

PGE ENERGY UPDATE

"How To with Solar" Added to TV Series

With the great interest in solar energy being expressed by our customers, the PGE-sponsored "How To With Pete" television series on energy conservation will conclude its 13-week run with the last three shows in June devoted to utilizing energy from the sun. The show on Saturday, June 16 will feature the various types of active solar systems. On June 23, host, Pete Prlain, will show how to get the most out of the sun where you now live (retrofitting) and on the last show, June 30, you will learn how to build your own solar collector. PGE's "How To" television shows are aired on KPTV, Channel 12, at 10 a.m., Saturdays.

Some Fame, Prizes Await Contest Winners

There's still time to put your artistic talents to work and enter PGE's "Design-a-Conservation Billboard Contest." It's easy, it's fun and if your entry is one of two grand prize winners (one for under age 18, the other over 18), your design will actually be posted on billboards within PGE's service area. Your name, as the artist, will be on the board. And, in addition to that modest bit of fame, you will receive a pair of ten-speed bicycles. All you do is submit an idea that suggests a way to save energy. You can pick up an entry blank at any PGE office or simply use a plain piece of paper and send it to Conservation Contest Headquarters, P.O. Box 1788, Portland, OR 97207. There are 18 other energy saving prizes, too—like sweaters and shoe skates for the runners-up. Deadline is midnight, June 6—so use just a little bit of energy and hurry.

Pennies Saved—Mount Up

With some added work in the mailroom by PGE employees in pre-sorting monthly customer mailings, the cost of postage has been reduced 2¢—from 15¢ to 13¢. PGE has approximately 450,000 customers and you don't even need a pocket calculator to figure out that that's a monthly postage saving of \$9,000.

Senior Advisor Added In Western Division

Senior citizens are special people to PGE and a fourth company representative especially trained to assist with seniors' problems has been added at PGE's Western Division. Her name is Lynda Danielson and she will work in the Beaverton-Hillsboro area. What Lynda does, as do the other three senior representatives, is to give advice and counsel on home weatherization, shows how to get maximum comfort at the least expense with electric heat systems, explains the company's equal payment plan and helps arrange "third party notice" assistance. PGE's senior reps carry around a whole trunkful of literature on conservation and weatherization. Lynda's number is 643-5454.

Switcheroo—Would You Like to Sell Electricity to Us?

To encourage development of all energy resources, PGE this month filed a special tariff with Oregon's Public Utility Commissioner which would enable some PGE customers to receive credit on their bills for electricity they generate. In other words, the roles of buyer and seller are reversed and PGE will credit the amount generated at the customer's standard rate per kilowatt-hour. One reminder—a customer installing a generating unit—like a windmill, for example—would be required to have an automatic synchronizer. This is to protect company employees who would be working on the lines into which the customer is feeding his homemade electricity. If you would like more information on the availability of generating equipment or about the new tariff, call 226-8631.

Trojan's April Performance Saved More Than a Million Barrels of OPEC Oil

With the long gas lines and worry about oil supply, it is important to note how much more serious the problem would be if the 657,833,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity generated by the Trojan nuclear plant in April would have had to be generated by oil-fired units. To be precise, Trojan's operation in April saved the equivalent of 1,026,260 barrels of OPEC oil...and best of all, uranium is about 50 percent cheaper. What's more, during the first four months of 1979, while Trojan operated, a total equivalent of 4,326,260 barrels of oil were saved. During that same period the plant operated at 93 percent capacity factor. It has operated in a safe and economical manner and is now shut down for its annual maintenance and inspection during the next few weeks when the spring run-off promises additional hydroelectric power to help meet customers' needs.

Thought for the Day

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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Holiday weekend gives police no real trouble

Sandy police experienced "no major problems" over the Memorial Day weekend, according to Police Chief Fred Punzel, just a lot of traffic.

"It wasn't evident that there was a gas shortage," he said. "There was bumper to bumper traffic through town all day Monday."

Last Wednesday, Gregory Hohler, 23, of Sandy reportedly fell asleep at the wheel of his vehicle on Pioneer Boulevard near Scales Avenue and it struck a parked car, beginning a chain reaction. Three vehicles were damaged in the accident. No citations were issued.

A 1970 Datsun pickup truck, reported stolen from the parking lot of St. Jude's Home late Wednesday, was recovered early Thursday morning. It had been run off the road on 362nd Drive near Trickle Creek and sustained considerable damage.

Billy McNutt of Sandy reported the theft of tapes from her vehicle. They were valued at \$180. The incident is currently under investigation.

The Big Apple grocery store reported the theft of two short cases of beer on Saturday at 11:55 p.m. It was valued at approximately \$10.

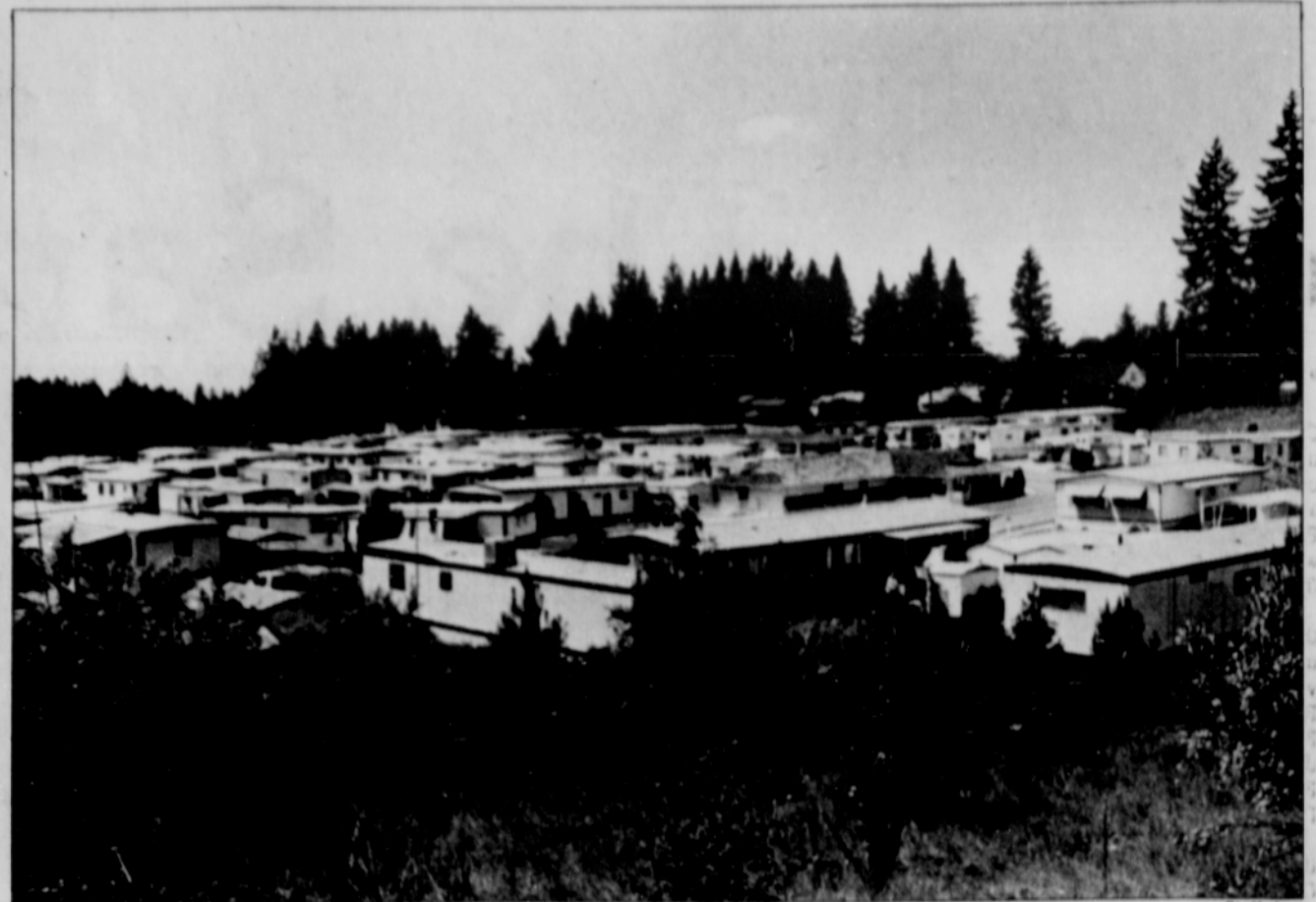
Earlier that evening, Sandy police arrested Norman Terrill on a warrant issued by Clackamas County. He was charged with theft and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail.

Joe Green of Sandy reported the theft of a bicycle from the front yard of his home. It was valued at \$79.

A 1967 Ford Mustang, stolen from a residence on Gary Street, was recovered by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Department on Saturday, just east of Gresham.

A 1973 Dodge pickup truck stolen a week ago was also recovered Saturday by the Oregon State Police near Eagle Creek.

The Sandy funeral home reported a theft Monday. A 1963 Cadillac was reported missing. It was recovered by the Gresham Police Department a short time later.



Mobile home parks like Hood Chalet provide an economical way to enjoy all the comforts of home, except when the tax man cometh with personal property taxes.

Mobile home popularity climbs

The skyrocketing prices of new conventional single-family homes has contributed to the large expansion of the mobile home market, according to a recent report published by the Bureau of Census and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

But the trend toward mobile home living does not mean that more and more people are taking advantage of a previously unexploited tax break, according to Tom Day, Sandy building inspector.

Residents of mobile homes pay personal property taxes on their dwellings, and although they don't pay as much as they would if they owned a home and lot, the rate is still a bit stiff.

Day cited an example of one Sandy resident who owned a home on one acre of land valued at \$40,000. He paid approximately \$525 in

property taxes. After selling the home and lot and moving into a mobile home valued at \$20,000, he still paid over \$450 in personal property taxes.

The tax structure is changing slowly, however. So slowly, in fact, that only one state has made the move.

The New Jersey State Supreme Court recently ruled that mobile homes placed permanently on private land are subject to real estate taxes like any conventional "site-built" house.

Clifford J. Parker, president of Oregon Manufactured Housing Dealers Association, Inc., said, "The New Jersey court decision is a strong opinion for the entire mobile-manufactured housing industry. The decision is encouraging to an industry that is trying to provide homes to the many Americans who have been priced out of the conventional housing

market."

So many Americans that the mobile home is rapidly gaining popularity as a single-family home. While mobile home shipments increased by four percent to approximately 275,000 homes in 1978, "new single-family homes sold" declined to 817,000 from 819,000 in 1977, raising the mobile home's share of the single-family housing market to 25 percent in 1978, the HUD report said.

In Sandy there are four mobile home parks serving approximately 120 mobile homes. The planned development at Weyerhaeuser Road calls for an additional 55 and there were plans for a mobile home park submitted with a petition for annexation approved by the City Council last week.

Parker pointed out, "The mobile home is the only housing regulated by the federal government (HUD). It is qualified construction, designed and built as per-

manent housing. It deserves an opportunity to find its own level in residential communities."

And the rising prices are helping the mobile home to do that.

The median sales price of a new single-family home sold last year was \$50,000 in Oregon, according to the Oregon Housing Division. That was up nearly 14 percent from 1977. Mobile homes, on the other hand, sold for an average price of \$16,300 during the third quarter of 1978, according to HUD.

In its decision the New Jersey court stated that modern mobile homes "not only have all the facilities of conventional homes including sewage, water, heating and air-conditioning, but also are being constructed to look like and be used as conventional homes. As such they should, in all fairness, bear similar tax burdens."

District suspects arson in blaze

Sandy Fire District personnel responded to a house fire on Borstad Road Friday evening that resulted in damages in excess of \$20,000.

The home of Larry Vance sustained major damage to the second floor, according to Jim Gallagher, fire prevention officer for the district.

The fire is under investigation by the district

and the Oregon State Police arson squad because, Gallagher said, its origin was of a suspicious nature.

A Sandy High School student learned that playing with fire alarms can be costly. The student spent Saturday washing fire department equipment and learning fire department procedures after she pulled the false alarm at the high school last Wednesday.

During the week, the Sandy fire department responded to 22 emergency calls. Of those, eight were first aid calls, six were responses to fires, four were public assistances, three were automobile accidents and one was the false alarm.

The department has responded to 336 alarms so far this year, compared to 240 on this date one year ago.

School Lunch Menus

Welches

Monday, June 4
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Grn Beans
Bread - Butter
Peaches
Milk
Tuesday, June 5
Hot Dogs
Mustard Catsup
Mixed Veggies
Ice Cream
Graduation
Cake
Milk
Wednesday, June 6
Spaghetti
Meat Sauce

Popeye Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Choice of Milk

Sandy

Monday, June 4
Hot Dog on a Bun
Catsup
Tater Tots
Bar Cookie
Sliced Peaches
Milk
Tuesday, June 5
Turkey ala King
over Rice
Cabbage & Pineapple

Salad
Hot Roll
Chocolate Milk

Wednesday, June 6
Burrito
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Garden club announces member drive

The Sandy Garden Club will hold its monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard Berger at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 6.

According to Virginia Andrews, publicity chairman for the club, all members, and those who wish to become members, are asked to come to the meeting prepared to pay their dues. A slide presentation by Marge Jacoby will round up the club's activities throughout the year.

Newly elected officers will be installed by Shirley Dyal, district director of Clackamas No. 15. They are Marge Jacoby, president; Marie Green, vice-president; Virginia Andrews, secretary; and Arletha Mills, treasurer.

A potluck luncheon will close the club's year. Dyal, Jacoby and Vera Ayers will attend the state convention in Corvallis.