

Electric Power Production

(Manila Electric Company System)

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1941 Average—16,316,000 KWH

Kilowatt Hours

	1953	1952
January	50,107,000*	45,152,000
February	45,520,000**	42,450,000
March		45,128,000
April		42,798,000
May		45,580,000
June		45,223,000
July		47,542,000
August		47,988,000
September		47,216,000
October		50,073,000
November		47,652,000
December		50,656,000
Total		557,458,000

*Revised

**Partially estimated

FEBRUARY output was at a higher daily average rate than January. The increase over last year was 3,070,000 KWH, or 7.2%. However, last year was leap year, with 29 days in February. On a comparable basis output was about 11% above last year.

Real Estate

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REAL ESTATE sales registered in the Greater Manila area during the month of February, 1953, numbered 638 with a total value of ₱6,798,475, as compared with 653, with a total value of ₱7,331,703, registered during the preceding month of January.

Of the February sales, 190, with a total value of ₱3,460,932, represented deals within Manila proper, and 448, with a total value of ₱3,337,543, were sales within the cities of Quezon and Pasay, and in the suburban towns of Makati, Caloocan, Mandaluyong, Malabon-Navotas, Parañaque, and San Juan.

A number of the bigger sales registered during the month of February were:

A factory-warehouse situated at the north end of Cristobal Street, along the Pasig River, Paco, on a lot of 21,918.9 square meters, sold by Johnson Pickett Rope Company to Antonio Roxas Chua for ₱500,000;

A property, with a lot of 952.85 square meters, on Ongpin, corner T. Pinpin streets, Binondo, sold by Ban Chuan Realty Company to Pacific Shoe Supply Company for ₱420,000;

A parcel of 2,081.2 square meters, situated at the corner of Padre Faura Street and Dewey Boulevard, Ermita, sold by Jose Reyes to Leoncia Ang for ₱245,000;

A parcel of 1,666.2 square meters, on San Luis Street, corner San Carlos Street, Ermita, sold by Tong Biao to A. Magsaysay, Inc. for ₱170,000;

A parcel of 2,879 square meters, on Isaac Peral Street, Ermita, sold by Compañía General de Tabacos to the Capital Insurance and Surety Company for ₱143,000;

A tract of 14,143 square meters, in Makati, sold by ESSO Investments, Ltd. to Martiniano G. Abad for ₱110,000;

A parcel of 4,611 square meters on Herran Street, Sta. Ana, sold by W. Ick to the City of Manila for ₱101,499.

REAL estate mortgages registered in the Greater Manila area during the month of February numbered 592, with a total value of ₱11,399,816, as compared with 514, with a total value of ₱7,331,720, registered during the preceding month of January.

Of the February total, 274, with a total value of ₱5,560,707, represented deals within Manila proper, while 318, with a total value of ₱5,839,109, were mortgages in Quezon City, Pasay City, and in the suburban towns of Caloocan, Makati, Mandaluyong, Malabon-Navotas, Parañaque, and San Juan.

REAL ESTATE SALES, 1953

	Manila	Quezon City	Pasay City	Suburban Towns	Total
January	1,499,139	1,477,332	213,490	4,141,742	7,331,703
February	3,460,932	1,286,414	341,023	1,710,106	6,798,475

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES, 1953

January	3,691,913	1,377,690	245,200	2,016,917	7,331,720
February	5,560,707	2,196,329	718,300	2,924,480	11,399,816

Building Construction

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DURING the month of January, the Office of the City Engineer approved building permits for construction work amounting to ₱3,742,310. During the same month in 1952, the volume of work authorized amounted to ₱4,921,570 in comparison with ₱4,796,840 in 1951 and ₱6,065,600 in 1950.

Some of the big projects that were started during the month of January were:

A 4-story reinforced concrete school building for the Mapua Institute of Technology on Muralla, Walled City, costing ₱500,000;

For Mrs. Maria G. Vda de Ampil, a 3-story commercial building on M. de los Santos street, Binondo, estimated at ₱350,000;

A 3-story apartment building for Litton & Co., Inc., on L. Guerrero street, Ermita, costing ₱170,000;

For Dr. Nicanor Padilla, a 3-story commercial building on M. de los Santos and Tabora streets, Binondo, estimated at ₱150,000;

On Rizal Avenue, corner Carriedo street, a 5th-floor addition to the Gonzaga Building, costing ₱120,000;

A 3-story commercial building on Rosario street, Binondo, for Dee Chian Hong & Sons, estimated at ₱90,000.

Besides the private construction work mentioned, there are several big government building projects that were let out for bidding during the period under review.

The construction of a 2-story office building for the Price Stabilization Corporation (PRISCO), estimated at about ₱1,000,000, on Muelle de la Industria, Binondo, near the Cebu Portland Cement Company building, was started.

Bids for 17 3-story apartment buildings to be financed jointly by MSA-Philcusa and erected on Zamora Street, Pandacan, were received. Aside from the critical materials to be supplied by the MSA, this low-cost housing project will cost about ₱1,100,000.

Other big projects in line are the construction of several warehouses for the Philippine Army at Cavite and Camp Murphy, costing more than ₱1,000,000; rehabilitation of the former University of the Philippines buildings on Padre Faura Street and Taft Avenue; and the ₱18,000,000 Veterans Hospital project in Quezon City.

Port of Manila

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DURING the month of February some 82,000 tons of general cargo were discharged on piers and on lighters, among which was a shipment of 8,000 tons of asphalt for the Bureau of Public Works to be used for the pavement of roads.

Some pilferages of textiles were again reported, proving that the originators are still working on the pier. As before, bales of old newspapers were used to substitute the stolen textiles.

The pier for the Caltex Refinery in Batangas is now ready for deliveries and the *President Fillmore* will be the first vessel to call direct at this port.

Some congestion was experienced on Pier 9, but due to appropriate measures this was soon relieved.