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Boardman, an area with growing pains

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When the City of Boardman was relocated in 1968 due to the construction of McNary Dam, the new town was designed for approximately 500 inhabitants.

Today, Boardman is all but obsolete. The population has outstripped the 500 population limit, city services are over-taxed, and the area is braced for an influx of from 1,000 to 20,000 residents as the planned farm and nuclear power plant projects develop.

Residents predict an increase of from one to four thousand people by the end of 1980. But what to do with them? City water and sewer lines are at capacity now. There is an insufficient tax base to finance the bonds required to meet expansion problems.

When the U.S. Navy decided to relocate its bombing range from the Boardman area to Washington State, Boardman residents were pleased but were also presented with another problem. The Navy is presently occupying 50,000

acres of farm land. Part of it will be used by Portland Gas & Electric for a huge nuclear power plant cluster. That means an additional influx of workers, possibly by next year. There is no housing for them, and not likely to be within the next year.

The nuclear plant will provide the area with coolant water to be used for irrigation of farm land once thought of as wasteland. Boardman and Morrow County is interested (and worried) about what will happen to the farm land once it becomes available.

Area residents do not look kindly upon changes in the community. Some resent the pending intrusion of more people and more business activity which means providing more schools and other tax-paid services to the "new-comers."

Generally, the division of the available farm land into small parcels for family units is favored. Another proposal has been that the farm land be made available to Vietnam veterans. However, the cost of developing the land would probably put the cost far above most veterans' ability to pay.

Then there is the Boeing Corporation to consider.

Aside from the 50,000 acres leased by the Navy, Boeing has almost 100,000 acres under a 99-year lease from the Veterans Department at 60 cents per acre per annum. The firm has poured a fortune into its agricultural practices. It has spent about \$100,000 in attracting PGE's nuclear plant so that it could utilize coolant waters from the plant for farm and cattle projects.

The status of Boeing has been subject to some misinterpretation recently, according to Jack L. McFadden, vice-president and assistant general manager of the agribusiness corporation.

Boeing pays taxes on the leased land. This tax to Morrow County amounts to about \$66,000, and since 1971 has paid the taxes direct rather than reimburse the Veterans Department. It constitutes about 2 per cent of the total county taxes.

According to McFadden, Boeing has yet to show a profit on its venture into agribusiness. For example, Boeing leases vast acreages of grazing land to Mrs. Shirley Rugg at 35 cents per acre for which Boeing pays 60 cents. It also leases some experimental alfalfa fields to her for \$104 per acre, whereas Boeing's cost for growing and maintaining is \$125 per acre.

Boeing points with pride to the fact that its projects have demonstrated the profitable use of the land to the extent that it has attracted developers, such as the Saber Farm people.

The greatest fear of Boardman area residents is the very fact that drastic changes are coming to their once quiet community.

There would have to be a police force, which Boardman does not have at this time. And a fire department. There are no facilities for new homes, although many are in the planning, along with trailer

parks and multiple housing units. One developer has plans for a 750-mobile home unit. There is a problem of where the children of new residents would attend school. There is no immediate problem at Riverside School, but an influx of 4,000 people would mean about 1500 new school children. Motels are already filled. It's hard to find a place to eat during the rush hours at the restaurants.

When summer comes and the processing plants open there will be new farm workers needing facilities.

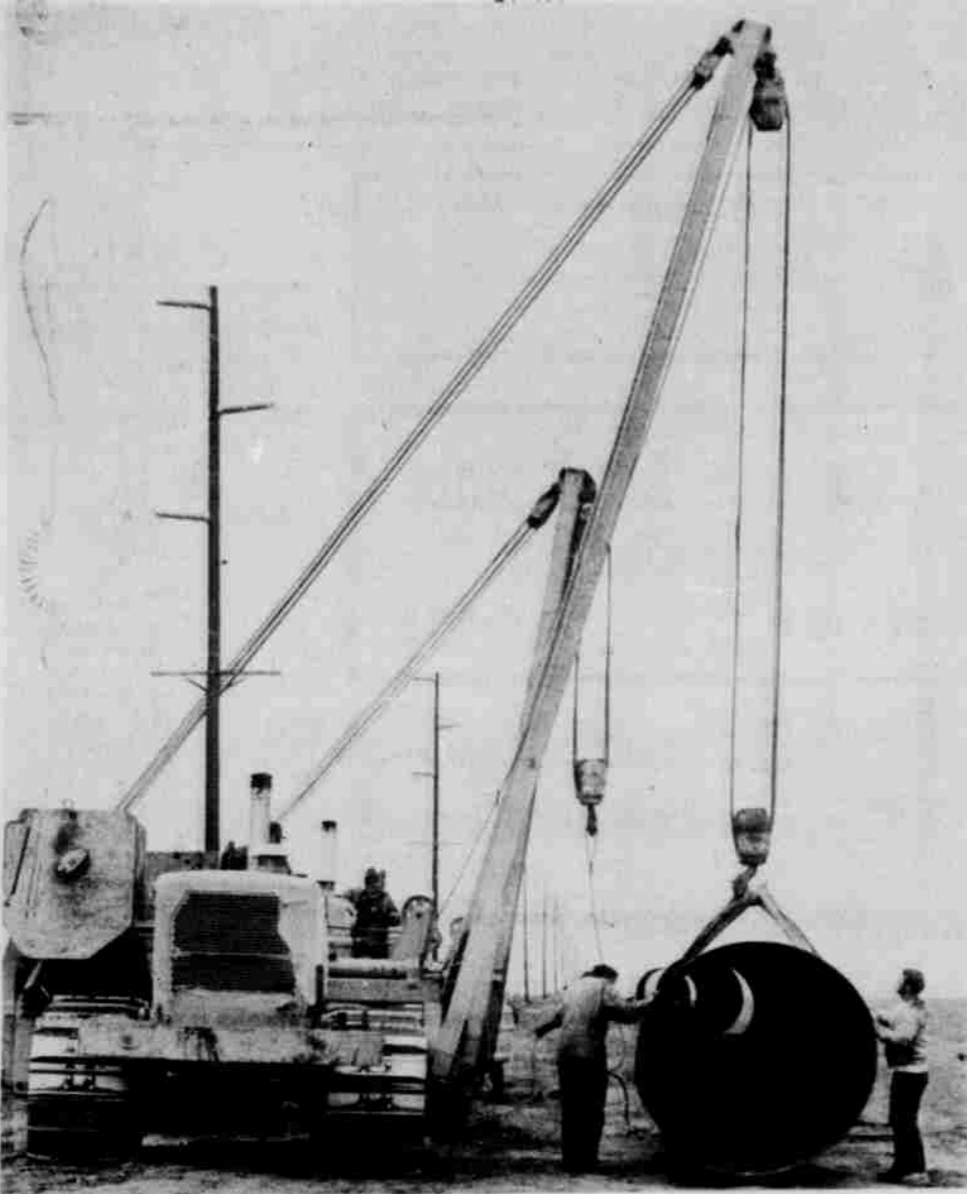
Construction has begun on a new french fry processing

plant which will be in operation by August. It will employ 175 workers. A mashed potato processing plant will employ 80; an expanded fresh potato packing house will employ another 100.

Up to now most of the workers employed are either housewives or high school students living in the area. But a new source of labor must be

found to harvest this year's crops and do related factory work.

Boardman and the surrounding area is going to grow, but it will be painful because of the lack of financing for public works and the negative attitude of many residents toward the changes that are sure to come.



Workmen for Teeple & Thatcher Contractors, Inc., Portland, align a six-foot diameter irrigation pipe on the giant Sabre Farms property near Boardman. The 50-foot sections are suspended by two large Caterpillars and held in position while workmen spot weld them together. Later they are lowered into a trench. There will be seven miles of this conduit (which costs \$45 a foot) to carry irrigation water from the Columbia River to Sabre Farms and East Oregon Farms. In all, there will be 60 miles of irrigation pipe of varying sizes when the joint venture is completed.

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