

Weather
Klamath Falls and vicinity —
Fair today, tonight and Saturday. High 46-48, low 15-23.
High yesterday 48
Low last night 14
Precip. last 24 hours none
Since Oct. 1 5.19
Same period last year 1.90

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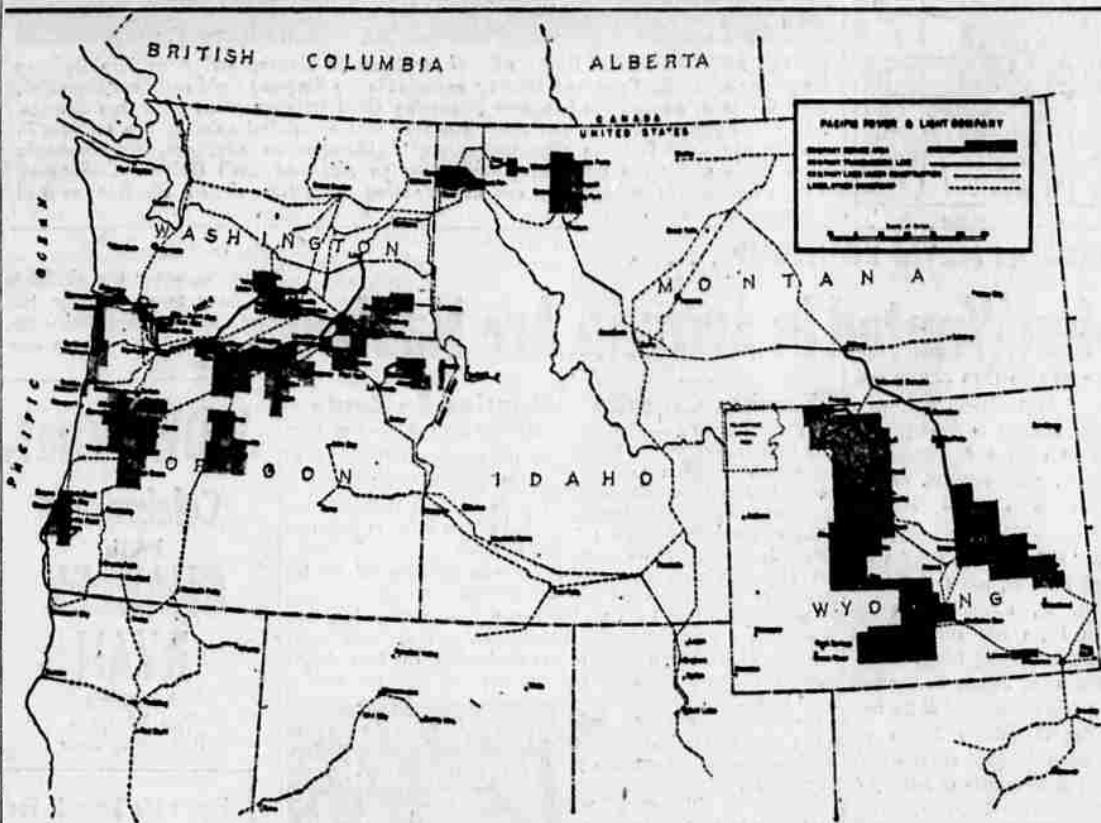
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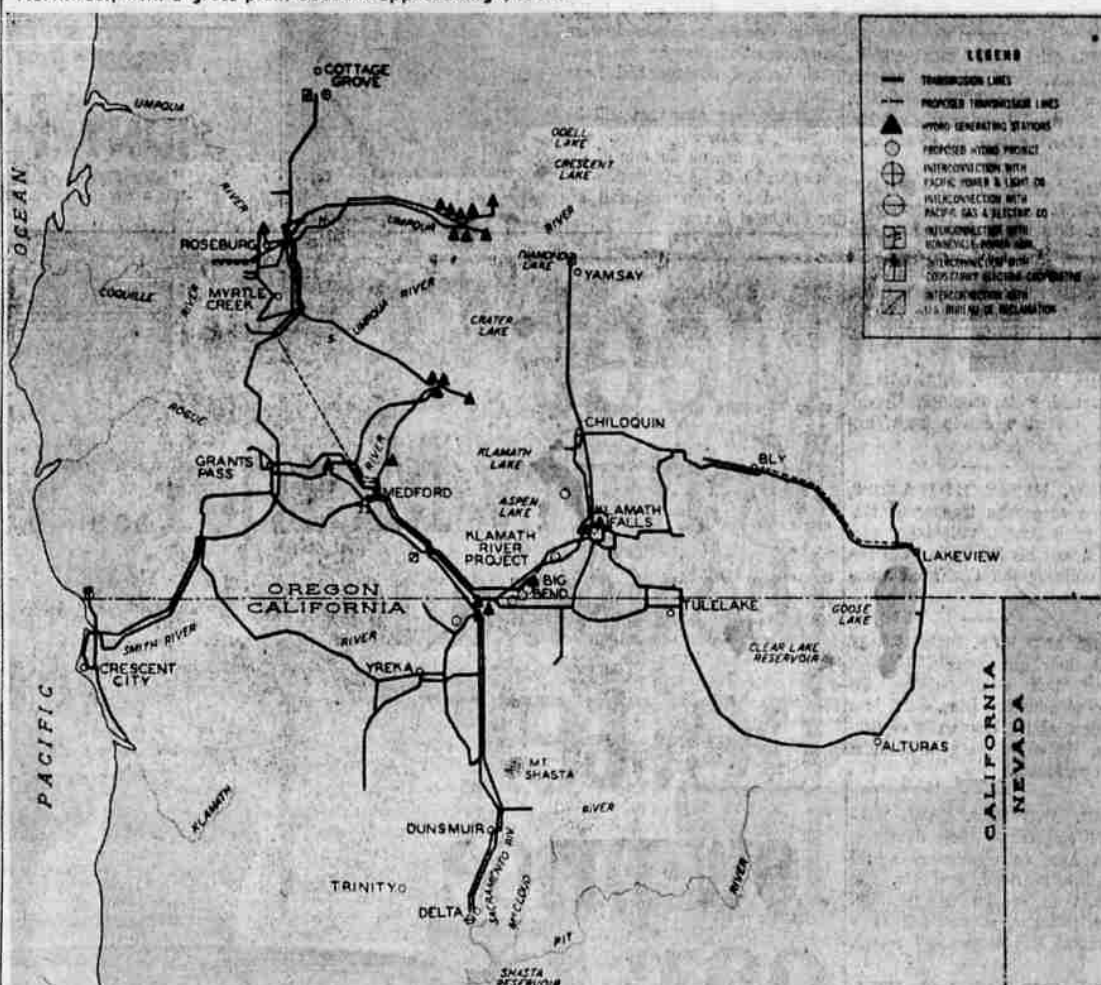
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Weather
Northern California: Fair with little temperature change through Saturday except increasing fog on coast and in valleys and chance of showers near Oregon line Saturday.
Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Fair today and tonight; cloudy Saturday with chance of showers in afternoon; little temperature change.

Copco, PP&L Reach Agreement On Merger



PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY began in 1910 and today provides service to 323,000 customers in five states. It is the largest electric company in the Pacific Northwest, with a gross plant account approaching \$400 million and annual operating revenues of approximately \$63 million. This map shows the five state area of the company.



AN ESTIMATED 263,500 persons living in 10 counties in Southern Oregon and Northern California are served by the California Oregon Power Company. Twenty-one hydroelectric plants produce a capacity of 367,263 kilowatts which are connected to an integrated system of transmission lines. This map of the entire Copco system also shows the Cottage Grove point where the two systems would be merged.

5,660 Acres Near Alturas Marked For Waterfowl By Fish, Wildlife

ALTURAS—The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Thursday that it has completed negotiations for 5,660 acres of land near here to be converted to waterfowl breeding and nesting grounds and a public shooting area.

Purchase price was \$1,077,000, said Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson, U.S. congressman from California's Second District. The land is mostly reclaimed swampland that comprised two ranches. The deal involved property owned by A. D. Dorris, G. B. and Carol Dorris and H. M. Dorris, local cattleman.

The transaction was handled by Jim Kennedy of Judy Realty, Alturas. Negotiations have been under way since 1956, Kennedy said. Cost of the purchase will be provided entirely by revenues from sale of federal duck stamps, said a Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman. No tax money will be involved.

Extensive surveys of bird population and tracts in the area have been under way during the past four years. As a result of findings, much of the property will be returned to swampland to provide good nesting, breeding and feeding grounds. Another portion will be provided with blinds for a shooting ground. Still more land will be planted to grain for feed.

Waterfowl population in the area is expected to increase as a result of the preserve, the spokesman said. Breeding grounds will be more attractive to birds and farming operations in the spring will not disrupt nesting.

The area will be operated jointly with the California Department of Fish and Game. Among the state's responsibilities will be policing the area. Bag limits will be set by the federal government. Minimum fees will be charged those who hunt on the property and some of the grainland may be leased. Twenty five per cent of

Stockholders, Agency Must Give Okay

Boards of directors of the California Oregon Power Company and Pacific Power and Light Company have reached general agreement on a basis for a proposed merger of the two facilities, it was announced today by A. S. Cummins, president of Copco, and Paul B. McKee, chairman of the board of the PPL which would be the surviving firm.

"Directors of the companies have reached the conclusion that it is in the best interest of all concerned to join together the two neighboring systems and to integrate their power resources and development program," the announcement said.

Subject to stockholder and regulatory commission approval the merger would be effected by an exchange of stock, it was stated. The two boards were reported to have agreed upon an exchange ratio of 1.2 shares of PPL common for each share of Copco common stock. Details of the proposed consolidation including provisions for the exchange of preferred stock are to be worked out by a joint committee of the directors for submission to the 61,000 stockholders of the two utilities.

"Rights and benefits of Copco's 938 employees are recognized in the merger plan," said McKee and Cummins, "and it will be the policy of the surviving corporation to recognize the experience, seniority and qualifications of all employees on an equal basis, regardless of whether they have been in the employment of Copco or Pacific. This includes participation in retirement plans, medical and hospital insurance and group insurance programs."

The merger agreement will provide that most of the present directors of the California Oregon Power Company will become members of the Pacific board, it was stated in the announcement.

Cummins, Copco president, and G. L. Jackson, now a vice president of that company, will become vice chairmen of the board of the merged company.

As vice president and chief engineer of the Copco division of the merged company, J. C. Boyle will continue in charge of the most important construction program to be carried on in Northern California and Southern Oregon. H. P. Bosworth Jr., now vice president of Copco, will become a vice president of the merged company and manager of the Copco division. F. C. Bash, presently vice president and treasurer of Copco, will become vice president and assistant treasurer of the merged company.

All of these men will continue their residence in Medford.

For at least a considerable period of time, little or no change is contemplated which will affect the personnel of the California Oregon Power Company.

The merger would result in a system serving 415,000 utility customers including 242,000 in the state of Oregon and 21,000 in the adjacent Northern California area now served by Copco.

PPL has annual revenue of \$63 million and Copco \$25 million. Nearly 60 per cent of PPL's business is in Oregon, and the balance in Washington, Idaho, Western Montana and Wyoming. Copco obtains 80 per cent of its revenue from Oregon and 20 per cent from California.

The merged company would have 54.5 per cent of its business in Oregon, 6.5 per cent in

California and 13 per cent in Washington, with the remainder in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Integration of Copco's 367,000 kilowatts of hydroelectric generating capacity in Southern Oregon and Northern California with PPL's 779,000 kilowatts in the north and east will help hold the line on power costs on both systems.

Total generating capacity of the two companies would be increased to more than 1,500,000 kilowatts by the pending developments of an additional 400,000 kilowatts of hydro potential. PPL and Copco have spent \$243 million on new construction in the past five years, and estimate that they will be required to do over \$500 million of construction in the 1961-70 period to meet power needs of customers.

Present growth plant investment of the two companies is approximately \$70 million. Magnitude of the capital requirements to do this big construction job was cited as an important reason for looking toward a broader based utility operation.

Oregon communities served by Copco include Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Klamath Falls and Lakeview. California communities include Tulare, Yreka, Weed, Dunsmuir, Alturas and Crescent City.

The lines of Copco and PPL join at a point south of Cottage Grove. Merger of the companies would require approval by the Federal Power Commission as well as the regulatory commissions of the five states having jurisdiction.

Railroad Officials Seeking Cause Of Train Derailment That Hurt 18

PUYALLUP, Wash. (AP) — Railroad officials poked through wreckage along 400 feet of torn track Friday probing an unexpected derailment that spilled the engine and nine cars of a passenger train carrying 500 holiday travelers.

The Northern Pacific train, loaded with football fans bound for the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, Calif., jumped the track in this Western Washington town Thursday afternoon.

Two passengers and three trainmen were hospitalized. Thirteen other persons were treated and released.

The rest went on south in a special train sent from Seattle. Merle Underhill of Ventura, Calif., who was seated in one of the cars with his wife and two children, said "all of a sudden we saw a car flying through the air toward us." The Underhills dodged back unhurt as wheels of the derailed car smashed windows near them.

The accident occurred shortly after a truck smashed into a train carrying Minnesota fans to the

Rose Bowl at Cucamonga, Calif. The truck was wrecked but no one was hurt.

An NP official said engineer J. H. Murray reported the engine seemed to "drop off the track" as the train moved at reduced speed over a seldom-used track. It had been diverted from the main line

while workmen repaired damage from a freight train wreck that occurred last week.

The three-unit diesel engine slipped over on its side, snapping off several power poles. Two coaches near the center of the train jumped the tracks and jackknifed onto a Puyallup street.

Kennedy Calls Meeting On Nation's Farm Crisis

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President-elect John F. Kennedy today called a Jan. 5 conference in New York to deal with what he called the farm crisis.

He did so after saying he is seriously considering appointment of a world-roving ambassador to represent him in talks with high foreign officials, including government chiefs. Reports are Kennedy's choice for this assignment is W. Averell Harriman, former ambassador to the Soviet Union and former governor of New York.

Kennedy headquarters said that nine farm leaders will meet with him at the Carlyle Hotel in New York a week from today. Minnesota Gov. Orville L. Freeman, secretary of agriculture-designate, also will sit in at the conference.

In telegrams inviting the leaders to confer, the president-elect said he hopes the session will lead to further meetings "by persons designated by the conference to recommend action to relieve the farm crisis."

Meanwhile, Kennedy lined up a program of work for the New Year's holiday weekend.

He scheduled a news conference here Saturday morning to announce his selection for another federal job. The conference was arranged amid speculation that Kennedy had decided to name

McGeorge Bundy, Harvard dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, as his special assistant on national security matters.

Kennedy will hold another news conference Sunday, New Year's day, at his ocean-front home. On hand with him for that one will be Sen. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., chairman of a Kennedy-appointed committee on federal aid for areas of chronic unemployment.

The committee's report and recommendations will be made public Sunday.

Invited to the farm conference in New York were: Herschel D. Newsom, who is master of the National Grange; James Patton, head of the National Farmers Union; Charles B. Schuman of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Homer L. Brinkley of the National Council of Cooperatives; Carl Bruns, head of the Wheat Growers Association; Walter G. Leppinger of the Feed Grain Council.

Wilbur Smith, president of the American Cotton Producers Association; Glen Lake, president of the National Milk Producers Federation; and Oren L. Staley, head of the National Farmers Organization.

Manned Hop Dependent On Ape Test

WASHINGTON (AP)—The first American manned rocket ride is set for early spring if a large ape survives the jolt of a blast-off from Cape Canaveral early in 1961.

The House Committee on Science and Astronautics made this prediction in a man-in-space report today.

Despite setbacks in recent tests, Chairman Overton Brooks, D-La., pictured the United States standing "on the threshold of a major flight test program of short and long range ballistic flights, leading first to unmanned, and later on to manned orbital flight late in 1961, if all goes well."

The report, based on information supplied by the Defense Department and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) set next March or April as the date for the first manned rocket ride. One of the Mercury Astronauts will be strapped in a capsule and shot well over 100 miles up by an Army Redstone missile.

This first space ride will last a matter of minutes. Ships will be ready to fish the capsule from the Atlantic Ocean.

An earlier trial, using the same kind of rocket and capsule, will have a chimpanzee as passenger. If all goes well with the first manned space probes, the payoff will come next fall, when the first attempt will be made to put a man into a satellite in space, and keep him there long enough to complete several orbits of the earth.

Sen. Boivin Says He's Set To Move

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sen. Harry D. Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, plans to move into the Senate president's office in the Capitol at Salem next Monday — even though Sen. Alfred H. Corbett, D-Portland, has not thrown in the towel in the battle for the Senate presidency.

"The Democratic state executive committee asked that I not release my pledges," Corbett said.

Corbett has the backing of 11 of the 20 Senate Democrats. Boivin has 10 Republican pledges and nine Democrats say they will vote for him.

The controversy has been over whether the Senate Democrats should abide by the choice of the majority of their party. This was a resolution passed by a State Democratic convention earlier this year.

Shooting Times

OREGON
December 31
7:05 a.m.—4:45 p.m.
January 1
7:05 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
CALIFORNIA
December 31
7:04 a.m.—4:44 p.m.
January 1
7:04 a.m.—4:44 p.m.

Kennedy Eyes Harriman For Roving Envoy

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy says he is seriously considering appointment of a world-roving ambassador to represent him in talks with high foreign officials, including government chiefs.

And there are reports Kennedy's choice for such an assignment would be W. Averell Harriman, former ambassador to the Soviet Union and former governor of New York.

Harriman, who conferred with Kennedy here this week, refused to confirm or deny it and Kennedy headquarters had no comment.

Ricocheting Bolt Hurts Bank Clerk

NEW YORK (AP)—Ralph Rubens, 31, a bank clerk, was working at his desk in an 11th floor office. Suddenly he screamed and slumped to the floor.

Fellow employees thought he had suffered a heart attack, and rushed him to a hospital. But there it was discovered he had been wounded by a bullet-like object which pierced an arm and lodged in his chest.

Police converged on the bank building in downtown Manhattan, assuming that someone had shot Rubens.

Someone noticed a small hole in a composition board shield around an air conditioner set into a window near the clerk's desk. That convinced them the projectile had come from outside the 11th floor window. But where?

Across the street was a building under construction.

Officers went there and soon made a surprising discovery. A device was being used there to install aluminum window frames. The device is a power tool for firing stud bolts, about two inches long and the diameter of a pencil, into masonry around the window openings.

Contractors said the power tool, which used rifle cartridges to fire the studs, had been approved by city authorities and that every possible safety precaution had been taken.

However, it was surmised, one of the studs must have ricocheted and gone winging like a bullet into the bank office across the street.

Rubens was reported in fair condition. X-rays showed the missile had barely missed his heart. Police listed the case as an industrial accident and said no charges would be filed against the building workers.

Suit Expected Against Movie List Conspiracy

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — A suit to break up the so-called Hollywood blacklist was expected to be filed today in Washington, D.C., accusing major movie producers of conspiring against a dozen actors and writers.

A. L. Wirin, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union here, said Thursday night the suit for \$7.5 million in damages would mark the first time the Sherman Antitrust Act had been used to protect civil rights.

Wirin said the suit would be filed by Washington attorney David L. Shapiro.

KKK Promises New 'Weapon'

ATLANTA (AP)—A Georgia Ku Klux Klan official says next month "we will reveal our weapon which will stop the integration movement in the South."

The statement of O. F. Craig, grand dragon of the U. S. Klans, knights of the Ku Klux Klan, followed the resignation of another Klan leader because he saw "no way to stop racial integration."

Craig said the resigned klanman, Bill Hendrix, of Oldsmar, Fla., was not connected with his group. Hendrix was grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan's Southern Northern knights.