

# But We Want Water in the Race!



A TRUCK WAITS IN LINE to dump its load of dirt into the millrace channel. In the watching crowd are Dr. Milton V. Walker, president of the Millrace Restoration committee (second from right), and Kieth Fennell, vice-president of the committee (far right).



MANY LOADS OF DIRT were already dumped into the channel by 10 a.m. Wednesday, as indicated by onlooker.

## Millrace Supporters Block Efforts at Filling Stream's Bed

By BOB FUNK

A "civil war" began raging Wednesday over Eugene's millrace, long a traditional University of Oregon recreational spot.

The Koke-Chapman Printing company attempted during the day to fill in a portion of the race bed at its intersection with Broadway. The printing firm owns the property at the southeast corner of the race and the highway.

"Interested parties" representing sponsors of restoration of the millrace parked cars in a blockade across the paths of the trucks as they approached the fill. The fill was dumped beside the race instead of into the bed.

### Walker Explains Stand

The stand of the Millrace association was stated by Dr. M. V. Walker, association president. According to Dr. Walker, the association learned several weeks ago of the purchase of the property by Koke-Chapman.

"At that time," stated Dr. Walker, "the Millrace association voted to attempt to obtain an injunction to prevent further filling of the race. Koke was informed by his attorney of the situation and was well aware that any steps he took toward filling the race would have to be enforced legally."

Dr. Walker further recalled that "the city purchased the race rights from the Eugene power company some time ago for \$50,000. I believe that until the city declares the millrace officially abandoned, property owners cannot fill any portion of the race.

### Believes Action Illegal

"The city attorney said last year that it is illegal for any property owner to do so; I believe the Koke-Chapman action to be in defiance of the law.

"There will be no more canoeing," was Dr. Walker's prediction, "if Koke-Chapman can get away with this. Other property owners up and down the race have indicated

a desire to fill, and they will probably do so if a precedent is set. Then there will be no chance of ever getting water back into the race."

Meanwhile, John W. Pennington, city attorney, expressed the belief that the matter will be placed in litigation.

"Whether or not property owners may make use of the race before it is officially abandoned is a matter for the court to decide," declared Pennington.

### No Koke-Chapman Comment

Neither Koke nor Chapman was available for comment.

Keith Fennell, Eugene businessman and founder of the Millrace association, declared, "These people are jeopardizing the millrace for their own personal gain.

"We (of the Millrace association) hope that when they receive adverse criticism on their action, Koke - Chapman will withdraw without the force of an injunction."

## Pianist To Bring Concert Tonight

A concert by Bernard Abramowitsch, outstanding western pianist, will be held at the University school of music auditorium at 8:15 tonight. The pianist is sponsored in Eugene by the Chamber Concert series, composed of the three national professional music organizations on the University campus.

The German-born Abramowitsch lives now in Berkeley, California. He is well known on the Pacific coast for his performances with the Portland and San Francisco symphony orchestras and other West coast groups. Tonight's concert will mark his first appearance in Eugene.

The five-part program is as follows:

Fantasy in C minor, K. 396 by Mozart.

Davisbundlertanze Opus 6 by Schumann.

Sonata No. 2 (1946) by Roger Sessions.

Sonata in B minor by C. Ph. E. Bach.

Sonata in C minor, K. 457 by Mozart.

Concert tickets may be purchased at the Co-op today from 11-1 and 3-5, or they may be obtained at the music school auditorium door tonight. All tickets are priced at \$1.20. Season ticket holders will be admitted up presentation of their cards.

## Film to Be Shown

A fire prevention program will be presented tonight to focus attention of University students on the Red Cross drive which starts Monday. The program, arranged by Bob Buchanan, disaster control chairman, will include a film "Disaster Strikes."

## Spanish Club to Meet

El Club Espanol, campus Spanish club, meets tonight at 7:30 at Westminster house. Carlos Pesado, U. of O. student from San Juan, Argentina, will speak to the club on "Present-Day Argentina." Anyone interested in Spanish conversation is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Plymouth Club Meets

Plymouth club will hold its regular Thursday noon luncheon today in the Wheeler room in the Congregational church. University students are invited to attend.

## Supporting

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beautiful part of the millrace, where it attracts the most out-of-town visitors, will be filled in. I can't see why one property owner should use the millrace for personal gain when other property owners all along the line have agreed to property easements."

Mr. Chapman substantiated earlier reports that the filled-in property would be leased to the Union Oil company.

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