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PP&L Notes Electric Use Edges Higher

Average annual household use of electricity in the areas served by Pacific Power & Light Company pushed steadily higher during the past year, the company notes in its 1963 annual report on the growth of its business.

Despite generally milder weather in the heating season in most of the company's service areas, households used 253 kilowatt-hours more energy than the year previous for a new record of 9,364 kilowatt-hours for the system.

"In 17 of the company's 30 operating districts, mostly in Oregon and Washington, the average annual household use exceeds 10,000 kilowatt-hours, more than double the national average of 4,400 kilowatt-hours," commented PP&L's local manager, Wayne Goin.

Popularity of electricity for household energy fuel was also emphasized by the trend to all-electric living adopted by the nearly 7,000 new residential units connected to the company's service during the year, he said.

Electric space heating equipment was installed in more than 3,000 of the new housing units, or 47 percent, and 95 percent installed electric cooking ranges and 80 percent electric water heaters.

The total amount of electric energy used by PP&L's customers was 7,952,863,000 kilowatt-hours, almost 8 percent more than last year.

"Steady expansions by industries served by PP&L and growth of the region saw the use of electricity by industries increase by 12 percent, and commercial firms boost their electric energy use nearly eight percent," the PP&L manager noted.

Construction of new power facilities to deliver the growing amounts of energy used by customers required an outlay of \$49,478,000, of which \$18-million went into distribution lines and substation expansions and improvements supplying local areas, a near record one-year amount for this type of work.

Lions To Visit Hansen Saw Shop Monday, April 13

For the program Monday, April 13, the Lions club will go out to Martin Hansen's saw shop which is located at the Frank sawmill west of town. The club has had programs from within the club this year, showing what various members do for a livelihood. Mr. Hansen has a modern saw shop and all members are invited to be present for the dinner meeting.

There were no nominations for officers from the floor at the Monday night meeting and the election will be held Monday, April 13.

Corps of Engineers To Regulate Stream Flow For North Santiam White Water Challenge May 30th

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has assured the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce it will regulate the stream flow of the North Santiam River to 2,500 cubic feet per second for that organization's second annual White Water Challenge to be held Memorial Day May 30.

Donald H. Westrick, Detroit Dam Project Engineer, has informed G. W. Coffman, North Santiam Chamber President, that the flow will be held to that figure below Detroit and Big Cliff Dams the same as last year.

New Home Ec Department In Use



Students of Santiam High have moved into their new quarters in the recently finished addition to the school here. They can be seen working at baking cookies when they were visited by The Enterprise photographer. In the other picture the sewing section of the department can be seen. Each of the rooms of the new addition has individual heating plants which makes for a more even temperature in each room. Prior to construction of the new wing, Home Ec students have walked to Fir Manor, which took up considerable time which now can be used for classroom instruction. Another benefit of the new building is that Fir Manor can now be used for teacher rental.

Band To Be in District 4 Contest

The Santiam Band and Chorus will be competing in the District No. 4 music contest at Stayton High school Saturday, April 4. There are 14 choirs and 13 bands entered.

The band competition starts at 8:30 a. m. and the choral groups at 9:40. Judges for the choral groups will be Dr. Deane Hutchinson, Pacific University; Corydon Blodgett, David Douglas High school in Portland and Virginia Elliott of Linfield college.

Judging the bands will be Ervin Lesser, Oregon City school, Albert Shaw, Pacific University and Warren Baker, Linfield College.

Directing the Santiam band and chorus will be Spencer Hillisland.

Phone Company at Lyons To Be Corp.

The People's Cooperative Telephone company of Lyons voted to become a stockholders corporation Tuesday night. The vote was 112 yes and 93 no.

The new corporation will start with the same officers elected by the co-op. Serving as president is Ray Roberts of Mehama; vice-president, George Nydegger of Lyons; secretary-treasurer, Dale Crandall, Mehama. Directors are George Neal of Lyons and George Agtmael of Stayton.

Valley Phone Co. Plans For Expansion

Valley Telephone Company's \$298,000 1964 expansion and construction schedule is well under way.

Many projects are in full swing and more are scheduled to begin soon. Several crews and trucks from Utility Contractors of Beaverton have been installing new cables in the Silverton area for the past two weeks.

(In outside plant, \$95,00 (mostly cables) is scheduled for Silverton, Aumsville-Turner and Mill City. Switchboard additions at Silverton costing \$52,000 should be completed soon.

Detroit gets the lions share this year including \$13,215 for a new lot and office building, \$42,546 for a new switchboard, \$48,558 for outside plant and \$28,421 for service into Marion Forks. This work is expected to be completed in August. A mobile radio system with the antenna on Hall's Ridge will be started this summer but will not be in operation until 1965.

The new \$18,000 truck, miscellaneous construction for line extensions and unscheduled construction which will be required if a subdivision in the Aumsville area is developed will push 1964 expenditures over \$300,000.00.

"Some of the construction scheduled this year is overdue but the most optimistic planning we did several years ago did not provide for the expansion we are experiencing in some areas," reported L. E. Brown, president and general manager of Valley Telephone Co. "We could easily spend another \$100,000 this year and not be building very far into the future because requests for better grades of service are absorbing plant and switchboard built for normal increase in subscribers," Mr. Brown concluded.

One Position on School Board to Be Filled This Year

Anyone interested in placing his name on the ballot for member of the board of education of School District No. 129J should have his application in the hands of the school clerk on or before April 6, which is the deadline for filing.

The petition must be signed by not less than three percent of electors voting for director last year, and in no case less than 10 signers.

Nominations can be received only from Zone 5, which is the area south of the North Santiam river, west of first street and bounded on the south by the north of side of Ivy street. This zone also extends into the district area lying in Fox Valley. Voters of the entire district are entitled to vote for the candidates on the ballot.

The term of Don Walker is expiring this year.

Possum Found By John Lengacher

John Lengacher, while driving home from work recently, discovered an animal which is rare in the northwest, a possum. It had been hit and killed on the highway.

Lengacher called Dr. Don Breakey, mammologist at Willamette University, who said it was the first one, to his knowledge, to be reported from Marion county.

There have been a few in the state for some time, mostly in Clatsop, Washington and Clackamas counties.

Their natural habitat is in the southern states and it is believed that they were first brought to Oregon in the depression times of the early 30s when the CCC's came here in large numbers from the east and south.

The first possum to be found in Oregon was in Clatsop country.

Insurance Is Topic At Safety Meeting

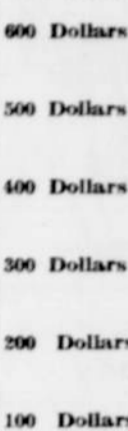
Chuck Foley of Stayton was main speaker at the dinner meeting of the North Santiam Safety Council held recently. He spoke on different kinds of insurance and rates.

Tony Shillingburg of Timber Operators Council, Inc., Portland, showed a film on how movie cameras are used to ferret out workmen who were drawing compensation, who were not entitled to it. These cases are one reason why rates continue to climb.

Chairman Bud Freres appointed Shields ReMine, Noyes Whitten and Bob Oliver on the nominating committee and asked them to report at the next meeting.

Topic for the April meeting will be Fire Prevention and Control in the Woods and Plants.

Scholarship Fund Gauge



Scholarship Fund Making Progress

The Canyon Scholarship fund which marked its beginning last week now has contributions amounting to \$92.69, according to Rev. Jack Meuser, treasurer.

Donations are strictly voluntary but it is hoped that all residents who are able will contribute any amount they can. A number of organizations have indicated they plan on giving to the fund if their budgets will allow it.

Tentative deadline for receiving funds and applications for the scholarship have been set for May 1.

Santiam PTA is the sponsoring organization.

H & W Logging Crews At Work In Snow



Loggers now a days don't spend too much time off the job, which is much in evidence in the pictures shown here. These pictures were taken by The Enterprise photographer Friday morning when he was the guest of Hank Heibert. In the top photo Mr. Heibert can be seen standing beside a huge pile of snow. The snow on the other side of the pickup is about

10 feet deep. This picture was taken just a short distance above where the yarder and steel tower are being used to snake logs up out of a steep canyon where not too many years ago it would have been much more difficult to log. In the lower photo Gene Jacobson and Willie Holt are using wedges to topple one of the giant trees in this Kinney Creek area.

Coming Events

Wednesday, April 1
Santiam Rebekah lodge at hall, 8 p. m.

Thursday, April 2
Garden club at Helen Kimmel home 1:00 p. m. dessert luncheon.

Friday, April 3
IOOF lodge at hall, 8 p. m.

Saturday, April 4
Masonic-Eastern Star dinner at hall 7 p. m. Judge Rex Hartley, guest speaker.

Sunday, April 5
Jaycee Installation banquet at Riverview cafe, 2 p. m. Johnny Carpenter, guest speaker.

Monday, April 6
Round Robin Pinochle club at Tearly Muir home, 6:30.

Westrick pointed out, however, that heavy rains and snow melt below Big Cliff could cause quite a rise in the river flow over which the Army Engineers have no control. In the event of a flood, he added, it may be necessary to release more than the desired 2,500 c. f. s.

The White Water Challenge is a boat race based on elapsed time on a stretch of the North Santiam below Big Cliff Dam. Sizes and types of the competing craft vary as do the number of passengers aboard each boat.