Philadelphia Likes Power By Municipal

Philadelphia — The concept of municipal power has proven, according to Bernard Rosbrook, superintendent of public works for the village of Philadelphia and manager of that village's municipal power company, to be a "workable and economical system."

Mr. Rosbrook said Philadelphia, along with Theresa, Boonville, Tupper Lake, Lake Placid, Rouses Point and Plattsburgh are the north communities that have a municipal system.

These communities and 36 others in the state are all members of Municipal Electric Utilities Association (MEUA).

In describing the operation and economics of the Philadelphia system, Mr. Rosbrook stated that power is purchased from the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) and is carried to the village substation over Niagara Mohawk lines, for which Philadelphia pays a wheeling charge.

Prior to 1967, the Philadelphia substation had a water-powered generator but the reduction of the water level, expense of repairs and other considerations led the village to buy power from PASNY.

The facility now contains a 1000 KVA transformer, voltage regulators, meters and other equipment.

The Philadelphia municipal system has 45 commercial customers and 305 residential.

The rate schedule, which is currently in effect and has been since Aug. 1, 1965, without an increase, represents a five per cent decrease from the schedule adopted on Oct. 1, 1958.

The rates adopted in 1965, with the reduction, were for both residential and commercial customers, $.95 for the first 20 KWH, $.024 for the next 30 KWH, $.019 for the next 100 KWH, $.014 for the next 150 KWH and $.012 for all over 300 KWH and a minimum charge of 95 cents a month.

Added in 1965 were rates for outdoor security lighting as follows: 175 watt—$3.50 per month per unit; 250 watt—$4.25 per month per unit and 400 watt—$6.00 per month per unit.

Mr. Rosbrook, system manager, said that the storm of July 19, this year, caused a two and a half hour disruption of power but that the problem was rectified without use of outside equipment or manpower. A disruption of power during the winter also occurred as the result of a sleet storm.

A PSSNY requirement states that the system must maintain a depreciation fund, by which $2,000 to $3,000 a year is set aside for use should a major breakdown occur.

Mr. Rosbrook stated that equipment is available from Theresa and Boonville through the mutual aid system of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association.

Estimated revenue for 1974 is put at $55,129.00 from consumer deposits for new accounts, residential and commercial sales, sales to other public authorities including the State of New York for the electrical supply to the traffic light at the intersection of Main Street and Route 11, pole rental for attachments by the telephone company, telephone reimbursement and security lights.

The system was established in 1903 with a budget of $12,000.

"One of the beauties of being a small system," Mr. Rosbrook said, "is that I can carry fuses around with me to replace for elderly customers who are concerned because the lights are on downstairs but not upstairs. We investigate every complaint but in these cases I just put a new fuse in without charge and we can also investigate complaints quicker because we don't have to wait for men and equipment to come from miles away. Everything is right here," he added.

"If we do need extra equipment," he said. "Theresa can get it to us in a half an hour. It should also be mentioned that surplus money in the electrical fund cannot be put to use for street paving or other uses," Mr. Rosbrook explained, "it must go into the depreciation fund."

The Philadelphia Municipal Electric System, as it is known by, has two employes in addition to Mr. Rosbrook.

The village board is the system's governing body and Mr. Rosbrook stated that no political pressure whatsoever has been exerted on the system or its employes.

In describing areas of responsibility, Mr. Rosbrook said that Niagara Mohawk maintains the lines coming into the substation and thereafter, the system is responsible for maintenance of service. In July, 344,000 kilowatt hours were bought from PASNY for $361.20 and $170 was paid for use of Niagara Mohawk lines.

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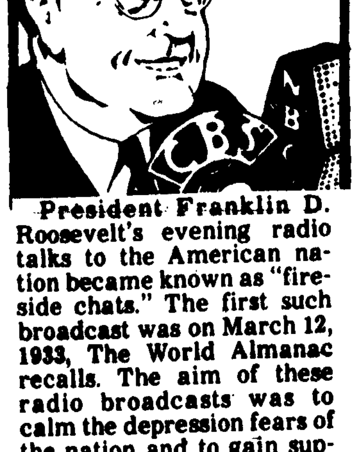

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's evening radio talks to the American nation became known as "fireside chats." The first such broadcast was on March 12, 1933, The World Almanac recalls. The aim of these radio broadcasts was to calm the depression fears of the nation and to gain support for economic measures.

Heuvelton Fire Department Hosts Labor Day Fete

The Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department has announced that their Twenty-Sixth Annual Labor Day Celebration will be held this year. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a parade. A cold plate dinner will be served in the school cafeteria.

Those responsible for organizing the day's events are:

Firematic Races: Stewart Woodside
Parade: Albert DeLair
Refreshment stands: Dale Ritchie
Games: Ken Kelly
Beer stand: Allen Sloan
Tag sales: Guy Conklin
Dinner: Lyle Wood and Morgan Rickett
Traffic and Safety: Ed Lumley

The word dungarees arrived from Dhunga, India, where denim work pants were fashioned in the 15th century from cloth woven in the French city of Nimes.

BARBS

By PHIL PASTORET

Fellow next door says he could pour green concrete for a lawn — and still have weeds come up.

When Dame Fortune knocks for us she's always in a critical mood.

Considering what so many men look like, it's no wonder girls kiss with their eyes closed.

After a rough T.G.I.F. night on the town, the next day is always a Sadderday.

There's many a slip twixt the cup and the necktie.

Whatever else their troubles, the Pioneers didn't have to have a pocket-full of change for parking meters.

Clifford Carr Sr. Couple Honored 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Carr Sr., Theresa, were honored at a 50th anniversary party attended by 50 relatives and friends on Saturday, Aug. 10, 1974, at their son's home, 109 High St., Theresa, given by their children.

Guests came from Wallkill, Rochester, Liverpool, Freeville, Syracuse, Fort Covington, Massena, Plessis and Theresa.

They have two children: Clifford Carr Jr. and Mrs. Thomas (Patricia) Plantz, both of Theresa; also six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Dorothy Lonkey and Clifford Carr were married Aug. 12, 1924 in Canton, by the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

They retired from George Jr. Republic, Freeville, N.Y., in 1969 and reside at 205 High St., Theresa.

The city-manager form of municipal government originated in Dayton, Ohio, in 1914.

ELIZABETH THEN AND NOW

Twelve years old, talented and beautiful, Elizabeth Taylor, in 1945, played her first starring role in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film classic, National Velvet. Today, the still beautiful and talented Academy Award-winning actress stars in That's Entertainment!, MGM's 50th Anniversary spectacular which highlights the most memorable moments of Hollywood's musical heyday. However, on Sunday, September 8, you can see both Miss Taylor and National Velvet on television as a special presentation of the MGM Family Network. Please check your local TV listing for time and channel.