

Green Sanitary Controversy Flares; Seattle Man Judge

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The battle against the Green Sanitary District's proposed sewer construction broke out again this month, and a Seattle man found himself the unwilling judge.

The latest skirmish started after the Green Sanitary District made a bid for a loan for sewer construction to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

This brought the recently-dormant Committee for Dissolution quickly back into the fray.

In a petition to L. R. Durkee, director of Northwest operations in Seattle, the committee indicated the HHPA had not received all the facts.

'Too Expensive'
One of the first "facts" cited was that only 13 per cent of the district was in favor of the sewer and 49 per cent was against.

Another contention is that property in the district "is a drag on the market." It says "prospective buyers do not care to become involved in this foolish and expensive sewer scheme."

The petition also contends that many people "would lose their homes" if the sewer project goes ahead.

Another claim is that the board of directors is asking for \$391,000 in loans to serve a total 300 homes.

The cost cannot be estimated above these basic figures, but it will be much more," the petition says.

The oppositionists make it plain in the petition they will battle the system down to the last ditch. They say they will continue to call for dissolution elections and those opposed will not give easements or rights-of-way.

In conclusion, they request the loan be refused.

Senators Get Letters
Letters to Sens. Richard Neuberger and Wayne Morse are couched in even stronger language.

"We believe that \$1,400 a home is too much to pay for a sewer," the committee says. "We do not believe that the scheming greed of land speculators is a valid reason for forcing a sewer into our district."

Continuing the letters say: "It is generally understood that the United States government does not lend money to harm its citizens, but if this money is lent by a government agency to build the sewer in Green, that is exactly what it will do to 40 per cent of us."

In the rebuttal to the protests, signed by board chairman Warren Engdahl, a history of the district is outlined in which it is pointed out that the Corvallis engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes

and Merryfield concluded such a sewer system is "feasible."

Compromise introduced
It points out that three dissolution elections have been held and all were defeated by narrow margins.

Engdahl says, however, that a petition in 1956 was signed by 251 legal voters and was presented to the board requesting that a bond election for funds to construct the sewer be held.

Before the election, however, a compromise plan for assessments was introduced as the result of the opposition demands and manufacturing interests, which account for approximately 50 per cent of the valuation.

The election was held and was approved by a whopping 209 to 93. Engdahl indicates also that the area has suffered in growth, home improvements and home saleability, but he insists it is for another reason than the sewer hassle.

He said restrictions were imposed by the county health department and FHA financing was withdrawn almost completely from the area because of the "lack of sanitary facilities."

Breaks Down Costs
Engdahl's letter also takes exception to the \$1,400-per-family cost. He said he assumes the figure was arrived at by a summation of all costs, including the monthly sewer service charge of \$4 for a period of 25 years.

He continues that the cost of the system to a property owner with a \$5,000 market value home would be \$119 in the first year and \$35 a year each of the 24 years thereafter. He said the total 25-year cost would be \$950.

Laws Setting Farm Prices, Controlling Production Not Cure For Ills, Says Benson

YAKIMA — Laws which try to set farm prices and control production will not cure the farm problem, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson told a Republican dinner rally here Monday night.

The rally, attended by about 500, was one of a nationwide series held by the GOP to mark the start of President Eisenhower's sixth year in office and to launch a party drive to recapture control of Congress.

Benson outlined again the administration's program to lower price support floors under basic crops and to ease up on production controls.

He said the administration's goal is a "free and prosperous peacetime agriculture."

He predicted that farm income for 1958 will be about the same level it was nationally in 1957. He declared that in Washington state there was a nine per cent increase in farm cash receipts during 1957 compared with 1956.

Benson suggested that parity be set at a point to permit the flow of commodities to consumers instead of to government storehouses. He said new and great

Engdahl says these figures do not take into account the \$36,000 the federal government would grant through the state sanitary authority nor the probable gradual reduction of sewer service charges as the number of hook-ups increase.

"It can reasonably be anticipated that with the completion of the sewerage system in Green, there will be a population growth similar to that experienced in the North Roseburg Sanitary District, which has grown from 500 hook-ups in 1949 to about 1,150 now. The Green Sanitary District is very favorably situated as a residential and industrial area," Engdahl states.

Lists Reasons
Listing reasons for continued consideration of the loan to the district, Engdahl claims:

1. The health hazard due to pollution of roadside ditches and drainage areas with septic tank effluent is great.
2. The opinion of a reputable engineering firm is that the system is feasible.
3. Costs are not excessive and out of reason.
4. Support of the project by legal voters is "definitely greater" than the 51 per cent majority that once existed.
5. Property values throughout the area will fall if restrictions on building and financing are allowed to continue indefinitely.
6. It is believed normal growth in the area will be restored once sanitary facilities are provided.

Obviously uncertain, Durkee, the HHPA administrator, says: "Some of the statements in the petition are seemingly inconsistent with data in the loan application."

Local Woman's Club Doing Wardrobe Project

Members of the Roseburg Women's Club are working on their own interpretations of the "ideal costume for the clubwoman's wardrobe," which will be entered in a nationwide fashion sewing contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington, D. C.

Contestants in the local judging will model their costumes at a special club meeting on April 1. The winner of the local contest will be eligible to compete in the judging to be held later in the district level. Following the district judging, state and national judging shows will be held.

Participating in the Roseburg contest are Mrs. Kenneth Ford, club president; Mrs. Frank Ashley, district president; Mrs. Ernest Butler, Mrs. Bruce Elliott, Mrs. Earl Bleile, Mrs. Dale Williamson, Mrs. N. C. Wallin, Mrs. Thomas Garrison Jr., Mrs. Albert McBee, Mrs. Leon Mulkey, Mrs. Otho Gosnell, Mrs. Forrest Holmes and Mrs. Paul Abel.

Woman Booked After Another Slashed To Death

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Sheriff's officers booked a California woman for investigation after a hotel room dispute here early Sunday morning in which another woman was fatally slashed with a broken champagne glass.

The officers said the room in which the argument occurred was registered to Glenn Smothers of Ephrata, Wash. Smothers is manager of the Grant County (Wash.) Public Utility District.

The slain woman was Mrs. Helene Morene O'Brien, 31, Las Vegas, mother of three children. Deputy Sheriff Don Peal said the woman in custody, Miss Artie Elizabeth Bell, 26, of Oakland, Calif., admitted slashing Mrs. O'Brien during an argument at a private party in the Flamingo Hotel.

Smothers, who was vacationing here, returned to Ephrata Sunday night. He was detained briefly as a "friendly witness" by police.

"The bar was crowded so I asked several people to my room for a drink. We were hardly there when these two girls got in a fight. One of them broke a glass and began cutting the other. It seemed like it was all over in a fraction of a second."

The victim's husband, Jack, 31, a salesman, said his wife had gone to the party alone and that he had stayed home with their children.

Social, Fun Night Slated By Women

A social and fun night has been planned Thursday by the Roseburg Junior Women's Club. The event will start at 8 p. m. in the Roseburg Woman's Club building.

Members have been asked to bring a guest, and anyone else interested should call Pat Mathews at OR 3-8197 or LaVonne Page at OR 3-3663.

Members should bring "white elephants." Refreshments will be served.

The Junior Women meet each second and fourth Thursday of the month. The purpose of the club is to help with various charities and city projects. Last year's bulk of proceeds went to the school for mentally retarded children. This year, the projects are books for the city library, serving as hostesses for the Roseburg Symphony Orchestra and summer camp for diabetic children.

At the last meeting, plans for a potluck for husbands to be held in February were made.

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted
Surgery: Mrs. James Smith, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Floyd Coleman, Sutherlin; Mrs. Cecil Callahan, Dillard; Charles Sturgeon, Roseburg.
Medical: Mrs. William Muncy, Myrtle Creek; Christine Hansen, Roseburg.

Discharged
Douglas, Walter and Nelda Sharp, Sutherlin; Mrs. John Keller and baby, Michael Gary; Gaylene Kidney, George Malstead, John Rackley, Amy Erbe, Robin Street, Richard Aydelott, Mrs. John Cain, Dixie Culbertson, John Flurry, Roseburg.

Mercy Hospital Admitted
Surgery: John Zenor, Idleyld Park; Roy Hayden, Roseburg.
Medical: Mrs. Ella Herbison, Danny Willard, Janice Robinson, Roy Tannlund, Roseburg.

Discharged
Guy Wood, Sutherlin; Ed Radigan, Roseburg; Mrs. Steve Cantwell, Roseburg.

COMPLETES COURSE
Pvt. Richard W. Kylio, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Kylio, 871 Greenwood Ave., Reedsport, completed the telephone switchboard operation course Jan. 17 at the Army's Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Kylio entered the Army last August and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He is a 1952 graduate of Reedsport High School.

Sports

Sports In Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS GOLF
TIJUANA, Mexico — E. J. Harrison shot his fourth straight sub par round and won the \$15,000 Tijuana open with a 72-hole total of 280.

FOOTBALL
PHILADELPHIA — Penn's 68,000 seat Franklin Field became the new home of the National League's Philadelphia Eagles.

BOXING
ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Middleweight champ Carmen Basilio was named winner of the Huckle "Professional Athlete of the Year" award.

RACING
MIAMI, Fla. — Mark Antony (\$65.70) captured the \$5,000 Seagull Purse.

Machen, Folley Desire NBA Title Recognition
By JACK STEVENSON
SAN FRANCISCO — Managers of Eddie Machen and Zora Folley Tuesday called for the National Boxing Assn. to recognize the winner of their bout here March 17 as heavyweight champion if Floyd Patterson refuses a showdown.

Machen of Redding, Calif., and Folley of Chandler, Ariz., the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked contenders Monday signed for a non-televized 12-rounder at the Cow Palace.

That signing came just 19 days after NBA secretary Fred Saddy proposed such a match to determine a title challenger.

Another Of Portland's Penguins Dies Monday
PORTLAND — Another of Portland's penguins died Monday, victim of the lung disease, aspergillosis. It was a small Adelle that had first been reported ill Saturday.

The zoo here still has 24 penguins from the shipment brought in by Zoo Director Jack Marks from the antarctic last November.

The remaining birds, except one of the big Emperors, appear healthy. The ailing Emperor is listed as having the lung disease.

College Scores

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS EAST
Pittsburgh 86, Carnegie Tech 68
Springfield (Mass.) 68, St. Anselm's (N.H.) 62

SOUTH
N.C. State 57, Maryland 48
Georgia Tech 72, Georgia 59
Tennessee 32, Sewanee 39
Virginia Military 68, Randolph-Macon 52

MIDWEST
Middle Tenn. 77, Eastern Kentucky 76
North Carolina A&T 63, Winston-Salem Techs. 54
Lincoln 72, Howard 69
Delta State 78, Southwestern 69

WEST
Wisconsin 65, Michigan State 52
Ohio State 70, Iowa 64
Portland 58, Bradley 55
Xavier (Ohio) 102, Western Kentucky 76
Ohio Univ. 69, Toledo 66
Carroll 92, Northwestern (Wis.) 66

NORTHWEST
Arizona State (Flagstaff) 82, New Mexico Western 57
New Mexico A&M 88, Pepperdine 69
St. Mary's 53, East Texas Baptist 50

FAR WEST
Colorado 45, Iowa State 36
Oregon State 68, Stanford 59
Seattle 75, Gonzaga 53

California Cager Named Player Of The Week
SAN FRANCISCO — Don McIntosh was named Player of the Week by the Northern California Basketball Writers and Broadcasters Monday for his part in a 81-51 California victory over Oregon State.

Bear coach Pete Newell told sportswriters he credited McIntosh for leading the defense that moved California into a first place tie with UCLA in the Pacific Coast Conference. Both have 3-1 records.

Newell said the 6-6 pivot man is the type who does a good job despite giving away height but "never gets noticed."

Veteran Racer Hanks Topped U. S. Drivers
INDIANAPOLIS — Sam Hanks veteran racer from Pacific Palisades, Calif., and winner of last year's Indianapolis 500-mile classic, topped U. S. racing drivers in 1957 by taking \$113,055 in prize money.

AFL and CIO Merge At Ceremony Monday

PORTLAND — The labor movement was reunited at the local level in Portland Monday night for the first time in 20 years.

The AFL and CIO labor councils, following a year of negotiations, merged in ceremonies at the Portland Labor Temple, setting up the Multnomah County Labor Council.

Glenn Blake, former head of the AFL council, is president of the merged union. The former CIO council president, Kenneth R. Smith, is vice president.

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