

PPL Continues Big Modernizing Plan

Progress reflecting the growth of the Klamath Basin economy was the hallmark of Pacific Power and Light Company's expansion of electric service facilities in the past year.

And construction plans for the current year, budgeted for more than a million dollars in the Klamath district, indicate a continuing steady growth. The work planned in 1965 includes a record \$878,000 for expansion and improvement of electric distribution lines and facilities during the year.

In 1964, a year which saw expansion and significant industrial growth in the Basin area, Pacific Power continued its key role as the supplier of electric energy to serve the increasing needs of customers.

"Highlights of our construction progress in the past year included two major power substations and expansion of a third, two transmission line projects and a half-dozen feeder lines which branch out from substations to serve customers," according to Sam Ritchey, Pacific Power district manager.

PP&L Serves Hospital
The company installed underground electric facilities, a large transformer vault and related power equipment to intercommunity Hospital near Oregon Tech campus.

The two new substations completed in the area last year included the \$154,000 Bryant substation on Summers Lane, and a new substation near the

Weyerhaeuser Company's plant, The Weyerhaeuser station, completed in September, cost \$192,000.

Pacific Power crews also built a short transmission circuit to link the Weyerhaeuser substation with the main substation near the PP&L service center. The new line provided an alternate feed to the Weyerhaeuser plant.

Substation Expanded
The power company also beefed up the Pelican City area

substation at a cost of \$41,000, to provide greater capacity to lines serving Oregon Tech and the new hospital.

A specialized type of power line construction is being used in Klamath Falls along South Sixth Street, where PP&L crews are moving transmission and distribution lines because of the street widening project, Ritchey reported.

The new "pole line" features a special metal bracket and insulators instead of conventional

crossarms, giving the lines a more modern look. The line relocation project along South Sixth, still in progress, will cost approximately \$20,000.

New distribution feeder lines built in the area last year included four 15,000-volt circuits from the Bryant substation at a cost of \$70,000. Transmission projects included a \$84,000 circuit between Beatty and Sprague River, and the alternate feed to Weyerhaeuser.

Fish Research Underway
When there is progress

there is also research," Ritchey commented in reporting progress on the fisheries study announced last October for the Upper Klamath Basin area.

Staff biologists of Pacific Power and the Oregon State Game Commission are conducting field work to determine the feasibility of establishing one or more salmon or steelhead runs in the Upper Basin region.

Electrical progress was evidenced in the home in the past year. Electric power usage by

residential customers continued to edge upward, with the average annual household consumption reaching new record levels.

The company noted that the annual consumption in its on-tire system increased by 435 kilowatt-hours on the average, to a new high of 9,727 kilowatt-hours. But in the company's Klamath district, an even higher standard of "electric living" placed the average annual household use of electricity at 11,334 kilowatt-hours.

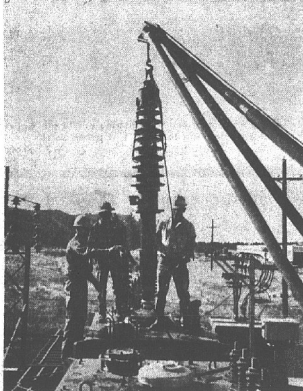
Safety Record Cited
"Perhaps the most outstanding achievement in the district this past year was accomplished by the employees themselves—more than 80 of them," Ritchey said.

He referred to the safety-at-work record of three years and more than 500,000 manhours without a time-loss injury or accident. The employee safety record was recognized at a safety awards banquet last June, and the district completed its third consecutive accident-free year.

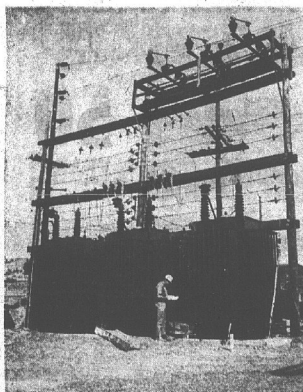
Pacific Power's home service programs also continued to expand in the past year. The "Polly Pacific" home service adviser for the local area is Karin March, a graduate home economist. Her duties include coordinating a home service advisory program for schools, electric appliance dealers, youth and women's groups in the area.

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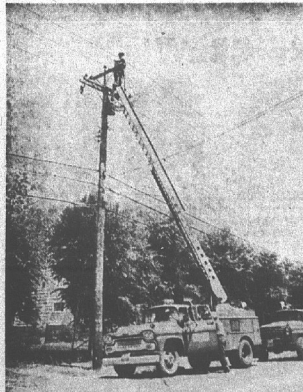
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BUSHING LOWERED — Transformer bushing is lowered by crane into a large power transformer which was installed at PPL's large Weyerhaeuser substation in Klamath Falls. This substation was a major project in the company's expansion program during the past year. — PPL Photo



SUBSTATION BEEFED UP — Pelican City's substation was beefed up during the year by the installation of three larger transformers and related equipment. The expansion provides greater capacity for lines serving Oregon Tech, the new hospital and many industrial plants. — PPL Photo



LINEMAN AT WORK — High-rise power linemen work on a distribution feeder line in Klamath Falls. A large portion of PPL construction funds is spent for expansion and improvement of these distribution facilities. The company has budgeted a record \$878,000 for this work in the Klamath district during the current year.

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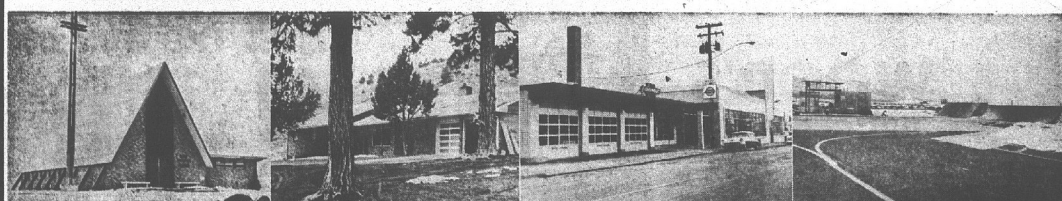
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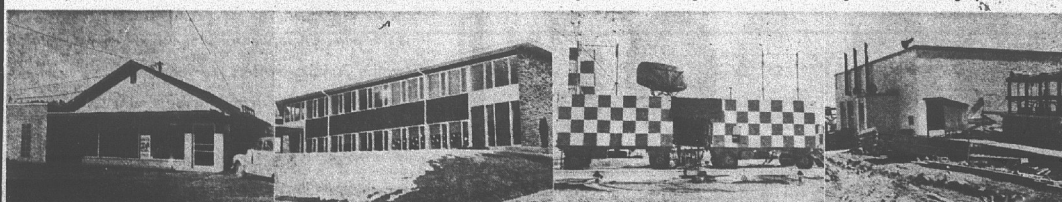
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