

Rescuers Hunt Victims Of Snow, Ice Avalanche



READY FOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL—An old-fashioned, gay '90s get-together is being planned for young and old. Shown here getting ready for Roosevelt School Friday, Feb. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Cartoons and old Buster Keaton and Laurel and Hardy movies are for young and old. Shown here getting in the mood for the event are Dayton Hyde, left, Malcolm Unseth and Janet Favell. All three are seventh graders at Roosevelt.

PPL Official Explains Intertie At Klamath Rotary Club Meeting

The Pacific Northwest-Southwest electric power intertie is the largest project of its kind under way in the country, was the report of Howard Arnett, Pacific Power and Light Company central division manager, to members of the Klamath Falls Rotary Club.

The intertie is made up of two different transmission routes involving two different kinds of power transmission. Both originate in the north of the Bonneville Power Administration near The Dalles.

One of 500,000 volt alternating current capacity, will pass near Klamath Falls and Malin and extend through California to Los Angeles, a distance of about 855 miles.

The other will be unique in the world—a 750,000 volt direct current transmission system linking the Bonneville pool with Hoover Dam. It will extend through Warner Valley on its route between Nevada and the Northwest.

The intertie will be under multiple ownership and its cost is given by the Department of Interior as \$700 million. Non-federal ownership will come to 57 per cent of the total, Arnett said.

The alternating current transmission system through Klamath County is a joint project of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation and the City of Los Angeles.

A power intertie is not new, Arnett explained. Interties have been in effect in the Northwest since 1917. The present undertaking is being made to get the benefits of larger generating units, different in load from different time zones, and different plants in stream flow for hydroelectric generation.

The intertie, scheduled for completion in the fall of 1968, will provide a grid over which 4,000,000 kilowatts can be moved. This will amount to approximately 25 per cent of generating capacity in the areas served, he said.

Bill Parret, commercial sales manager for Pacific Power here, was chairman of the day for Rotary.

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STEWART, B.C. (UPI)—Rescue workers today pressed on with an almost hopeless search for remaining survivors of the thundering snow and ice avalanche which devastated a copper mining camp at the base of a 6,000-foot British Columbia glacier.

A fleet of six helicopters, flying in relays through a dying blizzard which had hampered earlier rescue efforts, Friday portaged the 120 survivors of the disaster to safety.

But 28 other miners, all occupants of four bunkhouses crushed by the avalanche, are believed dead. At least one body was recovered.

Rescue workers said there was little hope that the miners asleep in the bunk houses survived when the tons of ice and snow crashed down Thursday morning, breaking buildings into "chunks of wood, steel and tin."

Ferry Survivors
Three U.S. helicopters with doctors and medical supplies fought through the howling blizzard early Friday to carry 17 seriously injured survivors from the mine camp in a remote coastal area opposite the southern tip of Alaska.

The seriously injured were flown to a camp site at the south of the Chickamin River on the Alaska panhandle. They were taken from there to a U.S. Coast Guard cutter and were then transferred to hospitals in Ketchikan, Alaska, and Prince Rupert, B.C., for treatment.

The remaining survivors later were evacuated in relays by the fleet of helicopters. Most were taken to Prince Rupert, about 100 miles south of here.

One of the survivors described the avalanche as "a roaring rumble" which caused such tremendous pressure in an underground tunnel "it made your stomach collapse."

Working In Mine
Gus Ritchie, 34, a diamond drill foreman, was working with about 20 other miners 500 feet inside an underground tunnel when the snow and ice came roaring down on the camp.

"The slide cut off the power," Ritchie recalled, "and we groped our way through the darkness until we got near the entrance of the tunnel and saw daylight." He said half of the 20-foot tunnel entrance was blocked by snow.

"We crawled up over the snow and were amazed by what we saw—no more mechanical shops, no more garages, no more coffee shop. Everything was just chunks of wood, steel and tin," Ritchie said.

CHANGES TO CONCRETE
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