



INCOMING OFFICERS of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church (left to right) Mrs. Charles Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Elmer Wade, recording secretary; Mrs. Joe Bramhall, outgoing president; and Mrs. John Yaden, president, discuss plans for the installation of officers and WSCS church recognition day to be held during the regular morning services at the church Sunday, May 16.

### Original Purpose Of Methodist Women's Society Was Aid To Women And Children

By MRS. JOE BRAMHALL  
The original reason for the smaller, separate societies, which were the forerunners of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, was the missionary work with the women and children. In that work there developed an organization which, under the Women's Society of Christian Service, has become the largest voluntary organization of women in the country, totalling at the close of the fiscal year, June, 1953, 30,101 societies and 1,723,413 members (combined WSCS and Wesleyan Service Guild). These statistics are according to the national president, Mrs. FRANK HROKS.

WCS has become in itself an instrument of great power in the lives of women who belong to it. It has the largest adult education program carried on anywhere outside of public schools. In social action its influence is felt in city councils, state legislatures, even in the halls of the United Nations.

### Highway Shop To Be Shown

BEND — The state highway department's new maintenance shops, serving a division that reaches south along the eastern Cascade from The Dalles to Klamath Falls, will be dedicated at a program arranged for late Saturday morning.

Underneath all these activities is the spirit which is the moving power, "the spiritual life." This life committee helps women in their meditations, in their prayers together and apart to a fresh and deepening experience.

The women's division—WCS—is just one of the units of the World Federation of Methodist Women. Through its representation and financial support of the interdenominational and ecumenical work of the National Council of Churches, it gives through "supply" work material and cash supplies needed by missionary institutions.

## First Dreams Of Electricity Told

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of three articles on The California Oregon Power Company, which serves this area, prepared by H. P. Bosworth Jr., of Medford, a member of the board of directors of the firm.

By H. P. BOSWORTH  
Perhaps the earliest dream of electric power to be developed in the territory now served by The California Oregon Power Company was held by John Lenox, who had a small farm on the banks of the Klamath River, approximately 30 miles southwest from Klamath Falls.

### Wheat Support Aid Revealed

TULELAKE — Government figures show that wheat stored under price supports since 1949 has sold for three to 34 cents more per bushel than wheat sold at harvest time, according to Ken Baghott, Tulelake farm adviser.

Available information shows a 2,000 to 6,000 bushel storage bin can be built for 40 to 60 cents a bushel. If depreciation and other costs are allowed and the bin kept full 75 per cent of the time, storage will cost from nine to 12 cents per bushel per year.

received a pension with back pay for services rendered during that war. The sum amounted to several hundred dollars.

He had lived on the frontier for many years and when this great wealth came upon him so suddenly, he was seized with a desire to go forth and see what the world had accomplished during his absence in the wilderness, so he started the long and perilous trek to San Francisco, a distance of approximately 400 miles.

The trip was made by stagecoach. The prevailing rate was 15 cents per mile, with an additional charge of 5 cents per pound per mile for baggage in excess of 50 pounds.

He remained in the great city for a period of two or three months and on his return was considered such a traveled gentleman by his neighbors that Marco Polo seemed a piker by comparison.

The greatest impression made upon him was by the electric lights in San Francisco. He would tell many times in the course of his tales that everything would eventually be done by electricity. His audience was politely attentive but sceptical.

"Some day electricity made on my ranch from water power will be sent to San Francisco," he would declare. When asked how this would be accomplished, he would reply with a confidence born of imagination, but sufficiently positive to convince: "Why, through a tube, of course."

than 40 years later electricity generated from water impounded in a reservoir occupying the Lenox ranch was actually being transmitted to San Francisco and today part of this same transmission system across San Francisco Bay consists of hollow tube, so that John Lenox's dream has become a reality.

**FIRST POWER PLANT**  
The first power plant in this area was constructed on the Shasta River a few miles north of Yreka in 1892.

During the next few years similar small plants were installed at many points throughout Northern California and Southern Oregon. Practically all of them were installed initially to serve a single purpose, such as the operation of a sawmill, flour mill, mine, irrigation pump or even a brewery. The plants were generally of sufficient size to serve the primary purpose only, and because most of them were operated on direct current, their transmission capabilities were limited.

Power was supplied to the public principally for lighting, on a schedule which normally started one hour before sun-up and continued until 8 p.m., 10 p.m. or midnight, depending upon the operator. Service was indifferent, limited and costly. The average rates were about 25 cents per kilowatt hour.

Shortly after the turn of the century, men of vision constructed larger plants, operating on alternating current, extended transmission lines, provided 24-hour services, encouraged industry and started a continuing program of technological advancement.

**COPECO ORGANIZED**  
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**POLICE ORDER**  
ROME — Police forbade a memorial service Friday for Italian men who fell in the defense of Dien Bien Phu. The action was taken as a precaution following a Communist-Fascist student brawl Thursday at Rome university in which more than a score were injured.

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