

Lake Division Of West Coast Telephone Firm Purchased

Beaver State Telephone Company has applied to Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan in Salem for an order authorizing acquisition of West Coast Telephone Company's Lakeview division properties, Division Manager William Castle was notified in Lakeview today.

L. Gray Beck of Everett, Washington, West Coast vice president and general manager, advised Castle that the application also requests the PUC to issue orders approving issue and sale of securities by Beaver State, establishment of rates and signing of an agreement with an affiliate.

The sale price, \$950,000, is to be based on the original cost of the telephone plant in service, less accrued depreciation, subject to certain adjustments and plant additions since November, 1957, according to Beck. Beaver State proposes to finance the acquisition by issuing West Coast 29,000 shares of Beaver State stock, par \$10 and paying West Coast \$368,300, "adjusted as provided in the contract."

Beaver State further proposes in the application, now under consideration by Morgan, that "its rates to be charged shall be the rates presently being charged" in the Lakeview division by West Coast. Beaver State accompanied its application with a complete schedule of tariffs, all identical to those now in effect in the division which encompasses exchanges at Adel, Algona, Chemult, Chiloquin, Fort Klamath, Lakeview, Paisley, Plush and Summer Lake.

The application contains the draft of an agreement under which West Coast would operate all properties in the division for Beaver State and be reimbursed for its efforts without profit.

Beaver State proposes paying West Coast for these properties out of funds committed to Beaver State by the Rural Electrification Administration. REA approved a \$1,197,000 loan to Beaver State last October 22.

The application makes it plain that, once approval is received from the regulatory bodies, Beaver State will begin functioning as a wholly-owned subsidiary of West Coast. Receipt of such approval will signal Beaver State's launching of a five-year program to expand telephone facilities in Lake and Klamath counties.

"Primary purpose of the establishment of Beaver State was to make possible West Coast's obtaining an REA loan at a low enough interest rate to insure sound financing of its operations in the Lakeview district," Beck's statement explained. He noted that the last money West Coast had borrowed in the private market cost the company about four and one-half per cent, as compared with the REA rate of two per cent.

West Coast and the REA began discussions in June, 1956, looking toward the utility's chances to obtain financing for expansion and modernization of West Coast's Lake and Klamath County system.

"We were, and are, anxious to serve a good many potential customers in the lightly-settled rural areas of both counties," Beck said. "Our program would have been economically unsound, however, without a loan from the REA which was established to facilitate development of utility services in just such areas."

Beck advised Castle that he anticipates no changes in present West Coast personnel in the division, if the Beaver State application wins approval at Salem.

Leaders Air GS Schedule

DUNSMUIR — Prospective activities of the seven Girl Scout troops of Dunsmuir were discussed at a recent meeting of the neighborhood leaders at the Methodist Church.

All troops are preparing to participate in a district sing-a-long to be held in March in Mount Shasta. Mrs. Albert McHenry, neighborhood chairman, announced.

Troop 30, high school girls, led by Donna Harmon and Shirley Edson, is planning a trip this summer. Their spring activities will include a valentine party, bowling party and guest speakers on vacations.

Troop 71, junior high level, under the leadership of Claudia Mather, Beverly Young, and Alice Anderson plan to present a program for the Dunsmuir Women's Club. Ulla Bernston, Swedish foreign student, is working with this group and is teaching them the schottische and telling them about her country.

Troop 80 comprised of sixth grade girls and led by Jean Wagner and Dorothy Randall is concentrating on homemaking and hostess badges and planning an all-day trip to Redding in the spring.

Troop 23, fifth grade girls, with Aletha Guy, Eddie Reid, Bernice Simpson and Dorothy Conwill as leaders, have a combination of homemaking and outdoor events on their agenda with cooking projects and camping skills to be studied.

Troop 55, fourth grade Brownies led by Lurline Lowe and Ruth Jones, is preparing for their fly-up ceremony in the spring when they will become full fledged scouts. They are learning folk and square dancing.

The third grade Brownies, Troop 29, is led by Evelyn Davis, Edna Sweetwyne and Patricia McCune. They are learning folk dances, too.

The youngest group, second grade Brownies, is led by Argyll Adams, Helen Rodgers, Ellen Fischer and Elta Mae McIntyre. They are concentrating on crafts this year.

All girls will participate in the International Think Day, February 22, in remembrance of the birthdays of the founders of scouting and its worldwide aspects today. Each Dunsmuir troop is studying a foreign country and dressing a cardboard doll in a costume appropriate to that country. This project will form a window display in downtown Dunsmuir during February.

The troop leaders reported a full program of activities that fall with field trips, parties and philanthropic work among the special events.

Grenada Forms Fire Department

GRENADA—Through the efforts of its citizens, the community of Grenada has established a volunteer fire department, complete with its own fire truck.

A volunteer committee, headed by Ed Axtell, assisted by Mrs. Joyce Weston, as secretary, made calls at homes of residents, who contributed \$900 towards the purchase of an engine and other equipment.

Lynn Roberts, Civil Defense head, and a resident of Grenada, found where the community could purchase a civil defense fire engine for only \$300. It is a 1945 model, used by the Marine Corps to protect an air base, and was originally sold for \$8,625. The speedometer only registers 1,745 miles. It is at present temporarily housed in the Grenada garage.

Following the collection, Axtell's committee held an election with Ray Hufford elected as fire chief and Frank DeSora, assistant. The remainder of the department includes Felix Arami, Glenn Hallmark, George Keno, Ted Kucera, Ralph Richards, Clyde Scott, Ken Truelove, Angelo Zannotto and Axtell. These men were chosen because of their employment or the location of their homes, making it more convenient to answer fire calls.

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The service region said that substitute clerks will be called upon to carry heavy sacks and parcel post weighing 100 pounds or more. They may also be called upon to sort and distribute mail to post offices and carrier routes, and may perform a variety of services at public windows of the post office. Substitute carriers are responsible for the prompt and efficient delivery and collection of mail and parcel post on foot or by vehicle. The service region added that the duties of the substitute clerk and carrier are sometimes interchangeable.

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Kelly Creek PTA — Mrs. Buna Faris, New Pine Creek, reported on the state PTA board of managers meeting in Portland at the last meeting of the Kelly Creek PTA. A committee of two, Mrs. Freda Evans and Mrs. Pearl Lightle, were appointed to investigate ways of raising money for the Katie Dick Memorial Scholarship fund.

McCloud PTA — Barbara Yates, McCloud school nurse, spoke on "Nutrition, as it affects the development of the child" at the McCloud PTA meeting on January 28. Mrs. John Bambino was program committee chairman, and fifth grade room mothers were in charge of the refreshments.

Midland — Home Economics Club will meet Tuesday, February 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Minnie Andrieu. All members are asked to attend to work on the yearbook. Anyone wanting transportation may call Eleanor Sukraw, TU 2-0904.

'Railroad Day' Chiefs Named

DUNSMUIR — Administration of "Railroad Days for 1958" was placed in the hands of F. F. Kohlaker, Mrs. J. M. Kelly and Norman Imhoff at a meeting of Railroad Days board members and supporters at the Hotel Dunsmuir on Friday night.

Kohlaker will be chairman of the 1958 board; Mrs. Kelly, secretary, and Imhoff, treasurer. The retiring board asked them to meet with members of the chamber of commerce to determine the role of "Railroad Days" in the community's calendar for 1958. Ray Guy was named as a board member.

The meeting, preceded by a social hour and banquet, heard a final report on 1957 "Railroad Days" and congratulated board members on the successful community celebration last June.

Kenneth Burns, chairman, was thanked for his leadership in the successful three-day 1957 celebration. It was noted the celebration was a success for the second year in a row.

Lee Huddle, veteran board member and former treasurer, was presented a gift of appreciation from the board by Henry Schroeder, another veteran Railroad Days promoter.

MEN RELUCTANT
CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP) — The teaching of young children is almost exclusively a woman's job because men think kindergarten and grammar school teaching is simplified, says a prominent educator.

Dr. James L. Hymes of the University of Maryland college of education told a recent meeting of nursery school teachers that many men would like to teach young children "but the feeling it's a sissy job, a waste of a man's brain keeps them from it."

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Annual Banquet — The McCloud River Lumber Company will host the annual banquet for members of the McCloud Service Club and their wives on February 8 in the McCloud banquet room. There will be an exchange of valentines and dancing.

Education Program — John Peracchino, adult physical education instructor for the Siskiyou County Junior College education program, has announced that no further enrollments can presently be accepted in the three hour per week class.

Guest Speaker — Bert Knowles, Yreka member of the California Department of Fish and Game, will be guest speaker at the February 13 meeting of the McCloud Fish and Game Club. Knowles will show department movies of deep sea fishing off the coast of California.

IWA Meeting — James E. Thompson, president of IWA, local 6-64 AFL-CIO, McCloud, has announced the next meeting on February 1 in the union hall with the nomination and election of delegates to the IWA special convention to be held in Portland, March 24 to 28, on the agenda.

Returned — Robert J. Snider returned to his home in New Pine Creek last week from visiting his aunt, Rose Compton, and other relatives in Durham, California, and in Willows. He also visited Evert Rutherford in Sacramento.

On Leave — Junior Wells, son of Howard Wells, New Pine Creek, is home on leave from the Air Force where he is an electronics technician. He has been stationed at Tandanov Air Force Base in Florida, but will leave February 3 for the Philippine Islands to complete his remaining two years in the service. He has also been visiting with Chet Vurrell, Ken, for whom he worked before entering the service.

New Pine Creek — Mr. and Mrs. Aury Smith spent last weekend with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lightle, New Pine Creek, while the boys had dental appointments in town. The Smiths have a ranch in Nevada, beyond Cedarville.

Fandangos Bowmen — of New Pine Creek recently obtained the Willow Ranch cookhouse for a meeting place from Tom Dougherty, owner of the mill. The cookhouse had not been used for several years, and the club has been given permission to remodel it. It can be used for indoor target practice.

Completed — Eighteen persons have completed the first aid course which had been held at the Summer Lake Grange Hall. Mike Palmer gave the examinations.

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Crime Mars Reputation Of Famous Central Park

NEW YORK (UP)—Crime has rubbed out some of the romance and charm from New York City's Central Park.

The 842-acre park has, since the war, acquired a deep-rooted reputation as a hangout for muggers, rapists, homosexuals and vandals. It has been called a "fortress of fear."

This skidding reputation is enhanced whenever an incident occurs such as the Jan. 20 stabbing—in broad daylight—of a United Nations secretary who was strolling in the park. Last September, Nepal's U.N. ambassador was mugged during a nighttime walk in the park.

"When we get a felonious assault, the papers always play it up," complained a park policeman. "Other precincts get this sort of thing almost every day and yet, people have the idea that Central Park is the most dangerous place in the city," he added.

Last September, Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy reported that Central Park's 22nd precinct handled 41 felony complaints and 344 misdemeanor complaints during June, July and August. A year earlier, there were 53 felonies and 222 misdemeanors. Kennedy added the precinct ranked 78th out of a possible 81 in the city's precinct crime rate. He suggested that people who use the park after dark stick to the footpaths. No one is permitted in the park after midnight, but police are kept busy shoeing drunks, vagrants and stragglers.

One factor that makes New Yorkers shy away from the park is the feeling that many park crimes go unreported. For example: "the ramble" is a rendezvous for homosexuals. They reportedly fall easy—and silent—prey to thugs. Another element is the "crawler," who sneaks up on lovey-dovey couples to snatch the woman's purse. Unreported rapes are said to occur in the "loch" area, at the heavily-wooded northern end of the park.

A five-year lighting modernization program, costing \$1,250,000, is far behind schedule. Some 1,675 lampposts—nearly double the park's original number—should be fully installed by January, 1962.

In addition to the lights, the park has 25 call boxes scattered along its 31 miles of walks and footpaths, five miles of bridle paths and 10 miles of automobile roads. Many critics say the park should have more telephones.

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