

United Way campaign

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need everyone to be particularly generous this year in their gift to United Way of Columbia County. The network of not-for-profit agencies, who assist those most in need, are ready to help if everyone will give what they can to this countywide effort," continued Soenneker.

The Trojan closure hits United Way especially hard, since Portland General Electric's combined corporate and employee giving totaled 35% of Columbia County's 1992 campaign results.

"Many more people are needed to help broaden the base of those who give to United Way of Columbia County," Arnitz said. "Furthermore, despite the high unemployment in the county, there still are many, many more employed than unemployed. We intend to reach more of those employed to ask them to donate to help their neighbor," continued Arnitz.

"United Way is based on the belief that if everyone employed gives a little bit every pay period, then United Way can help those neighbors in need, building a better community for all of us," added Soenneker.

"Each year, United Way of Columbia County gives the people of our communities

the unique opportunity to create power. That power is to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another. In my mind, only the education of our children is more important," commented Dennis Hart president of the board and principal at John Gumm and Columbia City elementary schools.

A new member agency—the Emergency Support Shelter—was admitted by the directors during the September board meeting. The emergency shelter is located in Kelso, Washington, but since there isn't any similar shelter in Columbia County, it receives and accepts numerous referrals for Columbia County residents in need, reported Arnitz.

Recent statistics provided by the shelter's executive director, Janis Dimmitt, show that the shelter is serving local residents. As a member agency, they will be able to apply for United Way funding in January.

"Adding this agency brings our member total to 24," Arnitz said.

Among other member agencies that serve area residents are the Council of Senior Citizens, COLCO Transportation, the Womens Resource Center, Latchkey and the county food bank.



Suzanne Arnitz, Al Soenneker and Marcy Gwin raise the banner to remind everyone of the United Way of Columbia County campaign. Soenneker is campaign chairman; local residents Gwin (at right) and Cory Colburn are on the 10-member board of directors. Arnitz is the organizations' executive director.

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Several members complained that in so deciding, the board reversed a decision of the membership to publish the minutes. Finally, on a motion by Jim Buxton, the matter was put to a vote of the assembly present. President Robert Van Natta called for a voice vote and deemed the motion failed. Others prevailed in asking for a show of hands and the motion still went down to defeat.

All of these activities left little time for the guest speaker, before the hungry members were to share their free lunch, and, by this time, General Manager David Seuss was unable to recall which organization speaker Pat Reiten represented.

Reiten, Director of Government Relations for Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperatives gave a brief presentation of issues confronting West Oregon Electric and the

15 other small utilities his organization represents. "Three major factors influencing rising power rates are the weather (cold, hot, dry, wet) aluminum production, and fish runs," said Reiten.

Weather is not controllable, aluminum production is subject to the vagaries of production and the diminution of fish in streams is, by and large, blamed on dams, to the exclusion of many other factors.

The good news, he averred, was the growing development of new power generation facilities by newcomers who are cost conscious and unencumbered with bureaucratic ballast, so their efforts are producing power for one-cent less per kilowatt hour than Bonneville.

On that positive note the meeting adjourned to enjoy a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs but only if you had a ticket certifying that you had attended the two hour meeting.

WOEC will get REA loan

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help so many consumers receive quality service, while the Cooperative can keep the rate impact to a minimum."

The loan will be funded for 35 years at an annual interest

rate of 5 percent and is fully-financed through the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). Furse said that the 100 percent funding level by REA is the exception, rather than the norm.

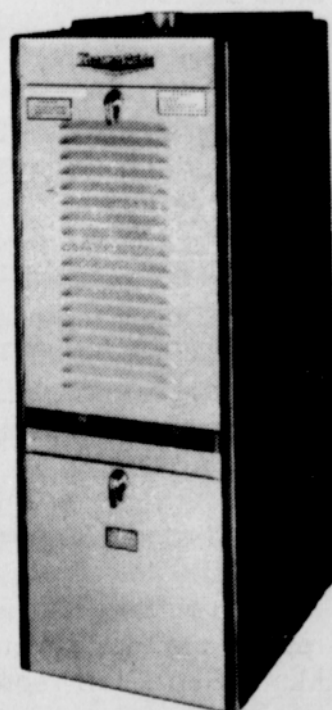
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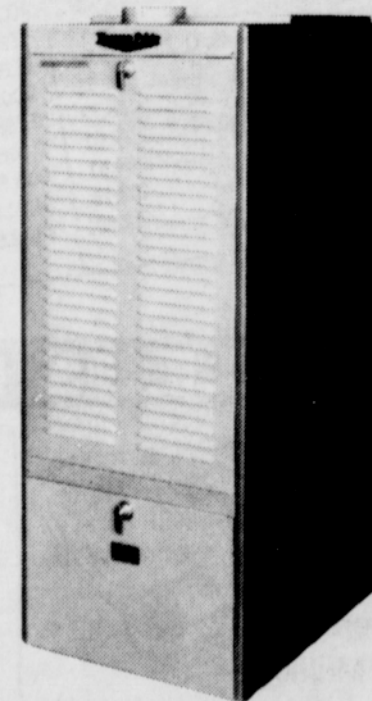
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