

\$16,500,000 Investment for Facilities In 1962 Announced by Idaho Power

New facilities requiring an investment of about \$16,500,000 will be built by Idaho Power company during 1962, continuing a program of steady expansion launched at the end of World War II to pace the healthy economic growth of its service area.

This was announced recently by T. E. Roach, company president, who said Idaho Power's 1962 construction plans include new transmission and distribution lines, substations and continued work on a 23-mile access road reaching into the rocky heart of North America's deepest gorge to the site of its Hells Canyon dam.

"The company's 1962 spending for new service facilities will boost its total electric plant investment to nearly \$353,000,000—about three times our investment only a decade ago," Roach reported.

"This huge investment is equal to more than \$2500 for every one of our customers."

Road Construction Main Project

Construction of the Hells Canyon access road—a route clinging to steep mountainsides on the Idaho side of the Snake river—will be a stepping stone to the tremendous project that will build the dam itself—will be Idaho Power's chief item of work in 1962 on its new three-dam development.

Work on the road, a heavy-duty, two-lane route that ultimately will provide public access to the heart of Hells Canyon for the first time, was started in July, 1961.

Launched at the same time by Idaho Power's construction of a new steel bridge across the Snake near its now-completed Oxbow dam to link existing roads on the Oregon side with the Hells Canyon access route. A modern span 500 feet long, the bridge was opened to limited traffic in October, 1961.

Oxbow dam's completion came Nov. 28, 1961, when its fourth and last initial generator went into production.

Brownlee Completed First

The company's arrival at this memorable milestone made its new three-dam development two-thirds complete. Brownlee dam, developments' first unit, was completed in January, 1959.

Still another of Idaho Power's major accomplishments in 1961 was completion of a second 230,000-volt transmission line reaching 190 miles between Boise and American Falls.

With this \$6 million facility, which is the nation's longest wood-pole line equipped with a new type of "bundled" conductors, the utility is able to move 40 percent more electricity than with standard conductors.

According to Roach, some \$2 million of Idaho Power's 1962 construction budget is earmarked for additional expansion of its

230,000-volt transmission system, which now totals nearly 650 miles.

Transmission Lines Planned

The utility also will build more than 130 miles of major transmission lines ranging from 138,000 volts to 69,000 volts. Of these facilities the longest will consist of a 138,000-volt line extending from company's King substation to Hailey and a 69,000-volt line from Hailey to Ketchum—a total of 70 miles. Other lines will be built between Drewsey and Burns and between Nampa and Gem Junction.

Five new substations are planned by the utility, with at least four others scheduled to be rebuilt or enlarged to increase their capacities.

New substations will be built at Gem Junction, near Marsing; Bannock creek, between Pocatello and American Falls; Pleasant Valley, west of American Falls; Mora, southeast of Kuna; and Ketchum. Substations to be rebuilt or enlarged are at Twin Falls, Glens Ferry, Hailey and Tyhee, north of Pocatello.

Maintains Record of Growth

"Idaho Power's expansion plans are evidence of our conviction that the Idaho Power service area will maintain its record of steady, healthy growth during the new year," Roach said.

It is expected that the company's 1962 load, plus firm energy sales to other utilities, will hit a peak of about 946,000 kilowatts, compared with the 1961 peak of 854,000 kilowatts.

Roach reported that new deep-well irrigation pumps alone are expected to add an estimated 19,000 horsepower to the growing demand on the company's system. In 1961 Idaho Power took on the greatest new pumping load added to its system in a single season, with a record-breaking 541 new pumps totaling 36,575 horsepower going into service.

These pumps brought the total served by the company to more than 6170. Totalling more than 266,000 horsepower, they provide water for 620,500 acres.

Coming Events . . .

Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. — Meeting of Job's Daughters in Masonic hall.

Jan. 26, 9 p.m. — First and Second wards combined Gold and Green ball in LDS stake house.

Jan. 27-28 — Methodist Youth fellowship western district rally at Payette.

Jan. 27, 8 p.m. — Legion and auxiliary pinocle party at community hall.

Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. — Girl Scout father-daughter banquet in school cafeteria.

Jan. 30, 1:30 p.m. — Methodist WSCS executive meeting in the church parlor.

Feb. 1, 2 p.m. — WSCS general meeting in Methodist church.

Feb. 1, 8 p.m. — Amity club meeting at the home of Mrs. Carl Burningham.

Miniature Floes Flow



TAKEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON from the bridge east of Nyssa, this photo shows great hunks of ice as they flowed swiftly down Snake river. In the circle swims a little mud hen, trying desperately to remain between sheets of ice as she makes her way downstream. The Journal photographer and companions were quite happy at the time that they were not members of the "web-footed friends" party. In the background can be seen the snow-covered hills, a part of typical winter scenes to be viewed in and around Nyssa after last Saturday's heavy snowfall and subsequent sub-zero temperatures.

Conservation Reserve Contract Data Listed for Benefit of Oregon Farmers

Farmers with Conservation Reserve Contracts that ended Dec. 31 are urged not to plow up grass and return the acreage to cultivation, says Roland E. Schedeen, chairman of the Oregon Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

This land does not have to be returned to crops in order to preserve farm allotments. Schedeen said wheat growers have expressed intentions to plow up grass in order to return soil bank land to wheat this spring.

Congress last year acted to allow farmers to maintain their wheat history base after their soil bank contracts have expired.

Farm allotments are protected, where grass cover is maintained, for an additional number of years equal to that provided through the original Conservation Reserve Contract.

Program Benefits Outlined

"Where this land is kept in grass, it will help in our efforts to reduce the overabundant supply of wheat and feed grains," Schedeen said. "This is an important consideration in view of our present farm programs designed to increase farm income, to reduce the government and to cut farm program costs."

Schedeen's statement was made following discussions at the state ASC committee monthly meeting in Portland.

County meetings for farmers with expired Conservation Reserve Contracts are now being planned, with ASC, Extension service and Soil Conservation service to cooperate in assisting farmers to make the best possible use of cropland on which good grass cover has been established.

Future Advantages Seen

Charles W. Smith, representing Oregon State university Extension service at the state ASC meeting, said that the grass farmers have established through the Conservation Reserve will make it possible for farmers to secure some important advantages in future operation of their land.

He said it is particularly important that farmers consider several factors before returning any Conservation Reserve land to cultivation. The extended provision for protection of farm allotments and the reduction of grain stocks are a primary consideration.

"We hope that cropland—subject to erosion by wind and water—will now be operated as permanent pastureland," Smith said. "Certainly," he declared, "gullies the grass now protects should be maintained as permanent waterways. On sloping fields the grass will make possible strip-cropping for good protection against erosion."

Schedeen urged farmers with expired Conservation Reserve Contracts to discuss their plans with their county ASC office manager, committeeman or county agent before taking any action.

LEGION PINOCLE PARTY SLATED SATURDAY EVENING Mr. and Mrs. Don Graham will host the Legion and auxiliary pinocle party Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the community hall. High, low and traveling prizes will be awarded.

Traffic Accidents Cost Oregon State \$80.5 Million in '61

Traffic accidents cost Oregon an estimated \$80.5 million in 1961, an increase of about \$4 million over the 1960 loss figure, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported recently.

The figure is nearly again as much as was spent on state highway construction in Oregon during the same period.

Accident costs are based on a per death average, including wage loss, medical expense, overhead cost of insurance and property damage of accidents. The National Safety Council provides the figures from which the Oregon estimate is made.

Last year's loss, the department said, means that the state lost about \$218,000 per day as a result of traffic accidents.

Two days' accident losses, according to the department, represent more than was spent for the entire 1959-60 school year to provide driver education in high schools of the state.

Potato Growers Told Production Too Large

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Report of potato quality problems by a panel of potato fieldmen resulted in recommendation for changes in common growing practices. Noting that heat sprouts, tubers with excessive knobs and jelly-end rot have reduced quality the past three years, the panel recommended measures to protect the growing crop against these defects.

Growing Suggestions Made

They suggested deeper planting in a loose seed bed, followed by light irrigations as often as needed, to get the crop off to a good start. Lower hilling to provide for quick emergence and cause tubers to be set low in the soil was stressed. It was noted that a low and wide potato hill provides better moisture penetration and protects the developing potatoes from surface heat better than a high narrow hill that changes temperature with the weather.

Panel members were Shig Hirokawa of Ontario, Jim Williams of Caldwell, Blaine Holladay of Ontario, with Turner Bond, county extension agent, serving as moderator.

Directors for the potato association were elected during the annual meeting. For the Ontario district, Isao Kameshige was named, replacing Cal Lee. For Harp district, Bob Hart was elected, replacing G. C. Steele. For the Nyssa-Adrian area, Harold Dail was chosen, replacing Maurice O. Judd.

Wesley Roberts was re-elected to represent the Oregon Slope district and Dean Barlow was re-named from the Vale area. Sam Hartley of Adrian was re-elected as director-at-large.

CONSULTANT VISITS SCHOOL

Dale M. Peterson, consultant on guidance, counseling and testing from the State Department of Education, spent Tuesday visiting in the Nyssa school. Together with local teachers, he reviewed the year-old guidance program in the junior and senior high departments.

Classifieds Bring Quick Results!

Malheur County Leaders To Attend Oregon 4-H Club Conference at OSU

Oregon's 4-H Club Leaders conference opened yesterday (Jan. 24) at Oregon State university. Eight leaders from Malheur county are attending the conference, according to Miss Janice Gumprecht, Malheur county 4-H extension agent.

Leaders attending from this area are Mrs. Neil Hoffman and Mrs. Vernon Carlstrom, Ontario; Mrs. Dorothy Bowers, Nyssa; Mrs. Floyd McBride, Jamieson. Those attending from Vale are Mrs. Earl Faw, Mrs. Jack Taylor, Mrs. Ralph Pershal and Ben Justus.

A total of 33,758 youth are now enrolled in 4-H clubs across the state, making the largest number in the program's 48-year history, notes Burton Hutton, state 4-H extension leader and one of the speakers at the conference.

Traveling Trophy Awarded

Wednesday night, leaders attended a banquet sponsored by Sears Roebuck foundation. Speaker was Gerald Wallace, superintendent of Corvallis public schools. Portland General Electric company awarded a traveling trophy to the county judged to have the best leader development program over the past year. OSU chorus provided musical selections.

Today, 4-H leaders will be told of opportunities for youth in the field of agriculture, especially in animal science. Speakers are Wilbur Cooney, associate dean of agriculture; J. C. Miller, Ralph Bogart, James Oldfield and Walter Kennick, all staff members in the OSU animal science department. To Study Educational Tours In the afternoon 4-H leaders

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facilities. This calls for new venture capital that cannot be found unless rates are sufficiently high to give stockholders a reasonable return on their investment.

Big Expansion Since 1952

Since 1952 the company has expended \$207 million for 670,400 more kilowatts of power in the area (Brownlee and Oxbow projects). It has added 2,909 miles of new power lines, 49 new substations and 22,710 new customers.

Total direct taxes paid during 1961 to state and federal governments totaled more than \$12 million for 1961, reflecting an increase of 104 percent over the \$6 million paid in 1952.

Direct taxes now take 29.6 cents of each dollar of operating revenue received by the company.

Rate Filing Due in Oregon

Paul Penrod, local Idaho Power manager, told a Journal reporter Tuesday afternoon that he understood it is anticipated that a similar filing will be made to Oregon Public Utility commission within the next two weeks by the power company.

He said he would not anticipate the amount of time necessary for a ruling to be made on the application.

will discuss ways that can help 4-H youth choose careers. Friday they will be given some teaching aids with special information on how to conduct an educational tour.

Gene Lear, associate director of the cooperative extension service, will speak to the group at the final assembly Friday noon. One of Oregon's men 4-H leaders will be honored for excellence in teaching and leadership with a trip to a major 4-H event by the state 4-H leaders association.

Standard Oil company of California, luncheon sponsors, will introduce 4-H youth now at OSU on company scholarships.

On conclusion of the conference Oregon's 4-H leaders association will conduct its annual meeting.

Nyssa High School Calendar of Events

Today—FFA district skills contest at Adrian.

Tonight, 7 p.m.—OEA dinner meeting in Ontario.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.—Wrestling, Boise, here.

Jan. 26, 6 p.m.—Wrestling, Borah high school, there.

Jan. 26—Basketball, Enterprise, here.

Jan. 27—Basketball, Mac-Hi, here.

Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.—Science club meeting.

Jan. 29—Adult welding class.

Jan. 29—Adult sewing class.

Feb. 1—FFA meeting.

Feb. 1—Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y meetings.

Feb. 2—Basketball, Weiser, there.

Feb. 2—Wrestling, Fruitland, there.

Feb. 3—Basketball, Ontario, here.

Feb. 3—SRV debate at Meridian.

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