

First of Huge Mammoth Pool Generators Goes Into Action

The first generating units of Southern California Edison Company's \$50,000,000 Mammoth Pool project has been put into operation, virtually completing one of the West's last great hydroelectric projects.

Mammoth Pool's second unit is expected to be put into service later this month.

The Mammoth Pool project is the newest addition to Edison's intensive development of its Big Creek-San Joaquin River, hydroelectric system in the High Sierra, approximately 60 miles northeast of Fresno.

This multi-purpose power project, conceived in the

1890s, has been developed during the past 49 years with a total investment of approximately \$212,000,000.

Fourteen dams, six major lakes and eight powerhouses have been created in this wilderness. They control the water of the San Joaquin River and its tributaries for use not only in generating electricity but for recreation, flood control and storage of irrigation water.

Mammoth Pool's two units will have a maximum electric generation capacity of 150,000 kilowatts. Their power will be fed into the total Southern California Edison system which serves customers

in central and Southern California.

The water that turns the turbines comes to the powerhouse through an eight-mile tunnel cut through rock from the Mammoth Pool lake upstream.

To create the lake, Edison had one of the world's highest rolled earth-fill dams constructed—450 feet from bedrock. Behind the 30-story-tall dam, a new lake with a capacity of approximately 123,000 acre-feet is filling and will be available for recreation this summer.

Because of the intensive development and control of San Joaquin River by the utility's Big Creek-San Joaquin River project, it has been described as

a model of efficient development of a natural resource.

The river's water is known to engineers as the hardest-working water in the world because it is used over and over to generate electricity in powerhouses at successively lower altitudes.

For construction of the Mammoth Pool project, 15 miles of new roads and bridges were built. Many of these will be turned over to the U. S. Forest Service for recreation use and for fire fighting.

Edison's Mammoth Pool project was begun in January, 1958. Contractors were the Bechtel Corp., the Utah Construction Co., Morris-Knudsen, Inc., and Kaiser Engineers.

Fishing License Sale at New High

More Californians than ever before bought sport fishing licenses in 1959, Director Walter T. Shannon of the Department of Fish and Games announced today.

Sales of 1,454,513 licenses were made in 1959, according to an incomplete count. Final accounting may push this figure over the 1,460,000 mark.

The new record is almost 21,000 more than the previous high of 1,433,817 set in 1957. Sale of license stamps in 1959 was also a new high, according to the preliminary report. With 55,809

stamps still outstanding among license dealers throughout the State, the total number of stamps sold stands at 1,879,323. This is an increase of 12,000 over the previous year's figure at this comparable time.

The sale of 1959-60 hunting licenses stands at 551,900, about the same as the previous year. License agents still have over 100,000 licenses in their possession. Some of these will be sold before the license year ends on June 30, 1960.

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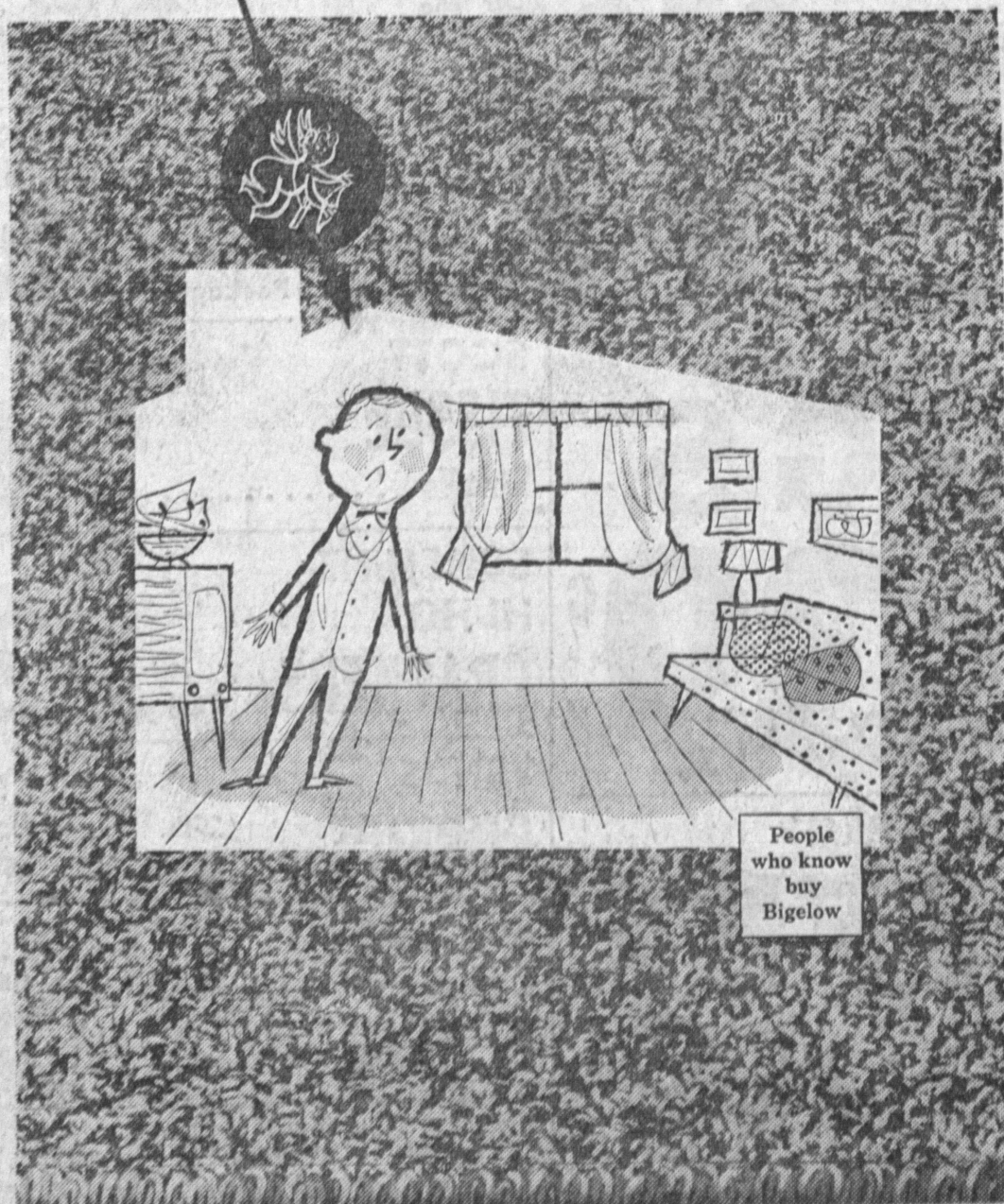
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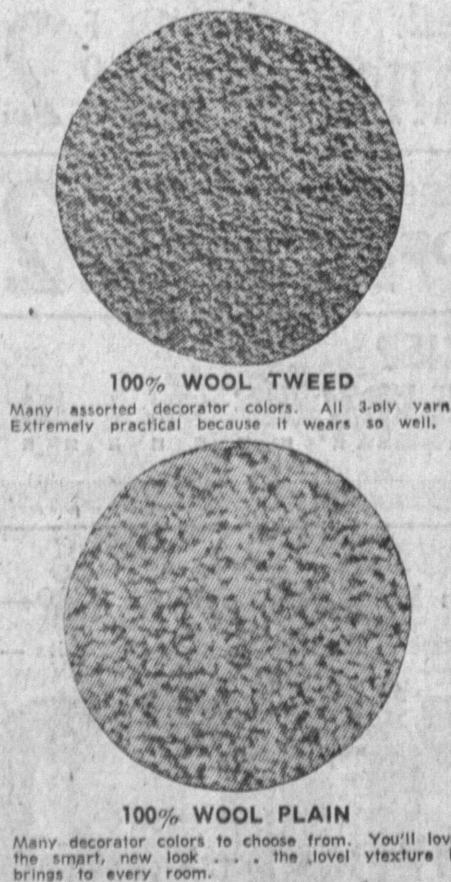
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