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The Dog Track Hassle

We don't pretend to have any inside information on the much-discussed dog track being proposed for the Wilsonville area.

But the news accounts we've read do leave unanswered several questions:

Why the Alphonse and Gaston act between the State Racing Commission and the Clackamas County commissioners as to just whom should plumb public opinion on the proposed track?

Why the outraged reaction of the Portland Oregonian to the "lack of publicity" (their quotes, not ours) relative to the Wilsonville plant?

Why the bitter blast from legislators, including Gresham's Ross Morgan, when plans for the track were unveiled?

From a strictly parochial standpoint, our area — the East County — couldn't possibly gain from installation of another dog-racing plant. It could only take business from the Multnomah Kennel

Club's Fairview operation.

State law, of course, prohibits more than one dog-racing plant in a county. But the backers of the Wilsonville project got around this one by tucking away their proposed operation inside Clackamas county . . . but still within minutes of Portland.

There are many — including this writer — who have strong feelings about the moral principle involved, the issue of more and more gambling. But we feel just as strongly that as long as dog racing is a legal activity in the state of Oregon, this issue can't properly be injected. Pari-mutuel wagering is legal in Oregon. Period.

East County Rep. Howard Willits has, however, introduced a bill to limit new dog-racing tracks. Ultimately then, the whole proposition may fall into the lap of the legislature. This could become quite a donnybrook.

Northwest Industries Should Get Power Preference

Two Washington state Congressmen—Rep. Julia Butler Hansen (D) and Rep. Jack Westland (R) — have joined hands in a bi-partisan effort which should merit the support of the entire Pacific Northwest.

They have introduced legislation to protect Pacific Northwest industries from a siphoning off of their electric power to California.

Briefly, their bill would give Northwest customers of the Bonneville Power Administration first call on power produced by federal hydroelectric plants on the Columbia river.

The bill, one of the first introduced in the new session, has taken on increasing urgency due to Sec. of the Interior Udall's announced plan to build a direct-current intertie between here and California.

Udall's plan presumably would sell

"surplus" power to California, thus benefiting us all. But here's the joker:

Public-power agencies in California would have priority over private industry in the Bonneville system. In other words, a California agency could take Bonneville power ahead of industries in our area or even ahead of private utilities.

The Westland-Hansen bill seeks to protect the many industries which have made big investments in the Pacific Northwest on the assumption that power would be available. Regional priority would take preference over distant public-power agencies if the bill is approved.

It means much to our area. A similar measure failed in 1962 and will get through this time only if it has the unified backing of the entire Pacific Northwest.

Is Compulsion the Answer?

As newspaper and longshoremen's strikes on the East Coast drag on, there is a growing demand for some sort of legislation which would lead to compulsory arbitration.

In other words, federal statutes would compel both sides in such strikes to submit their differences to arbitration. And the result would be binding on both.

We hold no brief for these costly, damaging work stoppages. But we wonder if more and more government intervention is the answer.

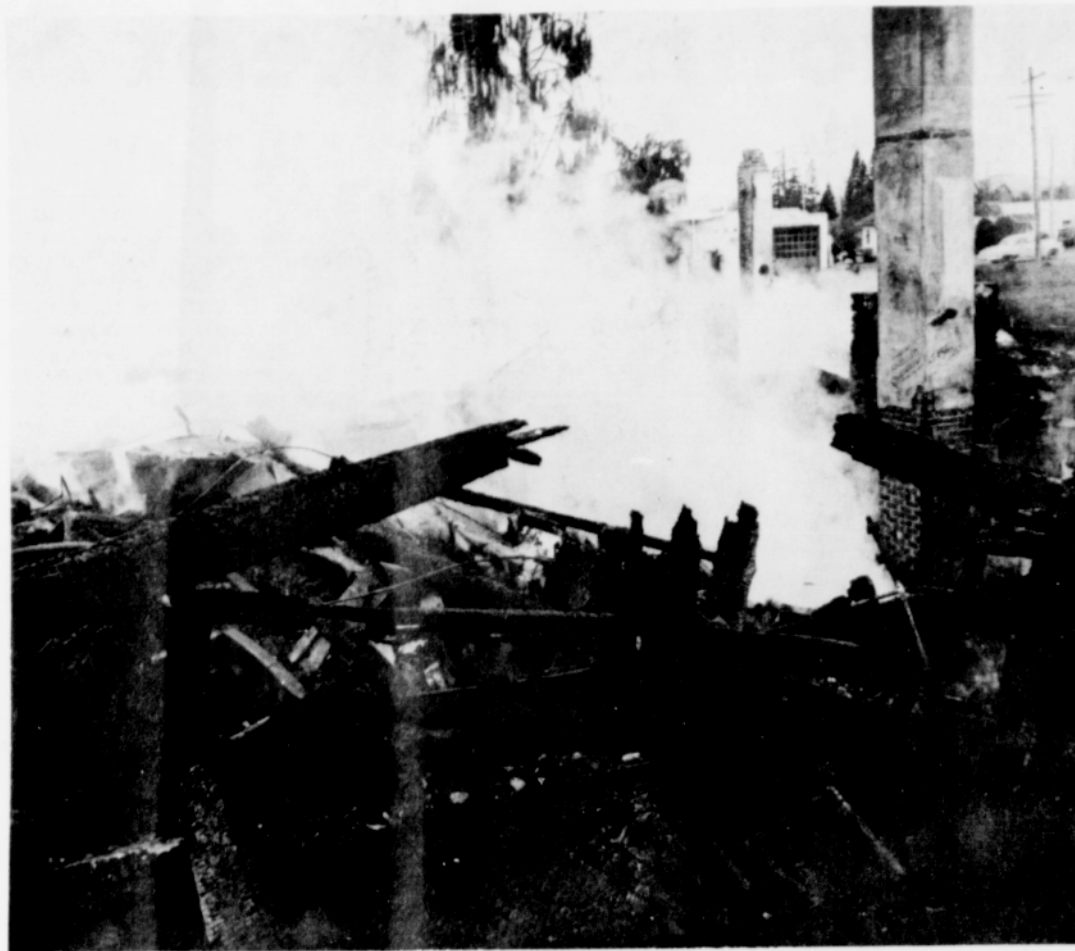
A settlement imposed by the federal government is really no settlement at all. Unquestionably, both unions and management wish to preserve collective bargaining with a minimum of government dictation. A compulsory arbitration

law would mean much more, not less, government interference.

The point certainly can be made, of course, that the public's interest is harmed by strikes such as those which have tied up East Coast and Gulf ports and which have snuffed out newspapers in New York.

People are emotionally tied up, for instance, when their favorite newspaper doesn't show up regularly. But actually, we're having fewer strikes than in the immediate post-war years. Collective bargaining has made progress.

We'd prefer to let unions and management work out their own differences — however imperfectly they may do it — than to let the federal government carve out still another area where it could dictate.



Fire Record Shows 35 Alarms; General Store Blaze Hottest

The Sandy Fire Department answered 35 alarms during 1962, according to the Official Fire Record. Of these, 11 were within the city of Sandy, 18 were rural, two were mutual aid, two were false alarms and two are listed under miscellaneous.

The amount of water used in fighting fires is listed as approximately 53,710 gallons, with the 2½ inch hose laying a total of 1550 feet, the 1½ inch 2450 feet and the booster 3100 feet.

The value of property risked in these fires is listed at \$10,973,450, with an approximate loss of property in the amount of \$120,575.

During the last year the

Volunteers added to the equipment a chain saw, 10 sets of turn-out gear, a popcorn wagon, a butane tank and stove and two hand lanterns. They also constructed a fence and bought phone stickers.

The Volunteers also purchased shirts and new style jackets. In addition this group donated \$100 toward purchase of an additional lot. They also painted engine 74 red.

The Rural Fire Protection District, during the last year purchased 1200 feet of 2½ inch hose, 500 feet of 1½ inch hose and two nozzles. The district also paid half of the price of the lot where the new fire station is being built.

Among the more spectacular

missions of the department was fighting the four-alarm fire that destroyed the Sandy General Store on December 27, 1962. The Fire Department record lists Al Baker as owner of the two story and basement wooden building on Main street that burnt to its foundations in an early morning blaze, the cause of which is under investigation by the state arson squad.

A total of six trucks in the mutual aid assistance group helped keep this fire under control.

Forest Roads Open Vast Mountain Area

Stan Rapp, Zig Zag Ranger, told Mt. Hood Pow Wowers that plans are progressing for the road that will open up the Salmon River timber area and stimulate about a million dollars a year in timber sales.

The road, that will by-pass Welches Rapp said, should have federal funds available for contract-letting by June of this year. Clackamas county has purchased right-of-way for this road which will furnish access to the previously constructed stretch of road that ended with the Salmon River bridge. A new road replacing the old Abbott road is planned, Rapp said, with a target date set at 1970. This will open up a 22,000 acre area that has been virtually inaccessible.

Concerning the Lolo Pass road, Rapp said the county is well along with reconstruction. The Forest Service is spending approximately \$100,000 on the section from Zig Zag Junction to Lolo Pass to bring it up to standard so the county will accept, pave and take over the maintenance of it.

Big Chief Ralph Richardson reported that the new highway section between Sandy and Gresham is coming right along. Rock ballast was brought out for the new road, he said. He also reported that the highway department had agreed to put in the one-way couplet the people of Sandy voted for last summer and that while funds for this were not immediately available the department felt this part could be completed within 18 months.

Richardson said the new road would help speed growth in the area and cited the plans of the Episcopallians to build some 70 retirement homes for retired people on a tract adjacent to the new nursing home as one example of the development the area is already experiencing.

Bowl Down Event Aids Cancer Fund

Bowlers of both sexes and all ages can improve their form, build up their scores and fight cancer at the same time Thursday, Jan. 24, at Oswego Bowl, 1175 McVey Ave., Lake Oswego, says Gale Nelson, bowl manager. That day, from 9 p.m. to closing time, half of the lanes' proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society to speed its continuing battle against the disease which will take some 280,000 American lives in 1963.

This will be the first of this year's Bowl Down Cancer benefits to be sponsored by members of the Oregon Bowling Proprietors' Association as a contribution to the annual Crusade of the American Cancer Society.

New Restaurant Set for Start

An immediate start is planned for the restaurant and banquet room on the bluff just east of Sandy, says Mrs. Chet Parker. The Parkers, who have plans for a large recreational enterprise on their view property, have postponed the bowling alley project until summer, as there appears less need for this facility at the moment.

"We have talked with local people and Sandy businessmen," Mrs. Parker said, "and we are going to put in a business for which the people feel there is a need here."

Mrs. Parker was reluctant to state the exact type of business the couple plans, but said she expected to be at liberty to disclose full details of the enterprise in another week. And she emphasized that the restaurant and banquet facility would be started before the end of the month.

Federal Funds Granted County

The State Highway Commission announced Clackamas county's share of federal funds for secondary highway construction for the next three years is \$408,878.

The fund covers a three-year period and may be used all at one time or spread over the three-year period.

To qualify for the federal aid both the state and county must allocate local funds for the secondary road program to bring the sum to \$681,000. County Commissioner Stan Ely said this has been arranged. This county has shared in the federal aid for secondary highways ever since 1954 and since that time has received \$1,197,830 in road improvement funds.

Foundation for Blind Wins Wide Support

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em and the Washington school for blind at Vancouver are both very interested in bringing children to the camp for week-ends. But it will not necessarily be limited in use to people from these two states.

There is nothing like this west of the Mississippi and it will probably serve this whole area of the United States.

As the master plan is developed, Howeller says, it will turn into a completely unique facility. The plan calls for a community center which is to be a ranchhouse building with bunk houses for men and for women.

Log cabins are planned for couples, with teepees for youngsters.

A fort-type building near the entrance will house a mu-

seum on its upper floor, with the lower floor a gift-shop and exhibition type room where the handicrafts of blind folk can be exhibited and sold.

A swimming pool is planned and Howeller said the thought is to make this facility available to Sandy people as well as those coming to the camp. Sandy needs a swimming pool, he points out, and local patronage would help support the pool.

Other facilities in the plans are a camping area with a fire pit for barbecuing or holding bonfire get-togethers. This would be surrounded by benches. There is to be a bicycle track, an outdoor roller skating rink, a miniature golf course and a fishing facility. A barn-style building will house a gymnasium and such indoor sports as bowling. It would also house a hay-wagon to be used for hay ride outings.

Actually the vast and many faceted dimensions of this new enterprise make it impossible even to outline it in its entirety.

The Gresham Elks have become vitally interested in the project and are taking care of the topographical survey. When this survey is complete the planning committee, chaired by a landscape architect, will begin development of the master plan.

The Gresham Elks expect to kindle the interest of their national order in the camp. Also interested in assisting is the Lions Club organization, a group whose main project has been working to aid the blind.

There are two types of membership in the Foundation — a sustaining membership, for those who wish to contribute membership, for those who can give of their time, heart and energy as well — people who really want to work at building the camp.

Although the Foundation was formed only last August, Howeller says the group hopes to have picnic facilities at the camp available this coming summer.

Want to Ski?

A second session of the Outlook-Post Ski School will be held in February if there is sufficient interest.

Classes will be offered for beginners, intermediates or any other level if there is a demand.

Now is the time to call either of the two newspapers and give your name and telephone number if you're interested in skiing lessons.

The classes will be open to adults as well as youngsters.

Sandy Grade PTA Hears Results Of Evacuation Day Activities

At the regular meeting of the Sandy grade school P.T.A., Clyde Sutherland, Supt., reported on the Evacuation Day activities, held the same day as the meeting. Supt. Sutherland stated all children in grades one through seven boarded buses of the grade school, plus one borrowed from the high school. Students of grade eight rode in cars of the faculty, cafeteria staff and private cars. Sutherland reported the evacuation practice proceeded very efficiently and all members of the Civil Defense Committee were very pleased with the results.

Mrs. Harold Shaw reported \$1,429.45 in savings stamps had been sold so far this school year. Mrs. Tom Boothby, president, announced that the Sandy grade school P.T.A. would be featured at the Mom

and Dad's Club meeting at the high school Monday night, Jan. 28, and urged all members to attend.

The speaker featured for the evening, was Jasper Potharst, Sandy high school's foreign exchange student from Amsterdam, Holland, The Netherlands. This was Jasper's second speech before groups, and his talk was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. He spoke on his country's type of government, the topography of the country, the school system, social life, eating habits and transportation, as it differs from our own country.

Following the meeting, fifth grade mothers served refreshments of cupcakes and coffee.

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