

# Boardman tabbed for windmill study

Portland General Electric Company has been notified by the federal Energy Research & Development Administration that its Boardman site is among 17 to be studied for the possible construction of a wind-powered electric generator.

ERDA plans to build four wind-powered generators at various sites around the country. Earlier this year, ERDA requested interested groups to submit preliminary site proposals and data. PGE's proposal was one of more than 60 submitted and is the only Oregon site selected.

Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council approved the site for the project and heartily endorsed the proposal. In response to the EFSC endorsement, Oregon's congressional delegation recommended the proposal to ERDA Administrator Robert Seamans. The proposal was prepared by PGE's Generation Resources Investigation Team and offers the federal agency space, services and facilities for the project.

Under Phase I of the project, ERDA will collect meteorological data from the 17 sites. In its proposal, PGE included data already from a 230-foot meteorological tower which has been in place at the site since 1973. The tower gathers data as part of the environmental monitoring program for the utility's Boardman coal plant now under construction and proposed nuclear power plants.

Construction of wind-generators will take place in Phase II of the research project. Contractors to NASA's Lewis Research Center are designing, developing and fabricating the generators for ERDA. They will be of two types with

blades ranging in diameter from 125 to 200 feet and a power rating between 125 kilowatts and 1.5 megawatts. A 125 kilowatt generator can meet the electrical demand of about a dozen average households.

Site selection for two of the 125 kilowatt generators will be made by the end of 1976 with construction to begin in early 1977. The locations for two of the 1.5 megawatt generators will be determined next year.

During the two years experimental operations are planned, ERDA expects the utility hosting the wind equipment to utilize the power from the generator to the maximum possible extent and provide agreed upon data to the government. At the end of two years, the government has the option to extend operations for another two-year period based upon mutual agreement.

Primary objectives of the project are to determine how reliable wind power is, how well it can be connected into existing electrical systems and how the windmills affect the environment.

## Pendleton man buys feed store

Leland Ansotegui, a horse-shoer for 14 years, has put away his shodding tools and has started to sell them.

Ansotegui has purchased the Green Feed Store from Larry Prock, Heppner. Ansotegui has lived in Pendleton for the last 14 years but says he knows many Morrow County residents through his former occupation.

Ansotegui says the feed store business will be hard work but not as tough as all the bending over to shod eight or nine horses a day.

He will be joined in the store by his wife Barbara. The couple also has three children.



Leland Ansotegui

Doug, 18 and Darwin, 14 will also help at the store, while Kara, just three months, will have to wait a while.

### BRIEFS

#### Outage

A fast moving electrical storm passed over Heppner last Wednesday and left a power shortage in its wake.

Extremely heavy rain and some hail fell for a short time on the outskirts of town. The power outage was caused when lightning struck a transmission line about two miles west of Heppner.

#### Vacation

Betty McDonald, Public Welfare division officer, will be on vacation from July 12-30. Workers from the Hermiston office will be in Heppner on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in Irrigon on Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Anyone having questions may call the Hermiston Welfare Division office collect at 567-2253.

#### 4H Camp

Parents and supporters of Oregon 4-H campers are invited to share a noon camper potluck meal on Saturday, July 10 at Cutsforth Park. The camper lunch will close the 1976 Junior 4-H Summer Camp program. See related story.

#### Food stamps

Individuals living in one or two person households, who were denied July food stamps in June because their incomes exceeded maximum standard, may now be eligible for the program.

The maximum incomes for eligibility have been raised from \$215 to \$245 a month for one person household and from \$307 to \$322 for two persons.

Persons interested should re-apply and are encouraged to contact their food stamp offices.

### Irrigon man saves daughter

Dick Anderson is glad he knows a little first aid.

The Irrigon man was filling his swimming pool last week when he saw his little daughter, floating face down in the pool. He scooped her from the water and began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. It didn't work.

He gave her a sharp blow to the chest and the little girl began to breathe again. She is home from the hospital and except for a little bruise on her chest, is feeling fine.

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