

Area hydro projects put on hold temporarily

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A proponent of hydroelectricity said recently that adverse public reaction has caused him to postpone work on area projects.

Douglas Pegar, of the Gladstone-based Douglas Water Company, said

he advocates safe and environmentally-sound mini-hydroelectric systems for local rivers and their tributaries in Clackamas County.

Pegar, who acts as the designer-consultant and spokesperson for the company, currently has six proposals for developing small-scale

hydroelectric systems in the county. Three are in the Clackamas River drainage and three are in the Zigzag District of the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Douglas Water Company's Zigzag projects include two in the Zigzag Mountains. One is on Henry Creek and the other on Devils Creek. The

third project is proposed for the Wind River basin of Tom, Dick and Harry Mountain.

The first project Pegar's company has proposed to be developed in this area is on Henry Creek. The Henry Creek project has received recent opposition from the Rhododendron Neighborhood Group.

The RNG fears that Pegar's project will cause turbidity in the area's water system, as well as increase erosion and affect the stream's anadromous (steelhead and salmon) fish runs.

Pegar, in a telephone interview, said that his company, at this point in time, has placed less priority on tapping the area's streams for the generation of power due to the strong opposition expressed by various groups since Steven Sweitzer's Boulder Creek hydro project went before the State Water Resources Board last summer.

Because of the public outcry, which was contributed to by groups as the Sierra Club, the Environmental Committee on Suitability, the Mountain Area Corridor Citizens, the Oregon Environmental Council, Multnomah County Park Department, the Salmon River Chapter of the Oregon Steelheaders and the Inter-Tribal Council Fish Commission, Pegar said that any project in this area will go on hold temporarily.

He said that their efforts will be concentrated elsewhere until the public's fear of mini-hydros lessens.

"There's just too much opposition up there right now," said Pegar. "Why spend a lot of time and man-hours trying to convince people how environmentally safe and practical micro-hydros are compared to other

energy projects such as nuclear power.

"Our efforts will be concentrated on the Clackamas River area first," said Pegar. "At least there we have no major opposition. Up here we're going to take our time and wait until the people can see how beneficial small hydros are."

Pegar said that his company's project on Camp Creek, a tributary of the Clackamas River, will be a good example of what can be done to a small stream for the generation of power.

Upon completion of that project the company will develop projects on Whale and Cripple Creeks.

Maryanne Hill, who operates the Government Camp Water Company and has filed for a conditional use permit application with the U.S. Forest Service for a mini-hydro on Camp Creek near Yocum Falls, echoes the same concerns as Pegar.

She said that she has put her project on hold until other similar projects are developed and public attitude changes.

Pegar also stressed that his company is not "a wildcatter" that comes in with a lot of style in order to make a lot of money.

He said that Douglas Water Power is a local company made up of several Oregonians whose goal is to generate "a practical and environmentally sound alternative energy source so we don't have to content with another source that does not meet this criteria."

According to Pegar, hydro sites in the Mt. Hood National Forest, as well as elsewhere in Clackamas County and around the state, have been influenced by Eastern and California money, which is "moving into the picture fast."

Therefore, he contends local control is important.

"We are not a big, high-figure corporation from back East here to kill the fatted hog, so to speak," said Pegar. "We have a local stake in hydros."

Like in the days of the gold rush, the recent competitiveness for sites, in some cases, can only be referred to as "claim jumping," said Pegar.

He said that depending on "how much money and finesse they have, they may or may not be able to jump the sites."

Already in the Clackamas River drainage one site is the center of a competitive battle, said Pegar.

The site is located on Roaring River, and both Maurice Baker of Portland, and Hydro Development Inc. of Los Angeles, have filed to study the area for hydroelectric development.

Pegar said that part of his company's protection against "wildcaters" is having the best trained staff to select the proper sites for the systems and develop it so that it is both economically and environmentally feasible for small-scale hydroelectric development.

He also said he has good legal counsel in Bill Yates, an attorney who worked for the Federal Regulatory Commission, and helped develop a lot of the rules and policies that micro-hydro developers must follow.

"When we finish our Canyon Creek project it'll let people know what we can with a stream," said Pegar. "We are locals, so we have a stake in maintaining the environment as much as anyone else. We just need a chance to show how environmentally sound these projects can be."

Candidate says he'll 'speak out'

Bill Anton, a farmer and executive director of a private foundation, has filed for the office of county clerk.

Anton, who filed Thursday, said he intends to make the office the leader in improving voter participation.

"The people have a right to expect elected officials to not only be good administrators, but to speak out responsibly on issues which affect their community," he said.

Anton and his wife, Frances, operate a sheep farm south of Oregon City. They have an 18-month-old son and are expecting another child in July.

Anton is also executive director of the Clackamas Community College Foundation, which contributes to the Silver Threads program, among others.

"I believe very strongly in community support programs," Anton said.

He said that being a farmer, he

knows what it's like to be alienated. Anton is democrat.

He has a master's degree in communication and a bachelor of science degree in social science, both from Portland State University, and an associate of arts degree in business administration from Clark College.

He is active in the Tri-City Chamber of Commerce, the Clackamas County Stockman's Association, and various youth projects.

He recently served as president of the Clackamas County Senior Citizen Council and remains an active board member.

Others that have filed for the county clerk's position include Carol Boguril, a Republican from Oregon City, John Kauffman, a Democrat from Canby, Benton Marberry, a Republican from West Linn, and Burt Redick, a Democrat from Oregon City.



Bill Anton

Hoodland Happenings

Pattern knitting class is tonight

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the Welches School library. Transportation and further information is available by calling Maxine Worley at the Senior Center, 622-3331.

Welches Community School classes to be held this evening are: "Ballet for All Ages" with leader Bethany Dalton, at 6 p.m. in Welches School gym; "Wrestling for Kids," in Welches room 15 beginning at 7 p.m.; "Recreational Basketball" in Welches gym beginning at 7:30 p.m.; and "Cooking with Dehydrated Foods" with group leaders Tom and Reva Cox beginning at 7:30 in Welches School kitchen. For further information on any of these classes call Community School Coordinator Reva Cox at 622-3397.

Wy'East Artisan's Guild will be sponsoring a second class in "Pattern Knitting" by Patsy Perkins, beginning this evening at 6 p.m. The stranding and weaving "pattern knitting" techniques will be taught. Learn to read and follow existing patterns, and to design your own pattern. For more information and meeting location call Carol Unkefer, 622-3077.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

Welches PTA will sponsor a movie for children and adults tonight in the school's new multi-purpose room. Doors will open at 7:15 and the movie will start at 7:30. An admission fee of 75 cents will be charged for each person. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 622-3538.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored

by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. in the Welches School Library.

This evening beginning at 8 p.m., the Hoodland Woman's Club will hold their monthly meeting in the club building on Salmon River Road. Patti Griffin, owner of the Calico Caboose at Hoodland Shopping Plaza, will present spring sewing ideas at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

"Waterless Cooking" will be demonstrated this morning beginning at 9:30 at the Hoodland Women's Club. Learn how to conserve energy while preserving the natural nutrients in foods using this technique. Louise Hoyt will lead this Welches Community School activity.

Community School classes to be held this evening are: "Recreational Volleyball" from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; "Aerobic Dance" from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and "Crocheting" from 7 to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at Hoodland Plaza shopping center parking lot from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

To place an event in the Hoodland Happenings, contact Dawn Morrison at 622-3538.

Arrest made in arson case

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A former Government Camp resident has been arrested and charged with the arson, according to Trooper Jim Ayers, an arson specialist with the Oregon State Police.

Ronald John Piccolo, 24, has been charged with criminal mischief and theft in the first degree in connection with the Jan. 8 burning of a 1976 Fiat.

The investigation was conducted jointly by the Hoodland Rural Fire District and the OSP.

Ayers said the suspect was living above the Summit House Restaurant at the time of the fire. The suspect had also been employed at the Texaco station, but had quit prior to the incident.

The vehicle belonged to Francis J.

Ribera and his wife, Maxine, of Bend. Ribera left the vehicle at the Summit Rest Area, located at the east end of the Government Camp business loop, Jan. 7, after mechanical problems developed.

At 6 a.m. the following morning the Hoodland Rural Fire Department responded to the call.

According to Fire Chief Don Armitrout, in an interview shortly after the fire, the vehicle was fully involved upon the department's arrival. He said that flammable liquids were poured over the vehicle and ignited. The vehicle was a total loss.

Ayers said that Piccolo broke into the vehicle and took a number of items, including an AMFM stereo recorder, speakers and a ski rack. The stereo recorder was found inside

the suspect's car, which was parked across the street from the Summit House Restaurant, said Ayers.

Ayers said that information concerning the theft of property came from a confidential informant.

According to Janine O'Neill, deputy district attorney for Clackamas County, Piccolo was indicted on Feb. 18 by the Clackamas County Grand Jury.

His attorney was notified prior to the Grand Jury's action and the suspect turned himself in at the Clackamas County jail on Feb. 9, where he was held. He was released on his own recognizance on Feb. 11.

Ayers said that Piccolo no longer lives in the Government Camp area, having moved to Portland.

No date has yet been set for the trial.

Tax credit ski days set for March

Tax Credit Ski Days, a fund raiser for John Thompson, a candidate for Oregon Senate District 14, has been scheduled for all four Thursdays in March.

A \$25 donation, which may be deducted on one's 1982 return, is good for a chicken dinner (anytime Thursday), and a ski ticket good for day and night skiing.

Tax Credit Ski Days will be held March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Timberline Lodge.

Entertainment will be provided from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Wy'east Day Lodge.

Tickets are available at the Sandy and Hoodland Rexall Drug Stores, and at the Wy'east Day Lodge.



Heidi Olson, left, and Amy Fabian spent some time last weekend roller skating. They are the daughters of Marvin and Mary Jo Fabian of Sandy.

Medical advice

Improved control of diseases is increasing life expectancy

Life expectancy is fast approaching 76 years of age. The main reason for increasing longevity is the control of diseases caused by infections.

Disease outbreaks like the Influenza epidemic towards the end of World War I that killed 20 million people will be unheard of in the future. Yet diseases like these will always be with us. But they can be controlled.

This is the first of a two-part series on infectious disease here in Oregon. The source for much of these articles was Dr. Larry Foster, epidemiologist for the state of Oregon.

Veneral Disease (VD): This group involves many different kinds of infections sexually transmitted including gonorrhea, syphilis and herpes Type II. As some epidemics decrease in size and severity, others increase and venereal disease is an epidemic in this nation. Mortality is not great but morbidity (pain and suffering) is with VD.

Gonorrhea: A very communicable disease. If you are sexually exposed to a person with this disease you have a 25 percent chance of getting it. The case rate per year was 11,000 in Oregon until last year. A dramatic drop of some 20 percent took place, to 9,100 cases per year.

Why? It is felt there is better follow-up on "carriers" by health personnel in finding sources of the disease, and the infected individuals are seeking medical care sooner.

Los Angeles experienced a very serious outbreak of penicillin/spectinomycin resistant gonorrhea. It ran over 200 cases. Its source was the Orient where previous cases of this type were reported in Vietnam veterans.

It was a pleasant surprise when the expected spread to other areas of the country never took place. Portland was especially vulnerable because of the transient lifestyle of the pro-

stitutes moving from city to city.

Good case reporting to community health agencies and the liberal use of tetracycline early (these strains of gonorrhea are still sensitive to tetracycline) was what prevented an epidemic.

Syphilis: Centuries ago the abnormal behavior in a lot of the aristocracy and men in power in Europe may have found its source in something called late syphilis. This is the late central nervous system manifestations of untreated syphilis. This is hardly seen any more because of the incidental liberal use of penicillin for other conditions, as well as the early diagnosis of syphilis and thus early treatment.

Yet after all is said there are still 250 cases per year in Oregon. This is an average that has changed little over the last five years. Case reporting in this country is not foolproof as this number shows. But most of this number may be new contacts from other countries entering the U.S.

Influenza: Though you may have thought you couldn't have felt any worse last week with the world's worst case of the "flu," guess again at what the cause was.

It was not influenza, for even though this is the supposed peak of the flu season there has not been one single case reported in all of Oregon. You have to go out of state to get even a possible case and that is down to Southern California.

The reason for the lack of cases is something called "genetic drift." When genes drift they form brand new virus, ones you have not had before. Thus you lack immunity.

Drift takes place every two to three years. Thus new virus come about every two to three years and your chances of getting the flu renew.

Once you contract a viral infection, you won't get the same virus for about seven years because of the im-



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munity you build up. This is little comfort because of the two- to three-year cycle of new influenza virus produced. So always check to see if you need a new influenza shot every two to three years.

One last important fact about the flu. When patients contract it they say "Why go see a doctor, there is nothing he can do about it." Nothing could be further from the truth.

It has been discovered why Parkinson patients never got the flu. It was due to the medicine they were on.

It was Symmetrel, an anti-Parkinson medication. Now it is used safely during flu season. Taken prophylactically during a bad season it can reduce your chance of getting the flu by 60 percent. Once you have influenza, Symmetrel kills the virus limiting in 60-70 percent of patients the duration and severity of the illness.