

Nuclear Power Reports Boost Further Study

After listening to experts regarding development of nuclear power generation facilities in Oregon, the State Rural Areas Development committee meeting here Friday (Oct. 24) appointed a sub-committee to develop a position paper for the committee to consider in January.

Appointed to the sub-committee were Lou Grouney, Portland; Mrs. Doris Bounds, Hermiston, and R. E. Schedeon, Gresham. The meeting, which followed the theme "Oregon Enters the Nuclear Age," was one of a series under the larger topic "Oregon Communities of the Future." The committee's next subject when it meets in Portland in January will be "Transportation."

During the discussion of nuclear power in the Beaver State, committee members heard discussions of engineering, orderly development of plants, site alternatives and a report of what one region in the state thinks nuclear power can mean to its economic development.

Boardman Interested

Rupert Kennedy, Boardman, coordinator for the Port of Morrow, outlined potential growth possibilities for that part of Morrow county. Part of the growth involves a nuclear power plant, or possibly a cluster of such plants. The Morrow port commissioners have already designated a possible site in their long-range planning.

One reason why the Boardman area is so interested in a nuclear power plant is the possibility of using warm water for irrigation, Kennedy told the committee.

Jack Clopper, Salem, deputy administrator of the State Division of Economic Development, discussed alternatives which go into the decision-making process regarding just where such plants might be located.

He pointed out that in selecting such sites, the sponsors and society should have their objectives clearly in mind. Unfortunately, there are often conflicting objectives.

Clopper noted that plants utilizing fresh water on a "once through" basis for cooling have the least cost of construction.

Second in cost of construction are plants utilizing sea water and Clopper urged the committee to consider these carefully as they probably have the smallest environmental impact. He also foresaw the possibility of using the warm water to increase fisheries production off the Oregon coast. For instance, he pointed out that Maine-type lobsters, oysters and abalone will grow in Oregon's waters, but that water temperature is too cool for reproduction to occur.

Other systems discussed by Clopper were the closed system using a cooling lake and recycling the water, plants with cooling towers which are the most costly to build, and a closed system using water for irrigation.

John Zajac, Portland, resident engineer in the northwest office of NUS Corp., outlined the licensing and regulatory procedures which must be satisfied before licenses for construction and operation of such plants are granted. Most of this work is done by the Atomic Energy Commission in conjunction with other federal and state agencies.

Keynote speaker for the meeting which was called to gain information was Dr. C. H. Wang, director of the OSU Radiation Center.

Dr. Wang urged that government, education and all those concerned with nuclear power to do everything possible to see that accurate, factual and reliable information is given to the public so that decisions based upon full information can be reached.

He noted that Oregon seems to be prepared to enter the nuclear power age knowing both the risks and the benefits.

The nuclear scientist noted that nuclear power appears to be the "sensible" way of producing needed electrical energy with a minimum risk. At the

Mrs. Weatherford Tells OSU Scenes

Mrs. Bill Weatherford on the Oregon State campus last week has come home with mixed emotions. While there she attended class with her daughter Ann Knoll, senior in Anthropology, attended protest meetings, marched in the Vietnam Moratorium and attended underground films.

She said she was impressed with the sincerity of the students and their desire to do something about stopping the war. The "March for Peace" started from the MU building following an informal talk by Professor Harry McCormack. In the "quad" there was a cross for each of the Oregon boys killed in Vietnam. Faculty and townspeople joined the students in an orderly march with police escort to the Courthouse.

At the Courthouse the address "Washing The Flag" was given by Robert C. A. Moore and the benediction by Dr. Wm. Walker, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The closing paragraph of Mr. Moore's address follows:

"In a moment we shall begin to recite the names of Oregon's War Dead. It will take about ten minutes. If we were to repeat each of those names it would take about 20 minutes. How long would it take were we to recite their hopes and dreams of a full life . . . hopes and dreams that lie musting with them NOW? What if we were to recite the names of the covey of mourners NOW weeping on the memory of each of these young men? How long do you suppose it would take us to recite the names of all of those who will yet die before our silent neighbors demand

with us that we stop it NOW? The names were read with the assembled group repeating each name. The group then dispersed because they had no permit to march back to the campus.

One of the professors whose classes she visited came in dressed in a sport short, no tie, sat on the desk, smoked cigarettes and drank coffee which as Mrs. Weatherford said was something more than different than when she had gone to school there.

Of the three underground films she saw she was bothered by so much nudity and seeming purposelessness of the films.

City Employees Travel To League Of Oregon Cities

City Recorder Elaine George and City Attorney Bob Abrams went to the League of Oregon Cities meeting in Portland Nov. 16-18. City revenues, city planning, long-range urban growth policies, urban-rural balance, social problems and other city programs and problems will be discussed at the convention. Mrs. George will especially attend the workshop discussion on libraries.

Mrs. Ernest McCabe is in the city office this week while Mrs. George is on vacation.

Nimble Thimble 4-H club met Nov. 15 at Mrs. John Privetts. We talked about Christmas gifts. We also elected officers:

President—Joan Ployhar; Vice President—Debbie Holland; Secretary—Kathy Marshall and Reporter—Lisa Burkenbine. Refreshments were served by hostess Lisa Burkenbine.

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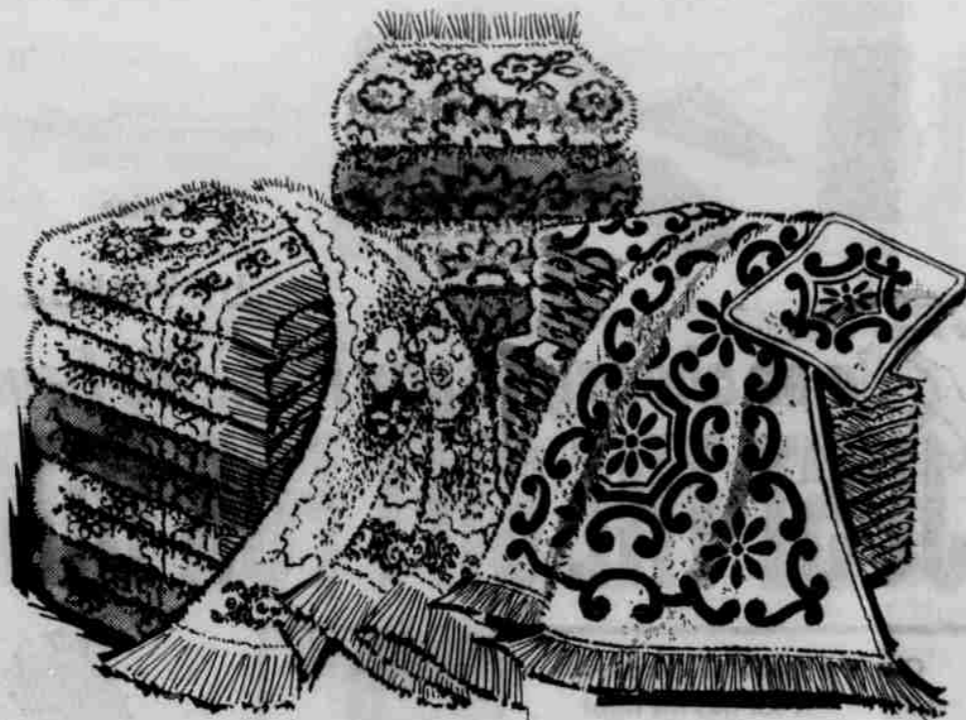
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