

Phone Chief Gives Report

LA PINE—C. H. Goetting of the Rural Telephone Administration reported on feasibility of telephone service to Fort Rock and Silver Lake communities at a board meeting here Monday following the annual meeting of Midstate Electric Cooperative.

Two proposals will be offered to the electric utility board and the dual community telephone board. One is based on serving 140 customers and the other, 120. The studies are based on a joint operation with the electric cooperative, Goetting stated.

Following a study by George M. Larimer, Midstate's manager, and Robert Welty, The Dalles, consulting engineer, the boards will consider the two offers at a joint meeting.

J. K. Graham of Silver Lake presided at the meeting.

Ellis Predicts Tax Proposal

BAKER (AP) — Dean Ellis, state Tax Commission chairman, said Saturday Gov. Mark Hatfield will recommend to the next Legislature a simplified net tax program which will cut substantially the cost of compliance.

He discussed the program at the closing session of a two-day Legislative Interim Tax Committee hearing.

He said the governor's plan would ease the burden on the single individual taxpayer and bring into proportion the rate paid by this group.

Ellis estimated that the state would gain "without costing our individual citizens a cent"—some seven to eight million dollars net income through elimination of federal income tax deductions from state income tax returns.

Baker and Union County farm groups urged the committee to consider relief from real property taxation.

Harold Hursh of Huntington, Oregon Reclamation Congress president, called for legislation to streamline the state's tax collections.

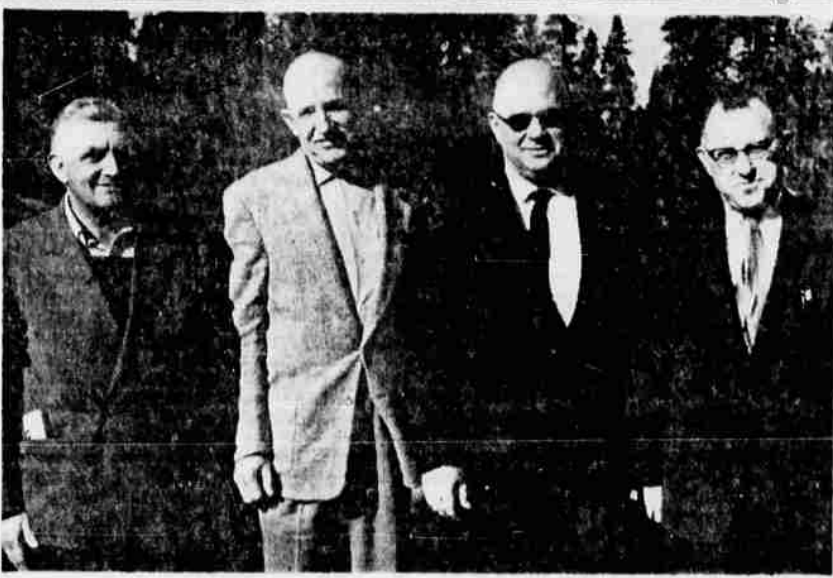
Becomes Un-retired

PORTLAND (AP) — John B. Alexander is coming out of retirement again. And he says it's great.

Alexander first retired in 1958, following 35 years of engineering work that started with his graduation from the University of Oregon.

Despite that retirement, he worked 2½ months in 1958, some 7½ months the next year.

Alexander now is on his way to the thing that brought him out of his latest retirement: a job as coordinator of development of the Indus River Valley in Pakistan.



TAKING AN ACTIVE PART in the quest for telephone service to Fort Rock and Silver Lake are, left to right, Edwin Eskelin, secretary, and Ken Graham, president, of the two-community board. C. H. Goetting, Davis, California, represented the Rural Telephone Administration in proposals last Monday. Robert Welty of The Dalles is consulting engineer for Midstate Electric Cooperative with which RTA would jointly operate. —Parks Photo

Hog Plan Started

HERMISTON (AP) — A project to raise 16,000 hogs a year for market has been started in a one-time housing project near here.

Stafford Hansell, a farmer and state representative from Umatilla County, said he's starting

with 200 sows, and hopes to reach production capacity in a few years.

The hogs will be raised in the former Umatilla Housing Project, whose 37 buildings were purchased by Hansell and his brother for \$30,300.

The first book to be printed in the Western Hemisphere was printed in Mexico City in 1544.

There are grounds to suspect—

Researchers Find Clues Virus May Cause Cancer

By ALTON BLAKESLEE. LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Top virus experts today presented new and surprising evidence that human cancers probably are caused by viruses.

They also reported that some viruses, contrary to current scientific opinion, can produce substances which destroy cancers.

If specific viruses can be pinpointed in human cancers, new methods might be developed to prevent or control the disease.

"Every man is a walking museum of many viruses," Dr. Jerome T. Syvertson of the University of Minnesota told a seminar for science writers sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Man harbors more than 150 viruses, mostly just recently detected, and "we are not sure what many of them do," he said. But "now we believe that some human cancers must be caused by viruses."

Dr. Sarah Stewart of the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Md., reported that extracts from two human cancers, and from the urine of three children with cancer, have produced curious, cancer-like growth changes in healthy human cells grown in laboratory dishes.

but no proof yet—that the extracts could contain a virus.

She also has found that a virus causing leukemia in mice can induce cancers in other types of animals. Humans handling the cancerous mice have been found to have antibodies against the virus, indicating they had been infected with it but had resisted it.

"There are tantalizing leads" now to incriminate viruses in human cancers, said Dr. Wendell M. Stanley, Nobel Prize winner of the University of California.

Now there is evidence for a theory that some viruses may be slipping innocently in the body until triggered into cancerous growth by some insult or injury or even by age.

Dr. Bernard Brody of Seton Hall College, South Orange, N.J., said vaccination with viruses used against human smallpox had killed cancer cells and arrested mouse cancers so that vaccinated cancerous mice lived 85 per cent longer than non-vaccinated ones.

Similarly, Dr. Vincent Groupe of Rutgers University said he had extracted from animal cancers, which killed the cancer viruses, Dr. Jogen Fogh of the New York State Health Department, Albany, N.Y., reported observing normal human cells grown in laboratory flasks changing into cancerous cells when they were injected into rats or humans.

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