

Voters to Decide Fate Of Now-Extinct 'Race'

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In the winter of 1941-42 the Millrace retaining walls were destroyed by a flood.

In the winter of 1946 the city of Eugene acquired the title, rights, and interest of the Eugene Power company in the millrace.

In the spring of 1948 (today, that is) the voters of Eugene will decide the fate of the millrace—we hope once and for all.

Joy for a Time

Following the city's purchase of the millrace rights-of-way all was happiness and joy on the campus, at least. Students reminisced of canoe fetes and picnics in the shade of the "Old Millrace." With news stories, editorials, and pictures the Emerald spoke longingly of the dear, gone days when the town was dry but the race was wet. After today these dreams of the past may become an actuality.

For years, certain groups advocated that the city buy the rights to the millrace. In late 1946 this was done, primarily because of the new highway development. But all the city got was the right of way and the water-less millrace with the remnants of concrete walls, destroyed by floods. Although the race legally belonged to the city, there were no funds available to repair the flood damage. The city now has a \$10,000 millrace fund but this is not nearly enough. Around this point the current question revolves.

Voters to Decide

The people of Eugene will decide today whether or not to authorize the sale of general obligation bonds up to \$20,000 to construct and repair the channel—to get water back into the Millrace. But before any of this money is available for millrace improvement, it would have to be matched by a fund raised by interested groups.

Potential "interested groups" include the University of Oregon, University students, alumni groups.

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the citizens' Millrace Park association, property owners with land adjoining the millrace.

University's Hands Tied

The University, which stands to gain the most from millrace restoration, cannot commit itself. University officials say that as a state-supported institution, the University has its hands tied—it couldn't pour money into the Race even if it wanted to.

The students, logically enough, fall under the heading of an "interested group" but it remains doubtful if they could raise the necessary amount to finance the new race.

On this subject, President Newburn was quoted in the January 28, 1948 issue of the Emerald as being in favor of a campaign among the students to raise the necessary funds. He said it should be "easier than the Student Union drive." Maybe it would.

In the October 4, 1945 issue of the Emerald, Dean Onthank told the reporter that money from student activities had accumulated in the treasury. Immediately there was official hope of putting this into a millrace fund. Evidently this money (somebody mentioned \$15,000) has gone to meet more pressing problems—it hasn't been turned into a millrace improvement fund. And October 9, 1946, City Manager Deane Seeger said he believed the University was to help finance the purchase and maintenance of the millrace. Evidently it was left up to the students.

Eyes Turn Toward Alums

The dear old alums are also potentials—aren't they always when it comes to financing something for the school and the students?

The Millrace Park association is already doing at least a part of its share in getting the race into operation. It was this group which caused the ballot to be drawn up. It was this group which placed an appeal in the city voters' pamphlet urging passage of the millrace measure. Primarily the group was formed only to investigate methods of salvaging the race. But its work has gone beyond that, to the point of actively campaigning for a better millrace—financed by someone else.

Property Owners Divided

Millrace property owners are somewhat divided on the question. However, Keith Fennell, campus

Speech Head To Introduce Henry Wallace

Henry Wallace will be introduced to Oregon students by R. C. McCall, head of the speech department, Tuesday afternoon at 3 in McArthur court. No classes will be dismissed for the speech, which is under the sponsorship of the University assembly committee.

Wallace will arrive in Eugene at 2:15 from Corvallis, will speak at Mac court at 3, and leave Eugene for Coos Bay at 4:30.

Widely Read

Considered one of the most widely read men in public life, the third party presidential candidate not only writes of current events, but has been the center of controversial news since his first AAA was declared unconstitutional.

When he first entered public service in 1933 as secretary of agriculture, Wallace declared his department would "make good for the farmer or I will go back home and grow corn."

Main Objective

Main objective of Wallace's AAA was to stabilize farm incomes at satisfactory levels and to bring about a better division of income among farmers.

The ambitions of Wallace have developed from those when he was a child and wanted to "make the world safe for corn breeders" to his desire now to make the world safe for free thinkers.

Eugene is one of four scheduled towns in Oregon in which the presidential aspirant will make a speech on his far western tour.

businessman, stated that the majority of the property owners were in favor of a rejuvenated millrace. According to Fennell, there are a few holdouts but most of these are persons with purely selfish interests in mind.

Opposition to the measure is voiced by citizens with the very legitimate gripe that they will be taxed for something which will not benefit them. Consider the west-sider who owns no property on the race, seldom ventures east of Wilamette street, and has no prospective Oregon students in his family. He has only a nebulous thing called "civic pride" to repay him for his increase in taxes—and he wonders if this "civic pride" wouldn't better be manifested in something else, a ball park for instance.

Eugene's voters will answer these questions today: Should the city set

ASA Outlines Platform Planks Assemblies Needed for Unity

Following is the ASA platform for the ASUO elections to be held next Monday:

1 All campus unit through student assemblies. Revival of post-war assemblies for students which will bring off-campus students into closer contact with on-campus students, provide a place to orientate freshmen, bolster athletic morale, and allow an opportunity to openly discuss current campus problems.

2. More freedom of student government. The Student Body president to call a meeting of the presidents of every living organization for the purpose of discussing student problems, orientation of current executive council rulings, and of forming a united body of house leaders to present student body problems to the administration.

3. Unification of all campus drives into one major drive. Continue the policy of the ASA of trying to combine all drives on the campus into one drive. Appropriations to be made from a central fund. Girl Scout camp near Lake Clewax Honorary system. Student body president to appoint a committee to meet with all service honoraries in an effort to find a fair and just means of selecting members.

5. Support a Bill Hayward Memorial. A memorial to the late Colonel Bill Hayward has been suggested and should be carried out. ASA candidates pledge their support to this cause honoring Oregon's great exponent of sportsmanship and fair play.

6. Dismissal of all classes during

aside a fund for millrace improvements to be matched by interested groups and restore Eugene's historic landmark or should the city just forget the whole thing? Should the city make use of the \$10,000 millrace fund already on hand or should it forget it along with the thousands of dollars spent in 1946 for the title, right, and interest in the millrace? Should the city create a debt amounting to at least \$20,000 or should it use this money for other projects? Should the city regard the esthetic and scenic advantages of the millrace to be greater than the less ethereal needs confronting the city or should it not?

Homecoming and Junior weekends. Classes and the two weekends cannot successfully compete with each other and if the University is to continue to put on outstanding Homecoming and Junior weekend classes should be discontinued Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

7. Move election dates up. Oregon is the only school on the west coast to have elections late in May and this prevents the University sending the next year's student body president to the west coast student body conference as every other school does.

8. Continue support of opening the millrace. Last year's ASA candidates worked for this end and the 1948 candidates will continue to work to restore the millrace.

9. Continue support of the Student Union. The building is definitely needed by the University and every effort will be made to get it as soon as possible.

10. Continue stressing athletic public relations. Oregon is moving in athletics, but we should not let up now. Keep making young stars Oregon conscious. They should have no question about enrolling here.



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