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State turns on stoplight at Welches Road

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Things have changed on the mountain and nothing illustrates this better than the installation of the new Welches stoplight.

Some residents feel the new signal will cause the already-difficult traffic situation in the area to worsen. Others, however, say that it is long overdue, and complain of difficulties when turning west onto Highway 26 from Welches Road.

Monday, Nov. 30, the

newly-installed traffic signal at the junction of Welches Road and Highway 26 began operating. Installation cost \$48,000.

According to Oregon State Highway Division officials, the first week the signal will operate with a flashing yellow light on Highway 26 and a flashing red light on Welches Road. Vickie Rocker of the Division's Public Information office said that this should give residents and other users of the area a chance to get used to the

light.

Next Monday, Dec. 7, the light will be adjusted "to function as a standard traffic actuated signal."

Rocker said that temporary signs will be posted on both Highway 26 and Welches Road announcing the Dec. 7 switch-on date. Permanent lighted signs announcing "Signal Ahead" will also be turned on Dec. 7.

The stoplight is the final result of the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce traffic safety committee,

which was headed by Lowell Njust, local attorney. The committee worked for three years to get the state to install the signal light. The light was approved at the state's "Highway Improvement Program" in 1979, a meeting that's held every

six years.

The Highway Division justifies the installation of this light based on a traffic count conducted at the intersection during the week of Aug. 24-31, 1979. Although there were no major accidents or fatalities that occurred at

this location, Edward L. Hardt, regional engineer,

said that the light is warranted based on the heavy

volume of traffic utilizing the intersection.

Boring, not White House, home for this Reagan family

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All it took was a hello in the hallway of a church to convince Ronald Reagan to marry Nancy.

It was love at first sight, according to Ronald Reagan.

These Reagans, however, reside at the Pioneer Mobil Park in Boring, not the White House.

Instead of worrying about the economy and arms negotiations, Ronald Reagan is probably most concerned about the welfare of Hannah, a recent addition to the family who weighed in at six pounds and eight and three-fourths ounces.

Their other two children are Michael, 4, and Jonathan, 3.

One might ponder whether or not this is a coincidence—that the Reagans in Boring have the same names as the President and the First Lady. According to the Boring residents, it is.

When Nancy and Ronald married it crossed their minds that they'd have the same names as the more familiar Reagans, but at that time he was not President and Nancy was not the First Lady, so they figured there was little significance to it.

As the presidential campaign continued, Reagan of Boring started pondering it all. "If he made president, I was going to change my name," he said.

And though their names remain the same, their lives haven't. They've been receiving a lot of media attention because of their names.

"I think it's fun," Reagan said about the attention, adding that he would like to sit down with the first family and compare notes on world events.

The Reagans have managed the mobile home park in Boring for three

years. They are originally from California (where they met and married), and moved to Oregon to manage the park.

Reagan said that he's met the President twice. Once when he was governor of California, and another time when he was in Portland campaigning for the office he now holds. His face-to-face meeting

with Reagan at the Coliseum provided him an opportunity to introduce himself and his wife—making it known that they share names.

Reportedly the President's reaction was, "I'll be darned."

The Reagans are apolitical. They said their views coincide with the scriptures of the Bible, and

no comments were made about the President's policies.

When asked how he feels about having the same name as the President, Reagan said, "There's a certain obligation you have and there's a certain expectation people have of meeting the Reagans." They said they hope people aren't disappointed.



Ronald, Nancy and Hannah Reagan

Well child clinic to be held in Boring Dec. 1

The Clackamas County Public Health Division will

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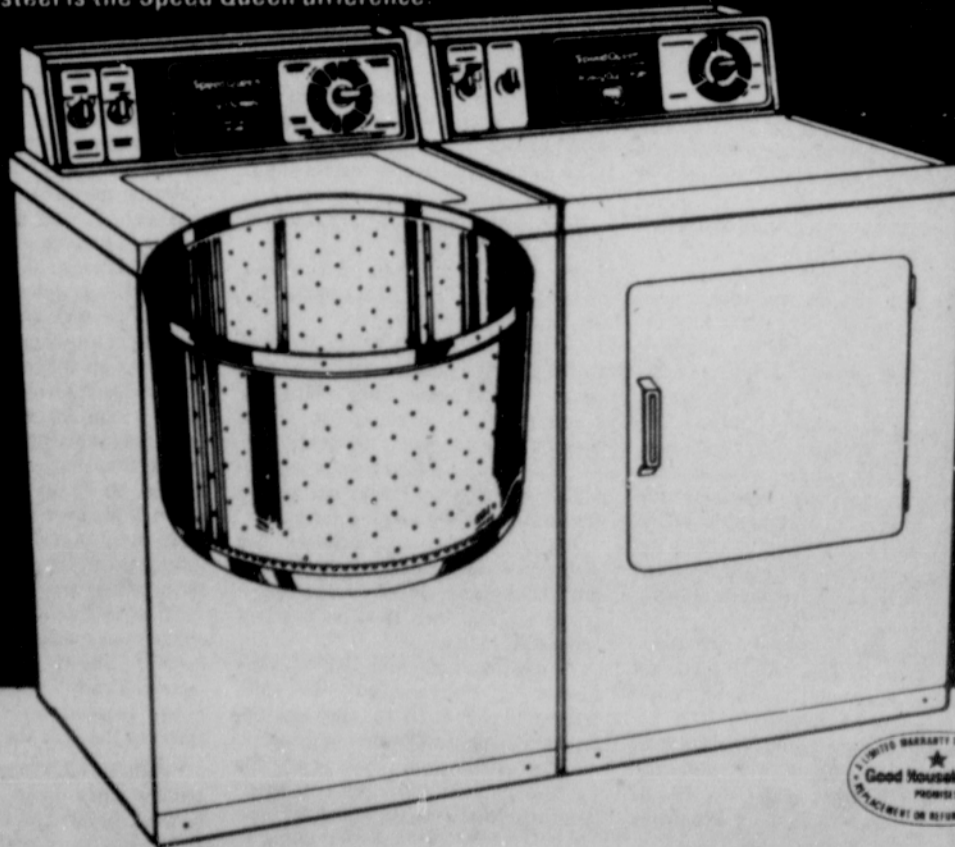
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