



STATE CAPITOL NEWS
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Salem, Ore.—Only 4.5 percent of the potential hydro-electric power in Oregon is being utilized, according to a survey just completed by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner.

The output capacity of privately owned hydro-electric plants in Oregon, Wallace's report shows, aggregated 164,625 1/2 kilowatts in 1936. These plants, operating at an average of only 59 percent of capacity generated 72 percent of the electric energy used in the state. Steam plants, used mainly as stand-by plants, have an output capacity of 153,400 kilowatts.

Oregon patrons of electric utilities buy their "juice" at a much lower rate than do consumers in other sections of the United States. Wallace's report shows that the average rate paid by domestic users in Oregon is only 2.97 cents per kilowatt hour whereas the average rate for the nation is 4.69 cents per kilowatt hour.

Consumption of electricity in Oregon increased 14 percent in 1936 over the 1935 figure. Based upon data already available gross revenues of Oregon electric utilities for 1937 will exceed the gross revenue of 1936 by approximately 10 percent.

Through negotiations between the utilities commissioner and the officials of the various electric utilities rate reductions involving a saving of \$855,670.82 to Oregon consumers were put into effect between April 1, and October 31, 1937.

While operating revenues of Oregon electric utilities show a gain of 11.1 for 1936 over 1935 operating expenses of the same utilities show an increase of 16.78 percent during the same period. Taxes alone paid by these utilities increased 37 percent during the seven years covered by the report and for the year 1936 aggregated \$2,935,888.18 representing more than 15 cents out of each dollar of gross operating revenue collected by these utilities.

Citing 11.53 mills per kilowatt-hour as the average operating expense involved in the production of electricity by plants in Oregon the commissioner breaks this expense item down as follows: Production expense, 2.25 mills; transmission expense, .26; distribution, 1.11; utilization, .31; commercial, .81; new business, .69; general and miscellaneous, 1.22; depreciation, 1.62; uncollectable bills, 15; taxes, 3.11.

ties first, labor second and the farmer third, if at all, in all issues affecting the advancement of the farm industry."

Seventy-five thousand acres of cut-over, second growth and isolated farm lands in Oregon Coast range are being restored to forest production and developed for recreation and wild life conservation as three years of intensive land use adjustment and acquisition near completion, R. S. Shelley, project manager, reported to Governor Martin this week. Acquisition of 74,882 acres of land on the Oregon Coast valued at \$428,230 and representing 395 ownerships is approximately 90 percent complete. Lands being acquired are adjacent to and within the boundaries of the Siuslaw National Forest. Development work is being carried on by 540 men in cooperation with WPA. Forest recreation areas have been developed at a number of points throughout the area. Most of these are equipped with fire-places, rustic tables and benches, community kitchens, picnic grounds and sanitary facilities.

Thirteen changes in major state offices were recorded during 1937. Death claimed two members of the state's official family—Justice J. U. Campbell of the supreme court and A. J. Derby of Hood River, member of the State Hydro-electric commission. Justice Campbell was succeeded by Judge Hall S. Lusk of Portland and John Hodgen of La Grande was appointed to succeed Derby.

Ill health was responsible for the retirement of three other officials. Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, for nearly 30 years superintendent of the state hospital for insane at Salem, resigned and has been succeeded by Dr. John C. Evans. Judge Charles H. Carey quit as state corporation commissioner to be succeeded by James H. Hazlett of Hood River. Albert R. Hunter retired as a member of the Industrial Accident Commission on which he had served for more than six years. His successor is Roy Buchanan of Pendleton.

The offer of a lucrative post with a private law firm induced Frank C. McColloch to resign as public utilities commissioner, the vacancy being filled through appointment of Judge N. G. Wallace of Bend.

B. F. Irvine of Portland, for 39 years identified with the state's institutions of higher learning, refused reappointment as a member of the State Board of Higher Education. His place was filled by Walter E. Pearson of Portland.

Heads of two of the state's institutions of higher education resigned during the year—H. E. Inlow, president of the eastern Oregon normal at LaGrande and C. V. Boyer, president of the University of Oregon at Eugene. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction was elected to succeed Inlow and Donald M. Erb, formerly a member of the university faculty, has been elected

to succeed Boyer. Resignation of Howard to accept the presidency of the LaGrande normal left a vacancy in the state department of education which was filled by the appointment of Rex Putnam, former city superintendent of schools at Albany.

Orville W. Gamble resigned as superintendent of the Employment Institution for Adult Blind at Portland to be succeeded by Lindon McCullough. Mrs. Gordon Voorhies of Grants Pass asked to be relieved as a member of the Capitol Reconstruction commission, her place being filled through appointment of W. H. Treese, former member of the State Parole Board whose place, in turn, was filled by Lotus Langley of Portland. Langley also resigned after only a short experience on the Parole Board, to be succeeded by Gerald Mason of Portland.

Three of the new appointees are former members of the state senate. They are James N. Hazlett, new corporation commissioner; N. G. Wallace, utilities commissioner, and Walter E. Pearson who succeeded Irvine on the Board of Higher Education.

Heavy damage was suffered by primary and secondary highways throughout the state as a result of last week's storm, according to R. H. Baldock, highway engineer. Roads leading from the Willamette valley to the coast north of Eugene were hardest hit.

Oregon motorists are finding that it does not pay to put off until tomorrow that which they should have done before the New Year arrived, referring particularly to the matter of purchasing new license plates. Drivers of cars which still display the old 1937 plates are being tagged by state police and instructed to either replace the old plates without further delay or appear in court to explain their failure to the judge.

OWYHEE

R. G. Chandler, Sunday School missionary from Caldwell, visited the Sunday school and in the community over the week end. Election of officers in the Sunday school resulted in Mrs. Martha Klingback for superintendent; Mrs. James Stephens, assistant; Margaret Mitchell, secretary; Silas Bigelow, treasurer; Margaret Klingback, pianist and Louise Klingback and Nadine Crocker for choristers.

Mrs. John Wall and three sons spent Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowe at Mitchell Butte Hot Springs.

Huston and Max Dunaway spent Christmas with home folks in Boise. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sersain and two daughters of Marsing were New Years guests of the John Hites.

Mrs. Martha Klingback and daughters, Doris, Margaret and Louise and son Freddie and Lewis and Margaret Mitchell spent a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bigelow Friday and watched the New Year come in.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schweizer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Hite on New Years day.

The Pleasant Hour Club will hold its next regular meeting with Mrs. Chas. Critton, January 13.

Mrs. Arthur Mayes was an all day visitor at Lowes Friday. Ray Mars and three children of Caldwell moved on the government land adjoining Lowes and are building a new home.

Mr. Alfred Mitchell has been quite ill but is recovering now.

The Owyhee PTA will meet at the school house Friday, January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Beers and daughters Misses Jennie and Delva of Ontario, also two sisters of Mrs. Beers who are from Idaho visited the Tom Lowes Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fox recently of Lathrop, Missouri were dinner guests of the Ellis Walters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mayes visited with Mrs. Mayes sister over the week end in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peutz of Payette visited at the home of his uncle Wm. Peutz Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Piazza entertained at New Years dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Echanis and two children of Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. John Ydarvald and two children and Mrs. Tony Arrena and baby of Vale.

Mrs. Russell Paton and daughter Lois were afternoon callers in the Plaza home.

Mrs. Tom Lowe attended Book Club at the Overstreets Wednesday. The meeting was a dedication ceremony for the new home.

Doris Klingback and Wm. Peutz left for school at Corvallis last of the week.

The Dramatic Club met at the Klingback home Wednesday evening. They surprised their leader Mrs. Mildred Hite with a beautiful Christmas gift of a sofa pillow and scarf which was presented by the president Russell Paton. After the business meeting games were played.

RICHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Terhume and small daughter of California spent several days visiting at the E. C. Terhume home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hanchot spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beennett. They drove down from Redmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cornell and children made a trip to Weiser last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and Mrs. Parker and small daughter had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crocker and Mrs. J. B. Coulter called at the Bennett home Friday.

Mr. D. R. DeGross and son Bob returned last week from a trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chadwick ate Christmas dinner at the C. H. Bennett home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neilson are driving a new Oldsmobile.

Mrs. Wilbur visited at the Lloyd Adams home last Thursday.

Mr. Rufus Cornell went to Ontario on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neilson, Clifford and baby visited at the C. H. Bennett home Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bartholoma, Dorothy June and Johnnie visited at the A. A. Jamieson home Sunday afternoon.

Guests at the Ed Neilson home for Sunday dinner were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hanchot and Nadine Crocker.

My Favorite Recipes

Frances Lee Barton says:

AT a children's party little eyes are often bigger than little stomachs—to the sorrow of mothers who have to deal with the results of too much party. A graceful way out of this difficulty is to serve little individual frosted cakes—with no encores. They are much easier to serve than layer cake—and all of them being the same size no small guest will feel cheated.

Candle Cakes
 1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour; 1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1/2 cup butter or other shortening; 1 cup sugar; 2 eggs, unbeaten; 1/2 cup milk; 1 teaspoon lemon or vanilla extract; 1 can moist, sweetened coconut.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add flavoring. Turn into very lightly greased cup-cake pans, filling them 3/4 full. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 20 minutes, or until done. Frost with Snowy Lemon Frosting and sprinkle thickly with moist, sweetened coconut. Arrange cakes on large platter and insert candle holder with tiny colored candle in each cake. Light candle just before serving.

Snowy Lemon Frosting
 2 egg whites, unbeaten; 1 1/2 cups sugar; 3 tablespoons water; 2 tablespoons lemon juice; 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind.

Combine egg whites, sugar, water, and lemon juice. Place in top of double boiler, beating with rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed. Place over rapidly boiling water, beat constantly with rotary egg beater, and cook 7 minutes, or until frosting will stand in peaks. Remove from boiling water; add lemon rind and beat until thick enough to spread. Makes enough frosting for about 2 dozen cup cakes.

BOISE NEWS

By J. BEAM

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fish left Tuesday for a business trip to Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Presley and son Roy of Vale were Tuesday night guests at the E. J. Beam home.

James Laurence of Baker was here on last Thursday night. He was counting cattle at various ranches.

Chas. Boor of Fruitland is a visitor at the home of his son, Ralph Boor and wife.

Mrs. Orville Nichols was called to Payette last Monday to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Warden, who is very ill with pneumonia. Orville Nichols and daughter Wanda motored down there and back on New Year's day and report her mother's condition is somewhat improved.

Chas and Ralph Boor moved their cattle to Unity last Thursday. Fahy Fogue and George Wirth accompanied them.

An unusually large crowd attended the carnival dance given by Eldorado Grange on New Year's eve.

Mrs. Kenneth Graham of the Macey mine visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd White between Xmas and New Years. On Thursday her parents took her to her home returning on Friday.

Guests at the A. J. Beam home on New Year's day were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beam and Louis of Unity and the Bruce Loftons.

The Presley thresher of Jamieson, threshed grain at the Gordon Dickson ranch last week.

The Bruce Loftons returned Friday from Monument where they spent the Xmas holidays.

NEW CARBURETOR INVENTED

Lower fuel consumption and higher power and performance standards are claimed for a new carburetor developed by a local man, A. O. Hirsch, and now being extensively tested by one of the city's leading truck concerns.

During tests conducted by the inventor on a standard model Ford Moel A sedan, under almost every conceivable condition, more than satisfactory results were obtained, Hirsch declared.

Steps are now being taken to expedite commercial marketing of the new carburetor, he added.—Seattle P.I.

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By MRS ISABELLE LEE

Joe Madariaga is a patient at a Boise hospital. He expects to be able to come home in a week.

Mrs. Joe Mallea went to Boise on Thursday to stay with her husband who is ill.

Frank Avery of the Circle-Bar ranch and Ernest Fenwick were over night visitors here on their way home from railroad points.

Sam R. Scott spent the first of the week in Caldwell and Boise. His brother Hugh, of Portland returned with him for a short visit.

Friends of Dave Somerville will be glad to hear that he is making a rapid recovery from his recent serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Skinner were hosts at a very delightful bridge party last Tuesday at their home. About seven tables played. A delicious lunch was served at midnight. Geo. S. Parks won the prize for high score.

The approaches to the bridge over Jordan Creek on the ION have been completed and all travel is routed that way, making the drive to the road camp much less hazardous.

Sheldon Parks, student at Eugene and Tucker Skinner of Corvallis left this week for their respective schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maher were Boise visitors during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cluck of Caldwell and their houseguests Misses Wilma Lawler and Wilma McLaughlin of Boise were over to attend the dance given New Years' eve at the Jordan Valley hall.

Mrs. P. B. Deary who has been visiting in Boise returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Long of Ontario spent New Years here with Mr. Long's father and sisters.

Joe Berrojalbiz has taken over the management of the Jordan Valley Hotel pool hall.

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