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ENERGY UPDATE

New Services for Seniors

Realizing that Senior Citizens sometimes have special problems, three PGE representatives have been assigned to help them in such matters as arranging more convenient electric bill payments, helping with individual billing procedures, answering questions relating to electrical service, furnishing conservation literature and providing information regarding state and federal weatherization programs. Seniors can call their nearest PGE Energy and Field Service department for such help.

Test Windmill Sought for Boardman Site

PGE has applied to the Energy Research and Development Administration for selection of the north central Oregon Boardman site for one of the government's giant test windmills. The unit, to be constructed in 1979, will test the economics and reliability of wind-generated electricity. The blades—spanning 300 feet — are being built and tested by the Boeing Engineering and Construction Co., and will spin to generate electricity when the wind blows 11 miles or more per hour. It would take 500 such units to equal the output of the Trojan nuclear plant. Site selection from among several applicants will be made by ERDA later this year.

$4.3 Million Goes to 55 Oregon Cities

PGE has issued checks totaling $4,362,352 to 55 cities in the seven counties in which it operates in payment of franchise fees for conducting business within those cities during 1977. Cities in Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Columbia, Marion, and Multnomah counties received the payments which help meet city operating expenses.

CB'ers Reminded: LOOK UP AND LOOK OUT!

Please use extreme caution in keeping any kind of CB, radio or TV antenna — or any metal structure — safely clear of power lines. Keep ladders, poles, wires, ropes ... anything away from power lines. Tall, swaying antennas are especially hard to control. Work with people who are experienced...or hire a professional installer. Play it safe.

Insulation Doubleheader

Summer sunshine, longer daylight hours and more outdoor activities should combine to help your family use less electricity during the coming months. You can reduce your summer electrical use even more and at the same time increase your comfort level by insulating.

We usually think of insulating to keep a house warm in the winter by reducing heat losses. But insulation also helps a house keep its cool in hot weather by reducing heat gain. Insulate soon and you'll be in time to keep your home cool this summer and also have your home snug for winter. Winter has a nasty habit of returning.

Recreational Areas Open

A number of parks and campgrounds developed and maintained by PGE in connection with its generating projects in Oregon are now open for public enjoyment. Camping, hiking, fishing, water skiing or just plain picknicking facilities are offered. Promontory Park on the Clackamas river offers overnight camping and reservations may be made by calling 226-8503 Monday through Friday. Roslyn Lake Park and the newly developed Trojan nuclear plant recreation area have facilities for group (20 or more) picnics and reservations may be made by calling the same number. A small fee is required for use of some facilities. Call or write PGE's Public Relations department for a free brochure describing PGE recreation areas.

Thought for the Day

"Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it."

—Henry Ford

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Forest Service gears up for fire season

Forest Service crews and equipment are being readied for this year's forest fire season, and although the number of fire-fighting units will be slightly less than during last year's drought, full capability is being maintained.

In Oregon and Washington, the Forest Service has taken a closer look at fire protection costs and has allocated some $4 million heretofore used for pre-suppression readiness to disposal of hazardous forest fuels (slash and other material).

This change in emphasis is part of a long-term fire prevention program aimed at ultimately reducing overall fire protection costs and damage to resources, says R.E. Worthington, regional forester, Pacific Northwest Region.

Worthington pointed out that one of the factors that will help the Forest Service maintain its ability to respond to all fires that need immediate action will be the use of personnel from Job Corps and Young Adult Conservation Corps programs.

These crews are being organized and trained in addition to regular Forest Service people, he said.

Also, cooperative agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington provide for reciprocal fire protection help, Worthington observed.

While generally the Forest Service protects only National Forest lands, fire planning and preparedness is closely coordinated with the other land management agencies and much valuable mutual aid is realized annually, he emphasized.

Without such inter-agency support, state and federal forest fire organizations individually would be hard put to cope with the fire suppression impacts experienced by one or more of the agencies almost every year.

"By pooling our fire fighting resources, we are able to achieve greater efficiencies in protecting our Northwest forest lands from wildfire," Worthington said.

Commission speeds process

Clackamas County Commissioners last week speeded up the process for county residents to obtain temporary mobile home permits.

Persons who wish to live in a mobile home temporarily either because they are building a house on the property, or are taking care of an ill relative, no longer need to bring their case before the county Board of Adjustment.

Instead, both types of applications will now be handled by the planning staff.

In the first case, the property owner need only show receipt of a building permit to get a one-year mobile home permit.

In the second case, the planning staff will wait two weeks to a month to obtain responses from adjacent property owners. Any negative response will result in a board hearing.

Both types of permits previously took two to three months for approval.

Assistant planner Doug McClain estimated that 80 percent of all mobile home permits fall into these two categories.

Automobile insurance now required

If you own a car and don't have liability insurance to cover it, or proof you can pay the costs of an accident, you will be breaking the law as of July 1.

Under legislation passed by the 1977 Legislature, all car owners are required to have minimum liability coverage by the first of next month or a surety bond worth $35,000 as proof that the cost of an accident can be covered.

State officials with the Motor Vehicles Division estimate that at least one in seven, and possibly one in five, do not carry auto liability insurance for one reason or another.

After July 1, car owners will have to show proof that they carry the insurance before registration for new license plates will be issued.

State Officials at the MVD say it is a good idea to carry some form of insurance identification in the car at all times.

Persons found guilty of driving without the coverage are subject to a $100 fine on first offense. The fine will be dismissed if the offender can secure the insurance and show proof of it within 15 days of the conviction.

The minimum coverage required is $15,000 for one injury, $30,000 for injuries in one accident, and $5,000 for property damage.

Exempted from the law are farm tractors and similar off-the-road vehicles and antique cars. Antiques are defined as being at least 25-years-old and not used primarily to transport persons or equipment.

Persons who falsely certify they have the liability coverage are subject to a $1,000 fine, a year in jail or both.

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Lyn n Dingler and Ben Salisbury

Advisory committee to start eyeing comprehensive map

When the map comes out, so do the people, says Lynn Dingler, planning consultant for the City of Sandy.

If Dingler's assessment is correct, Sandy area residents will be coming to the June 6 meeting of the Citizens Involvement Advisory Committee for the comprehensive plan revision. The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be held in the Sandy City Council chambers.

Dingler will present a current land use map, proposed maps and discuss implications for future development at next week's meeting.

The plan, still in the discussion stages, isn't cast in stone, Dingler said.

The CAC has been meeting since September and so far has tentatively adopted a series of 15 goals and associated objectives for the achievement of those goals.

At the last meeting a group of 12 persons, led by CAC Chairman Ben Salisbury, hashed over implementation of those goals and objectives for three hours.

Dingler said the implementation items will not necessarily cover goals or every objective within the plan.

"The resources of any city are finite and consequently priorities within any generalized comprehensive plan should be established," he told the group.

The 15 goals include citizen involvement; land use planning, agricultural lands; forest lands; open space, scenic and historic areas and natural resources; air, water and land resources; areas subject to natural disasters and hazards; recreation needs; economy; housing; public facilities and services; transportation; energy conservation; urbanization; and human services.

Copies of the goals and objectives are available at city hall.

City administrative assistant Susan Greer said the CAC has scheduled two meetings to discuss the map. After the CAC finishes its work, the city council will go over the proposed plan in a public hearing. . . Greer said those hearings would probably begin around the first of July.

One problem discussed so far by the committee is current plan's conflicts with zoning in the city.

"We're faced with two documents with many conflicts," Greer said in comparing the comprehensive plan with the designated zoning.

She said that members of the committee want the public to know that when the comprehensive plan is adopted, it will be the controlling document for zoning in the city.

Students tackle tough words

Words like baccalaureate, gypsophilia and scabiosa send most persons scrambling for their dictionaries.

But words like these were child's play for more than 20 students from a dozen Clackamas County school districts who gathered at Clackamas Intermediate Education District headquarters recently for the county-wide spelling bee.

The students, representing a dozen school districts from Clackamas County, competed in three divisions. Division One was for students in grades one through six. Division Two competitors were from grades seven, eight and nine. Division Three was composed of students in grades ten, 11 and 12.

Sandra Burr from Boring Middle School took second place in the competition, and Melody Skelton of Sandy Union High School took third place in Division Three.

According to IED Superintendent Tony Bryant, a Sandy resident, the traditional spelling bee is making something of a comeback.

"And I think it's an excellent thing, too," he said. "Some people talk about 'back to basics' as though there was a time when education stopped teaching basic skills. I don't think that was ever the case."

Bryant said competitions like the state spelling bee give students a chance to gain recognition for academic excellence.

The first place winner in each division will go on to compete in the state spelling bee against the winners from Oregon's other counties. The state spelling bee will be held this September during the Oregon State Fair.

ANNE GEORGE and Melody Skelton recently participated in the Clackamas Intermediate Education District spelling bee at Marylhurst. Miss Skelton took third in her division. Both attend Sandy Union High School.

FFA premium books ready for state fair

Premium books for all Future Farmers of America entries were made available this week at the main office of the Oregon State Fair. Feature theme for this year's FFA entries is A Golden Past-A Brighter Future.

Ron Ingberg, director of the Oregon State Fair, says "entries should be more numerous than ever since the Future Farmers are celebrating their golden anniversary."

Four sections will be featured:

—Livestock, which will include beef cattle, dairy cattle, goats, swine and sheep;

—Crops, Nursery and Landscape covering fruits, vegetables, honey and bees, seeds and nursery;

—Agriculture Mechanics for items from small feeders to large trailers,

—FFA Contests for sheep shearing, livestock and dairy cattle judging and farm machinery operators.

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State fair premiums due

Oregon State Fair Premium Books for poultry, rabbits, pigeons and cavies are now available, according to director Ron Ingberg.

The show will be held during the duration of the fair, Aug. 26 through Sept. 4, and entries close on Aug. 1 or whenever the capacity is reached.

Each category must be submitted on a separate entry form.

Permits for out-of-state entries are available from the state veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, Salem, 97310 (phone 378-4710) and must accompany all entry forms.