

Approval Given Schedules By Federal Power Commission

The Federal Power Commission today approved new rate schedules for Bonneville power which will enable districts, cities, utilities and industries to buy power to meet their immediate needs. For the past two months the commission has been studying proposals for monthly and dump power sales, which are intended to encourage early utilization of nearly all power available at Bonneville Dam.

Most important of the new schedules submitted by Acting Administrator F. A. Banks permits purchase of power on a monthly basis at a cost of one-quarter cent per kilowatt hour, plus a demand charge of 75 cents per month per kilowatt. This schedule is designed especially to meet the requirements of smaller districts, such as Hood River, which are likely to operate at a low load factor at first.

A considerable number of districts and cities, as well as private utilities have been awaiting approval of the new monthly schedules. By allowing these systems to take the power they need from month to month, the schedules will permit most economic utilization of existing generating facilities. Most of the municipal electric systems in Oregon and Washington already have hydro or diesel plants and are asking for Bonneville power to meet their peak requirements.

The schedules approved by the commission retain with slight changes the uniform rate of \$17.50 per kilowatt year for firm power every-

where on the Bonneville network, and \$14.50 at damsites. The kilowatt year rate—hailed as the lowest wholesale schedule in the nation—will be cheapest for districts whose load factors are 40 per cent or more. The new monthly rate will be more economical for sparser districts and newer systems whose load factor is less than 40 per cent.

To make maximum use of the energy available at Bonneville, the commission has approved a flat rate of one quarter cent a kilowatt hour for dump power.

"The new rate schedules will help market Bonneville power more rapidly, as they will permit customers to buy exactly the energy they need," Banks said. "Communities will be encouraged by these to build their loads quickly, so they can take advantage of the kilowatt year schedules."

"I believe the revised rates will eliminate many of the doubts and end much of the delay in the submission of applications for power and in the signing of contracts," the Bonneville chief said. "Our first lines to Vancouver, Portland, Salem and Eugene will be completed before the end of the year, and we will be in a position to quote rates to meet all power needs. Newly formed public districts and existing municipal systems require these new rates, which have been designed in accordance with the Congressional policy of giving preference in the sale of power to non-profit and cooperative distributing agencies."

Eagle Items Of Past Years

ONE YEAR AGO—

The Fraternal Order of Eagles installed its charter Friday evening following a several month campaign to gain the necessary number of members. Installation ceremonies were held at the Legion hall.

September 28 was chosen as the date to hold a city caucus at which nominations will be in order for all elective officers controlling affairs of the city.

A bulldozer was engaged to level land atop Corey hill at the site of the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Two resolutions were drawn by District Attorney D. O. Bennett making the Scappoose-Vernonia and Rainier-Aplary roads legal county projects.

An area approximately 800 acres in extent was burned south of Vernonia by a slashing fire on land owned by Koster Products company.

FIVE YEARS AGO—

A. C. Knaus left for Madison, Wisconsin, where he has been given a six-month position under the U. S. forest service in the wood products laboratory.

The Vernonia public library issued a call for old magazines and newspapers to be collected and shipped to Portland where they will be sold to gain funds for new books and supplies for the library.

Koster Products company finished logging on Rock creek but have not started in the Pebble creek locality where they were expected to operate next. Most of the employees have obtained work at Glenwood.

TEN YEARS AGO—

Herman Schindler planned to open a new cafe on Monday of the coming week. It will be known as the Terminal Cafe.

A district convention of the Knights of Pythias was held at the Woodmen of the World hall.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—

The Vernonia Rifle club has been formed with E. S. Thompson as president, Perry Harvey, vice president and Emil Messing, secretary.

The Thomas garage underwent improvements. An addition of a new gas and oil station was also made.

Over 300 men were engaged to fight fire near Keasey.

\$4,932 Placed In Paying Jobs First 7 Months

\$216,707 Saved to State Benefit Fund; Claimants Must Register

Salem, Oregon, September 15—Placements by the Oregon State Employment Service of 4,932 unemployment compensation claimants in paying jobs during the first seven months of 1939 resulted in a minimum saving of \$216,707 to the state benefit fund, according to a study completed by the commission's research and statistics department.

This amount is based upon only one month's work for each placement, which is the bare minimum

for regular placements under employment service standards. Officials opined that the actual saving probably exceeded half a million dollars.

The unemployment compensation law requires claimants of benefits to register for work at one of the state's 21 local employment offices before becoming eligible for job insurance. Employment service records show that 820 claimants were

returned to industry during January, 659 in February, 1007 in March, 806 in April, 680 in May, 511 in June and 449 in July.

Calculated on the state average, these claimants would have drawn at least four checks each averaging \$10.98 per check and if they remained employed more than one month, the total saving to the benefit fund would have increased in proportion their tenure in jobs.



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FOR DRIVERS**

By GAIL SEILL, Secretary of State

Men demonstrated greater driver reaction speed than women in the reaction tests conducted by the secretary of state's office at the Oregon state fair this year, it was announced today. The tests were made by the reactometer, an instrument which registers the elapsed time between the receipt of a signal and the application of the brakes.

Forty percent of the 1,409 men whose reaction time was recorded registered three-fourths of a second while only 17 per cent of the 608 women tested hit this mark. This is considered the average reaction time. Thirty-nine per-cent of both sexes hit seven-eighths of a second, but while 40 per cent of the women reacted in a full second, only 10 per cent of the men required this time. One woman and two men made three-eighths of a second, 13 men and one woman reacted in one-half second and 126 men and 15 women scored five-eighths of a second. The reactometer was maintained at the booth operated by the secretary of state and the state highway department.



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