



"Go cheer for the other side!"

Power Tie Supported By Hatfield

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Mark O. Hatfield said today he would support the proposed electric intertie between the Northwest and California provided Oregon's interests are protected.

He said, after a conference with his advisers on the subject, that the proposal by the Bonneville Power Administration might have merit.

Under the proposal, surplus power would be sold to California at certain times, while some surplus California steam-generated power could be sold in the Northwest.

"I just want to make sure that Oregon wouldn't have a power shortage as a result of the intertie."

"I recognize that Bonneville wants this line in order to erase its financial deficit. And I recognize that we have a moral responsibility to see that the surplus power is used rather than thrown away," the governor said.

Miner Backs Schools' Methods Of Teaching

SALEM (AP) — No one system of teaching reading is adequate, Dr. Leon P. Miner, state superintendent of public instruction, said Monday.

This is his answer to critics who demand that schools go back to teaching just phonics. Under the phonics system, the sound of each letter is taught, and the pupil builds his word sounds upon that.

Dr. Miner said a good reader uses phonics plus recognition of words and phrases on sight. He also obtains some meanings by context, makes structural analysis of some words, and learns to recognize prefixes and suffixes.

Oregon schools help children use all of these approaches, and they are doing a better job than ever before, Dr. Miner said.

Use of phonics alone, he went on, "contributes to slow reading because children then attack each single word instead of grouping

words and phrases. It also causes children to devote attention to isolated words.

"English spelling is not entirely phonetic, so many words cannot be unlocked through phonetic analysis."

He said most people don't recognize that "reading is a highly complex, abstract skill. There has been more research done in the area of reading than in any other educational area."

This research, he said, shows wide differences in reading ability of children.

He said the usual fifth grade class room will have five different reading levels. Some have as high as eight or nine.

"It is very important," he said, "that reading should be very fluent and not a laborious process of deciphering the sound of words. Effective reading involves instantaneous recognition of whole words and even phrases."

He said no mature reader reads letter by letter, as is done under the phonics system.

"When teaching reading," he added, "the teacher is a specialist, highly skilled, working with exceedingly intricate problems."

And in training America's next generation of leaders, the schools are doing a better job than ever before, he concluded.

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Girl Admits Story Hoax

EUREKA, Calif. (UPI) — Ebylunn Nepper, 16, a Utah girl, who said two men kidnaped her and brought her to Northern California, has admitted that her story was a hoax.

She told police Monday night that she fabricated her kidnap story as an excuse to run away from home in Magna, Utah. Her parents were to pick her up today.

The plump blonde, wearing blue jeans and a yellow blouse, had first claimed that the two men had offered her a ride while she was on her way to a baby-sitting job in Magna last Thursday. She accepted because she knew one of the men.

But instead of taking her to her destination, she said she had been driven to California. She said she had not been able to escape until Saturday when they stopped for gas in Fort Bragg, Calif.

Police began to doubt the girl's story when her acquaintance, Phil Marsh, 22, Magna, turned himself in. He said the girl had come with them voluntarily.

A check with Magna authorities revealed that the girl had run away from home several times in the past.

She finally confided to a police doctor that she had made up the kidnap story. But police said she was uncooperative and would not discuss any details of her trip.

The search continued for the other man, Tom Hall, 32, Magna.

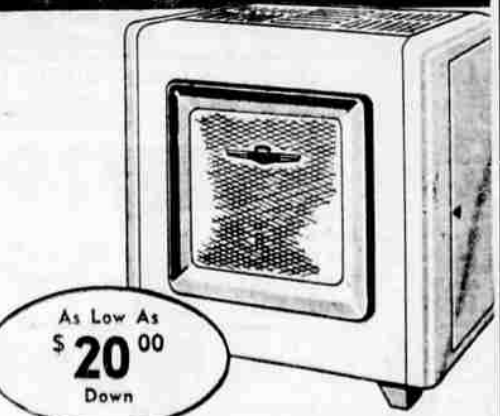
EVANGELIST DIES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Rev. Mordecai F. Ham, 84, a fiery Baptist evangelist who converted Dr. Billy Graham in 1934, died Wednesday of a stroke.

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