudder. Dresses in the present form certainly do nothing to enhance the figures of the American female, and I for one, would clap my hands with glee, if all ladies would tell the shopkeepers to take their crazy fashions, mount our new missile and go to and stay put. But as long as our women will wear these goofy dresses, which make them look anything but feminine, the designers will continue to foist their "bad dreams" onto them. The sooner the designers and the women, too, wise up, the happier everyone will be.

Art Hedge and "Pink" Mason deserve a lot of credit for the fine job they did on the Christmas tree for the city this year. They were active in selecting the tree and putting it up. Also they did the stringing of the lights. Pink said this week that all the new bulbs had been paid for. The City furnished 50 bulbs and the Lions club a like amount. Collection was taken at the council meeting, and the Woman's Club and Lions Club Auxiliary each put in \$5 for the tree light fund. It just shows what can be done if a few people get working together on a project. We need more of these community projects, as this is what makes a community click.

This week I want to thank the Home making department of Santiam Union high school for their annual gift of a fruit cake. The girls and their instructor, Olivette Roles make this presentation each year. It is greatly appreciated.

Residents who have not been going to the basketball games here this season are missing a lot of fun. Santiam lost its first game here Saturday night, but I'll bet Waldport, an A2 school, really knew they had a tough quilt on their hands. The score ended 45-41 in their favor and if Santiam had been hitting the hoop like they usually do, the score would have been different. This year's team looks as if it were going on through to win the district. Why not show up at the home games and give them your support. Something has been added too—a pep band—and boy do they make a joyous sound. A real snappy outfit that is a credit to the school. Bob Harris is leading the outfit.

To each and every one of you, I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Wolverines Win First League Game of Season

By Rodney Schaar

Friday night Santiam clutched its first league victory to swing into first place in the major division of the Marion County "B" league when it defeated Siletz to the tune of 61 to 41. Santiam had little trouble with the Indians.

Jamie Baughman, Santiam forward tied for high scoring honors with Bob Borden, forward from Siletz. Both had 16 points.

Santiam 61—Baughman 16, Gordon 10, Gregory 7, Kanoff 13, Morgan 6. Scoring reserves, Moffatt 6; Fencil 3.

Siletz 41—Borden 16, Ward 2, Breen 6, Best 4, Williams 12.

The JV's lost their game 36-27. Jim Gulliford and Bob Morgan both tallied 8 points.

Former Mill City Man Passes Away Friday

Charles Gentry, Turner native and mid-Willamette Valley resident all his life, died Friday at the age of 69. He had been in ill health about eight years and hospitalized most of the time since a heart attack in October.

He had been a Salem resident for the past eight years. He was born at Turner December 11, 1888. He and Lottie Taylor of Mill City were married in 1912 and lived here until moving to Salem.

A layout man for logging operations, he was employed by Hammond Lumber Co. from 1907 to 1935, Mill City Welding and Machine Shop from 1935 to 1944, and Mill City Manufacturing from 1944 to 1959.

Besides his widow, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Genella Davis, Ballflower, Calif., and Mrs. Charlene Osborn, Salem; two sisters, Mrs. Zella Hobbs Portland, and Mrs. Bertha Russell, Eugene; one brother, Roy Gentry, Albany; one granddaughter, Miss Sherry Osborn, Salem; five nephews.

Bulb Stealers Hinder Holiday Decorating

Thoughtless people, probably kids, this past Wednesday night put the damper on the Christmas spirit at the Otto Witt home. Mr. Witt had decorated a tree at the corner of his home with lights. In the morning Mr. Witt noticed that half the bulbs had been removed. This is not the only place where tree lights have disappeared. As usual the big tree on the corner of First and Broadway, put up by the city, lost eight bulbs the first night it was up.

It is too bad this practice cannot be stopped. Maybe some of the good kids in town could lay for the "bad-dies" and muss them up a bit. Sometimes that is more effective than police protection. It brings it down to a level they can well understand.

"ONE FOR THE ROAD"

