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Oregon Gas, Electric Announces Reduction of Customer Rates

Schedules Become Effective as of January 1, 1940, Stated

During the past several months the Oregon Gas and Electric company has been making a careful study of rate and service classifications in Vernonia and as a result of that study is announced the following new rates to be effective for service used after January 1, 1940. The new schedule is as follows:

CITY RESIDENTIAL
First 12 KW or less \$1.20
Next 28 KW @ 8c per KWH
Excess @ 3c per KWH
Minimum \$1.00

RURAL RESIDENTIAL
First 12 KW or less \$1.20
Next 28 KW @ 8c per KWH
Excess @ 3c per KWH
Minimum \$1.50

Schedule "RS" Both in and out of city.
First 30 KWH @ 8c
Next 70 KWH @ 3c
Excess @ 2c per KWH
Minimum \$2.00

Commercial Lighting
First 30 KWH @ 8c
Next 170 KWH @ 6c
Next 100 KWH @ 5c
Next 300 KWH @ 3c
Excess @ 2c
Minimum \$2.00

Flat rate water heaters
Available only to existing customers now using the rate only for the life of the present equipment being used for flat rate water heating service.

Metered off-peak water heating service
Separate water heating service for heating water only metered at 1 1/4c per KWH.

This service is limited to installations requiring not more than 5,000 watts capacity of storage type and restricted to 18 hours out of 24. When so restricted company will provide suitable time switch to regulate the hours of use. The ratio between heater capacity and tank capacity must be within the following limits:
30 gal. tanks 75 Watts per gal.
40 gal. tanks 62 1/2 Watts per gal.

All installation must be properly insulated and controlled and where more than 1,000 watts are required two heating elements are to be installed. Details will be furnished upon request.

It is stated by the company officials that the earnings of the company are inadequate to permit a reasonable return on any valuation that could properly be placed upon their property, but a reduction was nevertheless decided upon in the hope that it would encourage a greater use of electric service and thereby give the customers a much lower average cost per KWH and eventually increase earnings to a point where still further reductions would be possible.

In addition to changes in rates the new schedules embody a reclassification of services so as to give the small user of several classes of service the benefit of larger use through a single meter and thereby eliminate one minimum and provide substantial savings in most cases and some reduction in all instances except that of minimum users.

All of these changes have been discussed with the Public Service Commissioner of Oregon and have received his approval. These new schedules will become effective as of January 1, 1940.

Students Honor Roll Issued

Six-Week Period End Also Ends Semester; Many Get Mention

Principal Wallace McCrae issued Tuesday the names of high school students who are on the honor roll of the past six weeks, and those who are on the honor roll for the entire semester. The third six weeks period which marked the end of the first semester or half of the school year came to a close last Friday. The classes having the largest number of honor roll members will be listed first:

Third Six Weeks Honor Roll
Sophomores: Priscilla Hansen, Virgie Killian, Lillian Laird, Etha Morris, Jack Olin, Winifred Romtvedt, Opal Scheuerman, Martha Tapp.
Seniors: Bessie Bell, Delores George, Joanne Nichols, Heidi Reich, Wilton Rogers, Helen Romtvedt.
Juniors: Barbara Nichols, Betty Thacker.
Freshmen: Barbara Kennedy, Joy Willard.

Semester Honor Roll
Juniors: Barbara Dusten, Lillian Hedman, Betty Thacker, Barbara Nichols.
Sophomores: Winifred Romtvedt, Opal Scheuerman, Martha Tapp, Fred Thompson.
Seniors: Joanne Nichols, Heidi Reich, Helen Romtvedt.
Freshmen: Barbara Kennedy, Joy Willard.

Icy Road Causes Truck Turnover

Hartwick Injured Slightly in Thursday Night Accident

One of the Nehalem Valley Motor Freight trucks overturned Thursday night at Timber on the hill in back of the church. Frank Hartwick, owner of the truck line, was driving from Portland with a load of furniture and produce in the truck and a load of oil in the trailer. Due to the ice on the road, as the carriers made the sharp curve, the trailer skidded, and with its weight of oil pulled the truck over the bank.

Hartwick fortunately suffered only a badly bruised ear and elbow as a result of the impact caused when the truck cab landed on its side. The freight with the exception of one chair was intact. The eye connecting the truck and the trailer was snapped off when the trailer skidded. Damage to the rear end of the truck was the most serious damage done.

Bill to Seek Cultural Station Here

According to a telegram received by Lester Sheeley from Senator Charles L. McNary, United States Senator from Oregon, he will re-introduce Senate Bill 3485 providing for the establishment and construction of a fish cultural station at a suitable location on Rock Creek, a tributary of the Nehalem River. This Bill was introduced in 1932 by Senator McNary in the United States Senate and in the

GEESE LIGHT ON HIGHWAY; MISTAKE FOR WATER

A flock of geese, Canadian Honkers, flying over Top Hill near Buxton early last Monday morning, lit on the highway where a driver of a bread truck coming to Vernonia accidentally killed a number of the birds. Patrolman Raleigh Wheeler was notified. It is thought that the birds, unable to see because of the very thick fog, lighted, mistaking the strip of highway for water.

Grade Schools Close

116 Children Absent on Wednesday to Bring Decision

Washington and Lincoln grade schools closed Wednesday afternoon for the remainder of the week as a result of a decision reached after Nettie Alley, County Red Cross nurse, paid her visit to the schools. 116 youngsters were absent that day from the two grade schools with whooping cough, flu and chicken pox. Because so many of the attending children had colds and coughs the danger of an increase in the number of cases of the diseases deemed it necessary to school officials to close the schools for Thursday and Friday. Classes will be resumed Monday if enough of the pupils are present to continue the regular classes. A number of schools in the county have been closed this week because of the flu epidemic. The local high school had only 25 absentees Wednesday.

Dance Due Here Saturday Evening

Announcement made this week gives information of a dance to be held here Saturday evening of this week, January 20, at the Legion hall. Music for the evening will be furnished by Bill Hume's eight-piece Hollywood Sweet and Swing band which will feature a vocalist.



Accident Damages Condit Car

In driving on the East side of Portland last Thursday, Mrs. E. H. Condit had the misfortune to collide at an intersection with another car. Mrs. A. L. Parker, a passenger in the Condit car, was bruised some. Considerable damage was done to the front of Mrs. Condit's car.

Paralysis Dance Slated Here Saturday, Jan. 27

Baby Contest Winner Determined by Birth On January 14

Junior Play Due Jan. 29

Three-Act Comedy to Be Presented at Washington Grade School

The Junior Class play, "Button, Button", will be given Friday night January 26, at eight o'clock at the Washington grade school. The three act comedy centers about a young man, Bill Duncan, who is thought to be a mental defective. He is taken to the home of a very wealthy brother, George Turner, through the interest of the sister-in-law, Lillian Hedman, who is continually involved in antique dealing and in some philanthropic project. Complications arise when the girl next door, Barbara Dusten, falls in love with the patient who is in love with the maid, Pauline Rollins.

As a final conclusion, the audience will realize that all the characters are more mentally deranged than is the young man under treatment.

Dorothy Austin is to be commended for her convincing performance of a much added antique collector.

Collision of Cars Injures William Pringle

Unavoidable Mishap Results in Fractured Rib for Commissioner

William Pringle, County Road Commissioner, suffered a fractured rib, a cut over the right eye and severe bruises when his car collided with that of Abele Palanuk at the intersection where the Wilark road comes into the highway. The accident, which occurred last Friday morning, was unavoidable, according to Palanuk, who claims he did not see the Pringle car until it was upon him. Palanuk was on the Wilark road; Pringle on the county road to St. Helens.

The Pringle car is under repair at the Crawford Motor Company with damage amounting to about \$90; the Palanuk car is at the Vernonia Auto, damage amounting to \$160.

Man Ill with Chicken Pox

Garland Gilman has been quite ill since last Friday with the chicken pox. Most of the children afflicted with the sickness are having very light cases, but the adults are not faring so easily.

Bollinger Named Chairman

Whetmore's Orchestra to Play for Benefit Affair at Legion Hall

E. M. Bollinger, Vernonia mayor, was appointed local chairman this week to be in charge of the staging of the infantile paralysis benefit dance to be held here the evening of January 27. The appointment of Bollinger was made by George Caldwell, Clatskanie, county chairman.

Bollinger, Tuesday evening, named his committeemen to assist him in promoting the affair as follows: J. W. Nichols, Lyman Hawken, E. H. Washburn, George Baker and O. T. Bateman. The committee was to hold its first meeting yesterday evening but arrangements for an orchestra had already been made by Nichols so that the date of the dance was already established.

The names of local chairmen for other communities in the county were made known Wednesday to be: Mayor Milton Butler, Scappoose; Mayor Ray W. Simeral, St. Helens; Ferris Brooks, Rainier; William Kumpula, Clatskanie; William Bridger, Mist; Representative J. D. Perry, Deer Island; Cals Fowler, Goble; Guy Bellingham, Birkenfeld.

Half of all funds collected remain in Columbia county for local use and the other half is sent to the National Foundation for general use.

Gun Club Wins Two Matches

Canco, Corbett Get Defeat Scores from Vernonia Rifleman

The Vernonia Gun Club was successful in winning two shooting matches held during the past weekend, one of them Friday and the other Sunday. The Friday match with the Canco Rifle Club of Portland resulted in a score of 896 to 836. Scores for the five highest men shooting on the Vernonia club were as follows:

Zimmerdahl	183
Kellmer	163
Nichols	181
Fetsch	178
Culbertson	171

The Sunday match was shot in competition with the Corbett Club resulted in 821 for Corbett and 847 for Vernonia with results as follows:

Zimmerdahl	181
Fetsch	170
Tomlin	168
Melis	165
Nichols	163

The Vernonia Club has won six of the seven matches held so far during the season.

Stage Scenery to Give Surprise

The public will be pleasantly surprised when it views the setting for the Junior Play, Friday night, January 26. Through the combined efforts of the Industrial Arts class and the Drama Club of the high school and Miss Wilkinson, drama coach, scenes to give the effect of an interior are now being built. Wooden frames which can be used for other plays provide the foundation over which muslin which has been sized is tacked and stippled to give an effect of softly graded shadows.

License Examiners Due Here Monday

Two examiners for those desiring to take tests for automobile driver licenses will be in Vernonia on the coming Monday between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. It was stated this week. The visit of the examiners at this time comes in addition to the regular schedule maintained by those giving the tests.

House of Representatives by Representative Willis Hawley, but failed of passage on account of the fact that an omnibus bill had been previously introduced providing for a program of fish hatcheries throughout the United States. Mr. McNary stated in his telegram that a national survey is now being made for suitable locations for fish cultural stations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the establishment and construction of a fish-cultural station at a suitable location on Rock Creek, a tributary of the Nehalem River, in Columbia County, Oregon, a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00